



Christopher Academy

Annual Report 2020-2021

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A Note from our
Head of School,
Mrs. Miriam Terry

We began the 2020/2021 school year with continued reservations and apprehension as the pandemic remained a factor in our school, community, and world. We were delighted to welcome our students back to the classroom for in-person and hands-on learning in yet another year impacted by COVID-19. Everyone who is a part of our school community maintains the same determination and commitment that they approach every school year with. The smiling faces of our students only reinforces our commitment and lets us know that our students are happy to be here every day. This year, students have many new outdoor improvements to enjoy, but none as popular as the new playground equipment which was made possible by generous donations from our school community and grant funding.

We continue to be keenly aware that our exceptional faculty truly fosters a love of learning while developing strong learners today and leaders tomorrow. Involved parents, grandparents, and Trustees make me truly proud to be part of a school community that works together to provide the resources and support necessary to deliver the best possible elementary education to our students.

It takes all of us working together to achieve excellence. A sincere thank you to the many businesses and friends of Christopher Academy for your support this past year. When you volunteered, made a donation, or were the highest bidder at the Auction, you helped to make a difference in the lives of our young students. We are confident that with your continued support, whether large or small, Christopher Academy will always provide an education that ensures our students a strong academic foundation for success and offers a wide variety of experiences that enhance the learning process. As I look forward, I am excited about all the possibilities that exist for Christopher Academy.

Best,
Miriam Terry



Mission & Philosophy

Christopher Academy is committed to academic excellence by providing an enriching curriculum that cultivates a lifelong love of learning. Students are empowered to be independent thinkers and confident leaders prepared to succeed in a dynamic world.

Christopher Academy provides an education that creates lifelong learners in a supportive environment that encourages each child's natural curiosity. Physical, social, intellectual and academic growth is stimulated by a developmentally appropriate curriculum that gives students the opportunity to be creative problem solvers, effective communicators, and self-directed learners.

Students become independent thinkers as they build a strong foundation in both academic and life skills through project-based and experiential learning opportunities. Teachers and parents work in an active partnership with students to identify the unique strengths, interests, talents, and needs of each child and provide a climate in which every individual can flourish and grow.

We believe that children thrive in a safe, caring, nurturing and inclusive community allowing them to feel empowered to take risks as they explore the world around them. As students acquire new skills and build on previous experiences, they become confident learners ready to accept new challenges with a determination to succeed.

Learners Today. Leaders Tomorrow.

DEIJ Statement

Christopher Academy is committed to continuously building a diverse, inclusive, and equitable community. We believe it is the responsibility of each person in our school community to embrace and engage in this effort within all aspects of school life. We will continue to ensure that our mission is a living guide founded in these principles.

We Commit to:

- Being a School where students, faculty, families and alumni feel respected and valued and demonstrate the same respect to others.
- Recruiting faculty and staff from a variety of backgrounds.
- Enrolling students from a variety of backgrounds.
- Connecting and understanding others, particularly those whose backgrounds and voices may differ from our own.
- Proactively designing and delivering a curriculum that honors everyone.
- Providing equal opportunities to all students to ensure that they all learn, grow, and succeed.
- Being courageous and compassionate in our commitment for positive change.



Christopher Academy Annual Fund

Thanks to the generosity of the entire Christopher Academy community, we raised \$54,208.98 for the Annual Fund. This includes gifts to the Linda Morgan Library Enrichment Fund, the Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund, the Playground Fund, and gifts made through the Giving Tuesday Campaign. We are thankful for the support of all the families, faculty, board of trustees, grandparents, alumni, businesses, local foundations and the community at large.

Christopher Academy is a place where every child is nurtured, challenged, valued and loved. Our students are taught to be creative thinkers, confident learners, feel safe to take risks and to love learning. Through the generous support of so many over the years, we have been able to sustain and enhance the quality education that we have provided hundreds of students since 1970. Annual Giving is the cornerstone of our fundraising efforts, and gifts to these funds allow us to invest in added resources and provide new opportunities to our students and faculty.

Christopher Academy is grateful for a generous grant provided by TowneBank to improve both technology hardware and provide upgraded network capability. Elementary classrooms were equipped with state of the art SmartBoards and ChromeBooks were purchased to ensure a 1:1 student/device ratio in kindergarten through 5th grade. In addition, both campuses installed improved **equipment** to upgrade the internet capability and allow teachers to support virtual learning when necessary.

We are grateful for the generous support of our mission and it is this support that has allowed us to prosper since 1970.



Christopher Academy

Donations to the Annual Fund, including donations to the Linda Morgan Library Enrichment Fund, the Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund and the Playground Fund have been included.



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- *Annette Crandall
Scholarship Fund*
- *Linda Morgan
Library Enrichment Fund*
- *Playground Fund*



Linda Morgan Library Enrichment Fund: In 2007, the Linda Morgan Library Enrichment Fund was established in honor of Linda Morgan. Linda had a passion for teaching young children to read. She was deeply loved by her students and will always be a special part of Christopher Academy. Gifts to the Linda Morgan Library Enrichment Fund honor her memory and enhance the school library.

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Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund: The Annette Crandall Scholarship Fund was established to honor our Kindergarten & Music teacher Annette Crandall on the anniversary of 30 years of service with Christopher Academy. The fund provides scholarship assistance to returning elementary students in K-5th grade.

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Playground Fund: The Playground Fund was established to help raise funds for new playground equipment. Thanks to the generosity of donors and TowneBank, Christopher Academy installed several new pieces of equipment this year.

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19th Annual
Christopher Academy Auction

Christopher Academy's 19th Annual Auction was held online in April 2021. The event raised \$27,639.07 Thank you to our generous sponsors, donors, volunteers and businesses that supported our Auction through financial contributions and donations.

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Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided in our Annual Report is accurate. We sincerely regret any errors or omissions and ask that you contact us at 757-484-6776 so that our records can be corrected. We have several donors that elect to remain anonymous. Thank you to everyone for your support during the 2020-2021 school year.