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Welcomed, Known, and Flourishing

Grateful for Community *Working Together*

I often think about the importance of gratitude in our lives. Gratitude is not just a feeling; it's a practice that can have a profound impact on our well-being and our relationship with God. When we take time to reflect on our blessings and express gratitude for them, we cultivate a spirit of thankfulness that can transform our lives. Gratitude can help us focus on the positive, increase our resilience in difficult times, and deepen our relationship with God.



their faith, their knowledge, and their love for God.

We are not just a school, but a community of believers. We can be grateful for the relationships we have with one another, for the ways we support and encourage each other, and for the opportunity to work together to create a place where students are welcomed, known, and flourishing.

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We are blessed to have parents who support our school's mission and values. We can be grateful for their partnership in the education of their children and for the trust they place in us to provide a Christ-centered environment for their kids.



As a Christian school community, let's strive to cultivate a culture of gratitude. Let's encourage one another to give thanks in all circumstances, to seek out opportunities to serve others, and to share our blessings with those in need. May we never take for granted the many gifts that God has given us, and may we always be grateful for His love and grace in our lives.

 **CHRISTINE SOULTANIDIS**
PRINCIPAL



As a staff, our reflection on all that we are grateful for reminds us of both the privilege and the responsibility we have as Christian educators. We continue to strive together to create a Christ-centered learning environment where students can grow in



From Generation to Generation

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A Grandparents's Perspective

Our three children attended JKCS beginning in kindergarten (1984) and graduated from Grade 8 before continuing to TDChristian. After much research and reflection, we decided on JKCS because at that time the public school system was shifting towards a secular teaching environment and we were looking for a community based, parent-centric school. JKCS integrated Bible teachings into all its subjects which mirrored our Christian values and supported the doctrines of our church.

The school encouraged all parents to become involved in school activities and events by volunteering. This was and still is a good way to develop relationships with the teachers, staff, and other parents. Both of us worked full time so we were limited to weekends and evenings. At the time the school catered various events through the beautiful industrial kitchen and we both helped with prepping, serving and clean up for many events. We participated in the annual Walkathon, served on committees and when able, chaperoned class trips. When not volunteering, we happily purchased tickets for the many fundraising dinners held in the gymnasium.

As parents we make choices for our children that sets them on the path toward their future. We don't do this lightly by hoping for the best, we do it because we have faith in that future. Our faith, along with the teachings of our church, lead us to JKCS and together we built a solid foundation on which our adult children stand today.

Now that we sit at the Grandparent table, we pause to reflect upon all the choices we made and are humbled by the simple fact that we are only two of many who helped form our children into the adults they have become. We look forward to the future at JKCS as the teachers and staff along with his parents begin to build a new foundation on which our grandson can stand.

An Alumnus Perspective

Brennan began Jr. Kindergarten in 1989 and graduated from John Knox in 1999. He then attended TDChristian and graduated with many



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YOUR ETERNAL WORD, O LORD, STANDS FIRM IN HEAVEN. YOUR FAITHFULNESS EXTENDS TO EVERY GENERATION.

— PSALM 119:89-90

of the same classmates he grew up with at JKCS. Brennan is thankful for his grade 8 teacher who always reminded him to be himself as he prepared for high school. Brennan has formed strong friendships growing up in the Christian school community and is thankful for the opportunity to have attended JKCS and TDChristian as it has had a positive influence on his life.



A Parent's Perspective

We decided to send our son Adam to JKCS because we loved the community initiative JKCS holds. In keeping with our own Christian values, we knew that JKCS would provide a nurturing and caring environment, character building, and a curriculum we support. The teachers are kind and passionate about their roles as educators, the ability to be involved with school events and give back is something we are thankful for as parents. For Brennan, it is nice to see a few people he grew up with, and now our children get to have that same experience.

Grateful Service

It takes a village of faithful and passionate people to bring our mission and vision for JKCS and Christian education to life every day, and our Board of Directors is sincerely grateful to everyone who plays a part.

Staff and volunteers, parents and grandparents, supporting members in our community – through your gifts and talents, time and energy, generous donations, and faithful prayers and support, you bless our Christian school community in various special ways. We thank God for each of you!

Each member of our JKCS Board of Directors is also grateful to have the opportunity to contribute to our school through our responsibilities of governance and oversight of our school's resources, programs, policies, and strategic plan. We are committed to diligently serving our JKCS Society and our Lord God, and we personally feel blessed to see our Lord's goodness, grace, and mercy as He works through all of you.

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness. Let the whole world know what he has done.

— Psalm 105:1 (NLT)

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Our teachers and staff members are dedicated and passionate about educating our students. We can be grateful for their hard work, their love for our students, and their commitment to teaching from a Christ-centered perspective.



FOR THE FUTURE

2023 FUNDRAISING GOLF TOURNAMENT & DINNER

Swing into action for a worthy cause. Join our charity golf tournament to help support Christian education — helping to provide quality education, enrichment programs, and opportunities for children to grow and succeed.

June 3, 2023

Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM (Best Ball Format)

Silent Auction 6:30 PM

Dinner 7:00 PM

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Blessed Beyond Measure *Encore Thrift Store Update*

The LORD desires to do for us beyond our highest expectations. "Beyond measure" indicates something that is immeasurable—too large, extensive, or extreme to calculate. That's how God wants to bless us. This is how Encore continues to bless JKCS.

As many of you know, Encore Thrift Store is right up the road from the school and its net profits are donated directly to JKCS. We are so grateful for its success over the last eight years! In November 2022, Encore had its highest month of sales since its inception and to date, has donated \$1,925,000 to the school. God is good!

One definition of the word "encore" is a second achievement that surpasses the first. We pray that each year that the store is open is an "encore" of the year before, so the

blessings passed on to JKCS will continue to multiply and provide new opportunities for staff & students. Thank you to the dedicated volunteers and loyal customers who are behind this amazing success story!

Remember the Encore family is always looking for new members, whether you can commit to a regular weekly shift, join us for Tuesday evening sorting, or drop in at your own convenience during the week to lend a hand where needed.



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