



PRESIDENTIAL REPORT 2014-15

Strong and Courageous
Past • Present • Future



A Strong and Courageous Outlook

A message from Tom Rietkerk, SCS Board President

One of my favorite stories from the Bible is found in Judges 7. God instructs Gideon to reduce the

size of his army before Gideon engages in battle with Midian. God wants to ensure the Israelites recognize His might would defeat the Midianites, not the strength of the Israelites' army. But God does not tell Gideon to weed out a few unnecessary soldiers, God tells Gideon to send home all but 300 men...to face 120,000! What was Gideon thinking as he marched his battalion to war!? But, God of course faithfully delivers the Midianites into Gideon's hands.

We learn from this passage that God does not need an army to do His will; God will work wonders through a strong and courageous few. Our school is struggling with lower than anticipated enrollment this year, particularly in the high school. This, along with the substantial amount of financial aid we provide, has directly led to a significant budget shortfall.

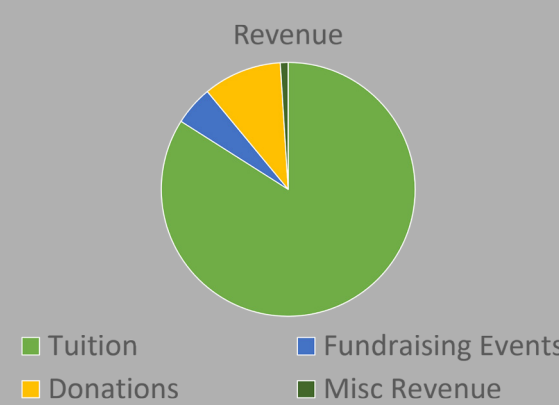
As a school board and Society of parents, alumni, and invested stakeholders, we are working very hard to address this shortfall. This President's Report is one way to communicate to you the great things God is doing for this school. Beginning last school year, the SCS Board has engaged in some fundamental and strategic discussions on

the school's future. For example, how do we as the Board provide the necessary strategic guidance to the Administrator? What makes our school unique compared to other private, Christian schools, or the public school system? How do we sustain and build for the future?

We are excited about where we see God leading us. We have seen fantastic retention rates among our returning families. Our enrollment has remained steady for preschool, kindergarten, elementary, and junior high. Our graduates continue to share their wonderful stories on how SCS has shaped their lives. At our recent auction, through the heartfelt testimony of Melissa Aydelott and generous giving, we raised over \$53,000 for financial aid for our families through our "Fund-a-Need." And, despite losing power during the storm, we set a new record of \$120,000 total raised between the Fund-a-Need and the auctioned items.

God used Gideon's faithful 300 to defeat the Midianites—will you be part of the "300" at Shoreline Christian? Continue to pray for our school as we seek God's will for our future. We are at the beginning of a new era in the 62 year history of our school, we want our kids, grandkids, and succeeding generations to be graced by this school as well.

Now is the time to give courageously! Partner with us financially as we move forward in faith to raise up the next generation at Shoreline Christian School.



Tuition Assistance

This year, 39% of families at Shoreline Christian were awarded financial aid, more than in previous years.

This generosity makes Christian education available to more families, but because these funds come directly out of our tuition revenue, it has created a significant gap in our budget.

Standards of Excellence

- **95%** of our graduates continue their education at a college of their choice
- **75%** choose four-year colleges or universities

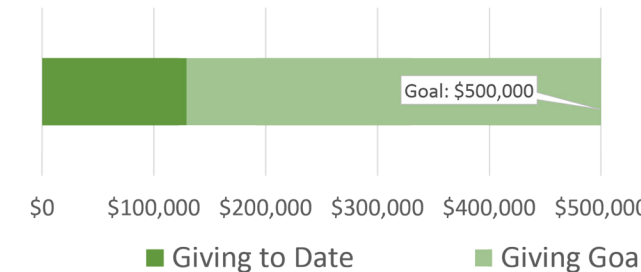
Last year, the education committee focused on "competency-based education", making sure students master the knowledge and skills they were learning, and not simply completing tasks assigned by their teachers. This remains their focus in the current year.



Quick Facts about Admissions

- **86%** of our families re-enrolled from last year to this year
- **30** new students enrolled
- **18 Kindergarteners** - this is the largest class in the past 10 years

2014-15 School Year Giving Goal



Strategic Planning

As families have moved away or graduated out of SCS, we have lost contact with many of them. Our network—the alumni, parents, grandparents and churches who make up the SCS community—has been shrinking, but it's time to turn things around! We are working to reconnect with those who have drifted away, and actively pursuing connections with new families, new churches and new businesses in the community.

Expansion of our network through enrollment and donor engagement is a major focus of the Board's strategic plan.

This is a big initiative and we need your help. Will you partner with us and help our network grow?

Campus Improvements

With the help of some incredible volunteers and substantial donations, we have completed several projects around campus.

- The exteriors of all three buildings were painted
- Interior paint extended to the main office, sixth grade classroom, high school student lounge, library, and tutoring room
- The Kindergarten and Spanish Classrooms were remodeled
- New gym doors and railings installed
- Furnaces and ducting updated in the high school building
- The memorial garden completed



You have the ability to encourage hope in our students' future.

Please give courageously to Shoreline Christian School's Annual Fund today.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - *Joshua 1:9*



Ways to Donate:

1. Mail a check:
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Shoreline, WA 98155

2. Call Tassie DeMoney,
Director of Development,
206.364.7777

3. [DONATE NOW](http://www.shorelinechristian.org)
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