



ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Celebrating 20 Years of Christ-Centered Classical Education



Family and Friends,

This report documents the student body trends, financial health, and developing plans of The Stonehaven School for the academic year 2023-2024. The contents enclosed represent a testimony to all that God has entrusted to us in the last year, and it substantiates all that we know that we are responsible for — for the year and years to come.



THE STONEHAVEN SCHOOL EXISTS TO GLORIFY GOD BY CULTIVATING TRUTH, GOODNESS, AND BEAUTY IN STUDENTS THROUGH A DISTINCTLY CHRIST-CENTERED CLASSICAL EDUCATION.

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MESSAGE

FROM THE BOARD

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Friends of The Stonehaven School,

In May of 2024, we recognized a beautiful moment in the history of our school; we graduated thirteen students from Stonehaven. Six years ago, we embarked on an ambitious dream to launch a full Rhetoric school program with the addition of a high school and began the journey two years later with the 9th grade class. Through the diligence of our staff, the faithfulness of our senior families, and the blessing of our heavenly Father, we fulfilled this dream with the senior class of 2024. We are grateful for each of our graduates and pray that the Lord would continue to work in and through them for his kingdom.

In God's providence, this was also a year in which we celebrated the 20th year anniversary of The Stonehaven School. We read in Philippians 4:19, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." In times of need and in times of abundance, God has supplied for all of our needs and we trust that He will continue to do so in the future.

Even as we celebrate what God has done to build our Upper School, we are looking forward to the needs of our school's future. With continued and unwavering commitment to our mission of offering a classical Christian education that glorifies God and cultivates truth, goodness, and beauty, the Board and school leadership have been thinking strategically about how we can best prepare to accommodate the many students coming to Stonehaven and expected to come in the next several years.

This spring, we introduced to our school community the Crescendo capital campaign. With confidence and boldness, we are embarking on a campaign to raise \$10.4 million to build phase 1 of our campus master plan. This is our most significant campus expansion in school history and will require the partnership of our entire community. We trust the Lord will once again provide for all of our needs and we are grateful for the many families who have pledged to support the school thus far.

Big goals require tremendous faith. This year and in the coming years, we continue to place our trust and faith in the Lord. "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20-21). Thank you for your partnership in supporting the mission and work of Stonehaven.

In Christ,



Stuart Harvey
Chair, Board of Trustees





PARENT SURVEY COMMENTS:

“Stonehaven is **clear and committed to their vision** and welcomes and encourages community participation and utilizing the diverse gifts of families in our community.”

“We appreciate the way that Stonehaven centers character development in education. At the same time, our children have received an outstanding academic education and have **flourished intellectually.**”

“Stonehaven not only fosters my children’s **love of learning**, but also teaches them a beautiful, Christ-following way of life.”

“This is our family's first year at Stonehaven, and we have been so impressed with how intentional they are about classical Christian education and how much they value and cultivate our school community. We have found **our forever school!**”

“Our children are thriving here! We wish every child had the opportunity to attend a school like Stonehaven where the teachers cultivate a love for learning and where they are taught to be **humble, gracious and mature.**”

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EVERYTHING IS DONE WITH SUCH THOUGHT AND CARE. WE LOVE HOW INTENTIONALLY TRUTH, BEAUTY, AND GOODNESS ARE PURSUED.”

OUR SCHOOL

MISSION & VISION

At Stonehaven we believe each child is a living and eternal soul to be nourished, not a product to be manufactured. The purpose of education is not instilling knowledge alone, nor is it merely providing vocational skills. The purpose is inculcating wisdom and virtue in the life of each student. We seek true wisdom that begins with the fear of the Lord, is rooted in the Scriptures, and encompasses all of human experience. We aspire to virtue that reflects the moral excellence of Christ, expresses itself in faithful obedience to God, and demonstrates love to others. Wise and virtuous students will become understanding, thoughtful, and courageous leaders in our homes, churches, and communities.

VISION

Stonehaven strives to be the premier, classical Christian school in the greater Atlanta area with a reputation for Christian virtue and academic excellence.

Stonehaven aims to:

- create a spiritual and physical haven for students to learn without hindrance;
- teach using the systematic tools of the trivium;
- provide a fine arts program where students thrive through creative expression;
- develop a culture of health and wellness through extracurricular enrichment programs;
- encourage spiritual growth within a loving community of like-minded families;
- cultivate in students, parents, and staff a love for learning.

MISSION

The Stonehaven School exists to glorify God by cultivating truth, goodness, and beauty in students through a distinctly Christ-centered classical education.



PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE

Stonehaven aims to graduate young men and women who:

- love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength;
- evaluate all human knowledge and experience in the light of the scriptures;
- are equipped to engage and shape the culture with the truth of the gospel;
- listen carefully, reason soundly, speak precisely, and articulate persuasively;
- have mastered a core body of knowledge and are capable of discussing great ideas;
- possess a life-long passion for learning and know how to apply the tools of learning;
- lead and serve with humility, gratitude, and grace.

YEAR AT-A-GLANCE

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023-2024

In the 2023-2024 school year, a particular focus was given to the virtue of responsibility: persevering in the hard work of building a school that remains faithful and obedient to what God's calling on our lives. This year was marked by three major accomplishments; the school's first senior class, a celebration of the school's 20th anniversary, and two thorough accreditation processes.



ACADEMICS

As the school continues to increase enrollment, a second fourth grade class was added allowing Stonehaven to provide two sections of grades Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. The Lower School successfully transitioned to a new math curriculum based on the Singapore method called think!Mathematics. In addition, the school made significant investments in a perimeter fence and door access technology to improve the security of the campus.



20TH ANNIVERSARY

2024 marks the 20th Anniversary of our school, which began in 2004 as Atlanta Classical Christian Academy. We celebrated the milestone throughout the year with tributes to the faculty, families, and traditions which created a legacy of Christ-centered and classical education. Our annual Gala was a festive gathering for the community where we honored some of our founding teachers and parents and casted a vision for the future of Stonehaven.



FIRST SENIOR CLASS

We graduated our first class of Stonehaven Seniors - the Class of 2024. In 2020, the Upper School was launched with fourteen 9th graders, and we graduated 13 seniors in 2024. What a blessing to have this group of builders who pioneered their grade for four years. This was a year of establishing traditions like Senior Sunrise, Senior Nights, and Senior Lunches. Our guidance team ensured our graduates were well prepared for their calling, having developed compassion, fortitude, curiosity, patience, honor, and humility.



ATHLETICS

Stonehaven's athletic program grew deeper and wider this year. We went deeper with our existing teams with notable accomplishments including varsity volleyball's 1st place win in our region; varsity boys basketball advancing to the state playoffs and the junior girls cross country team three-peating as state champions. We went wider by adding a middle school boys soccer team and with the creation of "Blue Crew", a school spirit group that ensured our inaugural "Senior Nights" and home games were brimming with Stonehaven spirit.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to continue maturing in our Christian identity, the faculty professional development focus was on the school's approach to spiritual formation in our school. In staff meetings, teachers explored ways in which both our curriculum and pedagogy could be better aligned with our Christian beliefs and practices. Additionally, we continued to develop our chapel, music, and Bible programs to more fully express our Christian identity in the context of a classical school.



ACCREDITATION

The 2023-24 school year was an important year for our school's accreditation. We went through two rigorous accreditation processes with both the SAIS (Southern Association of Independent Schools) and ACCS (Association of Classical Christian Schools). The work required in the accreditation process is crucial in helping our school develop a strategy and plan for how we can best achieve our mission and vision.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Stonehaven's administration and Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that the financial position of the school is strong, secure, and well-positioned for future financial demands.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Teachers & Staff
- Athletics & Extracurricular Programming
- Facility Enhancements
- Student Support Program

