



for *hearts*
and *minds*

**SAINT SIMONS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
CAMPAIGN CASE STATEMENT**

a letter from *the headmaster*

Each morning at Saint Simons Christian School begins with a simple, but profound purpose:

to walk

alongside

families as

We guide the

hearts and

grow the

minds of our

students,

pointing

them

toward

Jesus.

We believe deeply in the mission God has entrusted to us – to provide a Christ-centered education to the families of the Golden Isles, marked by academic excellence and spiritual growth.

Over the past several years, we've witnessed His faithfulness in every classroom, conversation, and chapel. We've seen how small class sizes, intentional instruction, and a strong partnership with parents can shape a child's life in meaningful and lasting ways. **Today, we are preparing for the next chapter of that mission** – a chapter not defined by large-scale enrollment growth, but by enhancing and strengthening the way we serve the students already in our care.

That's why we are launching *For Hearts and Minds: Building for the Future*. This \$10 million campaign will allow us to expand and improve our campus facilities – creating new opportunities for academic support, differentiated instruction, and student development. **It's about equipping our students with the space, structure, and resources they need to thrive – in the classroom, in the community, physically, and in their faith.**

We believe this campaign will allow us to continue offering the high-quality, well-rounded education our families have come to expect and that our mission requires. From a dedicated gymnasium and library to spaces for music, tutoring, aftercare, and more, this project reflects our ongoing commitment to excellence and stewardship – **doing more with what God has already provided.**

Our prayer is simple: that God would direct our steps and stir hearts to join us in this important effort for His Kingdom. As you consider your role in this campaign, **know that every gift – large or small – is an investment in the hearts and minds of students who will one day lead, serve, and shape their communities with truth and grace.**

Thank you for being a part of this mission. Thank you for your prayers, your support, and your faith in what God is doing through Saint Simons Christian School.



Mark Kok
Headmaster

campaign *prayer*

Father,

Thank You for Your faithfulness to Saint Simons Christian School. You have guided our steps since the beginning, and we continue to trust in the path You have laid before us.

We come before You with grateful hearts, recognizing that every opportunity we have to serve students and families is a gift from You. As we carry out this campaign, we don't just seek buildings or programs, but a deeper ability to fulfill the mission You've given us – to guide hearts and grow minds through a Christ-centered foundation.

Lord, we ask for Your wisdom and provision as we move forward. We pray that You stir the hearts of those who believe in this mission to join with us – generously, prayerfully, and joyfully. May each gift reflect Your grace at work in this community.

We pray for our students – that the spaces we build would inspire learning, growth, and a love for You. We pray for our teachers – that these resources would empower them to reach every learner with excellence. And we pray for our families – that they continue to find in this place a faithful partner in raising the next generation.

Direct our steps, Lord. Multiply our efforts. And may this campaign bring glory to You in all things.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.



a legacy of *impact*

For more than 30 years, Saint Simons Christian School has stood as a place where children are taught in the light of God's truth. Since our founding in 1994 as The Whitefield School, and through our growth into an independent Christian school, our mission has remained the same: to partner with families in guiding hearts and growing minds.

From our earliest days with 25 students to today's vibrant community of more than 175, SSSC has been defined by three commitments:

- ✓ **Christ-Centered:** Every subject is taught through a biblical worldview. From math to music, students learn that all truth is God's truth.
- ✓ **Academically Excellent:** Rigorous academics — including Latin, Spanish, arts, athletics, and leadership opportunities — equip students with a strong foundation for the future.
- ✓ **Family-Focused:** SSSC represents families from across the Golden Isles and over 15 local churches, all united by the desire to see children flourish in wisdom, knowledge, and love for the Lord.

The fruit of this mission is clear. Our alumni step confidently into high school prepared for honors courses, AP classes, athletics, and leadership — but more importantly, they carry with them a faith rooted in Christ. They live out integrity, service, and purpose in their families, churches, and communities.

Christian education makes a difference. It nurtures the whole child — academically, socially, physically, and spiritually. It anchors students in truth in a world of shifting values. And it shapes families and communities for generations.

This is the legacy of Saint Simons Christian School. God has been faithful in every step, and now He is calling us to build on that foundation — to do what we have always done, but to do it even better.

Anchored in Christ. Prepared for Life.

The most important thing is to surrender your life to Jesus Christ and to glorify Him. **My education at [Whitefield School/Saint Simons Christian] affirmed and reaffirmed again and again the preeminence of God over everything,** from Latin to math and most of all, His authority over my life. It helped codify what was already being taught in my home and more than 30 years later it's the educational experience I reference more than any other.

