

# INSPIRED FUTURES

TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER



Dear St. David's Community,

Last year St. David's stepped out in faith onto a journey that we've called Inspired Futures. Inspired Futures begins in gratitude-gratitude for the marvelous things that God has accomplished in the life and history of our school and in the souls of thousands of children over the years. This journey begins in gratitude, and it takes us into the exciting and important task of shoring up our shared future. The future of St. David's requires our stewardship today.

We love what St. David's has meant in years past. And we value the work of those who have come before us by building on their foundation and cultivating St. David's, more and more, into the best school that students and teachers can make together. Such a school aims at Christ, who is both Wisdom and Truth himself. Our goal of leading students toward intellectual maturity and lives of moral excellence flows naturally out of our commitment to Christ. This is why our capital campaign is called Inspired Futures: Transforming Lives Together.

A great school is a great faculty. Anyone serious about learning knows this. Without great teachers we utterly fail in our mission. At St. David's we are blessed to be part of a community full of humble, intelligent, and gifted teachers who love the Lord, students, and learning. Therefore, the first pillar is faculty. Our fundraising campaign must improve academics by raising the funds needed to retain, attract and train the very best teachers. This "master-teacher" fund will allow us to employ superior teachers, and retain the best and brightest talent with the intention of becoming known throughout the nation as a school that provides excellent academics while maintaining a robust Christian identity.

The second pillar of the campaign is facilities. It is true that what takes place within the buildings is most important, but our facilities speak to what we value. Our campus must be beautiful. As Sir Winston Churchill so tightly distilled it, "We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us." It is vital for our School to have buildings that address our ambitious academic goals. Even more pressingly, we must have buildings and a campus that awaken noble ambitions in the souls our children. This is our opportunity to express in brick and mortar how high are our aspirations for the students of St. David's. This is the second pillar of our campaign.

The final pillar of the campaign is to build an endowment that will insulate us from economic concerns, guard our independence, broadcast stability, and ensure that St. David's is on the path to being among the best schools in our nation.

These are exciting times. St. David's is aiming at new heights. We have embarked upon a journey that looks beyond our immediate future and aims at creating a legacy for generations to come. But the shape of the future always hinges on our actions in the present moment. I ask you to join my wife and me in investing in the future of St. David's School.

Please explore this site and see for yourself why it makes so much to make a gift in support of Inspired Futures.

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Headmaster