PROVIDENCE CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Board Report

Unless the LORD builds the house,
They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the LORD guards the city,
The watchman stays awake in vain.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Psalm 127:1, 3 (NKJV)

Dear Providence Family,

Join me in giving thanks for the great privilege it is to be partnering together in the good work of training up the next generation. Children truly are a blessing and a gift from God, and He has entrusted us to prepare them for an eternity of glorifying and enjoying Him in all things. While it is a costly and daunting task in so many ways, we are reminded to always trust our LORD who is ultimately accomplishing the work.

Having just completed our 29th year as a school, important milestones are on our minds. We also recently celebrated the 20-year anniversary of Ryan Evans' faithful leadership as Providence Headmaster. It is a remarkable blessing to be in a season of such stability and growing maturity. We take great encouragement in seeing new families join the community, graduates return to enroll their children, and additional families realize the satisfaction of completing the 13-year k-12 journey. An enduring heritage of discipleship-focused, classical Christian education is being established that could serve many generations into the future.

Faithfully preserving and extending that heritage requires thoughtful stewardship and careful planning. Last year, the board placed significant focus on "counting the cost" as we considered the practical realities of a phased plan to develop a new school campus on our now fully-owned lot in Woodinville. While this is an exciting topic, our conversations consistently turned to the importance of more fundamental priorities. Most notably, these include enriching our distinctive school culture, keeping costs accessible to mission-aligned families, and building further institutional maturity. Our commitment and convictions on these matters have been strengthened even as we continue developing an ambitious long-term strategic plan. We know that any growth or new campus developments must ultimately serve to advance our core mission and honor our LORD, or else it is all in vain.

In the brief updates listed on the following pages, we hope you see the wonderful work that is happening at Providence. Behind each big event and headline, there are so many smaller wins happening each day. Last year, the board participated in an afternoon classroom visitation, where we witnessed juniors presenting their theses, seniors critiquing the broad implications of the evolutionary worldview, sophomores culturing different bacteria and fungi, and pre-k students learning the sometimes subtle distinction between size and shape. In all of it there was a glorious emphasis on discernment through a Christian perspective. I would encourage anyone who is able to find opportunities to experience the thriving life of our school community firsthand.

The board would like to thank all of those who contributed to the lives of our students and the success of the school in this past year. Whether as a parent, teacher, staff, coach, volunteer, donor, grandparent, or partner in prayer, your role is greatly appreciated. We hope that you delight in what is happening in and through our community as we labor together under God's blessing.

Please join us in praying for another great year, and share with us in the hope we have to see it extend to many generations with the help of our great God. To Him be the glory, now and always.

Gratefully,



Erik Day
Board Chairman



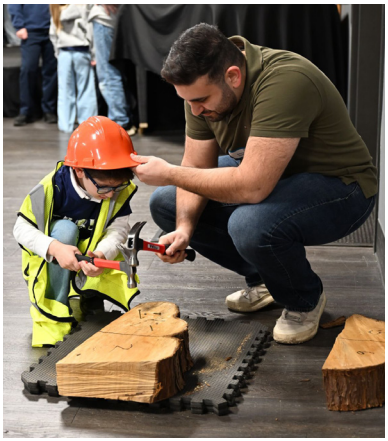




Top: The theme for the 2025 Christmas Concert was A Festival of Kings: Magnifying the King of Kings *and featured grammar and secondary choirs, bands, and soloists; Bottom left: Freshman Verona B. prepares for her flying scene in Providence's spring production of* Mary Poppins*; Bottom right: A scene from middle school's production of* The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

Headmaster Highlights 2025-2026

From academics to drama to athletics to virtue formation, we have lots to celebrate from 2025-26. We do it all with gratitude for God's rich and abundant blessings, acknowledging that apart from the imputed righteousness of Christ, we can do nothing (John 15:5).



Kindergartener Eliseo D. gets help from dad George during a relay race (Dad's Day, February 2026)

Grammar school students flourished in many of our beloved liturgical educational practices: In grades 1-6, 55 students met the challenge to read the Bible daily for three months, and 45 k-6 students turned in completed Gratitude Journals - an at-home "choose to be grateful" commitment. Classroom enrichment continued through annual Speech Meet and Spelling Bee competitions as well as dedicated times for celebrating parents at Dad's Day and the Mother's Day celebration. Eleven students competed in the annual Geography Bee competition, and the entire grammar school benefited from multiple opportunities to read, eat, and play together with secondary student buddies. These activities seek to inculcate habits of diligence, fortitude, respect, honor, and gratitude while using God-given gifts in an environment of high expectations and loving encouragement.

Fine Arts included a high school performance of *12 Angry Jurors* – the first time showcasing a well-received theater-in-the-round style! Middle school students introduced puppetry to their two weekend performances of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, adapted by Providence alumnus, Kalinn Hilt ('23). The high school spring musical, *Mary Poppins*, featured fantastical flying actors as well as a bonus performance for the entire grammar school to enjoy together.

