

# Annual Report

# 2022-23

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# A year in review

The 2022/23 school year was a year with a return to usual rhythms and experiences. It is also a year that a significant milestone in the school's history was marked with the start of the construction project of our education wing and full-sized gymnasium.

Our thematic focus for 2022/23 was learning to be community-servers. Anyone in need is our neighbour, and a part of our community. We serve locally and further afield. We saw many examples of these endeavors this year:

- bringing treats to our neighbours at Fairview Elementary
- collecting mittens for the Salvation Army
- high school missions trip to Esperanza
- serving at Fraser Valley Gleaners
- student-organized and hosted ESL lessons for Ukrainian refugees

There were also many other quiet and beautiful acts of service. Indeed, in so many ways we have seen how our community has lived out our theme verse from I Peter 4:10:

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Being part of a K-12 community, we want to highlight some of the unique ways we function and serve one another by building each other up in different ways.

Some of these are:

- Our student cleaning team working to keep our school clean each and every day
- Christmas concert featuring the musical talents of our elementary students and high school Jazz Band
- Our high school Teacher Assistants helping out in various classes and the Library Learning Commons
- Celebrating the athletic achievements of our senior boys and girls participating in the provincial volleyball



- tournament, our senior girls participating in the provincial basketball tournament, and our senior ultimate frisbee team participating in the provincial championships; our middle school athletes also achieved great success on the court
- Celebrating the attitudes of our sports teams being recognized multiple times as the most sportsmanlike team at various tournaments
- Drama production of *Mamma Mia* at Theatre in the Country with many sold out shows

Our leadership team continued support in meeting the government requirements regarding communication of student learning. We also engaged our teaching staff to participate in a variety of professional development opportunities on a range of topics including Teaching for Transformation and Safe and Caring Schools. We continue to plan for our ongoing enrolment increases and are blessed by amazing staff that join our team each year. Indeed, God provides for our needs. The work of Maple Ridge Christian School is important kingdom work, and we - the Board, administration, teachers, and support staff - appreciate your ongoing prayers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Quentin Flokstra  
Lead Principal

# Why are we here?



## Mission and Core Purpose

Equip, train, and inspire students to lead a life worthy of their calling to transform the world for the glory of God.

To bring glory to God by providing innovative Christian education in a mission-minded community where every student thrives.

## Strategic Priorities

Guided by our mission and core purpose and aligned with our core values, we will develop and fulfil our goals under the following priority areas:

1. Education and Learning
2. Facilities and Finances
3. Building Community
4. Programs

## Core Values

Maple Ridge Christian School is:

### 1. Christ Centered

We are rooted in the Christian faith and the Bible. We are committed to operating and teaching with a biblical world and life view.

### 2. Forward Thinking

We pursue excellence and innovation in education. We are committed to preparing our students for today and for the future.

### 3. Community Building

We practice community by cultivating relationships in love and grace from kindergarten to Grade 12.

### 4. Disciple Focused

We see the whole student—heart, soul, mind, and strength. We are committed to nurturing our students, so they can discern their God-given purpose.

# Who is our board?

Bob Barclay (Director)  
Jesse Bodner (Director)  
Alm Casey (Director)  
Adam Crowston (Vice President)  
Andrea Davies (Director)  
Quentin Flokstra (Director)  
Jonathan Robbins (Director)  
Nate Searle (President/Chair)  
Kevin Sowerby (Secretary)  
Karen Volcz (Director)

Our board members have been hard at work advancing the mission, vision, and policies of our school. As well as their core work as a board team, individual board members also have the following committees and task forces on the go:

- Governance and Strategic Planning Committee
- Finance Committee
- Nominations and Board Development Committee
- Capital Project Task Force

