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Dear Friends:

On May 28, 2018, Grand Rapids Christian Schools celebrated the accomplishments of the 268 graduates of Grand Rapids Christian High School. Graduates who are prepared to use their unique gifts to glorify God, pursue personal faith, and bring about shalom in the world. We celebrated their achievements and the learning that has taken place in classrooms. in the fine arts, and on the athletic fields. We said, "God be with you," to 268 students, representing the ninety-eighth graduating class of GRCHS, who formed friendships in a community rooted in faith that will be forever cherished.

Justin is one of those graduates. In addition to being a wonderful son and student, he demonstrates a passion for developing youth of all backgrounds through teaching leadership, coordinating volunteer service projects, and providing life lessons on civic duties and responsibilities. His passion led him to spearhead a partnership with the Grand Rapids Police Department in which teens and law enforcement officers came together for open and honest dialogue on how to meaningfully engage with one another.

Justin is a bridge builder and seeker of justice. He embodies the qualities and Christian character of a Grand Rapids Christian graduate. Today, Justin looks forward to his college career at Loyola University Chicago and in engaging with a diverse range of people and ideologies, in thinking critically, and in living a life of discovery and wonder in God's world. What an exciting future for Justin!

At Grand Rapids Christian, our mission is to prepare students to be effective servants of Christ in contemporary society, and we take that calling seriously. Yes, we educate students at a high level. Yes, we coach them on the field, direct them on the stage, and travel with them around the world. Many schools do these things well. But what really makes a graduate of Grand Rapids Christian Schools unique?

Over the past year, our faculty and staff worked together to capture the values Grand Rapids Christian strives to instill in each student. Our resulting **Portrait of a Graduate** describes the seven hallmarks of a Grand Rapids Christian graduate. These hallmarks identify the attributes essential to prepare Christian young adults to face the challenges they will encounter in college, the workplace, at home, and in their communities. This year's Annual Report outlines these attributes, provides examples of how our students develop them, and highlights how graduates, like Justin, put them into action.

Join us as we celebrate the tangible ways in which students and graduates of Grand Rapids Christian Schools embody our mission.



Tom DeJonge Superintendent

Portrait of a Graduate

By using their unique gifts to glorify God, pursue personal faith, and bring about shalom in the world, graduates of Grand Rapids Christian Schools will be:



DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Prepared to follow Christ with faithfulness, resilience, and humility in a broken but hopeful world.



COMMUNICATORS AND COLLABORATORS

Prepared to work in a team environment, articulate ideas, and consider multiple viewpoints.



THOUGHTFUL NEIGHBORS

Prepared to practice hospitality, compassion, service, and empathy for those around them.



JUSTICE SEEKERS

Prepared to actively pursue greater wholeness in the world by working for justice and practicing stewardship.



CREATIVE SOLUTION FINDERS

Prepared to identify issues, engage in critical thinking, and persistently work toward solutions.



LIFELONG EXPLORERS

Prepared to live a life of discovery and wonder in God's world.



CULTURALLY COMPETENT

Prepared to engage with a diverse range of people and ideologies.



"EAGLE" of the month is an acronym representing the following five qualities and characteristics:



Engage and participate positively



Achieve academic success (do one's best in class)



Grow in faith and knowledge of God



Lead by example



Embrace and care for others

The students pictured were the first GRCMS *Eagles of the Month* in September 2017. Their teachers nominated them for a number of reasons, but it was overwhelmingly clear that each of them followed Christ's example of humility, selflessness, and caring for others.

Teachers noted that these students sought out others who needed a friend and actively included them, that they embraced working with peers and treated others with dignity and respect, and that they led by example in caring for the needs of others.

"We believe that recognizing students that model these five attributes is important for promoting a positive culture among our student body on the GRCMS campus. Students that

are selected each month are by no means the only good examples around campus; at the same time, it is important to publicly recognize positive contributions to community," says **GRCMS** Principal Eric Burgess. "Because our mission is to prepare effective servants of Christ, recognizing the Eagles of the Month allows us to show the student body that we value the attributes and highlight students that demonstrate faithfulness and humility in their consistent positive contributions to school."



