



How much will we need to have fundraised before the shovel can go in the ground, and when will the renovations happen?

Our Board is committed to raising the funds before putting a shovel in the ground. In keeping with this goal, the renovations will be scheduled to begin no earlier than the spring of 2015. Though there will certainly be some construction while school is in session, it is hoped that much of the work can be accomplished during that summer.

Calling all Alumni!

If you are a graduate of Smithville Christian, we would like to reconnect with you! Please email us at office@smithvillechristian.ca.



Amber Rauwerda

ENGAGING OUR YOUTH: A Student's Perspective

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Smithville Christian High is a community within a community; we all belong, believe and succeed together. As a student I am thankful for these characteristics and I look forward to the renovations that will show others outside our school the vibrant people working and learning inside the building.

The *In Motion* Campaign is raising money to give our school a significant face lift. The plan is to make the new front entrance a bright and inviting space where the main offices are currently located. The re-design will use more glass to let the sun shine in and make it a brighter place. This will reflect the character of the people who are working, learning, and connecting to each other on the inside. Vibrant! Another area of re-design focuses on the elimination of the courtyard to add a stage for our weekly chapel worship in the lounge. The new stage will enhance the community we experience in our chapels every week. This will help our school chapel days to run smoothly as the equipment can remain set up for the next rehearsal or event.

Mary Maida, a consultant from The Dennis Group Inc., is helping us raise the money for the campaign. She visited our Grade 10 business class in April and shared with our

class how the goals of the campaign would be shared with the community. We were able to ask questions and were even informed of the behind the scenes details of a campaign that most people don't even know about!

When I see the *In Motion* logo, I can easily see that the image in the middle is a Bible and cross which mirrors our school logo. There are four primary colours; this diversity of colour represents everyone in the school and surrounding communities. Everyone sees something different in the colourful shapes flowing from the centre of the logo. I see flags blowing in the wind. To me, these flags represent the different countries that Smithville Christian High students have come from.

The opportunity to write for the *In Motion* Campaign is awesome. To me the *In Motion* Campaign means that the school wants to get moving; they want to make the school have an impact on all the students' lives. Everyone will be impacted differently, but for me the design aspect of the renovations is the most interesting. This will impact me because in my future I want to become an Interior Designer and this is a great opportunity to see what this school can become. These renovations will have a great impact on the teachers, students and community.

Why do we need to do a renovation?

All facilities require periodic upgrades; however, our school is now over 30 years old and at no time has the façade received any attention. The exterior appearance of the building has never been particularly attractive and is now outdated and tired looking and certainly does not reflect the energetic and dynamic character of our school. Looking to the next few decades, it is our desire to attract and welcome all local Christians to experience the blessing of a Christian high school experience. This is more difficult when the appearance of our school does not entice them to walk through our doors and learn more about what goes on inside. In addition to the appearance of the school from the outside, inside the entryway is cramped and dark and

limits the activities that we can utilize this area for and is currently our weak link. A modernized front section of the school will communicate vibrancy, give students new spaces to experience and demonstrate excellence, and will give all who enter a clear indication of the nature of our school. Lastly, our main office space also greatly needs upgrading to provide a more effective and efficient work and greeting space.

We are in an all-out effort to make this the school of choice for Christians in our area, as well as a destination for community groups. The first exposure to our facility needs to be a great one and the *In Motion* Campaign will make that happen!

VOLUNTEER for the campaign.	PRAY for the campaign.	VISIT the campaign website.	WELCOME a campaign visit.
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Learn more about the campaign by clicking



on the school's website.

www.smithvillechristian.ca

Supporting the School through Planned Giving

Smithville Christian High is a founding member of the Foundation for Niagara & Hamilton area Christian Schools, which has a variety of planned giving options for you to consider. We ask you to consider complementing your campaign gift with a planned gift (also sometimes called a legacy gift).

BEQUESTS – a gift by way of your will; e.g. a specific amount, percentage or 'charity child'.

BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS – making our Smithville Christian High Foundation beneficiary of a life insurance policy, registered retirement portfolio, property, stocks, bonds or mutual funds.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES – an irrevocable gift, which could yield a guaranteed and largely tax-free income stream for life. Our Foundation arranges gift annuities through its partnership with Christian Stewardship Services.

If you are interested in partnering with the *In Motion* campaign through a planned gift, we invite you to talk to your professional advisor and/or contact our Foundation's Executive Director, Henry Koornneef. Henry is a fully qualified Certified Financial Planner® and is committed to his professional duty to honor and help you achieve your charitable giving and estate planning objectives using the most tax-efficient means currently available. You may reach him at 905-957-8172, toll free at 877-340-9555, or via email at office@schoolfoundation.ca.

Do You Have a Passion for Smithville Christian High School?

Do you find yourself getting excited when you talk about Smithville Christian High School to your friends and family? Have you got a heart for the students, staff and school community? We have the perfect way for you to share your passion about the school with others! Become involved in the campaign and join our volunteers on their visits with our school community. We need a small army of volunteers to help us spread the word and provide everyone with the opportunity to support the campaign, so we need your help to do this. We have many visits to make, and the more volunteers we have the more people we can visit.

Please contact the school to find out how you can share your enthusiasm and prepare Smithville Christian for the coming generations!



"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." EPHESIANS 2:10



..... Ways to *Get Involved* in the Campaign

- Become a Campaign Canvasser
- Help us recruit other volunteers
- Be a Church Ambassador
- Join our Campaign Prayer Group
- Write an article for the campaign newsletter
- Provide administrative support
- Be a Phone Campaign Volunteer

We give thanks to those who are sharing their time and talents with the *In Motion* Campaign:

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