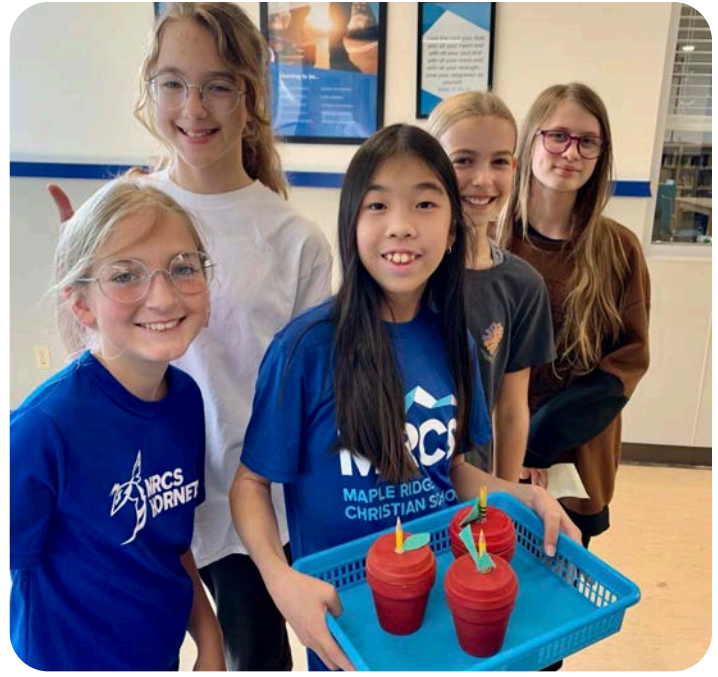
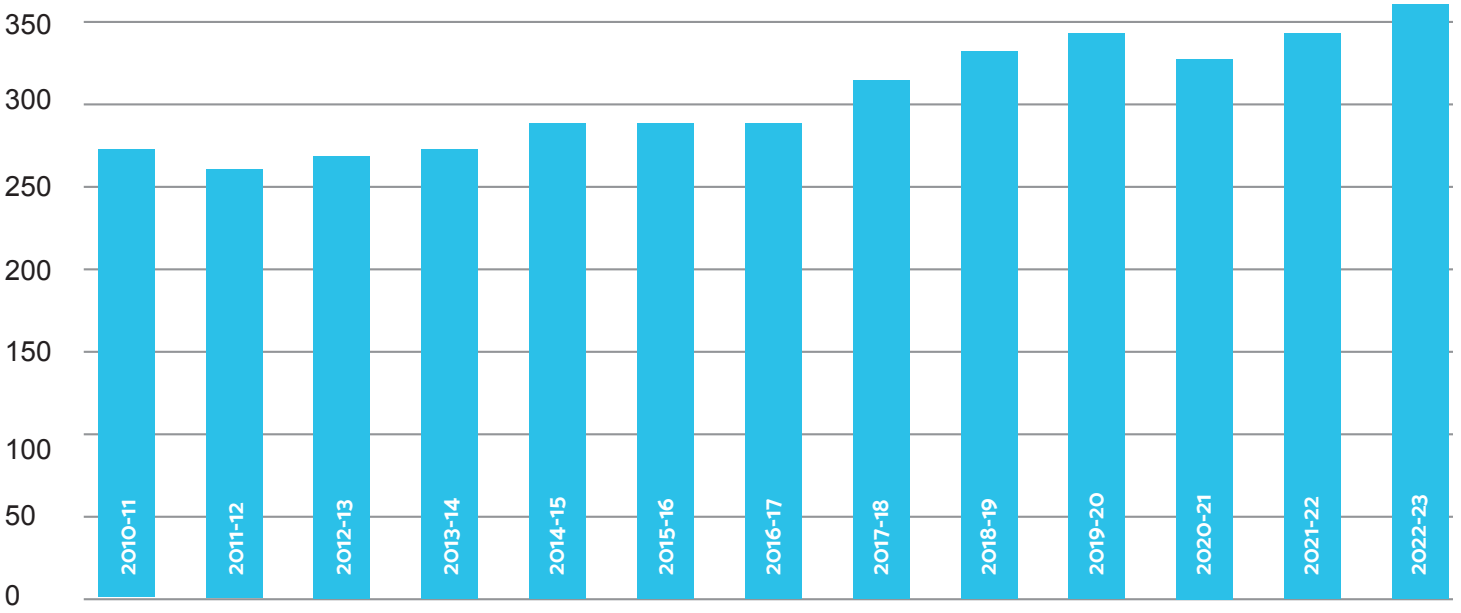


# Student growth

As we entered our second year of double-tracking, we continued to see steady growth and growing interest in joining our school.