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–Nick DeKoster

Director of Academic and Innovative Programs

Immersion in the Gap Year:

Culture, Language, and Self-Exploration

After graduating GRCS, many students choose to continue their traditional academic education by attending colleges and universities across the state and the country. Others, motivated by a passion for service and the desire for self-exploration, choose an alternative path that is quickly gaining popularity: the gap year.

Once considered just "a year off," gap years have evolved into intentional experiences that offer students an opportunity to serve, work, or learn, immersed in unique environments to which they would not have access if attending school full time. Often paired with national and international nonprofits, these gap years become structured pathways for immersive learning.

The Grand Rapids Christian High School counseling office devotes an entire program to alternative post-grad options, or the gap year. Director of Academic and Innovative Programs Nick DeKoster heads up the program and is an avid proponent of these nontraditional learning experiences.

"We love it because it's an opportunity for students to get off the educational treadmill and really take some time to invest in a worthwhile cause. The research shows the benefits are dramatic," he says. "They have a much better sense of their gifts and who they are, and when they do go to college they end up having higher GPAs, they change their major less, and they end up completing four-year degrees faster than their peers." While some gap year students choose to work or travel, many choose a combination of both by serving abroad, engaging with populations



marginalized by poverty, war, or famine. Partnering with programs like Americorps, the Peace Corps, City Year, and Youth With a Mission (YWAM), students take advantage of the opportunity to learn about and serve other cultures. "It's definitely a very real way our students are living out our mission," says DeKoster.

Two GRCHS graduates, Brennan Persenaire-Hogeterp '18 and Laura Standel '18, recently embarked on such a program, partnering with Servant of Servants International (SOSI through Resonate Global Mission) and Kyrgyzstan International Universal College in a year-long English teaching program in Kyrgyzstan. When both alumni learned of the program through the GRCHS counseling office, "We just kind of dove in, and the more we looked at it the more interesting it became," says Brennan.

While Laura was excited at the prospect of learning Russian and Brennan became interested in international exploration, both saw the transformative opportunity of teaching English to students in Bishkek, the country's capital. The skill of communicating effectively in English will prepare the students they teach for future professional opportunities at home or abroad.

And though Laura and Brennan will not be conducting a direct ministry, they both see their teaching positions as an opportunity to share their faith through their actions. "We're showing what it means to live for Christ and live as a Christian," says Laura.

Before leaving for Kyrgyzstan on July 12, both Laura and Brennan underwent three, eight-hour days of orientation involving lectures and activities covering topics like culture shock, food, and medicine, among others. They also attended a breakout session in which a former program participant shared his experience.

Through these conversations, Laura and Brennan were able to better understand the culture of the school and appropriate teaching methods for the students and existing teachers. "That was really helpful because we don't want to step on the toes of the teachers that are already there," says Laura. "We want to make sure we are there supporting them rather than detracting from them."

Over the next year, Laura and Brennan seek to prepare for college by exploring another culture and, in turn, discovering themselves. "I would like to help people, and I think there is a great need internationally," says Brennan. "I think that Kyrgyzstan will really help me find what that need is."

"I'm really excited to learn and change and grow," says Laura. "All I know is how I was raised." Looking forward to learning about a different way of life and a new perspective, Laura wants to "See how much that changes me."

Laura and Brennan, as well as other students across the country who take a gap year over the next twelve months, will embark on a nontraditional learning experience that will enable them to learn more about themselves before continuing with their education. "It all goes back to having a deeper sense of their own gifts and their calling," says DeKoster. "Stepping away from academics for a bit to do something worthwhile ... to figure out who they are."

iXplore class examines local food equity with Kids' Food Basket

Thoughten! NEIGHBOKS

Prepared to practice hospitality, compassion, service, and empathy for those around them.

