



PROVIDENCE

CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT



Board Report

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of
Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.”*

Psalm 133:1-3 NKJV

What a wonderful blessing to experience the joys of Christian fellowship in our growing community at Providence!

We have special reason to give thanks for the community at Providence the past couple of years as it has grown dramatically. Currently, 50% of the families at the school are new within the last two years! It is a true delight to welcome these new brothers and sisters into partnership as we labor together to disciple and educate their children.

This fruitful growth comes with its own challenges. The obvious one is space constraints: thanks to the creativity and diligence of our administration and facility staff, we are better equipped than ever to provide for our current enrollment, but there's only so much further growth we can accommodate in our existing square footage. A major priority is firming up our long term strategy to be prepared for new families that God will send our way.

A less obvious challenge is related to the culture of the school. It can be easy for new parents to fall into the trap of just dropping off their kids and picking them up and assuming that the education is handled by the experts at the school. That's what they are paid for, right? That model works for getting your car fixed at the mechanic. It might even work for achieving academic mastery of a given subject. But our aim is nothing less than the paideia of Christ. We want to graduate young men and women who are not just learned but shaped in the image of Christ and active members of His Church. For this aim, instruction in the context of a living and breathing Christian community is the only tool that will serve!

Your children need you to engage with their teachers, to delight alongside them in what they are learning, and to praise their progress with real knowledge and approbation. More than that, they need you to become part of the community of the school so that all the training they receive comes in the essential context of the fellowship of Christian families.

Hopefully you have already noticed some of the things we are doing to encourage that partnership and build up that community. This year we have

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introduced the Providence Foundations events where parents can learn and discuss together about the principles that underly our curriculum, and we are continuing activities from previous years like curriculum nights, parenting classes, and Dads and Donuts.

We are honored that in 2022-23, more parents than ever before have entrusted Providence with their kids. The only way we can fulfill that trust is in partnership with a community of parents who dwell together in unity, so please take advantage of every opportunity to participate – let it run down to the edge of your garments!

Soli Deo gloria!



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Headmaster Highlights 2021-2022

Providence experienced an eventful and full year of activity, growth, and discipleship in both the grammar and secondary programs. Highlights include:

- **Graduates** – Providence graduated 12 seniors in June. Graduates are enrolled in a variety of colleges throughout the nation, including Colorado Christian University, Grove City College, New Saint Andrews College, Bob Jones University, Whitworth University, University of Massachusetts Boston, The Master's University, Regent University, and Wentworth Institute of Technology.
- **Growing Enrollment** – Re-enrollment and new student enrollment was the highest in the history of Providence with 340 students enrolled for the 2022-23 school year.
- **Grammar School** – Grammar students grades 1-6 participated in two Bible Reading Challenges, and their success was celebrated with special lunches and after school events. Our 14th year of Read-a-thon was celebrated November through December. A variety of special days were celebrated in classrooms to extend learning into concrete experience. Family Fun Night celebrated its second year. Grammar students continue to participate in the annual Speech Meet, Spelling Bee, and Geography Bee.
- **Student Clubs** – A wide variety of clubs continued daily during lunch at both the grammar and secondary levels ranging from knitting to Rubik's cube to ping pong to dead theologians. Math Clubs continue at the middle and high school levels that compete online in team-based math competition with other Math Madness teams across the United States.
- **Providence Core Virtues** – Providence continued its emphasis on the core virtues of gratitude, kindness, respect, diligence, and courage. We desire to see these virtues lived out and embodied in our students, staff, and faculty.
- **Student Ministries** - We held a food drive in the fall for our surrounding communities during the holidays and helped stock the shelves for needy families. In the spring, our whole school had a Free Dress Fundraiser and the money raised went to a Christian school in Liberia to help purchase needed school supplies and textbooks.

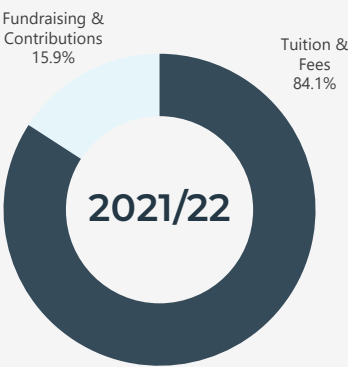
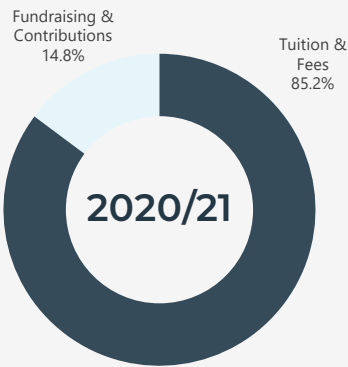


