

Dunnville Christian School

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5-Year Perspective

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“The Lord has done great things for us.” Psalm 126:3a

Over the last five years, Dunnville Christian School has experienced a powerful period of growth and development. We thank God for His blessings as He has helped and directed us through a very challenging period. In this *Perspective*, we will quickly highlight areas of struggle and growth, as follows:

- Our mortgage has been paid in full, leaving us debt free
- Our boiler needed replacing and was paid for in full by donations
- Our roadside signage was replaced with a beautiful new unit donated and supplied by a supporter
- Two billboards promoting DCS were installed along Hwy 3, on either end of town
- Our deteriorating flat roof has been upgraded to a trussed steel roof, again funded by donations from our supporters, giving us a wonderful new entry, with new landscaping, too
- With the help of a Government grant, we have upgraded every major light fixture to high efficiency units, as well each room is outfitted with smart light switches
- Our entire teaching staff has upgraded their teachers certificate to reflect Provincial standards
- Our school achieved CHI Certification which is the highest standard private schools are held to
- Although we experienced declining enrolment for some years, going down as low as 90 students in 2008-2009, today, after key initiatives were taken, we now experiencing an upswing in enrolment. We currently have 127 students, represented by 65 families
- we have experienced a 2.8 % tuition increase, 7.5% family number increase and 16% student number increase
- we currently have 12 different church denominations represented by our families
- with increased enrolment, we needed to add a fourth bus to our fleet.

In addition to these improvements, we have continued to add to the excellent academic program with an expanding range of tools, as follows:

- We are the only school in the region to have SmartBoards installed in each classroom
- Our ratio of students to computers is the best in the area
- The Music For Young Children program is reaching many families in the community bringing music and fellowship to a broader group
- DCS After School Athletics is a program that opens up our facility to community students and invites them to join in our Indoor Floor Hockey and Indoor Soccer seasons
- Our bursary program makes Christian Education more affordable for families undergoing financial stress
- As well, with increases in class size and changes in educational regulations, we have been required to bring on additional staffing in the form of Educational Assistants
- Our school organizes and hosts the annual Regional Heritage Fair.

We give thanks for these many blessings as we turn our eyes to the next five years and ask God for His continued blessing and direction.

LIVE—Our lives for God * **LEARN**—God’s plan for us * **LOVE**—Sharing God’s love for others

VISION:

Dunnville Christian School is a community of students, parents, teachers, volunteers, and supporters which, guided by the infallible Word of God, strives to nurture the development of the whole child, God’s image bearer.

MISSION:

To provide quality Christian Education within a loving and secure environment. Students are equipped to grow in knowledge and wisdom and challenged to develop the gifts in service to God and others.

