PROVIDENCE

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Board Report

To our Providence Family,

"So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter." 2 Thessalonians 2:15 (ESV)

Stand firm! That short yet significant exhortation has been on my mind of late, and it seems an appropriate point of reflection as we begin our 25th year as a school. We praise God that He has blessed us to reach this significant milestone!

The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians is calling the believers to faithfully stand firm upon the truths they have been taught as the world and culture around them believes what is false (vs. 11). That's our same charge. What was established here at Providence as countercultural twenty-five years ago is even more countercultural now, and that is the deceptively difficult part of standing firm. As the world around us grows in its hostility to what we believe and teach, the temptation toward subtle compromise grows. Just consider the fact that some of the most prestigious universities in our country, which are now aggressively secular and post-modern, once began as seminaries and Christian colleges. Organizational drift happens as small compromises lead to large ones over time. We as a community must remain watchful and vigilant.

We are so thankful for each one within the Providence community. It is a real joy to see all the new faces around campus as the Lord has blessed us with significant growth, but also the familiar faces as we resume a more normal pattern of events and gatherings this year. We are committed to community and fellowship. We see that as being increasingly important as a means to encourage and strengthen one another as we partner in this countercultural endeavor.

We are indebted to our faculty and staff who pour out themselves in a truly sacrificial way to train our children in the classical Christian tradition. The Lord has blessed us with amazing teachers who labor to train our children's minds, but more importantly love their souls.

As we look forward to the years and generations ahead, we rejoice that we serve a sovereign God who leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of Him everywhere (2 Corinthians 2:14). May we encourage one another to remain steadfast in our commitment to that which has been passed down to us, and may we stand firm in Him!

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Headmaster Highlights 2020-2021

While a challenging year for schools, we have much to celebrate from the 2020-21 school year:

- In-Person Learning – The faculty, staff, families, and board worked together to provide an in-person learning experience from September through June. While our approach required additional work and allowed for a remote learning option, the Providence mission and vision was lived out in the classrooms and hallways, for which we are all grateful!

- Growing Enrollment – Re-enrollment and new student enrollment was the highest in the history of Providence with 309 students enrolled for the 2021-22 school year.

- Providence Core Virtues – Providence continued its emphasis on the core virtues of gratitude, kindness, respect, diligence, and courage, and we added professional artwork to the school hallways reminding us of historical figures whose examples of these virtues inspire us all.

- Student Ministries – The entire school community generously participated in two outreach events in both the fall and spring: Operation Christmas Child was a success in boxing up toys and gifts for children around the world, and a toiletry drive supported the local ministry of Hand In Hand, an organization that provides support services to local foster families.

- High School Protocol – Without many event options here in Washington state, students and parents made a trip across the border to Idaho, where they enjoyed wonderful accommodations at the Coeur d'Alene Resort for a Friday-Saturday trip. After an elegant dinner and an evening dessert cruise, opening day at Silverwood Theme Park was a fantastic finish.

- You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown! - The high school drama students performed an incredible rendition of You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. The sets, costumes, singing, and acting were first-rate, and performed for sold-out audiences with limited seating.

Headmaster Highlights 2020-2021

- **Middle School Theater Production** – Our 6th-8th graders performed a variety of one-act plays, directed by our drama teachers as well as some of our high school students. The performances blended humor and astute acting and were well attended.

- **Grammar School** – While grammar school students were unable to compete against other local schools due to pandemic restrictions, our in-house Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, and school Speech Meet continued as successful events.

- **1st Annual Highlander Fest** – Our annual spring music concert and May art fair combined for the first ever Highlander Fest featuring fabulous choral and instrumental performances, docent-led art walks, student, parent, and staff member solo and ensembles, and even a taco truck!

- **Graduates** – Providence graduated 7 seniors, several of whom matriculated to colleges and universities around the country including Central Washington University, Lincoln College of Technology (Colorado), University of Washington, and Washington State University.

- **Athletics** – Because of the unusual high school sports season, the various leagues did not honor individual athlete performance or hold any championships. However, that did not stop Providence from fielding high school volleyball, basketball, and soccer teams in the spring of 2021, and our athletes played with determination and heart, even without fans at some of the games. We also enjoyed a robust fall intramural season of ultimate frisbee and futsal that was well-received by a huge turnout of our secondary students.

- **Annual Benefit Auction** – God's abundant blessing was evident as our net auction proceeds more than doubled our financial aid fundraising goal at the March 2021 auction. Soli deo gloria!

