

October 2026

SHILOH SKYLIGHT



REFLECTING ON 2025/26 AND ADVANCING INTO 2026/27

*Academic
Excellence on a
Christian
Foundation -
Teaching Students
to Know, Love, and
Serve God.*

EQUIPPED FOR THE MISSION

»»» BJ BUCHMANN, HEAD-OF-SCHOOL



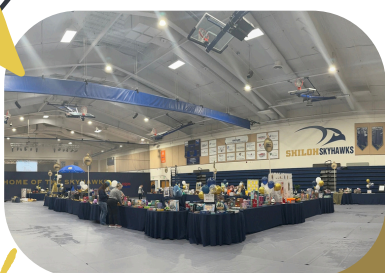
One of the greatest strengths of Shiloh Christian School is the people God has called to serve our students and families. We began this year grateful to welcome a new K-12 Principal, along with several new teachers and staff members who bring their own gifts, experiences, and passion for students to our school community. At the same time, we continue to invest in and equip our entire team for the important work God has entrusted to us.

In September, our faculty and staff spent a professional development day focused on Biblical worldview - growing in our ability to help students learn, think critically, and engage the world around them through a biblical lens. This work is central to who we are. A Christian education is not simply academics with Bible class added to the schedule; a biblical worldview should shape how we teach, learn, ask questions, pursue truth, and understand the world around us.

That is what makes the people serving at Shiloh so important. Whether teaching in a classroom, leading a team, mentoring a student, or serving behind the scenes, each person has an opportunity to point students toward truth and ultimately toward Christ.

As we look ahead, I am grateful for the team God has assembled and excited about the ways He will continue to use them to fulfill our mission of Academic Excellence on a Christian Foundation and teaching students to Know, Love, and Serve God. It is a privilege to serve alongside them, and alongside the families and supporters who make this work possible.

BJ Buchmann



SHILOH SKYHAWKTION
Friday, November 20

MORE THAN JUST AN AUCTION

Save-the-Date & Join Us!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM
MEAL SERVED 4:30 - 6:00PM
LIVE AUCTION 7:00PM

Help Build the Auction!

Donate an auction item or make a cash gift to help make this year's Skyhawkction a success.

Join us for Shiloh's largest fundraiser of the year! The Skyhawkction brings our community together for a fun evening of connection, great food, entertainment, and giving - all in support of the mission of Shiloh Christian School. In its 29th year, this is one of our favorite events of the year!

With more than 500 items across our silent, in-person, and live auctions, there's something for everyone! Scan the QR code or visit www.shilohchristian.org/skyhawkction for details and to get registered to bid!



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

LEARNING, THINKING, AND ENGAGING THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS

>>> DR. VONDA DAHL, K-12 PRINCIPAL



One of the things I love about Shiloh is that we have the opportunity to educate the whole student. Academic excellence and spiritual growth are not separate goals - they are deeply connected to who we are and why we exist. A main focus for the coming year is to lean into our missional purpose of “teaching students to Know, Love, and Serve God,” through intentional and systematic Biblical worldview shaping in our curricula, our instructional practices, our staff professional development, our devotions and chapel services, our conversations, and how we approach disciplinary practices. It is our aim that Christ be glorified in all.

We want students to see how their faith connects to the world around them and to recognize that God is present in every area of learning. This year, one example of that intentionality is our shift to BJU Press science curriculum in grades 4-12, providing a Biblically immersive approach to science. We are excited about opportunities like this to help students explore God’s creation while developing strong academic knowledge and critical thinking skills.

Another goal I have set for myself is being intentional about observing teaching practices in all grades and content areas, aligning them to evidence-based lesson planning, and providing real-time feedback. Applying instructional coaching methods instead of the traditional evaluation model allows for richer, more reflective conversations, and instructional growth.

The launch of two academic working groups, Curriculum & Instruction (K-12), and Course Offerings (MS/HS), gives our team a platform to dive deeply into issues such as needed AP or dual-credit courses, curriculum review cycles, assessment types and schedules, and data analysis, all orbiting around our central premise of Academic Excellence on a Christian Foundation.

Academic excellence is about more than grades, test scores, or the courses a student takes. It is about preparing students to think deeply, learn with curiosity, and live out their faith with confidence. It is my prayer that Shiloh’s star will shine even more brightly in our community as a model for both the highest academic standards coupled with students who are Difference Makers in a world that needs Christ.

VOTED BEST OF THE BEST!

We’re grateful for the teachers and staff who make our Early Learning program such a special place for children and families each day.

