



Christ Church School, Inc.  
Academic Excellence Enriched by Faith  
(for fiscal year end June 30, 2017)

Based on a Christian foundation, the mission of Christ Church School (CCS) is to develop the whole child by providing challenging and creative academic, spiritual, and social experiences for children.

Christ Church School provides a nurturing, safe, faith-centered environment. Recognizing at each level that it is vitally important to educate the whole child, mind, heart, and spirit, while each student's individuality is cultivated. Qualified and caring CCS staff members focus on delivering developmentally appropriate intellectual experiences for every student. Small class sizes and low student-teacher ratios give every student the opportunity to thrive and grow to their full potential in a nurturing Christian environment.

CCS has been in existence for fourteen years. The school began first as a thriving preschool, established in 2003, and now includes a growing elementary school, established in 2011. Classes are offered for students ages two through ten years old and a parent/tot class. Total enrollment for the school stood at 194 students led by a staff of 41 teachers and administrators. CCS maintains a 1:7 teacher to student ratio and a 1:4 staff to student ratio. The dedicated teaching staff members have an average of seventeen years teaching experience, with an average of seven years teaching at CCS.

School hours were 9:00am to noon or 1:15pm for preschool students and 8:15am to 3:00pm for elementary students. Extended Care hours included morning care from 8:00am - 9:00am and afternoon care until 4:00pm. A wide variety of enrichment classes provided our students with fun and educational opportunities at the end of each school day.

The spiritual development of the students is enhanced weekly with six chapel services: two for elementary students, two for preschool students, and two for toddlers. School-wide programs were implemented throughout the year, including a kindness campaign, a weekly character development focus, and an emphasis on service learning. School-wide outreach projects included assisting ICM Food and Clothing Bank, Maggie's Place, and Feed My Starving Children.

Standardized testing was completed for the fourth year. The Iowa Assessments were administered in April 2017. Test results, using national norms, revealed that the students are performing on average 2.5 years above grade level. And, on a local level, CCS elementary students are performing at least 1.5 years ahead of area schools at each grade level.

CCS continues to make improvements to the campus. Recent enhancements include new permanent playground equipment (gaga ball pit), painting classrooms, refillable water station, picnic tables with umbrellas by Ascension Chapel and upstairs classrooms, and additional shade installed by the pickup circle.

The Board of Directors is led by President Roxann Gallagher and includes the following committees: Governance, Development, Finance, and Executive. The board consisted of ten directors.

Scholarships are available to elementary students from the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization and Arizona Episcopal Schools Foundation. Through these two organizations, CCS was able to offer \$140,000 in scholarships to Elementary Students.

Total tuition revenue for the year was \$885,837 (an increase of 18% over last year). During the year ending June 30, 2017, the school made payments to the Parish totaling \$97,442 (an increase of 30% over last year). Payments to the church over the past 14 years now total \$727,526.

The Annual Fund for the academic year 2016-2017 concluded solicitation during 2017. The theme was "Be the Magic". It was well received and raised \$30,200.

In June 2017, CCS held a three-week Summer Cubs Camp geared specifically for children ages two-six. The program ran daily from 9:00am to 1:30pm and allowed many new students to become familiar with our campus.

Volunteer support helps the school to provide enhanced activities for our students. The CCS Saints, the parent association of the school, continues to provide strong support for the school. The President for the 2016-2017 school year was Katie Weston. The Saints held their tenth annual dinner/auction in November of 2016 on the CCS playground. This event was the most well attended Soiree in school history, allowing for an evening of fun and generous contributions. Ten percent of the proceeds of this event were given to the CCS Scholarship Fund, amounting in scholarships of \$7070.

Additionally, the school garners support from the Dads' Club. The Dads' Club provides assistance with the Turkey Trot, Pajama/Pancake Days, and other campus events throughout the year, along with organizing social events for school community dads.

Christ Church School is pleased to be a ministry of Christ Church of the Ascension. There are many benefits of this relationship, including an increasing number of families who call CCS and CCA their spiritual and educational home. CCS looks forward to future opportunities to combine efforts and enrich the families served.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Westfall  
Head of School