



Parents who choose Christian education for their children are both receiving a blessing and facing an expensive proposition. That’s why Smithville Christian High School is glad to say that close to one-third of our students receive some financial support. We know this support blesses those students, but we also asked some bursary families to tell us – anonymously – what it means to them that their children are able to attend Smithville Christian High School. We recently shared some of those stories with our dinner guests at the Ignite! Bursary Bash – a gala event held at our school.



Guests at Ignite! Bursary Bash

Here is a sample of what a few of them had to say.

1. “Having attended a public school her entire life, our daughter went into Smithville Christian knowing only two students. However, within the first week, she immediately felt a sense of belonging. The Staff have done such an amazing job establishing community among the students through events such as “grade nine day” as well as the “grade nine bike trip.” We are thrilled that she has already made a wonderful, core group of friends who share her Christian values and beliefs. As parents, this is an amazing answer to prayer.

“We have also been impressed by the level of communication between parents, students and teachers. It is so evident that the teachers are genuinely interested in the personal success of each student.

“Being new to Christian education, it continues to amaze us that prayer is an everyday part of the curriculum, scripture is taught and woven into the lessons and our daughter is continually encouraged and challenged in her faith. Although faith has always been part of her home life, we have never enjoyed these “privileges” in our children’s education.

“We are so thankful that our daughter has been given the opportunity to experience a Christian education.”

2. “When our oldest daughter told us she wanted to attend Smithville Christian High School, we were both thrilled – and anxious. I was laid off from work and finances were tight. We prayed that if it was God’s will, he would make a way for us to send our daughter to Smithville Christian. When we met with Mr. Harris, he told us that if the only thing holding us back was finances, Smithville Christian didn’t want that. Our prayers were answered - Thank you Jesus! And thanks to everyone who so generously donated to the bursary fund.”

3. “My family has been so tremendously blessed by the bursary program that has enabled my children to receive a Christian education. As a single mom, from a mostly unbelieving family, it was very important to me that my children have our faith reinforced and instilled in every aspect of their lives.

“I will never forget the day that I was told that with bursary assistance, I could send my children to Covenant Christian School. With a very small income, this was a true answer to prayer, for which I give thanks every day!

“Fast forward a few years and it was time for my oldest to go to high school. I never even contemplated the possibility of also having a child in Christian high school... after all, I have heard how difficult “double tuition” is even for two-parent, double-income families. But, as we started looking at public school options my daughter never stopped praying and hoping that she would be able to attend Smithville Christian High School. I, on the other hand, simply assumed it wouldn’t be possible. Nonetheless, we went to the open house, and, after being encouraged by more than one school staff member as well as other parents, we decided to apply to Smithville’s bursary program and trust that if it was God’s will He would make a way.

“Once again, God proved faithful, and so did His people. When we received notice that the school would work with us, thanks to the bursary program and God’s people who have contributed to it, we were moved to tears of gratitude and excitement. The experience of being welcomed into the larger family that makes up Smithville Christian High School has been one of overwhelming love and joy. My daughter’s growth in her

faith and her ability to see God in everything that she does and learns has been so remarkably evident as she has matured.

“I am filled with joy as I get to know the new friends she has made and is making, who encourage her to live well by living for Jesus. It is also such an encouragement to know that she is surrounded by teachers and staff who genuinely care for their students, who get to know them and are invested in their lives. Knowing that my children are being mentored and taught by adults who care about them and are pointing them to Christ at all times, is what sets Smithville Christian High School apart, and makes it worth every sacrifice necessary to ensure they are able to go here. I am so thankful to God, and to everyone who has made Christian education a possibility.”

Thank you for your help turning this. . . .



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