**362** students registered for the 2022-23 school year

Enrolment 2010/11 - 2022/23



# 2022-23 By the numbers

# \$122,000

IN SCHOLARSHIPS & MEDALS  
awarded to the Class of 2023

# 13

HIGH  
SCHOOL  
Teacher  
Assistants

# 12,996

TITLES  
in our library

# 424

ACTIVE  
library patrons



# 744

CHOCOLATE  
MILKS consumed at  
hot lunch

# 210

PERFORMERS  
at the Christmas concert



73 FIELD TRIPS

189 MAINTENANCE REQUESTS



1800 HOURS of labour at Esperanza Ministries



584 TICKETS SOLD for Mamma Mia



\$11,887 RAISED through hot lunch

OVER \$4000 RAISED through bottle returns

# Athletics Celebrations

This year at MRCS the high school athletics teams did exceptionally well! With many sports teams and high spirits we ended the year with not only awards and trophies under our belt but also high praises regarding our sportsmanship.

This year we had four of our senior teams make it to provincials. For volleyball, our senior boys team headed to Nanaimo and our senior girls went to Prince George to play in provincials! In March, our senior girls basketball team went to Nanaimo for the championships and then in late spring our Sr Ultimate Frisbee team played in provincials locally in Surrey.

Our athletics program was also awarded Most Sportsmanlike over eight times across all of the teams and seasons. This accurately reflects the intentions of our teams; to play with compassion for others and a drive to display the teachings of Christ.







Middle School Athletics also had competitive and fruitful seasons fielding teams in cross-country running, girls and boys tripleball, basketball, and floor hockey, badminton, track and field, and ultimate frisbee. The middle school girls and boys floor hockey teams each won their Christian schools tournaments. The co-ed badminton team won the MRCS-hosted Christian schools tournament. Several students earned top ten finishes in the district and Christian school track and field meets. Our ultimate frisbee team was undefeated and clinched first in the grade 6 Christian schools tournament. All in all, it was a busy year full of sports and tournaments. It was extremely successful and all the teams should be very proud.

Jillian O'Dell - Interim High School Athletic Director  
Blaine Unger - Middle School Athletic Director



# These are our stories

## Reunited

On May 6, we gathered as a community at Meadow Gardens Golf Club for the Reunited Gala Dinner and Auction and it was amazing to see so many people there.

We bid against one another for a wide variety of silent and live auction items, ate delicious food, and were serenaded (Reunited and it feels so good!) and entertained by our auction hosts Scott O'Dell and Reg Parks. We were wowed by the student cast of *Mamma Mia*, enjoyed the chocolate fountain, had a blast in the 360 photo booth, and, most importantly, we brought glory to God through the provision of abundant blessings toward the MRCS building project.

We were very pleased to announce that we raised OVER \$118,000 that all went towards the construction costs of our building project.



## Community servers

During Spring Break, a group of MRCS high school students and chaperones spent a week serving at Esperanza Ministries, a camp in a remote location of northwest Vancouver Island. Many alumni reflect on serving at Esperanza as one of the most memorable moments in their time at MRCS. This year, the students enjoyed a week of manual labour, fellowship, and spiritual growth. One student chose to be baptized on the trip as a testament to his faith in Jesus.



## MRCS is home

An MRCS alum shared with a staff member recently that no matter where she has gone and what she has done, she has always known that MRCS is a home for her. She was chatting with a fellow alum and they both agreed that they felt they could be at their lowest low in life, and perhaps be in a really bad place, but know that they could come here and find love and care. They both genuinely felt that no matter what they had done, they knew they could come back and the staff at MRCS would love them, share God's care with them, and support them in moving forward and back towards God again.

## Welcoming our neighbours

In the spring, our PHE 9 students and their teacher, Mr. Lafleur, engaged in an amazing community service opportunity with our neighbours, Fairview Elementary School. The Grade 9 students organized a series of fun mini-games in our gymnasium and invited the kindergarten to Grade 3 students from Fairview to try them out. Students rotated through the following stations: *Whimsical Popsicle Obstacle*, *Rambunctious Freeze Tag*, *Crossy Raft*, *Big Bowling Battle*, *Tic Tac Run*, and *Rainbow Relay*. Everyone had a great time and were sent away with a sweet treat to celebrate. We are so thankful for our relationship with Fairview Elementary and their patience with us and our construction project, so this was a fun way to bless them and celebrate being neighbours.