Held the week after spring break, iXplore is the middle school's version of Winterim, the high school's immersive learning program held immediately following Christmas break. iXplore invites students to nontraditional learning experiences that promote a sense of discovery, creativity, curiosity, connection, reflection, and responsibility. Now in its seventh year, Tammy Baker, Library Media Specialist and iXplore teacher, says, "Service should be an essential part of each class," and notes that most groups study and participate in service learning.

Baker in particular wrestles with teaching her students to be global citizens while encouraging them to be thoughtful neighbors to local people and organizations. "I want to do something where we focus on justice of some type," says Baker. Having previously taught an iXplore course on global diversity and worked with local organizations like Lead2Feed, Baker decided this past year to focus specifically on food justice, partnering with Grand Rapids-based nonprofit Kids' Food Basket.

"I enjoyed going to Kids' Food Basket because it made me more aware of childhood hunger and made it seem real. It made me realize how much of a problem it is in Grand Rapids," says iXplore student Madilyn Schouten. "It also made me realize that you don't need to go to a far away place to find hunger; you just need to step out your front door. Going to Kids' Food Basket also taught me that I can do something about that hunger to stop it."

Throughout their studies and exploration, iXplore students also organized a coin challenge to raise money for Kids' Food Basket. All classes worked competitively to raise the most money with coins while also decreasing their classmates' scores with

large bills. "We had so many coins that we couldn't count them," says Baker, who adds that the group even broke their electronic coin roller when counting the donated funds!

These donations will assist with the nonprofit's planned expansion of a farm and processing center on Leonard, as well as the hopeful increase from 3,000 to 6,000 lunches per day.

By partnering with Kids' Food Basket and exploring other alternative produce-growing ventures like urban and hydroponic gardens, Baker's students took time out of their regular academic schedules to explore food equity in the hopes of making an impact in this area in the future. Whether by directly raising money to impact food insecurity or learning about the ways to work to eliminate hunger in the future, the class impacted the students for years to come.

GRCS Partnerships with Kids' Food Basket



GRCES students raise money throughout the school year with Service Learning Envelopes



Students volunteer to pack sack suppers throughout the school year



Frazier Cares Kids' Food Basket Event with Kavon Frazier



Spanish Immersion students decorate Sack Suppers for Spanish-speaking children in the community



Team Time





Team Time at the Evergreen Campus groups preschool through fifth grade students into multi-age gatherings that explore various aspects of each year's school theme. Team activities include research projects, experiments, field trips, and much more. As the relationship between partners and teams grows, both the older and the younger students develop new skills related to topics explored, as well as critical understandings related to being part of a community working together.



Forensics inspires thinkers:

Performance and teamwork prepare students for life beyond the classroom

"Forensics is the best thing you could get involved in during high school," says Brian Karsten, Grand Rapids Christian High School teacher and forensics team coach. Forensics encompasses a variety of public speaking events, challenging students in research, writing, acting, and speech, as well as in teamwork, and producing competitive and articulate communicators and collaborators. Forensics is demanding and highly rewarding, and students on the GRCHS forensics team usually graduate with only one complaint: that they

"The GRCHS forensics team has been around a long time," says Karsten. Firmly rooted in the culture of GRCHS, forensics attracts a variety of students each January when the season kicks off after Winterim. Last year, the team was comprised of 65 members from freshmen to seniors. Many students even begin their preparatory work in the fall, depending on their chosen events.

Two-year state finalist in sales — an event that requires the speaker to sell a product or service — Courtney Kuipers '19 reaped the

many benefits of participation. "Through joining our forensics team, I have not only become a better public speaker but have also greatly enhanced my ability to write and think on my feet," she says.

After participating in broadcasting, a limited-preparation event that only allows thirty minutes to create a five-minute broadcast — Tess Dekker '18 decided to try Oratory — an event that requires a tenminute persuasive speech on a topic of her choice. After switching, Tess says, "I absolutely fell in love!"

