

Growing in Grace



Inside the LDCSS “Building in Faith” Campaign

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London District Christian Secondary School is embarking on a very exciting fundraising campaign that will seek to raise \$1.5M to fund a Technical Education wing, which will include a Physics room and a renovation to the current Physics room to create a new computer lab.

Working part time for the campaign has been a great ride so far and I love adventures! There is so much variety and always lots to do. There are meetings (it helps if you like meetings). There is reporting (and it helps if you like writing reports), planning, strategizing, waiting, writing and publishing newsletters, spreadsheets, brochures and other documents. On this end there is quite a bit happening behind the scenes as the captains and canvassers are getting active in the community.

I continue to be amazed at the level of passion and commitment that people have for LDCSS. I see it around the campaign table and in the canvassers who have attended the training sessions. They are excited to be a part of the team and passionate about the vision of this project and the way it fits in the wider picture of Christian education. It's about taking something great and diversifying by adding a new component that's been hoped for, planned for, and talked about for a long time, to create access to excellence in Christian education for the next generation through a traditionally “hands on” curriculum.

This commitment also comes out, loud and clear, at fund raising events, and I sense that there is something special about this campaign for the school community. General fundraising is meaningful to school supporters because they know how the school depends on their gifts to operate from day to day. Capital fundraising for a building campaign moves people to give in a different way. It has an aspect of “legacy” associated with it. While a legacy is something that we “leave behind”, donating toward a program and building expansion is all about investing in and creating change for the future. People want to help bring about this program expansion, and their donation will support something tangible and long lasting. That's exciting and it is important to the campaign team to give everyone the opportunity to be involved! The campaign will not close until everyone has had that chance.

It has been a very interesting process so far. The process is thorough, the planning is intense, and the paperwork is plentiful (it helps if you like paperwork).

I enjoy watching and listening to people join together. I hear the eagerness: “It's time!” “Let's do it” “It's long overdue.”

It's all about joining together, this stepping out in faith: “Building in Faith” together.