



INSPIRED FUTURES

TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER

“Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.”

—William Butler Yeats

St. David's School

The future lies before us. Now let's build it together.

WE HAVE A SINGLE FOCUS: TO BECOME ONE OF THE BEST COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOLS IN THE NATION, HELPING OUR STUDENTS DEVELOP THE PASSION AND PURPOSE TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO OUR WORLD.

St. David's School is already a premier academic community with a Christian ethos of faculty, staff, curriculum, and character. We welcome families of all faiths and backgrounds and we're challenging ourselves to become even better, to ensure Inspired Futures—not just now—but for the future generation of leaders who will make a difference both at home and around the world.

We're on an extraordinary trajectory. But how will we continue it?

By working together. The *Inspired Futures* initiative is our shared effort with parents, grandparents, alumni families, and our community to expand both the breadth and depth of our calling. We will build on our Three Foundations of Excellence: **Academics**, **Facilities**, and **Financial Strength**.

Inspired Futures begin with inspired teachers.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECRUIT THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST.



THINK OF THREE PEOPLE WHO HAD A POSITIVE, TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT ON YOUR LIFE.

We're willing to bet that at least one of them was a teacher. At St. David's, we know greatness begins with our teachers. They inspire and engage our children to embrace knowledge. And yes, to challenge it as well. It's a hands-on, minds-open approach that allows our students to learn to think critically, reason logically, and express themselves clearly.

"These teachers knew my child's strengths, weaknesses, struggles and joys. They had time to invest in each student individually and they have had a profound impact on their lives."

—Patricia Danielsen St. David's alumni parent

As part of the *Inspired Futures* initiative, St. David's is augmenting the Master Teacher Fund. We want to increase its effectiveness and help our school achieve new heights of discovery and creativity across all disciplines. This is how we tackle problems, discover solutions, and develop new generations of leaders. With your generous help, we will be able to reward our truly outstanding faculty and attract education professionals from across the country and around the world.





IT'S IMPERATIVE OUR TEACHERS CONTINUE TO LEARN AS WELL.

With the Master Teacher Fund, the possibilities are as limitless as our children's potential. We can establish endowed chairs, offer sabbaticals, provide significantly more professional development opportunities, and allow faculty to tailor unique courses based on their research interests.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS EVERY STUDENT, TOO.

"My experience at St. David's thus far has developed not only my academic ability, but also my character. I have learned the importance of person-to-person interaction, generosity, and independence. To be able to walk into a classroom at Stanford University and feel prepared is indescribable, and honestly, quite dumbfounding."

—Grace Novak '17

LEARNING KINEMATIC EQUATIONS WITH A NERF® GUN.

Students learn best when they are fully engaged—and that requires an innovative approach. In this case, it's Philip Boyne who takes students' newfound knowledge of equations and puts them to work immediately.

He uses Nerf guns—yes, Nerf guns—to challenge students to discover the launch speed of various projectiles. They are not allowed to use stopwatches, and must determine speed without a fixed value for time. This hands-on experience helps teach Kinematics, often known as “geometry in motion.” It's a blend of mechanics and math, used in astrophysics, mechanical engineering, and robotics.

Inspired Futures? Sometimes they begin with a Nerf gun—and a seemingly impossible calculation.

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“I like seeing them think through the problem, adapt to, and work around, the constraints.”

—Philip Boyne, Upper School physics



Facilities should facilitate learning.

THERE'S A SCIENCE TO SPACE

We're speaking, of course, about the buildings, fields, and outdoor spaces where we learn, study, eat, pray, and play. Inspiration and discovery are essential to the life and mission of St. David's School, and these values will be reflected in our facilities. School buildings are nurturing environments where students spend their formative years. They should be as unique and inviting as our homes. Open, bright rooms foster curiosity, reflection, and interaction. Well-designed science labs fuel an inquisitive, entrepreneurial spirit, so students stretch their creativity beyond convention.

Your contribution ensures that St. David's will be able to create environments that are welcoming and intimate, stimulating and safe. Natural sunlight, optimized acoustics, and the latest technology all play important roles. Our facilities will include both personal space for quiet reflection, and common areas that encourage the exchange of ideas.

"By bringing the facilities of our campus up to the same level of distinction as the people teaching in them, we will provide environments for our students unlike anywhere in our community. We always pursue excellence at St. David's, and these campus improvements significantly further our steps in this journey."

—Mike Smith, St. David's Board Member

A DIFFERENT LOOK. EVEN MORE HEART.

We're creating environments where students can discover their God-given strengths, bond with each other and connect with the world around them. Soon we hope to have a new Middle School, an Innovation Warriors lab, a state of the art Library, an Upper School addition, a fieldhouse, the tennis complex, outdoor practice track and cross country trail, a baseball complex, soccer/lacrosse fields, and a nature trail.

So yes, our campuses will look different in the months and years ahead. But these new spaces are designed to make St. David's even more enriching and give it even more heart.

"St. David's is training children with a biblical foundation alongside high academics so they can have a long-term and productive impact in the community."

—Donna McClatchey, St. David's Board Member



INNOVATION, MEET ENTREPRENEURSHIP.

