



Dear Concordia Family,

One day, a Concordia student was releasing energy at home by jumping on his bed. His mom walked by and he said, "Hey Mom, come jump with me!" Mom replied, "Oh, I can't do that. I'm too old." In response, "Oh come on, Mom. You need to have a growth mindset!" Needless to say, Mom was soon jumping on the bed. Having a *growth* mindset to understand that you are capable of growing from where you are is one of the many lessons students learn at Concordia.

A parent email popped into my email box with the subject line, "Concordia Influence." The content explained how her middle school son independently wrote a heart felt letter of encouragement to a child he never met but heard was going through the same kind of medical experience he had. Additionally, the email expressed great gratitude to Concordia for helping her son *grow* in compassion and understanding of how living out his faith impacts others.

Over the last two years, Concordia has experienced a wonderful growth spurt. Our enrollment is the highest it has been since 2003, our elementary staff has grown by 75% and has added two new classrooms, and our curriculum has grown in depth by adding project based learning to our personalized learning. Our school was available to families the moment they needed a safe, in person and caring place to meet the academic needs of their children. Concordia continues to provide for the academic, social, and emotional needs of children ages 3-13 while also sharing the grace of God and love of Jesus with students and families.

Our growth has also brought along a new need. Of all things, Concordia is in need of new bathrooms for our growing student body. With thanksgiving, we accepted a \$53,000 Catalyst Grant from the Northwest LCMS District to assist us in this process. With hope, we are asking you to join us as this appeal kick starts our capital campaign for the new bathroom. In all, the bathroom project will cost an estimated \$380,000. We are first tackling phase one of roughly \$150,000. Our goal through this appeal is to raise an additional \$30,000 which would get us over halfway there!

Please consider giving to help us reach our goal of \$30,000. To give, you may

- 1) Send a check to Concordia Lutheran School 7040 36th Ave NE Seattle, WA 98115
- 2) Donate online: <https://concordiaseattle.com/donate/>

We would also love for you to partner with us more often. Here are some ways to stay connected!

- 1) Newsletter: Email admin@concordiaseattle.com to be added to our monthly newsletter email list.
- 2) Share an expertise, time, and /or talent by teaching a class or presenting on a topic (virtual or in person) or volunteer by reading to kids, chaperoning fieldtrips, help with morning check in: Email cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.
- 3) Tell others about our school and if you need ideas, email cmalone@concordiaseattle.com.

Pam Curry, our preschool director, recently shared with me that above all the books in the classroom, her students gravitate to the Bible. Time and time again, when given a choice the students choose to *grow* in their knowledge of Christ.

Concordia is growing students in Christ, academics, and social skills. Concordia is meeting the needs of the community. Your gift will help us meet the need for bathrooms to set us up for even more growth!

In Christ,

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