



# Building in Faith | Capital Campaign

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## Meet the Building Team!

Seated from left to right is Rick Krygsman (electrician), Rick Dykstra (engineer), Dwayne Bulthuis, and Glenn Reinders (architect). Standing from left to right is Fred Wassink (builder), Clarence Wassink, Pete Van Geest (chair), and Stuart De Vries (board rep). Missing: Mike Miedema.

## A Short List of Special Requests from the Building Team!

The Building Team is looking for someone who is **eager to coordinate a passionate army of volunteers**. This person will work with the Building Team and help connect the people with the process. Please contact Dwayne Bulthuis or Clarence Wassink if this sounds like a way you would like to get involved!

The Building Team is hoping to build an army of **volunteers who will attend some "work parties" and provide unskilled labor services as the construction project unfolds**. If you like to help for a day, or many days, to be a part of the physical work involved with bringing about this program expansion, please contact Dwayne Bulthuis or Clarence Wassink!! We'd love to hear from you!!

The Building Team is currently working on updating the construction cost estimate. **If you have been thinking about making an In Kind gift of material or services and a canvasser has not been in touch with you yet**, you are invited to email: [campaign@ldcss.ca](mailto:campaign@ldcss.ca) or contact any member of the Campaign Team by **January 15th, 2012!**

## Season's Greetings!

The Campaign Team would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate together, the birth of our Saviour. May the New Year be filled with blessings of peace, hope and joy!

Thanks again to all those who have supported support the campaign in 2011, we look forward to reaching out to many more in 2012!

## Two Goals

From the outset, the Campaign Team has held two goals to accomplish in the campaign. The first goal is to raise \$1.5M and we're well on our way to achieving this goal. The second goal has always been to make sure that anyone who wants to will have the opportunity to donate toward this much needed program expansion. We are eager to carry on with our work as we finish out the year, and continue on in the new year.

## NEW FAQ

What is the new estimated timeline for the construction of the expansion?

The Building Team began meeting as soon as the 75% trigger point in the campaign was reached. Initial planning is on track and currently the building plans are being finalized. Once these drawings are finished, the application process for a building permit can begin (around the end of January). The construction of the expansion project may begin as early as March 2012. The new facilities will be ready for students in September 2012!

## Campaign Team:

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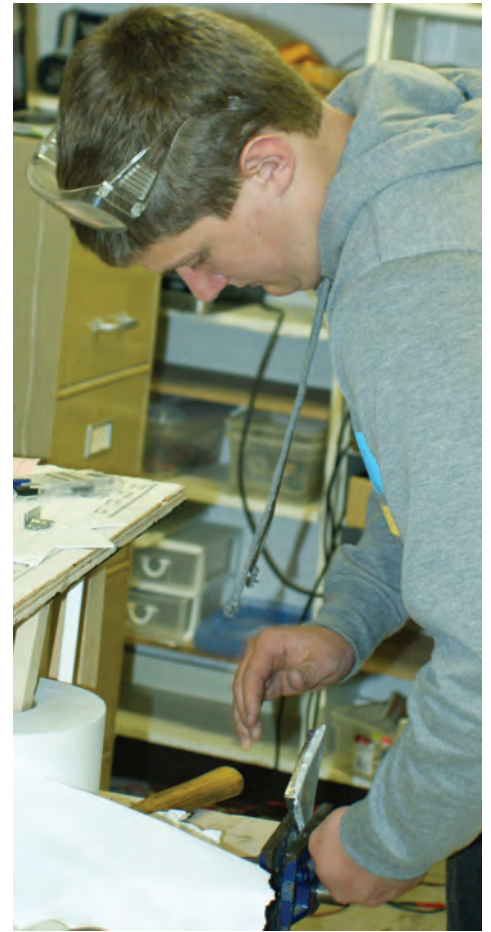
## Dear Friends of LDCSS,

As part of the Building Team I have the opportunity to provide educational input for the project. I learn a lot, too. It can be a little humbling when Mike Miedema and Rick Krygsman start talking shop and I don't understand their lingo, but I am thankful for the expertise on the team.

I am also thankful for opportunities to visit our partner elementary schools. This fall I visited many grade 8 classes to invite students to our annual grade 8 day. I usually share with students events at the school, different programs, and new initiatives. This year I was able to tell them that they would be the first grade 9 class to have the opportunity to learn in our new Technological Education wing. Students from Sarnia, Huron Christian, Immanuel Christian, JKCS Woodstock, and points between were extremely excited.

Please continue to pray for the campaign, the members of the Building Team, and for potential students who will be able to receive a more comprehensive Christian education.

Dwayne Bulthuis,  
Principal



## A Little Story About Someone...

Hearing the eagerness for the technical education expansion project among the school community has been very encouraging for the Campaign Team. One story came out at a recent meeting in which we celebrated reaching the 75% trigger point, raising \$1.125M of the \$1.5M goal.

Each of our communities has a regional captain. This little story happened in one of our communities. One captain, like all captains has been busy arranging visits, making visits, and making phone calls. One eager supporter in her community called one day and asked, "When am I getting a visit?" They promptly arranged a date that worked for both of them. Once she had received his pledge for the campaign, he began to ask weekly, at church, if the campaign had reached the 75% trigger point yet. Reaching this point, would mean that the vision of a Tech Program was actually going to become a reality. The day that this captain could reveal that the trigger point had been reached was a special day of celebration! The reason for the eagerness in this special donor was that the technical education program was a really important option for his grandson to enroll at LDCSS. This grandson will now be heading to LDCSS in the fall! And that folks... is what it's all about.



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