

Dear Valley Christian Schools Family and Friends,

The 2023-24 school year is off to an excellent start!

The Lord has blessed us with 1,300 students from preschool through 12th grade. We continue to have a healthy enrollment with many great new families and continuing families. As we near the end of the first semester we can already look back on many great events in our classrooms, athletics, clubs, and stages. It is a blessing to see how many support everything we do.



The 2023-24 theme verse for Valley Christian Schools is:

"Therefore as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." Colossians 3:12

This is the heart and soul of what we teach at VCS. We teach each of our unique students that they are one of God's chosen people, they are holy and set apart because of Jesus' death on the cross, and each one is dearly loved by our Holy Father. We also teach and do our best, as imperfect as we all are, to model compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. If we would clothe ourselves with and take on the attributes of these five adjectives, our school, our country, and our world would see genuine change and beauty.

Valley Christian Schools is a place for students to flourish. We cannot maintain and continue to grow in excellence without your help. We have much to offer and even more that could be done for our students and families, but tuition alone cannot cover it all. As we near the end of the year we have two important drives that we need help to fully fund... the **VCS Annual Fund** and the **Impact Campaign** for a fully-renovated **VCS Athletic Stadium**.



The VCS Annual Fund is a crucial piece of our needed fundraising and directly targets the price of tuition. Since each student's annual tuition

bill does not completely cover the cost of a VCS education, in order for us to provide lower tuition, we need to raise \$300,000 per school year. The Annual Fund allows us to keep tuition lower than the actual cost.

We are thankful for our consistent supporters of the VCS Annual Fund. This year, 5 donors have pledged \$80,000 in matching gifts. Giving to the Fall Annual Fund Drive now will DOUBLE your gift! Please consider giving today.

The second opportunity to show your support is IMPACT, the Valley Christian Stadium Campaign.

The VCS Stadium is much more than a high school football stadium and has a large impact on all of our students. It holds track and cross country practices, soccer, football, flag football for VCES and VCMS, VCES Sports Day, and the VCES and VCMS graduation ceremonies. The stadium is a place where we all gather as a community to celebrate and fellowship. On Friday nights in the fall, we are able to watch our students play in front of and behind the bleachers. For many of you who attended VCS like me, you did both as well and we love watching our kids carry on the same traditions. To read more about the stadium plans, please view the brochure on our website, www.vcschools.org/impact.

Thanks to some very generous donors, we have raised over 90% of our goal for the Impact Campaign. It is our goal to break ground in the Spring of 2024. Join us in raising the remaining \$500,000.

Please consider donating to ONE OR BOTH of these school-wide needs.

Use the enclosed envelope to indicate if your donation is for the Annual Fund matching gift, the Impact Campaign, or both. **You may also give online at www.vcschools.org/annualfund.**

All of us at VCS thank you for your time, consideration, support, and prayers. Blessings,

Brian Petteys

Development Director and VCMS Principal