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2020 - 2021
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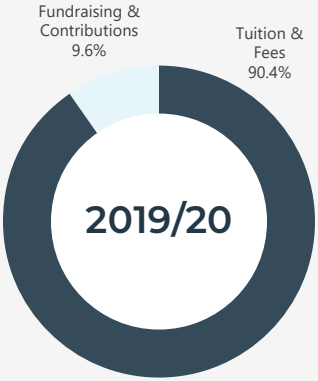

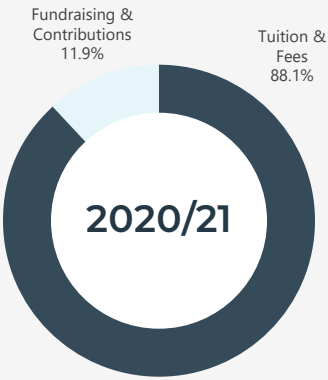

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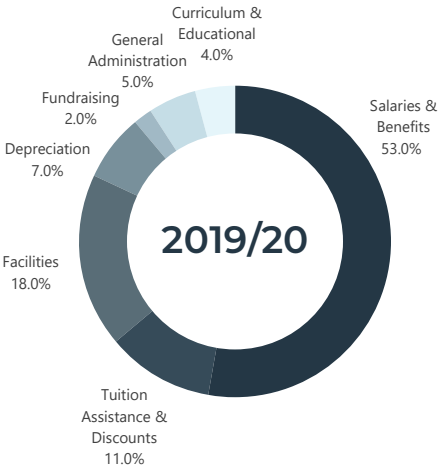

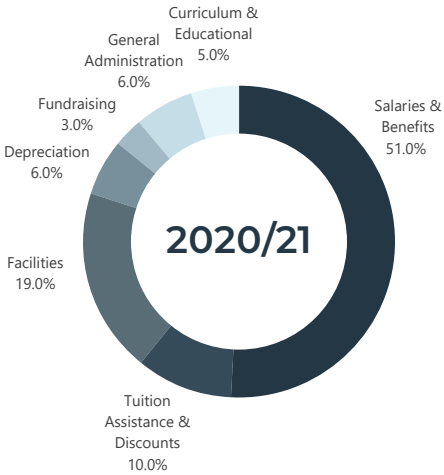

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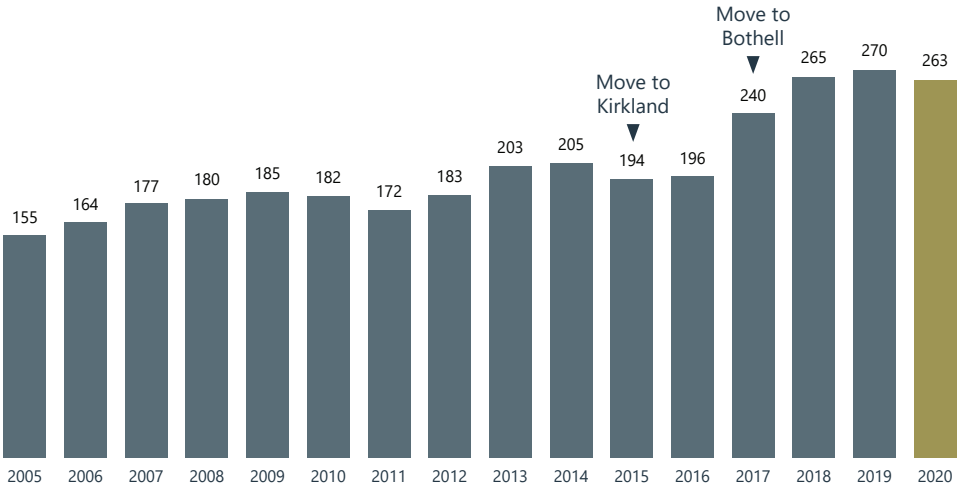

We continue to meet our financial goals and budgetary needs through the generous support of our parents, grandparents, and friends of the school.

We are extremely grateful to so many who have made it possible for Providence to provide an exemplary, discipleship-based education consistent with our mission and vision. The following list represents all those who contributed to fundraising events and the capital campaign between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

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We act **in partnership** with parents who are charged by God with the education of their children. Embedded in our culture and practice is the expectation that parents will be fully aware of what their children are learning, will participate in their activities, and will come together as a community working towards a shared vision of Godly young men and women.

We follow **the classical tradition** as we embrace the natural growth of our students, arranging all of our instruction into the grammar, logic, and rhetoric stages. In this manner they master the tools of learning and employ them to unlock the riches of the languages in which our civilization was born and the masterpieces of literature it has produced.

We develop in our students **a Biblical lens** through which they view everything, from their studies to their athletic pursuits to the world around them. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge – our students read God's Word, sing in joyful and skillful praise to Him, and pray with one another. Our curriculum is filled with the study of the Scripture and God's truth is tirelessly pursued as it manifests itself in every subject.

We insist on **academic excellence** as we set high standards and then move heaven and earth to ensure our students can achieve them. Our teachers set the example as they expect continuous growth from themselves and strive faithfully to impart their learning and their passion for their subjects to each and every student they are entrusted with.

Everything comes together in **joyful submission** to Christ, who does not call us to a dour, plodding obedience but a radiant delight in His service overflowing from the new life that is ours in Him. By God's grace, our students fill the halls with merry laughter even as they faithfully labor at their calling. To God be the glory!

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even when he is old he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6