

Dear Concordia Family,

The door is open! Quite literally, every Monday through Friday Concordia's front door is open with preschool and elementary/middle school students entering for their daily temperature screening before heading into the building with freshly sanitized hands for a day of learning.

We have been blessed to have in person learning since September as our staff, families, and students have worked to keep new health protocols for the health and safety of all. Even our youngest, three year-olds, are consistently wearing masks. We have not had any positive Covid-19 tests thus far.

The door is open! The door is open to a new teacher and classroom.

The elementary and middle school doubled their student body this fall with enrolling 28 new students! We ended the 2019-2020 school year with 21 students and started the 2020 school year with 49. With this, a new teacher and new team, Team Sprouts, emerged.

One new parent to the school this year wrote, "After only the first (short) week, he [my son] came home talking about how his teacher had told him that she knew reading could be difficult for him and she already had plans to help him out with it. I was so moved. My son had been seen. Over the next couple of weeks, he transformed."

The door is open...for the Holy Spirit to enter in to ignite and strengthen the faith of students!

With new students in both the preschool and elementary/middle school of various faiths and faith backgrounds, questions are being asked and answered.

One preschool student who continuously has questions about the Trinity was the same young boy who listed "Jesus dying for me on the cross" as one of the top things he is thankful for this Thanksgiving.

An elementary student used an entire recess to ask her teacher more questions about God, Jesus, and the Bible. It ended with the student saying, "I think God is real." From the same class a few weeks later, three or four of the students interrupted Bible Study to state their statements about the truths about God!

As Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." We praise God that He has opened the doors to hearing hearts and minds.

The door is open to you!

While you may not be able to enter into our physical doors, we do invite you to support Concordia in its endeavors of building confidence, community, and academic mastery, as well as, knowledge of God's grace and love among all our students. Your gift of any amount will assist us in the operations of the school, needs for technology and staffing with increased enrollment, and updating our facilities. Our original goal for this annual appeal was \$14,000. However, we are increasing it to \$24,000 at the news having to replace the roof of our newly renovated library and middle school classroom located in a portable. Operation costs,

technology, and roofs may not seem like ministry opportunities and yet they are the necessary items for the staff and teachers to meet the educational and spiritual needs of our students.

We welcome you to enter in meeting the needs of our students and staff! Please return the response card and donation by December 31, 2020. You may also choose to give online at <https://concordiaseattle.com/donate/>.

Thank you for your support and prayers!

In Christ,

Christine Malone, M.S.

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