

BRIDGE THE GAP



"Building Strong Foundations"

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Why do we need the Annual Fund?

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Our Mission

As an educational institution, our primary responsibility is that of providing excellence in academics. For WCS this means something far broader than traditional educational environments. The school desires to accomplish our mission of providing academic excellence from a biblical, Christ-centered perspective. By partnering with families, we will inspire students to become life-long learners and responsible citizens with a love for God and the desire to serve others.

The Significance of WCS

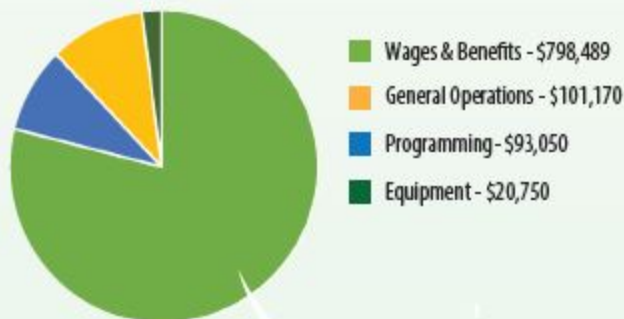
- Strong Biblical Perspective
- Small Class Sizes
- Committed Faculty
- Differentiated Instruction
- Family-Focused Community
- Safe & Secure Environment
- Music & Physical Education
- Caring and Supportive Staff
- Preschool & Kindergarten Options
- Extracurricular Activities

Our school strives to keep tuition as low as possible, in order to make it affordable for more families. Unfortunately, lower tuition does not always meet the budgeted needs of the actual cost of education at WCS. The difference between tuition income and actual expenses is \$550.00 per student for the 2016-2017 school year.

With this in mind, WCS has developed an annual fund program called "BRIDGE THE GAP." This campaign will help clarify how Willamette provides a solid academic and spiritual environment on a very conservative budget. Our goal is to present the opportunity to support our school in a meaningful way that will bridge the gap between income and actual expenses. The areas this program will benefit include our expenses over income shortfall, technology improvements, funding for classroom improvements, and scholarships. Our goal for "BRIDGE THE GAP" this year is \$104,500.

While public schools receive federal and state funding, WCS is solely dependent on tuition and the generosity of donors.

Budgeted Programming Cost at WCS Budget 2016-2017 - \$1,013,459



Preschool & Kindergarten

Both offer comprehensive and developmentally appropriate curriculum to promote learning through discovery and critical thinking, thus preparing students to be independent throughout their elementary years.

Elementary

Along with traditional core academic subjects, students receive instruction in physical education, music and technology. Academically, WCS students excel in all areas and continue to record above-average scores on annual achievement tests.

Middle School

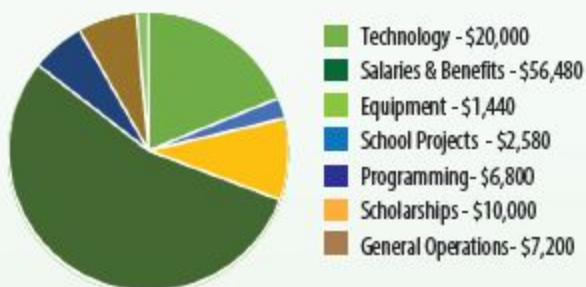
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BRIDGE THE GAP Budget 2016

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BRIDGE THE GAP - \$104,500



Annual Fund Goals

- Spanning the Distance (Income to Expenses)
- Faculty and Staff Enrichment
- Classroom Improvements
- Technology Upgrades
- Scholarship Subsidy

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HOW CAN WE "BRIDGE THE GAP"?

- PRAY** WCS desires to seek God's direction in this campaign. As God knows the need, He also is aware of the resources available. Please pray that God lays on the heart of each donor his or her share of the goal and for His provision.
- SEEK** Let God speak to your heart about your role in this need. It is not the amount of the gift that is important; rather it is about your heart's response to God's direction.
- OBEY** Make your commitment based on obedience to God's leading. It is less about the amount, but rather the state of the heart and the attitude with which we obey.
- GIVE** Determine how you will give and complete the commitment card.

II Corinthians 9:7 (The Voice) "Giving grows out of the heart—otherwise, you've reluctantly grumbled 'yes' because you felt you had to or because you couldn't say 'no,' but this isn't the way God wants it. For we know that 'God loves a cheerful giver.'"



WCS Core Values

Perspective- Biblical Perspective: WCS is committed to providing a Christ-centered biblically based perspective in all instructional environments. It is our goal to help students become critical thinkers who are equipped to understand what the bible teaches and apply those insights to daily life and day-to-day situations.

Excellence- Excellence in All that We Do: WCS is committed to providing the finest environment for each student realizing that every student is a creation of God with unique abilities. We strive to give our best and teach our students to achieve their potential.

Academics- Instructional Practices and Environment: WCS is committed to meeting the academic needs of each student. The administration and faculty are dedicated to professional development that will seek the implementation of optimal instructional practices and Godly principles.

Responsibility- Encouraging Responsible Citizenship: WCS is committed to partnering with families in preparing students to become responsible citizens who live by the principles of the Bible. Character trait education will guide students in their social and spiritual development.

Love- Love for God and Others: WCS ultimately seeks to guide students in the understanding of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ exemplified in a love for God and His truth. This experience will guide students in their relationships with others and a commitment to love, respect and show compassion.