# Making ROOM for more stories

2022/23 marked a major step in making room for more children in the narrative of what God is doing at Maple Ridge Christian School. The building project marked some key milestones as we anticipate opening up the new education wing and full-sized gymnasium in late 2024.

Here is a recap of some key milestones from last year:

- Construction fencing outlining the perimeter of the construction area (Dec. 2022)
- Site prep (Jan. 2023)
- Demolition of classroom wing to make room for new wing (Feb. 2023)
- Tie in work (gas, sprinkler, plumbing) from existing to new building (Summer 2023)
- Civil works and parking lot upgrades (Summer 2023)
- Foundation poured (August 2023)

The constant challenge for this project has always come down to funding. We are encouraged, though, by the generosity of our MRCS community and also the encouragement we are receiving from community partners, like our Mayor and our Member of Parliament.



# Congratulations

# class of '23!



## Our goal for each MRCS graduate is that s/he:

- Is a dedicated Christ follower who honours the Lord with a sincere heart
- Is rooted in Scripture and biblically literate
- Is a confident leader knowing his/her own strengths and God-given giftedness
- Has a strong academic foundation and is prepared for whatever path s/he chooses to take
- Has had the opportunity to explore athletics and the arts and develop an appreciation for active and creative interests
- Looks to serve in whatever community s/he finds him/herself in
- Promotes justice and wisely uses his/her influence
- Seeks and proclaims truth in all areas of life

We were able to celebrate the Grad Class of 2023 throughout the year with our annual grad breakfast, the grad trip, and finally our grad ceremony and banquet. We have enjoyed (and will now miss) the way these grads have shared their talents on the court, in the classroom, and on the stage!

We trust that the bonds that they forged at Maple Ridge Christian School will resonate throughout their lifetimes. And it is our prayer that the faith foundation that was formed here will continue to grow and become stronger with each passing year onwards.

# Financial stewardship

Revenue and instructional expenses increased as we continued double-tracking and adding classrooms.

Administration expenses increased due to the in-person Gala (offset with ticket sales) and hiring an owner's rep to assist with cost savings on the project.

There was a large increase in fundraising and donations including two anonymous donations totaling \$1,130,000!

## Income Statement

Rounded to the nearest thousand

	2023	2022	Change
<b>Revenue - Operations</b>			
Operating Revenue	4,689,000	4,258,000	10%
Fundraising and Donations	1,440,000	324,000	344%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,129,000</b>	<b>4,582,000</b>	<b>34%</b>
<b>Expenditures - Operations</b>			
Instructional	3,354,000	3,144,000	-9%
Operating	426,000	407,000	5%
Administrative	498,000	398,000	25%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4,278,000</b>	<b>3,949,000</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>1,851,000</b>	<b>633,000</b>	<b>192%</b>
Other Income	54,000	7,000	671%
<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1,905,000</b>	<b>640,000</b>	<b>198%</b>

## Fundraising & Donations

Rounded to the nearest thousand

	2023	2022	2021
Fundraising & Donations	310,000	324,000	173,000
Anonymous Donations	1,130,000		





## Balance Sheet

Rounded to the nearest thousand

	2023	2022	Change
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash	3,427,000	2,628,000	30%
Accounts Receivable	72,000	52,000	38%
Prepaid Expenses	33,000	30,000	10%
Capital assets	4,058,000	2,830,000	43%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>7,590,000</b>	<b>5,540,000</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	556,000	313,000	78%
Prepaid Tuition	347,000	422,000	-18%
Deferred Contributions	7,000	31,000	-77%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>910,000</b>	<b>766,000</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>6,680,000</b>	<b>4,774,000</b>	<b>40%</b>

Total assets increased 37% as we raise more funds and started our building project.

Total liabilities increased 19% due to the timing of accounts payables which was offset by a decrease in prepaid tuition as more families switched to monthly payments.

Net assets increased as we officially started our building project.



Congratulations  
Class of 2023