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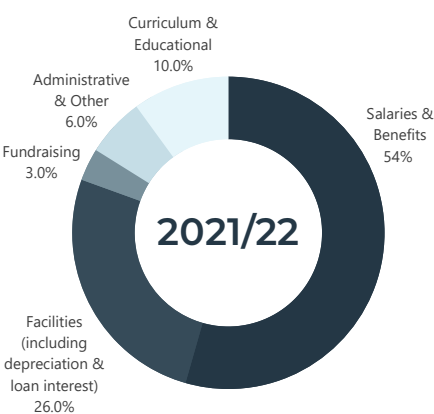
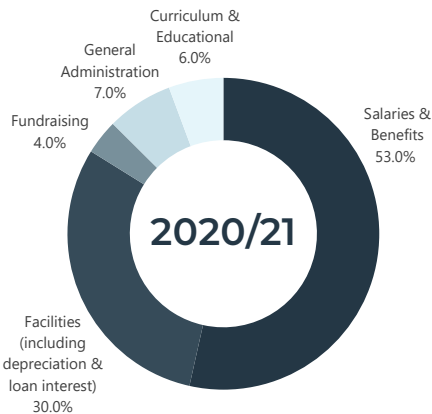
- **Choir and Band** – Eighteen Providence choral students participated in the ACCS NW Choral Festival in Spokane, along with 400 other students gathered from around the country. Five band and choir students were also selected for the Washington All-State Honor Choir and Band in February.
- **High School Protocol** – Our freshman and sophomores enjoyed an evening at the Everett waterfront, dining at Anthony's and enjoying the entertainment of a magician. Our juniors and seniors returned to Idaho for fine dining on Lake Coeur d' Alene, live string entertainment, and a day of exploration in Spokane.
- **Drama Program** – The middle and high school drama students performed an incredible rendition of Beauty and the Beast. The sets, costumes, singing, and acting was a testimony to the diligence of the cast and the leadership of our director, Mrs. Robin Hilt.
- **2nd Annual Highlander Fest** – Our annual spring music concert and May art fair combined for the second Highlander Fest featuring fabulous choral and instrumental performances, docent-led art walks, student, parent, and staff member solo and ensembles, and multiple food trucks.
- **Athletics** – Our middle school and high school athletics program experienced success in volleyball, soccer, basketball, track, and lacrosse. The boys' basketball team made it to the district round of the playoffs; both the girls' volleyball team and boys' soccer team make the state playoffs, with the boys making it to the championship game, finishing second in state. Senior Jeffrey Evans was named co-league MVP in soccer.
- **Two Grand Tours** – After a hiatus from international trips for two years, we conducted two trips to Greece, Italy, and England. The first was in April with our seniors, and the second took place in June with our juniors. What a joy that our high school students had the privilege of experiencing Athens, Rome, Pompeii, Florence, London, and Oxford in these life-changing trips!
- **Annual Benefit Auction** – God's abundant blessing was evident as our net auction proceeds were the highest we've ever had in a Providence fundraiser. We praise God, giving thanks to the generosity of all our supporters of the school! Soli deo gloria!

2021 - 2022 Operating & Expense Details

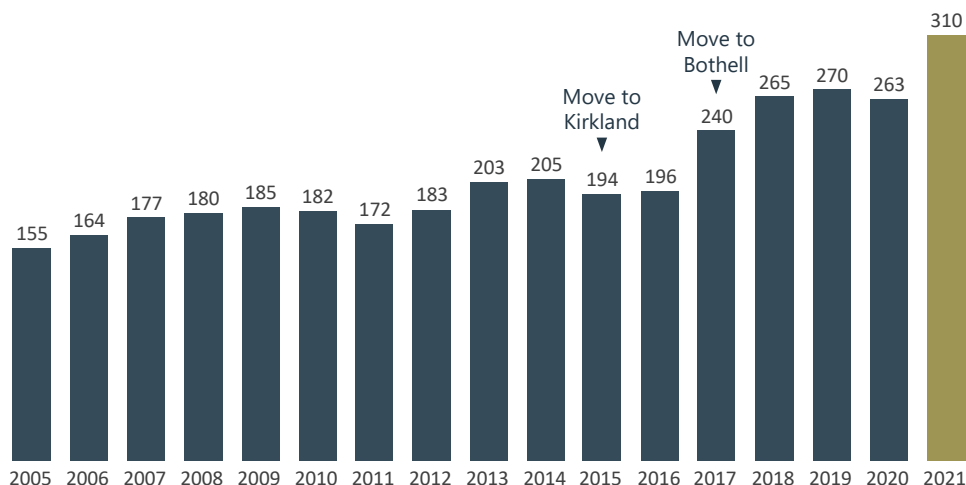
Operating Revenue



Operating Expenses



Enrollment Details



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, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



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Partner with Christian parents in educating their children, in the classical tradition, to think and act biblically, and to pursue academic excellence in joyful submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our great and gracious Father has chosen to reflect His character, build His kingdom, and work out His plan of salvation through families. He has commanded parents to raise and train their children and He has invested in parents the responsibility for instructing and educating their children. Our goal at Providence is to **partner with parents** in the high calling to educate and train their children. While never losing sight of the authority and responsibility placed on parents, we aim to be a community that builds each other up and sharpens one another in this common pursuit.

There are many approaches to education, and not all are created equal or even seek the same outcome. We believe the **classical tradition** offers not only the most realistic view of how children develop but also the best outcome of creating thinkers who can logically and biblically approach any issue before them. Rather than training for specific careers or following changing whims, the classical approach instills in children and young adults an appreciation for what God has done throughout history and fosters the ability to think logically and truthfully in all situations.

Providence emphasizes God as the author of truth and the Bible as His revealed Word to us. Using the Bible as the foundation for all learning and knowledge, we seek to instill a love for truth that serves as the basis from which we can **think and act biblically**. Only by submitting ourselves to God's Word can we obey God's commands to resist evil and falsehood and to bless our world by speaking the truth in love.

As God's stewards and children, we are called to use the gifts and talents He has given us to bless this world, to resist evil, and to push back the effects of the Fall found everywhere around us. As such, we **pursue academic excellence** not primarily for the purpose of accessing higher education or competing with others. Rather, we seek to discipline our hearts and sharpen our minds for a lifetime of loving service to God and to our neighbor.

Ultimately, everything we do must be in **submission to Christ**. Just as we cannot secure our own salvation, so too we cannot love and serve others except through Christ's sacrifice on our behalf and God's love overflowing from our hearts. As we educate, as we learn, as we serve, we seek to be worshippers of the King who has saved us and called us His own. As we worship Him and train and disciple others to worship Him, we find our God-given purpose as His children, made in His image, bringing glory to Him in every area of our lives.

