

Your end-of-year gift

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SHILOH
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Merry Christmas

As we enter the Christmas Season, I find myself reflecting on what Shiloh means to me and the impact this School Community has had on my own life. My story starts in 2007 when I enrolled my daughter in first grade at Shiloh for two reasons: I wanted a small-school community and one where my daughter was surrounded by Believers who love Jesus.

What I didn't expect was how quickly the other parents would become friends and how this school community would help me through two of the hardest personal experiences of my life. In October 2011, I was hired as Shiloh's development director and shortly after, my Dad - who was the center of our world - passed away. The staff and students were incredibly supportive offering hugs, sharing in our grief, and praying with us through this difficult time.

In October 2016 I was diagnosed with cancer. Once again, the Shiloh family surrounded me with incredible support - prayers, hugs, meals, and an outpouring of love. My daughter would often tell me "they prayed for you in class today." But I know this kind of support isn't unique to my experience. I have witnessed the Shiloh community stand by other families through their own challenges. It's the love of Christ at work.

Life has come full circle and I am back as development director. The needs of the school are still present and have increased with the growth of the school. Our major needs are:

- The classroom expansion- this space will bring all our students back into the building and eliminates the need for portables. With some remaining outstanding debt on the commons addition rolled into this project, we need to raise an additional \$2.2 million.
- Teacher salaries - increasing teacher salaries is a major priority that needs consistent long-term financial support.
- General budget - This year, we need to raise \$570,000 in donations to support Shiloh's operating budget. These dollars are used to help with expenses such as student Chromebook, teacher laptops, new flooring, security as well as much needed facility updates. *For more information on the operating budget, scan the QR code below.*

In closing, Shiloh **still needs your support today**. We prayerfully ask you to consider a year-end gift to Shiloh Christian School. I LOVE Shiloh and am passionate about its small-school community and all that Christian education offers.

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