Providence added grammar school strings to the ever-expanding band and choir programs and stirred audiences with multiple musical performances throughout the year, including the memorable Christmas concert highlighting a drum line and senior violin soloist, Amelia Bato. The Providence select choir, Vanguard, and the middle school choir earned Superior ratings at regional festivals. Eight students participated in honor bands and choirs at the regional and state levels.

From the art department, sixth grade student, Catherine Li, was honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., as the Washington state First Place middle school artist in the American Heroes Student Art Contest for her watercolor depiction of Albert Einstein.

Athletics continued to soar year-round with high participation from both middle and high school students. In the fall, our high school girls soccer team was recognized as the league Sportsmanship recipient. High school volleyball placed 2nd in league competition, 2nd in tri-districts, and finished the season with a #5 ranking at the state level. Volleyball coach, Lindsey Elliott, was awarded league Coach of the Year for the fifth time in the past seven years! Winter sport highlights included Pam Delaney receiving her second consecutive league Coach of the Year for high school girls basketball. Spring brought many triumphs as the boys track & field team finished 2nd in districts, and the girls congratulated junior Kate Bredenberg for 5th and 6th place finishes in two hurdle events at state, while also crowning sophomore Clara Day as the State Runner-up in triple jump and State Champion in pole vault. The following high school teams were recognized for Outstanding Academic Honors with an average team GPA of 3.5 or higher: boys and girls soccer, volleyball, boys basketball, boys and girls track & field.

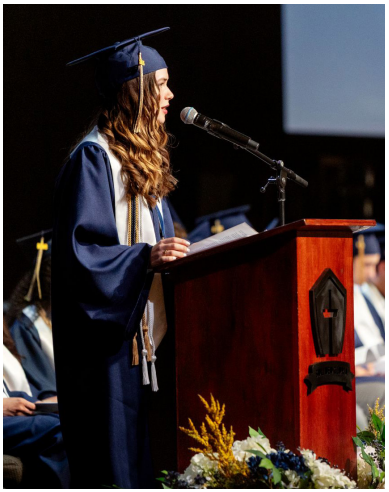


2025 Highlander JV and Varsity volleyball teams, coached by assistant Jennifer Friesen (left) and head coach / athletic director Lindsey Elliott (right)

Academic honorees included two seniors earning special recognition under the National Merit Scholar guidelines. Congratulations to Amelia Bato (commended) and Eden Bentley (National Merit Award winner)! Junior, Jane

Kelley, and sophomores, Isaac Powers and Jonathan Zuo, were recognized as CLT10 Regional Scholars. Students in grades 6-12 took the National Latin Exam, and five students earned perfect paper awards: sixth grade student Wesley Mattson (Introductory Level); eighth grade student Timothy Ma (Beginning Latin Reading Comprehension); sophomores Owen Betchel, Helen Owen, and Isaac Powers (Intermediate Latin Reading Comprehension). Twenty-eight students in grades 5-12 attended the fifth annual Classical League Convention where eighth grade student Luke Kessens (Lower Level) and sophomore Jonathan Zuo (Intermediate Level) were Tournament Champions!

Commencement was a glorious event in graduating our largest class to date (20 seniors!) with students matriculating to trade internships, service in the United States Coast Guard, and a variety of schools: Biola University, Bob Jones University, Colorado Christian University, Covenant College, Everett Community College, Grand Canyon University, Grove City College, Hillsdale College, University of Idaho, New Saint Andrews College, Northwest University, Shoreline Community College, University of Washington, and Weatherford College.