A student's early years at Shiloh Christian are about so much more than preparing for kindergarten. It's a foundation of helping children grow academically, socially and spiritually in an environment where they are known, cared for, and introduced to the truth of God’s Word.

This recognition is an opportunity for our school community to celebrate the people who make that possible - our Early Learning team, our families, and of course, some pretty great little Skyhawks.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

>>> JONATHAN FORTNER, PRESIDENT

Over the past year, the Shiloh Board of Directors has worked closely with school leadership to move from planning to action. One of our most important accomplishments has been the development of a new five-year strategic plan that provides a clear roadmap for strengthening Shiloh while remaining firmly grounded in our mission of teaching students to Know, Love, and Serve God. Visit our board webpage at shilohchristian.org/board-of-directors for details on the strategic plan, including our 12 strategic goals and areas of priority.

The plan focuses our efforts on academic excellence, the whole student experience, sustainable growth, strong school culture, and the long-term needs of our campus and community. We are already implementing specific actions to achieve these goals, establishing measurable outcomes and accountability along the way. We are encouraged by the improvements we are already seeing as this work takes hold across the school.

As we look toward Shiloh's 50th anniversary, we are excited about the future and grateful for the faculty, staff, families, churches, donors, and community partners who make this mission possible. The Board remains committed to honoring the foundation that brought us here while intentionally preparing Shiloh for the next generation.



FROM CHASING TO ABIDING

>>> PASTOR JEREMY HEIN, DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE

As we move into another school year, I am grateful for the ways God continues to work in the lives of our students and shape us as a Shiloh community. Last year, “Chasing the Great I AM” challenged us to pursue the heart of God and better understand who He is; Great, Good, Gracious, and Glorious. We wanted our students to do more than simply learn more about God. We wanted what they were learning to begin shaping the way they see the world and the way they live in it.

This school year, we are building on that foundation with AIM: “Abide in Me.” In John 15, Jesus gives us a picture of what it means to follow Him. Jesus calls us to remain in Him; to live in a relationship with Christ that shapes who we are becoming.

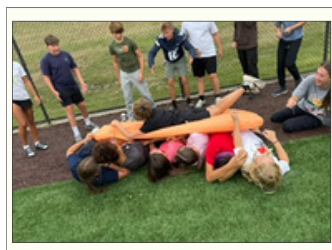
And our students need this. They are growing up in a culture that is constantly influencing what they believe about themselves, others, and the world around them. As a Christian school, part of our responsibility is helping students recognize those influences and ask what Scripture has to say about them. We want them to know why they believe what they believe and be prepared to live it.

That also affects the kind of school culture we are trying to build. A healthy Christian culture is not created by a theme on a wall, but by shared beliefs becoming shared practices. Eventually, what we say we believe should become visible.

Paul gives us a wonderful picture of this in Colossians:

“Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith...” — Colossians 2:6-7

That is the movement from Chasing to Abiding. Last year we focused on knowing more about who God is. This year, we are asking what it looks like to remain rooted in Him and allow that relationship to shape how we live.



Each fall, Shiloh middle and high school students step away from the classroom for time together focused on connection, community, and spiritual growth. These annual retreats provide opportunities to build relationships, strengthen class unity, and begin the year centered on Christ.

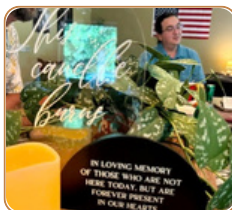
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CLASS OF 1996 HOLDS 30TH REUNION

>>> FRIENDSHIP - A SPECIAL BOND THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Nine of the 17 surviving members of the Class of 1996 gathered in Bismarck in July to celebrate their 30th class reunion. The original plan was to meet at Sertoma Park, but with the July heat, Jeremy Curtis (Dikoff) graciously offered his beautiful riverside man cave as an alternative. The group enjoyed a barbecue, lots of reminiscing, and plenty of laughter!

Several of alumni parents also joined the group, along with lots of kids and one of their teachers, Mr. Brandt Dick. It was a special gathering that reminded the Class of '96 just how close they've always been. Thirty years later, the friendships they made at Shiloh continues to bring them together - and that is something worth celebrating!



Back L to R: Matthew Hellman, Marc Fleischer, Brock Kaufman, Shawn Kaiser, Carter Conklin, Jeremy (Dikoff) Curtis; Front L to R: Brita (Aurit) Burdette, Luella Dooley-Menet, Eric Auch

BECAUSE COMMUNITY DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN

THANK YOU SHILOH CHRISTIAN PTO & SKYHAWK BOOSTER CLUB

SHILOH PTO - A YEAR IN REVIEW



What a wonderful year it has been for Shiloh PTO! We are so thankful for the incredible support of our Shiloh families, staff, and community. Because of your generosity and participation, we were able to do so many fun and meaningful things for our students and staff throughout the year. Every event, meal, treat, and special surprise is made possible because of the support we receive from our Shiloh families. Thank you for selling chocolate, volunteering your time, donating, attending our events, and supporting Shiloh PTO. We truly could not do all that we do without you! Here are just a few of the activities that keep us busy throughout the year!