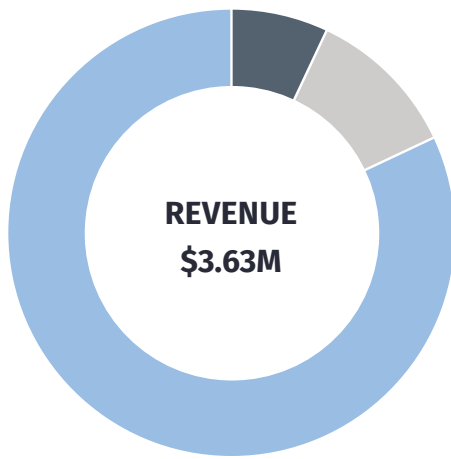


For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

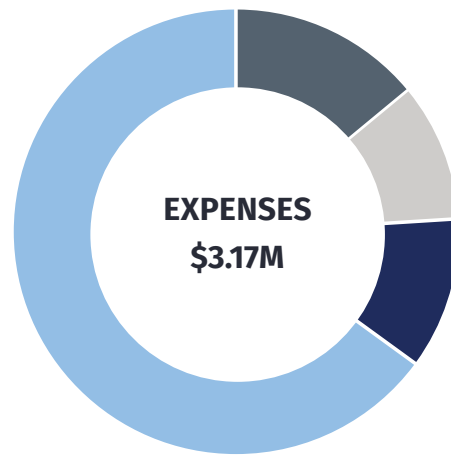
Matthew 6:21

KEY FIGURES

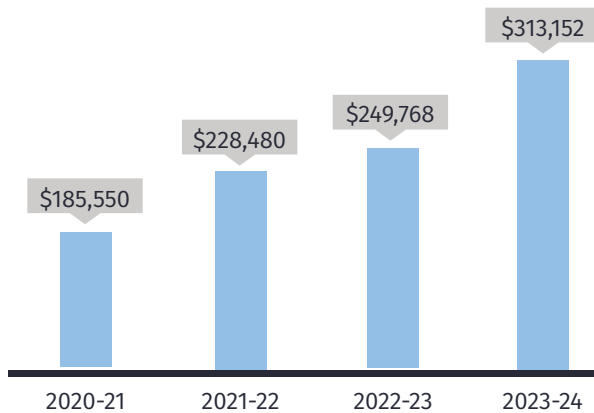
Stonehaven recognized for the 2023-24 year a net income of \$459,988.



84% - Tuition
10% - Fundraising
6% - Other Income



70% - Salaries
8% - Facility Financing & Maintenance
9% - Curriculum, Supplies, Equipment
13% - Other Expenses



FUNDRAISING

Driven by our three main fundraising initiatives (Knight Fund, Boosterthon, and Gala) we raised more than \$300,000:

Knight Fund - \$146,107
Boosterthon - \$96,983
Gala - \$70,062

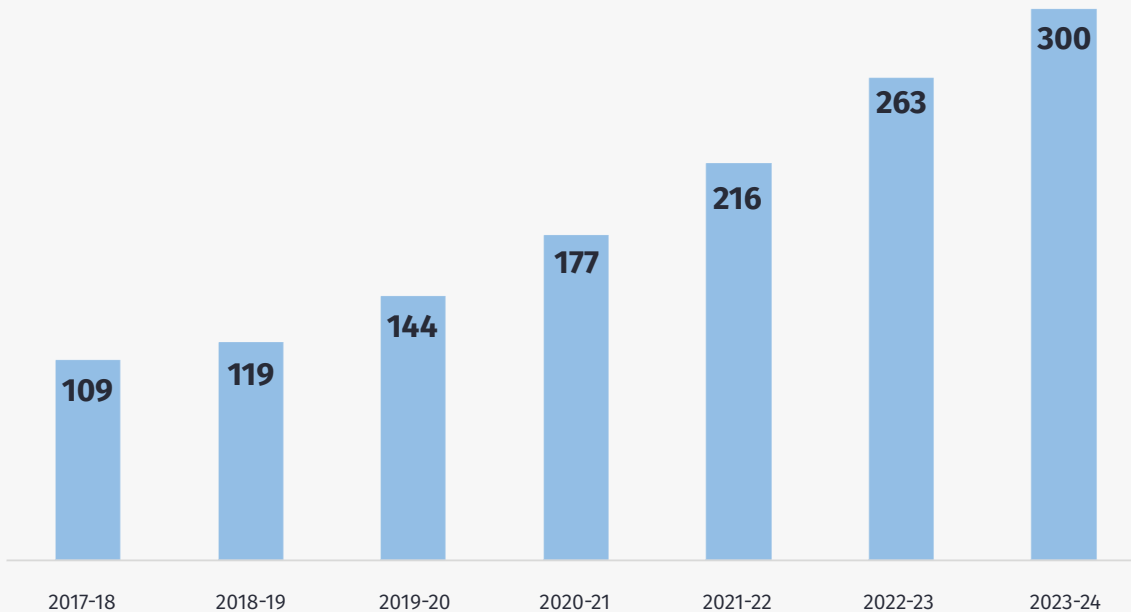
ENROLLMENT TRENDS & METRICS

WORD-OF-MOUTH CONTINUES TO BE STONEHAVEN'S MOST EFFECTIVE GROWTH DRIVER

Each year, school admissions staff asks new families to Stonehaven how they heard about the school. And each year, the overwhelming driver for the school's enrollment growth is the positive comments spread in the community by parents and friends of the school.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

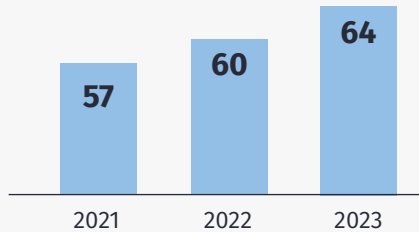
2017-2023



STUDENT RETENTION RATE

89%

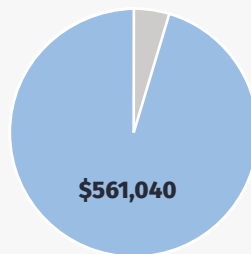
Stonehaven's retention of 89% of its students is its highest ever retention rate and provides important momentum for future initiatives.



