



## 2018-2019 Faith Christian School Annual Report

### Overview

Summer is a great time to pause and review the past school year. We had a great time this past year and are looking forward to the upcoming year. This report was put together to give you a review of what happened last year and a glimpse at what is coming this year. A financial sheet has been included, so you have an idea of where your tuition dollars were spent. If you have any questions about anything after looking over the material, please feel free to ask.

### Preschool

Our preschool family had an enrollment of 44 students. The families have enjoyed the annual Fall Fun Day, Christmas Program, Easter Egg Hunt and Moving-Up Ceremony! We celebrated our Grandparents in a very grand way in September too! The Bike-A-Thon was a big hit complete with the Administration team getting “Sundae-d”. In our building, all of the classroom flooring has been replaced and looks fantastic.

Looking forward, we would like to focus our attention on making necessary upgrades to our playground. We are praying for continual growth and improvements throughout our school, the Lord’s favor and guidance as we move into another year at Faith.



### Elementary

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The 2018-2019 school year was full of learning and fun. Our students came back excited and ready to learn. We added another first grade class. In December our elementary students celebrated the birth of our Savior in a performance of “Star Search”. We also celebrated with our 2nd annual Whoobilation. Six elementary students represented our school in the SCISA Spelling Bee in January and in March 8 students competed in the SCISA Literary Meet held at CSU. In recognition of Black History Month Reverend Remus Harper joined us and shared his testimony about being the first African American to play basketball at the College of Charleston . We had a week of wacky dress up, fun snacks, and story reading as we celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday. In April it was back to business with standardized testing and staying focused so we could finish strong.

In between all of that we met our new friend Pastor Josh. He shared God’s Word with us in chapel and challenged us to grow in the Lord. We also had the opportunity to remember and celebrate with the very special people in our lives; our grandparents, dads, and moms during Goodies for Grand, Doughnuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms.

We concluded our year with an elementary talent show giving our students an opportunity to share their gifts and talents on the stage, a special chapel ceremony and prayer time for our 5th grade students who will be moving up to middle school, a track and field field day event, and awards chapel honoring our students who achieved academic and character milestones. Let’s not forget our K5 graduation honoring those kindergarten students who have moved on up to 1st grade. We are looking forward to another great year as we welcome new friends and new teachers.



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## **Middle School**

Middle school was on the move this past year. They moved their classrooms from Building 3 with the elementary classrooms to Building 1. This allowed them to have their own schedule and own space. In this new space, they served their community through working with Convoy of Hope to collect shoeboxes and donations. The Junior Beta Club collected money and jackets to be distributed to an inner city elementary school. They showed their knowledge of history through a living wax museum.

Students were offered an introductory Spanish class, a computer class, and clubs such as cooking, photography, gaming, health and fitness, sewing, and STEM this year. We expect clubs to expand this year with parent volunteers adding new club options. We are looking forward to a great year in middle school and discipling our students to be engaged by Christ and engage the world for Christ.



## **High School**

The high school has been very active this year. This was our second year to participate in the Chick-fil-a Leader Academy. Students from 9-12 grade participated in monthly leader training sessions and outreach projects culminating in an event called Hoops for Homeless raising \$520 for Dorchester County Community Outreach. All students had the opportunity to serve the community with the Beta Club leading several community service projects and fundraising for several organizations. The 9th and 10th grade classes also served in the community through their Bible class. Our senior class participated in missions by either serving in New York City or here in the area at local organizations. The high school continued its efforts toward providing students learning opportunities using 21st Century technology with 1:1 Chromebooks. Our freshman thru junior classes had the opportunity for off campus learning on our spring trip to KY/TN where they explored Mammoth Cave, Kentucky Horse Park, The Ark Adventure, and many other experiences. FCS graduated 19 students in May who were awarded over \$200,000 in scholarship money, and seventy-five percent of them will be pursuing a post-secondary education.

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In the coming year, community service will continue to be stressed. Faith will be launching a new Student Ambassador program for middle and high school students. We will continue the Freshman Success elective equipping 9th grade students to be successful during high school. High school hours and schedule are also changing in an effort to increase student engagement and productivity. The new hours for high school only are 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The building will still be open at 7:45 providing time for clubs and tutoring before school as well as after school. The A/B block schedule will now be a modified A/B block schedule with all classes on a Wednesday traditional schedule, A Day block classes on Monday and Thursday, and B Day block classes on Tuesday and Friday. This will allow a more standardized schedule where students will have every class 3 times a week on the same days. Our 9th - 11th graders will travel to Atlanta, GA for our spring trip while our seniors go on their mission trip to Vienna, Austria to work with Tony and Anna Gyskiewicz. The students will continue to have opportunities to excel in the arts and athletics. Through these opportunities, we are discipling our students to be engaged by Christ and engage the world for Christ.



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## **Athletics**

The Athletics Department saw a successful year as the number of students participating has increased from the previous year. We had 121 participants throughout the varsity and junior varsity programs, which accounted for 74 different students.

