

Reveal

Jenison Christian School Education Foundation Newsletter

JCS EDUCATION FOUNDATION Celebrating 40 Years

The JCS Education Foundation is excited to host an evening of celebration and fellowship, and we'd love for you to join us!

When: Thursday, October 6, 2022
Gathering Hour: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Speaker: 7:15 PM

Where: Sunnybrook Country Club
624 Port Sheldon St SW
Grandville, MI 49418

We are looking for community support to make this evening a success for the JCSEF. Please consider a sponsorship of the event!

Dinner Sponsor: \$2,000

- Business name on all printed materials and social media posts for the event, with business name in program for the evening
- Two tickets for dinner with seats up front for speaker, Dan Seaborn

Speaker Sponsor: \$1,500

- Business name on all printed materials and social media posts for the event, with business name in program for the evening
- Two tickets for dinner with seats up front for speaker, Dan Seaborn

Table Sponsor: \$1,000

- Business name on a table and printed in the program for the evening
- Two tickets for dinner

General Sponsor: \$500

- Business name in program for the evening
- Two tickets for dinner

Single Ticket: \$50

- Tickets can be purchased online
- Seated with other single ticket buyers



Dan Seaborn from Winning at Home will be sharing a message on the gift of Christian Education, today and for generations to come!



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Thanks, Thank You, Thanks So Much!

Psalm 78:4, 6 "We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done...so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born..."



Visit jenisonchristian.org/support/foundation.cfm to reserve your spot today or scan the QR code. **Space is limited!**

For more information, contact Liz Wiersema at lwiersema@jenisonchristian.org.



Staff Days

On August 16 and 17, the staff of Jenison Christian School spent their days getting in “back to school” mode. **Over 70 staff members were present for 2 days of fellowship, food, team bonding, training, and getting excited for a new school year.**

On Tuesday, the staff gathered and shared a light breakfast together to start the day. Once the sharing of summer stories ended, we were blessed to have Pastor Matt Palsrok from Cottonwood CRC lead us in devotions and prayer. The JCS Staff Praise Band, consisting of David VanZytveld, Mia VanDyken, and Sam Noorman, led the staff in singing praises to our God. After a wonderful hour of dedicating the year to our Lord, Principal Oosterheert led a short all staff meeting to go over some protocols and procedures for the new school year. Then the fun and team building really started! **All staff members boarded two JCS buses and headed for Craig’s Cruisers!** They spent the rest of the day riding go karts, playing mini golf, battling it out with some laser tag, climbing ninja courses, eating at the buffet, and interacting with one another. It was a great day and a perfect way to spend our first full day together as a staff.



On Wednesday, the staff met back at JCS for another morning together. They shared stories and muffins before breaking into elementary and middle school groups. For the next hour, our Response to Intervention and Educational Support teams shared important information about their programs and students they support. After a short break, the entire staff met back in the Elementary Commons area to listen to a training from the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department, who reviewed crisis situations and responses that may occur during the school year. OCS D covered very serious topics that we pray never happen, but we need to be prepared for. The two hours of information was plenty for the staff to chew on, so after a few minutes of follow-up communication from Principal Oosterheert, the staff was dismissed for the day. **That evening the staff and school board (and spouses) of JCS met at the Grand Ravines Park for a delightful dinner together catered by Pizza Ranch and all who attended enjoyed the food and company.**



The staff enjoyed the opportunity to be back together and to spend time preparing for the upcoming school year. It was a valuable two days to get ready for our students who will be starting on August 24 (or shortly after for preschool). **We pray that God blesses our staff, students, and families as we start the new academic year at Jenison Christian School!**

Passing On the Faith

At JCS we are blessed to welcome hundreds of children each day to explore God's world together and learn about what it means to be His child. As we seek to continuously expand these opportunities, we ask for your support toward our annual fund through our Passing on the Faith Drive this fall. We praise God for our community, and the financial gifts that are given as we grow His kingdom at JCS. Thank you for supporting your JCS community! - Joe Oosterheert, JCS Principal



For this year's Passing on the Faith effort we need to raise \$160,000 in order to: provide unique opportunities and experiences to explore God's creation, sustain and enhance diverse programming to allow each child to flourish, and support those that want a Christian education for their child, but cannot afford full tuition.