NEW STUDENTS

Stonehaven welcomed 64 new students to the school in August of 2023.

TIME IS NOW CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



■ **PLEGGED**
\$562,000

■ **RECEIVED**
\$561,040

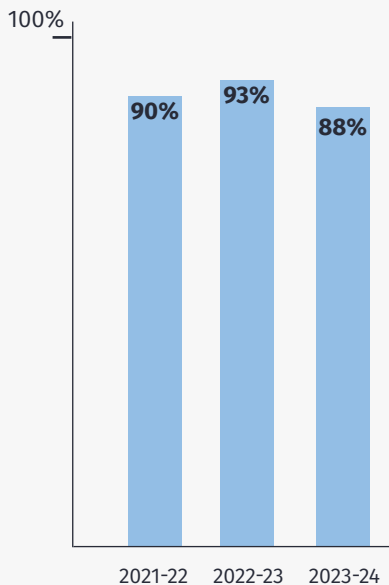
■ **REMAINING**
\$22,000



INCREASING CLASS SECTIONS

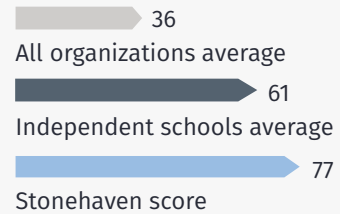
With increased enrollment, Stonehaven now has second sections of kindergarten through fifth grade.

TUITION AS % OF OPERATING EXPENSE



NET PROMOTER SCORE

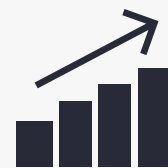
Every spring, Stonehaven asks its parents to complete a school survey. The net promoter question is an indicator of parent satisfaction.



NEW HIRES IN 2023



1. Upper School Literature, Math/ Science, and Music
2. Lower School Second Grade and Fourth Grade



Stonehaven's three-year enrollment growth average of 19% shows a sustained level of interest in the school.

19%



CRESCENDO

A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR THE STONEHAVEN SCHOOL

INCREASING IMPACT & INFLUENCE

The Stonehaven School is growing - and outgrowing its capacity. In the last four years, the interest and excitement in our school has resulted in a season of growth beyond our expectations. In that time, the student body has more than doubled to its current size of 334 students. Indeed, God has blessed us with momentum. This is why we have introduced to our community the Crescendo capital campaign to raise the funds to complete Phase 1 of the school's campus master plan.

THE CRESCENDO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT...

INCREASING IMPACT

By expanding and improving our campus, the Crescendo capital campaign will help The Stonehaven School open doors to hundreds more children in the near future — and thousands more in the coming years.

INCREASING INFLUENCE

At Stonehaven, we are committed to an education that cultivates young men and women who possess wisdom and virtue, individuals who will influence their families, workplaces, churches, and communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

What began twenty years ago with a small group of families is now a burgeoning, dual-campus school. Yes, these first decades presented various challenges — to enrollment, to funding, to facilities — but each were overcome by the faithfulness of God and by the commitment of the Stonehaven community. In fact, God used these challenges to create at Stonehaven a culture of resilience and an ethos of joy. While much has changed, developed, and matured, what remains is an ever-deepening commitment to our mission: To cultivate truth, goodness, and beauty in students through a Christ-centered, classical education.



An elevation rendering providing a conceptual vision of the proposed academic building.

TO COMPLETE PHASE 1 OF THE CRESCENDO CAMPAIGN, **WE NEED \$10,400,000.**

The cost of this phase of our campus master plan is \$10,400,000. The goal is to break ground on this project in May of 2025 and fully complete the project by July 1, 2026.

In the first phase of the campus master plan, the new Stonehaven campus footprint will start to take shape. We have worked through an extensive process of receiving input from our teachers, parents, and students to determine our needs and filtered that through the advice and expertise of trusted advisors to create our Phase 1 goals. The plan currently includes a significant expansion of the existing Upper School parking lot. The highlight of this first phase will be a three-story classroom building that will become the home for seventh through twelfth grades and provide immediate impact for one of Stonehaven's greatest needs.

LEARN MORE AT [CRESCENDO.STONEHAVENSCHOOL.ORG](https://www.stonehavenschool.org/crescendo)



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