Whether it be from a coach or a judge, forensics is all about receiving feedback and working towards bettering yourself.

-Courtney Kuipers '19

"I stuck with Oratory until my senior year, and that event was definitely my favorite," adds Tess, who became the State Champion in her final season.

Regardless of their chosen events, team members receive feedback from a number of judges at each Saturday tournament. With this constructive criticism, "Students learn very quickly that the best thing to do is to seek out the negative critiques . . . the things that are going to help them," says Karsten. And accepting this criticism with grace is "a huge skill that will help them later in life," he adds.

"Whether it be from a coach or a judge, forensics is all about receiving feedback and working towards bettering yourself," says Courtney. "This translates into many other aspects of my life. Whether it be my school work or my job, I have learned that it is not as important to be perfect the first time, but it is more important to be able to take criticism, evaluate it, and work towards making yourself better."

Forensics teaches many other skills as well, preparing students to articulate their opinions in a structured setting. "Being a member of the team has taught me to speak skillfully and articulately, giving me greater confidence in both myself and my abilities," says Tess. "Forensics has gifted me with valuable life skills, such as the ability to stand up for what I believe in and thoughtfully participate in open dialogue, as well as several other practical talents." She also notes that both the topics and the opponents opened her mind and changed her perspective.

"Throughout the past four years, I've been able to interact with individuals from different cultures, religions, and backgrounds, which has greatly expanded my worldview and introduced me to some of my closest friends," she says.

Committed and highly competitive, GRCHS forensics students score high marks throughout the season. "Our team has continually been in the top five of the state," says Karsten. "We've had a lot of success at the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association (MIFA) state finals," he adds.

On top of the individual and team accomplishments and skills acquired, forensics team members find themselves in a community of thinkers, speakers, and actors, all working diligently to articulate their ideas and improve with each tournament. "Students love it," says Karsten, who hopes to grow the team with students interested in improving their communication skills while collaborating with others in exhilarating competition.

Adds Tess, "The forensics community is so uplifting, and I feel honored to have been a part of it."



JUSTICE SEEKERS

Prepared to actively pursue greater wholeness in the world by working for justice and practicing stewardship.



From Kabul to Grand Rapids:

Freshta Tori Jan finds home at school and abroad

When the International School of Kabul (ISK) in Afghanistan shut down suddenly in 2014, "I was shattered," says Freshta Tori Jan '18. "I don't think I was breathing." Just fourteen years old at the time and attending the only male/female mixed school in the entire city, Freshta frequently felt unsafe in an area commonly terrorized by the Taliban.

Describing her family as highly progressive and frequently the victims of public attacks, Freshta knew that she would follow after her sisters in the educational journey outside of their home country. Eventually finding her way to the United States, to

Michigan, and to Grand Rapids Christian Schools, Freshta recently graduated high school and is continuing her education at Calvin College. Having blossomed in a community that, to her, "Feels like home," and to have found a new home with former teacher and former Grand Rapidian Jan Schuitema, Freshta looks toward a bright future of making positive change.

"There were a lot of risks associated with ISK being there," says Schuitema, a Grand Rapids native who lived and taught in Chicago for over thirty years before moving abroad to Afghanistan to teach at ISK.

Schuitema describes the school as a preparatory academy for attending college in the western world. Taught primarily in English with American teachers, Afghani youth learned language, culture, and academics necessary for life in North America or Europe.

Schuitema and Freshta met when the latter was ten or eleven years old and Schuitema took over teaching her class during another teacher's maternity leave. Forming a lasting friendship, the two kept in touch via social media even after Schuitema had returned to the U.S. and while tensions increased in Kabul.

The opportunities and academics were the main reasons that drew me there," says Freshta. "The change was tough at first, but I found support within and out of school, and God paved the way for me."