You may be receiving a call sometime within the next 6 weeks that may appear on your caller ID as 'J. Milito.' Please answer the call as Juddee Milito and Associates partner with us in asking for your support! If you don't receive a call from J. Milito, but would like to support the Annual Fund, donations can be made by mail, online, or in person.

Something Extraordinary Capital Campaign Update

We are excited to once again see updates happening at JCS. The preschool entrance, and main door for our parent drop off loop, was remodeled to include a double door entry system, designed and built to be a welcoming front and to provide added security to our school. Just inside the entryway two small office spaces became a large workspace for our teachers with added storage, as well as a nursing mother's room for staff and visitors to care for their infants. The family bathroom was also remodeled.

Near this entrance is our preschool wing, which anticipates a big project in the summer of 2023! The next phase of work will include the addition of three much-needed new classrooms, and the complete remodel of our current preschool space. Our thriving childcare program will be moving into the preschool wing at the completion of the remodel and addition, making space for our growing K-4th grade classes. Fundraising for this phase of work has begun and we are working toward our \$2.5 million goal!

We praise God for our faithful givers who have helped keep JCS DEBT FREE through these necessary updates thus far, and maintain the solid building our community built with their gifts 60 years ago! **For construction to happen next summer (2023) we need to raise \$1.25 million of this need by October 1, 2022.** Reaching this goal can only happen with your help! Please consider a one-time gift to the campaign, or a multi-year pledge of support. We will need our whole community to reach this goal; please share this with family members and friends and invite them to support this cause as well. Donations can be made by mail, online, or in person. We love to meet our donors and show them the kingdom work they are supporting with their gift!



Thanks, Thank you, Thanks so much!

We can't thank the JCS community enough for their generous support to JCS over the past 6 months. On top of keeping JCS DEBT FREE on the capital improvements at school, we received tremendous support at our community events this spring and summer.



Auction

The auction on March 12 raised a record-breaking \$99,000 for our Parent Club! The evening hit the ground running with a competitive silent auction, and didn't slow down for the rest of the night. The energy and excitement among the community was a blessing (first time back together for the auction since 2019)! On top of supporting the parent club, the auction fulfilled some needs within our specials programs including a new kiln for our art classes, as well as a new performance shell for our music program.

Eagle Walk

With the help of parents, grandparents, neighbors, and business sponsors, **the students met their \$25,000 goal** in the annual Eagle Walk on May 13! For the walkathon, our preschool and elementary students walked/ran the track at JCS, receiving great encouragement from their buddy classes and other peers. Middle school students walked to Rosewood Park and enjoyed games and fellowship there for a full morning of fun for all! Because the kids met their goal, they got to watch Mr. O drink a delicious mixture of foods from students across all grades. It was quite the concoction!

Golf Outing

Earlier this month JCS hosted its 20th Annual Golf Outing. This event also experienced a **record-breaking year with both funds raised - \$39,583! - and golfers in attendance - 148.** What began as a rainy day ended as a beautiful day of community and golf at GVSU's Meadows. Clouds and a nice breeze make for a great day to be outside in August! We couldn't have such a successful day for our school without the many business sponsors who support this event, as well as the many JCS community members who participate in playing and volunteering. Thank you!

Past Publications

If you are looking for past publications of *Reveal*, please visit the JCS website under the Parents heading, Newsletter on the right side, or use the link below.

www.jenisonchristian.org/parents/newsletter

Upcoming Events

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| August 24 | First Day of School (PK-8) |
| September 12 & 13 | First Day of Preschool |
| September 26-30 | Spiritual Emphasis Week (SEW) |
| September 29 | Serve Day for SEW |
| October 6 | JCSEF 40th Anniversary Celebration
Sunnybrook Country Club |
| October 8 | Second Hand Sale
JCS Gymnasium |
| October 8 | 1st Annual JCS Sporting Clay Shoot
Blendon Pines |

2022-2023 School Theme



Jesus answered,

“I am *The Way* the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6