The increased participation also led to some individual and team success. We had both varsity teams qualify for the playoffs, with the boy's team finishing in the SCISA Class A Elite 8. The football team finished with an even record, and we fielded a middle school for the first time in several years. Track and field had 41 participants and had many school records broken or set, with one senior qualifying for the State Championship track meet.

Individually, our students received many accolades from SCISA as well as local and statewide media. Daniel Brown set the school record for rushing yards, and he was also named the Statewide Player of the Week by a media outlet. In all, we had 11 SCISA All-Region selections, 5 SCISA North-South All-Stars, 4 High School Sports Report All-State selections, and 1 Post and Courier All-Lowcountry Honorable Mention selection.

As we increased participation, we also began trying to upgrade some of our facilities and equipment. We were able to get the gym floor refinished, and it is also scheduled for more maintenance in November. The baseball field has not been in use for several years, and repairs and improvements have been started to make the field playable. New uniforms were purchased for the volleyball and track and field teams, and fundraising was held to purchase new basketball uniforms.

In the coming year, expansion will be the focus of the Athletic Department. Cross Country, baseball, and softball have all been added to the 2019-20 offerings. As our program grows, we may also add B-teams to facilitate the interest. Cross Country will be a first time program at the school, while baseball and softball will be returning. With new programs and growth, our goal is also to continue to upgrade the facilities. The baseball field will receive extensive work and improvements in the locker room area are currently underway.



## **PTF**

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The FCS Parent-Teacher Fellowship is a volunteer group of individuals who have come together to provide opportunities for parents to serve and encourage the faculty and to support the ministry of Faith Christian School. This year we were able to fund flooring for one of our elementary classrooms, purchase Spelling City for our elementary teachers. We accomplished this through the support of our families with our annual Bike-A-Thon, Monday lunches, Tidal Wave Gift Certificates, and SCRIPS. In addition, we hosted a school wide Thanksgiving feast, Family Science Night, and a night of “Reading Under the Stars”. We recognized our teachers and their hard work by hosting a Christmas luncheon and providing special gifts and treats everyday for them during Teacher Appreciation Week. We also organized volunteers to help with Mrs. Turner’s Whobilation celebration, preschool funday, Dr. Seuss week, and field day. Several parents also provided food for Goodies for Grands, Doughnuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms. We would like to extend a big thank you to all of our amazing volunteers we couldn’t do it without you!



## Foundations of Faith Fundraising Campaign

We held our second annual Foundations of Faith fundraiser this fall. Through the generosity of Faith friends and family, we were able to raise close to \$9,500. This money was used to increase security by adding another video door monitoring and remote entry. Some of this money was used to purchase some much needed new teacher computers. The rest of the money was used to replace some flooring in three of our classrooms. We look forward to keeping tuition affordable by making improvements on facilities and technology using money from our main fundraiser for the school.



## Teachers

We have the best teachers on the planet! They love your kids and love teaching them. We are always trying to improve what we do and how we do it. In order to do that, our teachers took advantage of several learning opportunities. One of these opportunities was to read *The Fred Factor* by Mark Sanborn to help us remember to go above and beyond to our students, their parents, and each other. As a staff, we attended the ACTS Conference and picked up some ideas to improve our teaching and classroom management. To deepen our relationship with God, we read and discussed *Counter Culture* by David Platt which challenged us to get involved in social issues that are appalling to God. This summer, each teaching division is reading a book on how to teach students to be respectful to each other and adults. We have adopted a new math curriculum that we feel will be easier for the students to understand and stronger on the fundamentals. We are looking forward to getting the new year started and seeing everyone in August!



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**Faith Christian School**  
**2018/19**

**Income:**

Daycare	\$ 76,417.67
Education (Beta Club, Fine Arts)	\$ 5,186.60
Field Trips (Sr. Missions, High School)	\$ 42,383.86
Fundraising	\$ 14,666.47
Lunch	\$ 32,506.08
Registration	\$ 71,958.88
Resource (Curriculum Fee, etc.)	\$ 24,264.41
Sports (Gate, Concessions, etc.)	\$ 28,822.13
Student Activities	\$ 38,336.09
Tuition	\$ 1,001,780.91
Total Income	\$ 1,336,323.10

**Expenses:**

Building & Grounds	\$ 73,407.05
Daycare	\$ 4,247.96
Education	\$ 5,503.31
Fundraising	\$ 1,552.78
Field Trips	\$ 40,611.62
Lunch	\$ 27,554.30
Office	\$ 8,332.45
Operations	\$ 17,596.41
Payroll	\$ 1,056,326.30
Refunds	\$ 6,183.16
Resource (Textbooks, etc.)	\$ 56,582.93
Sports	\$ 23,993.94
Student Activities	\$ 19,050.17
Teacher Training	\$ 6,444.49
Technology	\$ 14,222.50
Total Expenses	\$ 1,361,609.37