Receiving notification via email that the school was abruptly shut down, Freshta immediately began seeking educational opportunities in the United States. Trying to find the best fit in a new location and school, she ultimately reconnected with her former teacher — Schuitema — on Facebook. Freshta was soon welcomed into Schuitema's home in Grand Rapids.

"When I moved to Michigan, it was the closest place that felt like home," says Freshta. Making the decision to transfer to Grand Rapids Christian Schools for her senior year, Freshta felt an overwhelming welcome as she soon found herself immersed in church, community, and extracurricular activities.

"I think GRCS offered a lot more opportunities," adds Schuitema, who guided and supported Freshta in everything from college applications to the forensics team to the Grand Rapids Initiative for Leaders. "It was really nice to see her be able to get into those activities and really branch out in a lot of ways with those extra curriculars."

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me there," says Freshta. "The change was tough at first, but I found support within and out of school, and God paved the way for me."

Planning to study international relations, Freshta seeks to make a difference back home. "I still feel like God is calling me to go back home," she says. "I have to do something there . . . start or be a part of other people who are trying to bring change and improve the country."



Grand Rapids Christian Schools

In August, the Board of Trustees approved the goals for the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan. These goals are the roadmap that will guide our work and ensure we remain focused on our mission to prepare students to be effective servants of Christ. They are the result of a careful look at what has been accomplished by those that came before us and what we desire to be going forward.

Tom DeJonge Superintendent

1

Strengthen the Board of Trustees' strategic role to ensure its leadership of the institution in order to advance Grand Rapids Christian Schools' mission for future generations of students.

FORWARD...

2018-2022 Strategic Plan

3

Establish a Christian learning institution that is reflective of, demonstrates respect for, and is supportive of deepened relationships within Grand Rapids Christian Schools' increasingly diverse student body and the broader community.

The heart of the plan focuses on the improvement and enhancement of educational standards by ensuring a leading-edge curriculum, continuous personal and professional growth of our teachers and administrators, and a strong commitment to diversity and culture to further enhance the educational experience and promote Christ-like attitudes and actions.

Tim Alles
Board of Trustees President

4

Implement a comprehensive advancement model where admissions, development, marketing and communications, and database management work cohesively to advance Grand Rapids Christian Schools' mission.

5

Ensure a business model for financial sustainability that supports the educational program and advances the mission of Grand Rapids Christian Schools.

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Ensure exemplary and aligned
PS-12th grade Christian education
across all schools that is taught
by teachers who embrace
mastery and productive Christian
citizenship for all students.

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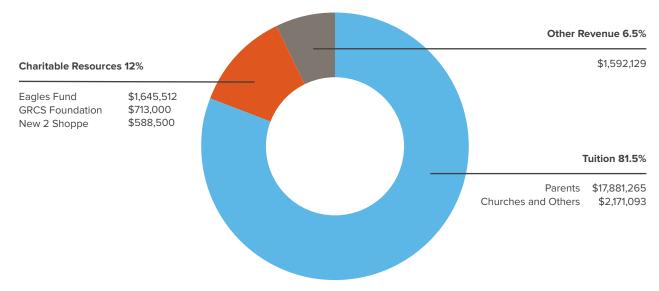
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2017-2018

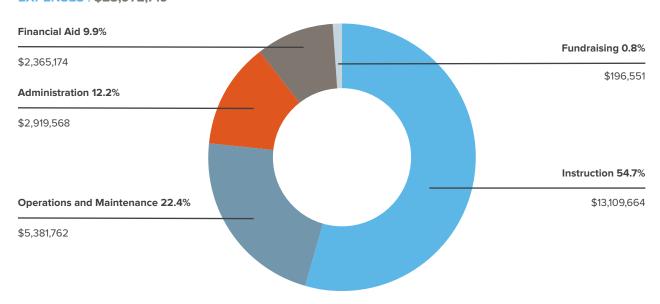
Grand Rapids Christian Schools Operating Fund

We are honored to receive many forms of revenue to fund our educational and co-curricular programs. Below are two charts showing the sources of this revenue, and how these funds are utilized to ensure students achieve at high levels and are equipped to be effective servants of Christ.