We're planning to build a 2,000 square foot indoor/outdoor Innovation Warriors lab. This new space lets students apply themselves to solving real-world problems both locally and globally. The Innovation Warriors concept is built upon the four cornerstones of design thinking, innovation, entrepreneurship, and servant leadership. Engaging both their minds and their hands, students develop and practice the processes of problem solving using everything from small hand tools to 3D printers.

"Ultimately, successful design thinking relies upon strong empathy for other people."

—Ted Morris, Ph.D Founder, CrossM, LLC



Financial Strength ensures our good work goes on.

EXCELLENCE—AND THE PROGRESS WE'VE ACHIEVED—CANNOT BE SUSTAINED BY TUITION ALONE.

If we are to become one of the best college preparatory schools in the nation with a Christian foundation, both for current and future generations, we must build an endowment. This will sustain a community institution that will be there for our children, our children's children, and generations beyond.

This is the driving force behind the Inspired Futures initiative.

Your investment in St. David's School allows us to accomplish even more. This includes:

- continuing to provide individual attention in small classes
- establishing new programs and curricular offerings
- planning purposeful class trips with global exposure
- offering intentional service opportunities for each grade
- supporting economic diversity
- ensuring tuition remains affordable
- providing tuition assistance for those in need
- incorporating intentional character instruction in curricular and co-curricular activities
- infusing innovation, entrepreneurship, collaboration, and servant leadership throughout the curriculum
- delivering relevant technology in the classroom

We are committed to stewarding the resources entrusted to us. As we build an endowment, we will ensure our children and future generations will continue to flourish academically and find their God-given purpose in life.

AFTER ST. DAVID'S, OUR STUDENTS ARE READY TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

Lives are changed forever at St. David's School. Students discover who they are, and develop the courage to pursue life's passions. They are advocates, problem solvers, relaters, leaders, entrepreneurs, and most importantly of all: dreamers who do.

A LINGUIST WITH A LOVE FOR OTHERS.

Carson Welch is pursuing his passion for language at Princeton University. He gives credit to his Latin instructors at St. David's, who instilled in him a sense of curiosity about wonder. He is currently majoring in English and has received school-wide recognition and an award for creative writing, all while also learning Russian. Still, he remains focused on people. This summer, while others were interning on Wall Street, he was serving those standing in the shadow of the brutal, faceless 50-year military regime in Myanmar. Carson taught English to the poorest of the poor at the Joti Parla Monastery in Bagan.

"At St. David's, I had the opportunity to travel to Guatemala, and immediately recognized how the mission trips Ms. Keegan (Upper School English Department Chair) led prepared me for the service I did in Myanmar."

—Carson Welch '15
Princeton University '19



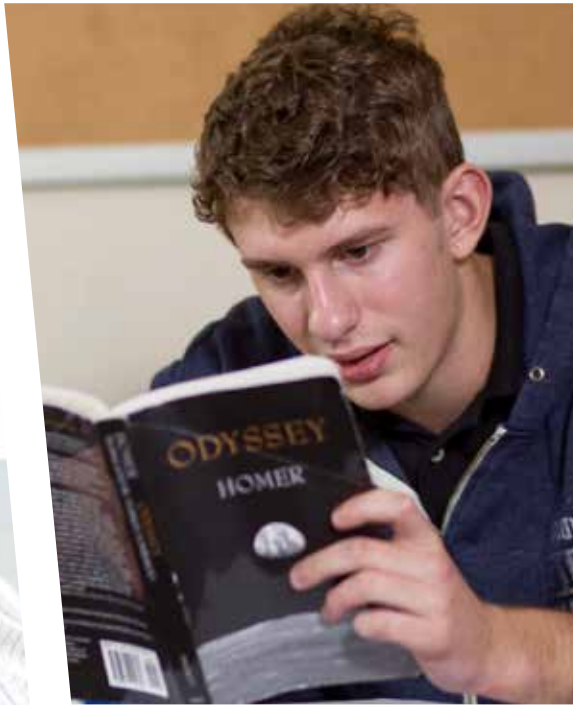
Your donation is how we'll transform lives together.

SIMPLY PUT, WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU.

The *Inspired Futures* campaign ensures a strong academic and financial future and provides the best facilities for learning and developing a nurturing school body. We have identified \$17.5 million in facility and endowment needs that can only be realized through the generosity of those who value a St. David's education.

We invite parents, grandparents, alumni, alumni parents, business leaders, and our community to join us as we continue to create inspired futures for our students. If not us, then whom? If not now, then when?

We thank you in advance for your generous investment. Together, we will transform lives for generations.



"The potential that we have is to build towards eternity, so in the end, it's not about the facility that is created. It's about facilitating the interaction between teachers and students.

So many visitors to campus and prospective students feel there is something special about this place that is more than challenging academics simply for the sake of learning. They can tell that we intentionally invest our time, energy, and resources to further the Kingdom of God through providing the best we can for our students.

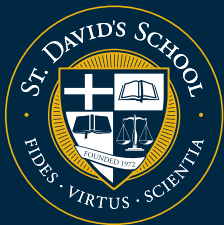
How will we best define this identity? We will do what we have always done: we partner together, both parents and teachers, to determine what is best for the education and upbringing of our students."

—Mary Katz, Middle School history



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St. David's is an independent school in the Episcopal school tradition that prepares young men and women for college and life by challenging them to excel in the vital areas of faith, virtue and knowledge.