- Provide take-home meals for our teachers and staff
- Keep the staff lounge refrigerator stocked with drinks
- Host the Starlight Ball (Father-Daughter Dance)
- Host Mother-Son Bowling
- Help purchase t-shirts for the 5th grade track meet
- Celebrate our amazing teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week with food, snacks, and lots of ways to let our staff know how much they are appreciated
- Partner with Booster Club to host a Homecoming Tailgate Party complete with food, games, and face-painting
- Provide popsicles for Field Day

SKYHAWK BOOSTER CLUB 2025-2026 REPORT

We completed our 3rd year of operation as a Booster Club organization. We continued to support athletic and activity programs and organizations through our concessions program. Classrooms, activities, and organizations are paid for their work to further support our students.



Our 3rd Annual Skyhawk Golf Scramble brought about a beautiful weather day, 25 teams and numerous hole sponsorships!

Through our fundraising efforts and membership recruitment, we purchased a new shooting machine for the basketball program, upgraded track and field equipment in addition to making purchases to update equipment in our facilities. We partnered with Interior Woodworks, Dirk Plumbing and Heating and Patch Pro and gave our school concessions area a refresh! We are grateful for their donations!

If you're interested in partnering with the Skyhawk Booster Club or finding out what we are up to, follow us on Facebook "Skyhawk Booster Club", attend an upcoming meeting, or email us at booster.club@shilohchristian.org

FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

➤➤➤ STEWARDING TODAY. STRENGTHENING TOMORROW.

2025-26 Year-End Financial & Operations Update

Faithful stewardship of the resources entrusted to Shiloh Christian School is essential to sustaining our mission of Academic Excellence on a Christian Foundation.

Shiloh concluded the 2025-26 school year with a modest operating deficit of \$39,193. A \$391,959 positive balance carried forward from 2024-25 provided financial stability and allow us to manage the projected \$303,058 operating deficit in our 2026-27 budget.

While we have the resources to navigate the current year, we recognize that operating deficits are not sustainable. The Board of Directors and school leadership are actively working to address this gap through disciplined financial planning, careful evaluation of expenses, and responsible stewardship of our resources.

Our goal is to keep tuition affordable for families while positioning Shiloh for long-term financial sustainability. We are also continuing to care for our campus and facilities. A new school bus has been purchased, with painting, carpet replacement, and HVAC improvements in the elementary wing planned or underway.

As we serve over 500 students PreK-12, we remain grateful for the faithful generosity of families, alumni, churches, and supporters. Your continued partnership helps us maintain a strong learning environment, invest in our students, and advance the mission of Shiloh Christian School.

We recognize the work ahead and are committed to facing it directly - strengthening Shiloh today for the generations who will follow.

Operating Income	2026-27 Budget	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24
Tuition PK-12, net of discounts	3,770,900	3,862,253	3,962,827	3,982,335
Fees & Activity Income	400,960	404,180	400,071	436,883
Friends of Shiloh Contributions	175,000	225,122	181,603	105,635
Fundraising/Donations	635,000	681,373	764,649	615,920
Grants/Other Misc Income	107,700	134,270	128,847	203,209
Total Operating Income	\$ 5,089,560	\$ 5,307,198	\$ 5,437,997	\$ 5,343,982
Operating Expenses				
Salaries and Benefits	4,156,866	3,971,549	3,828,885	4,169,331
Facilities and Security	563,881	697,524	535,209	547,203
Educational Programs	548,120	544,195	549,270	601,441
General & Administrative	123,751	133,122	132,674	133,537
Total Operating Expense	\$ 5,392,618	\$ 5,346,391	\$ 5,046,038	\$ 5,451,512
Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ (303,058)	\$ (39,193)	\$ 391,959	\$ (107,530)

MEMORIAL GIFTS

7/1/25 - 6/30/26

We are deeply grateful to all who chose to honor the lives of loved ones through a memorial gift to Shiloh Christian this year.

These gifts not only celebrate their memory but also extend their legacy by supporting our mission.