REVENUE | \$24,591,499



EXPENSES | \$23,972,719



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	As of 6/30/2018	As of 6/30/2017			
ASSETS					
Investments at market value	\$16,284,941	\$15,853,653			
Pledges receivable Prepaid expense Cash surrender value of life insurance	\$6,660 \$320,130 \$216,994	\$300,750 \$50,496 \$197,632			
			Total assets	\$16,828,725	\$16,402,531
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS Liabilities					
			Accounts payable	\$187,952	\$239,199
Charitable gift annuity liability	\$14,700	\$16,384			
Total liabilities	\$202,652	\$255,583			
Net Assets					
Total net assets	\$16,626,073	\$16,146,948			
Total net assets and liabilities	\$16,828,725	\$16,402,531			

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	As of 6/30/2018	As of 6/30/2017
REVENUES AND GAINS/(LOSSES)		
Bequests and gifts	\$616,246	\$283,954
Investment income	\$380,738	\$315,956
Gain/loss on sales of securities (realized and unrealized)	\$983,454	\$1,392,107
Change in value of life insurance	\$19,362	\$26,039
Total revenues and gains/(losses)	\$1,999,800	\$2,018,056
EXPENSES		
Grants and financial aid authorized	\$1,059,192	\$881,680
Special fund support	\$300,000	\$500,000
Investment management fees	\$35,576	\$83,529
Professional services	\$7,683	\$7,698
Other services	\$118,224	\$163,941
Total expenses	\$1,520,675	\$1,636,848
Net income/(loss)	\$479,125	\$381,208

Making an Impact

Students, teachers, parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends are all essential to the success of GRCS. Here are some ways you can make an impact.

Eagles Fund

Your annual fund gift provides immediate resources for financial aid and Student Support Services and maintains the Schools' excellent academic and fine arts programs.

Giving Tip



Making a multi-year pledge or designating an ongoing monthly or quarterly gift increases the impact of your giving considerably and provides ongoing support to a critical area of need.

Giving Opportunity



On average, families that are awarded financial aid support receive \$3,000 per student. Make a Christian education accessible to a deserving student through a partial, single, or multiple student award pledge.

Questions?

Contact Lindsay Hart, Director of Advancement, at 616.574.6017 or lhart@grcs.org.

All conversations will be considered confidential.

Permanent Endowment

The Grand Rapids Christian School Foundation builds permanent endowment, now totaling nearly \$17 million, to ensure the future of excellent, Christ-centered education in Grand Rapids. For over 50 years, the Foundation has helped donors support the Schools by reducing the cost of tuition for all families, providing need-based financial aid, underwriting important academic programs, supporting teachers' professional development, and sustaining facility maintenance. The Foundation accepts all forms of charitable giving, including current, planned, and estate gifts.

Giving Tip



You can help ensure that students have the opportunity for a Christian education by making a gift in your will or estate plan. Supporting GRCS through a bequest is the easiest way to make an impact for years to come; simply name Grand Rapids Christian Schools as a beneficiary in your will. Sample wording to make your bequest is available by calling the Development Office at 616.574.6017.

When you make a bequest to GRCS, you join the J. Herman Fles Society. This society was created in 2005 and is named after J. Herman Fles, who founded the Grand Rapids Christian School Foundation in 1965 and was its first donor and board president.

Giving Opportunity



Establish an endowment fund during your lifetime or through your estate plan. Several options are available that provide current tax and estate planning benefits while helping you support GRCS.

Options include:

- Unrestricted Fund An annual grant is made from your fund to the Schools in an area where financial resources are needed most.
- Financial Aid Fund An annual grant is made from your fund to a family that is unable to afford the full cost of tuition.
- Field Of Interest Fund An annual grant is made from your fund to the Schools in an academic area important to you, such as mathematics, science, or the fine arts.

