

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the CCCS Fund?

It is the annual giving campaign that raises funds to enhance the quality of our existing education program, and to assist us in meeting our operating budget. The CCCS Fund consists of unrestricted gifts from \$5 to \$50,000 in the form of cash, stock, or real estate. These gifts, along with income from students' tuition, provide the funds to operate the school. Because gifts to the CCCS Fund are unrestricted, they enable the school to allocate the funds where they are needed most.

Why have an annual giving program? OR Why does CCCS need my donation?

Tuition and fees do not cover the true cost of a CCCS education. Around 15% of our annual budget income is derived from donations. During the 2008-09 school year, the cost of educating our students is \$170,000 more than we will receive from net tuition and other income (\$515 per student).

Why not just raise tuition?

Since its founding, CCCS has been committed to keeping Christian education affordable for Christian families. The CCCS Fund contributions help us to contain tuition costs and offer financial assistance. This also allows for a diverse student body which adds considerably to everyone's educational experience.

Who contributes to the CCCS Fund?

Gifts are made by alumni, churches, current parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, and friends of the school. More than 250 contributors made a gift to CCCS last year.

How much are families expected to give?

Our \$515 goal per student is a guideline. Only you can determine the right gift for your family. We recognize that some families cannot afford this amount and some can give more. We ask every family to give in accordance with how God has blessed you. Your contribution, together with those of many others, will directly enhance your student's education.

What difference does it make if I don't have much to give?

Every gift counts! Our goal is two-fold: to have 100% participation by our school families, *and* to raise at least \$515 per student. Increasing CCCS' charitable giving rate through donor participation increases the likelihood of CCCS receiving support from outside funders such as corporations and foundations. You can help with a gift of any size.

How are contributions to the CCCS Fund used?

Your gifts to the CCCS Fund are for the direct use of students and faculty to help them achieve their academic and extracurricular goals. Last year, we were able to make purchases toward 25 new computers with updated software for the computer lab, new language arts curriculum for 4th & 5th grade, books for an accelerated reading program, expansion materials for the Cougar Cub Reading Club, an after school math/science program for elementary, new athletic equipment for jr. high and high school athletics. This year, CCCS Funds will enhance our student programs with such things as new K-5 science curriculum, new language arts curriculum for middle school, new curriculum for high school honors calculus, psychology, accounting, computer applications, English, and Spanish, Kuder career planning system, new RenWeb database for school management, tuition assistance, and much more!

Can I direct the use of my gift?

Gifts may be directed for use in these four budgetary categories:

Athletics & Physical Education

Fine Arts Program

Library and Computer Resources

Tuition Assistance

To make the greatest impact with your gift, however, direct its use to "CCCS' Greatest Priority" which applies your support where it is most needed.

Can I use my credit card?

Yes. You may give online with your credit card thanks to our arrangements with PayPal.com, a national company that confirms secure online gift transactions. If you are reluctant to give your credit card information online, you may call the Development Office at 925-934-4964, ext. 205, and we will be happy to assist you.

Are gifts tax deductible?

Gifts to the CCCS Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. You may make your gift now or you may make a pledge and pay by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2009. If you wish to take your deduction in this calendar year, you must make your contribution by December 31, 2008.