—Richie Craven '97

a vision *rooted in purpose*

The story of Saint Simons Christian School is one of God's faithfulness – from a small group of parents with a bold vision in 1994 to the thriving Christ-centered community we are today.

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”

Proverbs 16:9

We've always known our purpose: to partner with families in guiding hearts and growing minds, with Christ at the center of it all.

This campaign is not about changing that mission, but about strengthening it for the next generation.

At SSCS, we are not driven by trends or numbers. We are rooted in the calling God placed on our school from the beginning – to raise up students who are prepared academically, spiritually, and personally to live out their faith in a world that desperately needs truth.

Over the years, we've seen this mission come to life in profound ways:



In the confidence of a student who thrives when given one-on-one support



In the joy of a child discovering a love for reading in a quiet corner of the classroom



In the young voices singing praises in weekly chapel

These moments are made possible by something intentional: the space to know our students well, and the resources to serve them even better.



the challenge before us

Our mission hasn't changed, but our space must.

Saint Simons Christian School is not like every other school. Here, **every subject and activity is centered on Christ.** That difference shapes not only what our students learn, but who they become.

Our facilities, however, limit that mission. We lack spaces for quiet discipleship, small-group instruction, creative expression, and physical development. Teachers work faithfully, but they need tools and environments that match the excellence of their calling.

This campaign is not about adding seats. **It is about creating the right spaces so every child entrusted to us can be formed more deeply in the truth that Christ is Lord over all learning and life.**

That is the difference a Saint Simons Christian education makes — and why this campaign is about far more than buildings.



a campaign to serve *students better*

WHY THIS MOMENT **MATTERS**

God has opened the door. Now it's time to walk through it.

We believe He has prepared us for such a time as this. With land secured and needs confirmed, the opportunity before us is not just timely — it is essential. This is our moment to strengthen the mission of Christian education for Saint Simons Island and the Golden Isles.

If we move forward together, we will build the infrastructure to support strong academics, spiritual growth, and Christ-centered discipleship for years to come. We will also create capacity to extend our reach — hosting athletic events, family nights, and ministry-focused gatherings that draw together families, churches, and the broader community.

But if we delay, the cost is greater than dollars or time. We risk limiting how deeply students are formed in Christ today. We risk allowing facilities to hinder discipleship, forcing teachers to do more with less, and leaving children without the spaces they need to encounter God's truth in every part of learning. Delay does not just slow construction — it compromises mission.

Research confirms what we know: Christian schools shape lives, families, and communities. Students in faith-based schools are more likely to remain committed to their faith, make wise moral decisions, and pursue service-oriented lives. Every year we wait is a year of missed opportunity to disciple students more fully in Christ.

This is our time to step forward — faithfully, boldly, and wisely.

This campaign is about enriching the education we offer, focusing on better serving the students already entrusted to us. It's about creating an environment where personalized, Christ-centered instruction can flourish — where every student feels known, supported, and inspired to reach their God-given potential.

WE'RE BUILDING:

- ✓ **A gymnasium** that allows for structured indoor PE, strong athletic programs, and the hosting of school and community events that bring people together
- ✓ **A library** where students can unplug and rediscover the joy of turning real pages
- ✓ **A music room** that creates space for expression, worship, and creativity
- ✓ **An art room** that encourages imagination, exploration, and the freedom to create — reflecting the beauty of God's design — while equipping students with the tools and space to bring their ideas to life.
- ✓ **Breakout rooms and small-group spaces** where students can receive differentiated support — whether that be one-on-one coaching, accommodations, or accelerated instruction
- ✓ **A safe and nurturing aftercare space**, where students can unwind, build friendships, and continue learning in a supportive environment
- ✓ **Updated nurse's station**, and administrative offices that support the daily life of our school
- ✓ **Additional learning areas** designed to empower teachers and encourage every student to reach their God-given potential

Every square foot of this new facility is being designed with students in mind and excellence at heart. And every improvement opens doors to serve our broader Saint Simons Island community — strengthening our role as a trusted educational partner and community anchor.



your role in *the story*

This campaign is not just about expanding facilities. **It is about expanding the reach of Christ-centered education into the lives of students and families.**

When you give to *For Hearts and Minds: Building for the Future*, you are not simply funding construction. You are:

- Helping a student discover that every subject points back to Christ.
- Creating space where a teacher can disciple more effectively.
- Ensuring that children grow up anchored in truth in a world that constantly shifts.
- Investing in a future where graduates lead with integrity, serve with humility, and live boldly for the Kingdom.

This is more than a building project. **It is a declaration that the hearts and minds of the next generation matter.** It is a partnership with families raising children in truth. It is a legacy that will echo through every student who encounters Christ at Saint Simons Christian School.