All gifts to GRCS are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



Preparing Students for the Next Step

Class of 2018



83 out of 260 seniors received highest honors – 3.95 GPA

or above



1 National Merit Scholarship Finalist, 9 National Merit Commended Students



Earned over \$2 million in first-year merit-based scholarships



1,905 total hours of volunteer service by upperclassmen

Advanced Placement

In 2017–2018, 347 students took 657 Advanced Placement Exams in 15 subject areas. Students earned at least one score of 3 or higher in 79% of AP exams. This far exceeds state and national averages of 65% and 61%, respectively. Over the last 5 years, the number of students taking AP exams at GRCHS has increased by 66%.

AP Scholar is granted to students who receive a 3 or higher on 3 or more AP Exams. There were 40 GRCHS students with the AP Scholar recognition.

AP Scholar with Honor is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 4 or more of these exams. 28 GRCHS students were recognized with this honor.

AP Scholar with Distinction is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams. 39 GRCHS students received this honor.

National AP Scholar is granted to students in the US who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more of these exams. 2 GRCHS students were recognized with this honor.

College Testing

ACT and SAT scores are one measure of college readiness. **The average ACT Composite** score for our senior class is 24.7, compared to the ACT state average of 24.1 and a national average of 21. **The average SAT score was 1120**, compared to the national average of 1060.

Average ACT Composite Scores GRCHS State Average Average National Average National Average

Class of 2018

236 graduates began attending college in 2018. These students will study in 23 states across the country.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

nd Valley State University Hope College Indiana W College North Park University ge of Art and Design Seattle Pacific Indianapolis University of Michigan University of Mississippi Valparaiso

Methods of Giving

There are many ways to express your support of GRCS. No matter how you make your gift or where you direct your support, it is needed and deeply appreciated.

Current Gifts

Cash, check, credit card, or electronic funds transfer.

You can make a one-time gift or pledge your gift over a period of time. This is a very simple way to express your commitment to and support of GRCS.

Stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities. If you own stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities, please consider using them to make your gift. Giving gifts of appreciated assets can provide you with maximum tax savings.

Other types of gifts. GRCS is familiar with handling non-publicly traded securities, real estate, and other assets used in charitable giving. If you would like to make a special-type gift, we will be happy to help you do so.

Planned and Deferred Gifts

Will or trust.

The simplest way to make a gift is to name GRCS in your will or trust. Your gift becomes a part of the Schools' permanent endowment.

Real estate. Make a gift of your home, land, vacation property, or business property and retain the use of the property for the rest of your life.

Beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), life insurance, or other qualified plan. Designate GRCS as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. Ask your professional for assistance or call the Development Office at 616.574.6017.

Other. For additional information on how to provide a gift of any amount, please feel free to contact the Development Office at 616.574.6017.

Charitable gift annuity. This is a popular way to receive income for life while making an immediate, significant gift to GRCS. For additional information, please contact the Development Office at 616.574.6017.

Join the growing number of donors who support students and families through their gift to the EAGLES FUND! Each and every gift given provides immediate resources that have a long-lasting impact on our students. When you give to the Eagles Fund, you are helping support the 650 students who are receiving financial aid from Grand Rapids Christian Schools and the 450 students who are receiving student support services, all while enhancing the educational experience for all of our students.



Support the EAGLES FUND at Black Tie Blue Jeans!

Thursday, March 21, 2019 DeVos Center for Arts and Worship www.grcs.org/btbj

Dress up, come in blue jeans, or a little bit of both! Come enjoy delicious food and fellowship, all while witnessing the impact of Grand Rapids Christian Schools.

2017-2018 Donors

Grand Rapids Christian Schools gratefully acknowledges the gifts of its donors, whose contributions during the past year have provided significant support in advancing our mission.

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