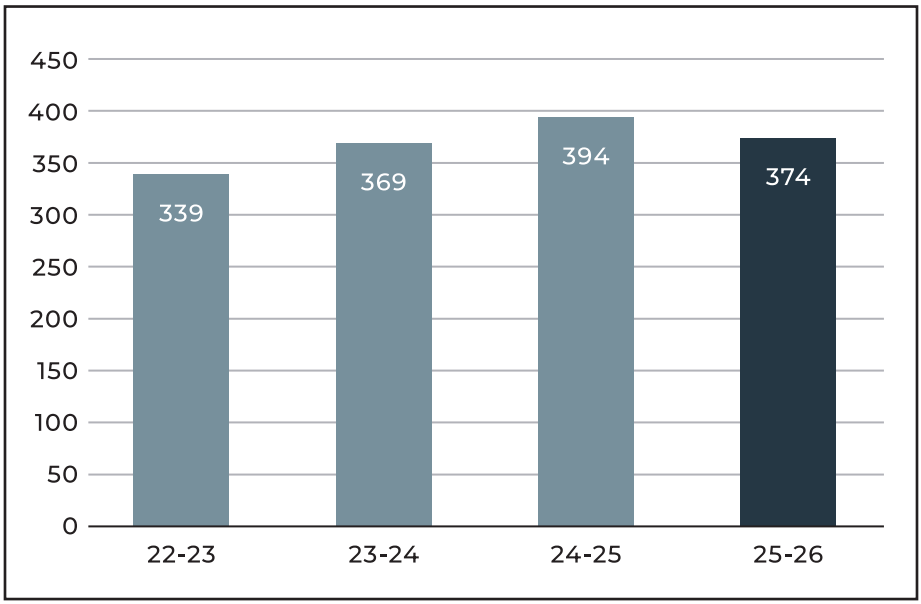


Our ultimate goal at Providence is the cultivation of wisdom and virtue in partnership with Christian parents. I'd like to end with words from last year's valedictorian, Eden Bentley. In her address, she said, *"When Jesus sent out the twelve apostles, commanding them to cast out demons, heal the sick, and raise the dead, he told them: "Freely you have received, freely give." Like the apostles, we have been taught and are now being sent out, to shape culture and to give freely. Focus on the things you can do to bless others, whether that be with your time, energy, or finances. When the time comes, be ready to set aside your personal pursuits and dreams to better serve someone other than yourself. 'For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many' (Mark 10:45)."* What a wonderful and encouraging summary of our purposes! To God be the glory!



Ryan Evans
Headmaster

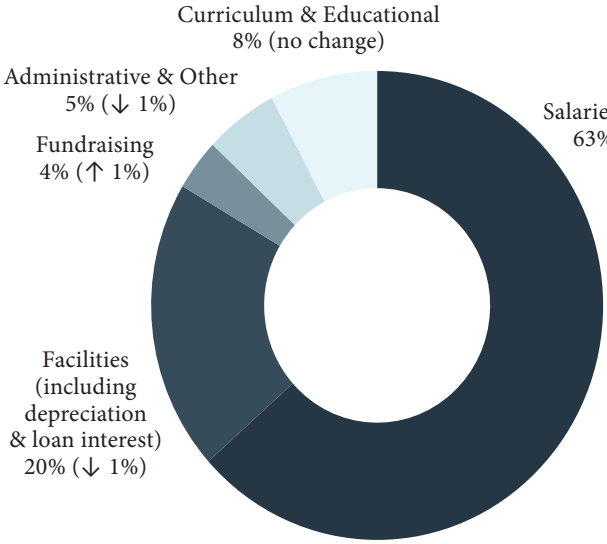
Total Enrollment By Academic Year





Twenty-six former Providence soccer players returned for the annual alumni soccer game, keeping tradition and defeating the younger current team (Alumni Day, January 2026)

Operating Expenses for 2025-26



94% of expenses were covered by Tuition and Fees in 2025-26 (up from **92%** in 2024-25)

We continue to meet our financial goals and budgetary needs through the generous support of our parents, grandparents, and friends of the school.



Mrs. Schlimmer's pre-kindergarten students proudly perform their poem, Catch a Little Rhyme *by Eve Merriam, for visiting grandparents (Grandparents Day, April 2026)*

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the individuals, small businesses, and companies who donate to Providence. Your gifts make it possible for us to provide an exemplary, discipleship-based education consistent with our mission and vision.

Listed in the hard copy of this report were all those who contributed to fundraising events and the capital campaign between July 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Class of 2026 seniors serve guests with a smile at the Mary Poppins-themed auction (Annual Benefit Dinner and Auction, March 2026)

Mission

Our mission is to partner with Christian parents in educating their children, in the classical tradition, to think and act biblically, and to pursue academic excellence in joyful submission to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Providence mission statement opens with something that is easy to skate past – partnering with Christian parents. Who could disagree with that? But its position of honor in Providence's mission statement is no accident – parent partnership is the very foundation for our approach to education.

Deeply embedded in our institutional culture is the conviction that raising up children as flourishing men and women of God is the responsibility of the parents, headed by the father: "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

The state has a real interest in upstanding citizens. The church desires each generation to carry the torch of faithful worship and evangelism. Employers need capable new hires who can put in an honest day's work. But it is to the family alone that God has given ultimate responsibility of caring for and training up their children.

The school operates *in loco parentis* – in the parents' place. Our existence is rooted in this principle: serving parents who are raising young men and women of faith. The partnership will necessarily produce results that serve well family, church, and community.

This does not mean that we can just serve up a buffet of curriculum choices or classroom cultures that each family can pick and choose from at their leisure. Education that is infinitely adaptable cannot be refined to excellence. We aim to be very clear on what sort of graduates we are after and seek out the parents who enthusiastically share that vision for their children.

We all recognize that a school-family partnership cannot suggest that a family drops off a child in kindergarten and returns thirteen years later to pick up the final product. An educational partnership does not work that way. Rather, it demands shared mission and purpose, active communication, and consistent parental presence throughout the years. By cultivating such a partnership, God pours out blessing upon blessing on the children God has given and entrusted to Christian parents.

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