Your gift makes this possible. It fulfills the promise we've made to families: an education rooted in Christ, delivered with excellence, and personal enough to reach the heart of every child. It strengthens the role of SSSC as a trusted anchor for Christian education in the Golden Isles.

Together, let's build this for their hearts, for their minds, and for the future.



STUDENTS FROM CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ARE MORE LIKELY TO STAY COMMITTED TO THEIR FAITH.

83%

of Protestant Christian school graduates say their faith is "very important" in their life, compared to 43% of public school graduates.

— *Cardus Education Survey, 2018*

THEY FEEL MORE EQUIPPED TO MAKE MORAL AND ETHICAL DECISIONS.

85%

of Christian school graduates say they were well-prepared to make ethical decisions, compared to 55% of public school peers.

— *Barna Group & ACSI, "Multiple Choice: How Parents Navigate Schooling Decisions," 2017*



campaign goal & giving opportunities

Every gift matters. Every gift moves the mission forward.

The goal of the *For Hearts and Minds* campaign is to raise \$10 million to complete a new facility by August 2027. While construction will conclude in 2027, gifts may continue beyond that date. This facility will serve Saint Simons Christian students with space for academic excellence, personalized learning, physical development, and Christ-centered community.

To meet this goal, we are inviting gifts of all sizes and trusting that God will move through both sacrificial generosity and joyful participation. Whether you can give a one-time gift, a multi-year pledge, or a legacy gift, you are helping shape the future of Christian education on the Golden Isles.

Sample Gift Chart (5-Year Pledge)

Total Gift	Initial 10% Investment	Balance	Monthly (60 months)	Quarterly	Annually (5 years)
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$450,000	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$90,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$225,000	\$3,750	\$11,250	\$45,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$90,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$18,000
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$9,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$22,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$150	\$450	\$1,800
\$5,000	\$500	\$4,500	\$75	\$225	\$900
\$3,000	\$300	\$2,700	\$45	\$135	\$540
\$1,000	\$100	\$900	\$15	\$45	\$180

Custom pledge schedules are available to suit your giving preferences.



ways to *give*

Simple, flexible, and impactful giving options.

There are many ways to support the *For Hearts and Minds* campaign. Every gift – no matter the size or method – is a meaningful investment in the lives of our students and the mission of Saint Simons Christian School.

ONE-TIME GIFTS

Gifts by cash or check are welcome at any time. Checks may be made payable to Saint Simons Christian School with “For Hearts and Minds” in the memo line.

PLEDGE COMMITMENTS

Most campaign gifts are fulfilled over a five-year period. You may choose to give monthly, quarterly, or annually – whatever best fits your family’s giving rhythm.

ONLINE GIVING

Secure donations can be made on our website using credit card or ACH (bank transfer). Recurring gift options are available.

GIFTS OF STOCK OR SECURITIES

Appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds may be donated directly to the campaign, potentially offering favorable tax benefits.

IN-KIND GIFTS

Donations of goods or services – such as building materials, professional expertise, or equipment – are a meaningful way to support the campaign. These gifts help offset expenses and enhance the impact of every dollar raised. Please contact our office to discuss current needs and how your in-kind contribution can make a difference.

PLANNED OR LEGACY GIVING

Consider naming Saint Simons Christian School as a beneficiary in your will, trust, or life insurance policy. Planned gifts make a lasting impact for generations to come.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies match donations made by employees, retirees, or board members. Check with your employer to see if your gift can be multiplied.

Designated Giving Opportunities

Some donors may choose to designate their gift to a specific area of the project, such as:

- The Gymnasium
- The Library
- The Music Room
- The Art Room
- Breakout & Pull-Out Spaces
- Aftercare Area
- Expanded Nurse’s Office
- Additional Offices or Classrooms

To learn more about naming opportunities, please visit saintsimonschristianschool.com/campaign/#designated.



thank *you*

Because of you, students will be equipped for life and anchored in Christ.

We believe God works through His people, and we are trusting Him to move in hearts, homes, and churches to bring this vision to life. Your generosity ensures that Saint Simons Christian School can continue offering not just excellent academics, but a Christ-centered education that transforms lives for eternity.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Thank you for investing in the next generation. And thank you for helping us build something that will echo far beyond classrooms and campuses — into families, churches, and communities for years to come.

Together, we are building for their hearts, for their minds, and for the future.



I am grateful for everything I learned at Saint Simons Christian. The school has prepared me in more ways than I could possibly imagine. From memorizing verses, to learning how to defend my faith, and even learning about other religions. I am so grateful for Mr. K and SSCS.

—Sarah Ricks '24



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