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4



IN MEMORY OF

Roland Nelson
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Gary Nather
Gary Nather
Clay Erickson
Hunter Seifert (2)
Abbi Frost (2)
Sandi Murray
Gary Nather
Lola Schott

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Walter Schott

CLASSROOM EXPANSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

FAITHFUL TO THE FINISH

THEIR FAITHFULNESS BUILT THE WAY. OURS WILL CARRY IT FORWARD.

For nearly 50 years, generations of families, alumni, and friends have prayed, sacrificed, served, and given so students could experience Christ-centered education at Shiloh.

We are living in the fruit of that faithfulness today. Our expanded classrooms are filled with students learning within the walls of Shiloh - being known, challenged, disciplined, and equipped to learn, think, and engage the world through a biblical lens.

The classrooms are complete. Our commitment to finish them well is not. Approximately \$2 million remains on the classroom expansion project. As we work together to retire that debt, we have the opportunity to do for the next generation what so many before us have done for ours. Those before us were faithful to begin. Now it is our turn to be faithful to the finish.



SEE THE STORY. SHARE THE MISSION.

Scan the QR code or visit www.shilohchristian.org/capitalcampaign to watch our new Faithful to the Finish video and see why finishing this campaign matters for the students of today and the generations still to come.



BY THE NUMBERS

REMAINING BALANCE
ON PROJECT: \$2,000,000

MONTHLY INTEREST
PAYMENT: \$20,000

GIVE TODAY

To support the Faithful to the Finish Campaign or Shiloh's annual giving needs, please use the enclosed envelope or connect with Laurie Eisenbeis at 221-2104 or laurie.eisenbeis@shilohchristian.org to learn more about opportunities to partner with the mission of Shiloh Christian School.

FRIENDS OF SHILOH ENDOWMENT FUND

>>> ANGELA BENSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The mission of the Friends of Shiloh Foundation is to provide services and recognition to staff and students, along with funding that enhances the mission of Shiloh Christian School. Recently, a scholarship recipient shared this: "I want to combine my faith and job into one, helping people along the way. I want to be able to show others to the Lord through my work."

The Foundation offers unique opportunities for givers, including a 40% endowment credit on gifts of \$5,000 and higher for both individuals and corporations. Monetary donations, stocks, donor-advised funds, gifts of appreciated assets (such as gold, silver, and real estate), and estate bequests are all welcome ways to support the Friends of Shiloh Foundation.

With a current value of nearly \$5 million, the Foundation has distributed over \$1.8 million dollars to Shiloh Christian School and its students through scholarships and program support. The Foundation will continue to ensure the long-term investment in Christian education provided by Shiloh Christian School.

For more information about the Foundation, please contact Angela Benson, 218.491.5756 | angela@friendsofshilohnd.org.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

>>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Community Partners are businesses that have committed to annually supporting our school. This continued giving provides long-term stability and growth in education, programs, and activities for all Shiloh students.



For more information on our Community Partners program visit <https://shilohchristian.org/community-partners/> or connect with Laurie Eisenbeis, Development Director at laurie.eisenbeis@shilohchristian.org or 701-221-2104

PRAY WITH US

*THIS IS THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE IN APPROACHING GOD: THAT
IF WE ASK ANYTHING ACCORDING TO HIS WILL, HE HEARS US.*

1 JOHN: 5:14-15

Heavenly Father,

We ask Your blessing upon Shiloh Christian School. Guide us each day, giving us wisdom, patience, and discernment as we seek to follow You.

Keep our school, students, and staff safe and under Your protection. Help us to abide in You and absorb the truth of Your Word as it is taught throughout our classrooms. May our words, actions, and relationships reflect Christ in all that we do.

We ask for Your continued provision for Shiloh, including the resources to retire the remaining debt on our classroom expansion.

This is Your school and Your work. May we remain faithful, trusting in You and praising You through every season.

Amen.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 6 & 7 - 7th Grade Musical
- Nov 13 - All School Veterans Day Chapel
- Nov 15 - One Act Performance
- Nov 17 - Fall Band Concert
- Nov 20 - Skyhawkction + K & 1 Christmas Concert
- Nov 25 - All School Thanksgiving Chapel
- Dec 14 - Elementary Christmas Concert
- Dec 15 - MS/HS Choir Concert + Art Show
- Dec 18 - All School Christmas Chapel



LET'S GO SKYHAWKS!

Cheer on your Skyhawks in person or watch your favorite team on Hudl. Game schedules can be found on the Shiloh website at www.shilohchristian.org.

show your **SHILOH SKYHAWKS** **SPIRIT**

SHOP ONLINE 24/7
Spirit wear for the whole family - perfect for game days, school events, or everyday wear!

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