

Selection from The Oaks Strategic Plan:

"The Oaks exists to partner with parents to graduate classically educated young men and women who glorify Christ, shape culture, and shine the light of God's truth into every endeavor of life. As we live this out, it is our desire to both advance and pass the mission on. This school has been granted a wonderful heritage from our Lord. The people God has brought together in community at The Oaks compose a godly, talented, and committed group rarely seen in classical, Christian Schools. The staff and faculty have a clear and distinct vision that is coupled with gifting, wisdom, and experience. The parents and children of this school have demonstrated a passion and commitment for classical, Christian education and the impact in their lives is seen each year and in the alumni and their families. God truly is and has been kind to us..."

...Our driving goal is to share our vision."



Left to right: Rodney Kleyn, Travis Harken, Charlie Dowers, Shawn Van Horn, Merrill Miller, Joe Cvangara



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I love the vision of The Oaks! I love seeing the beginning of it in the tired faces of Kindergarteners at Cantabile at the end of the first week. I love seeing it in 7th Grade form as they return from Mt. St. Helens. I love anticipating the high school's first performance as I see them walk to choir. I love seeing Oaks alumni and their kids in the halls.

The joy in all of this revolves around people. More specifically, this joy centers on people who learn to love the vision of The Oaks. This vision pictures families, students and parents loving the glory of Christ more than their own glory. This vision sees people loving those around them in such that they change their environment, and eventually the broader culture. This vision is one where God's word is richly impacting every aspect of life.

When we sit down twenty years from now, what will we measure success by? Twenty years from now, imagine the joy and satisfaction if men and women are rising up after us who love this vision. What if a new generation is furthering

the mission to graduate classically educated young men and women who glorify Christ, shape culture, and shine the light of God's truth into every endeavor of life? Imagine that we are able to thank God for specific instances when He used us as His instruments to cause growth in our mission. Imagine the fruit of today's faithfulness.

Faithfulness ripens well. God is calling us in this season of The Oaks into new and beautiful tasks. He has opened up the opportunity for us to purchase property so that we can begin to build. Seen rightly, this is an opportunity for us to build a tool that will aid us in passing along the biblical vision of family, education, and culture to the next generation. My prayer is that God gives us His grace to be faithful, and that our acts of faithfulness develop a sacrificially sweet environment for generations to come. So join me in thanking God for his kindness to us as well as in pleading for the grace to execute faithfully the mission and vision He has placed before us!

Charlie Dowers, Headmaster

To: Friends and Family of The Oaks
From: The Oaks Classical Christian Academy
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We want to answer your questions.

Why purchase this property?

1. We desire to share The Oaks vision for education with the generations to come after us. The property is a key tool to allow this vision transfer to occur because it allows for increased classroom space and increased availability for meeting and training sessions.
2. After evaluating other possible properties, the ability to continue to lease the gym building reduces the size of the facility to be constructed. Simply put, our overall costs are lowest if we stay partially on the Valley Fourth property. The land purchase comes with a fresh 12-year lease on the gym building and parking lots, as well as a 5-year lease on the classrooms in the sanctuary and Christian education building.
3. The property is large enough to accommodate a fully developed campus should the lease not be renewed with the church in years to come. This means we have both a cost efficient solution for a permanent facility and the space for future needs.
4. Valley Fourth has requested The Oaks reduce their footprint in the existing Valley Fourth buildings over the next 3 years. Though we have access to the buildings for 5 years, there is a clause in the lease that Valley Fourth can ask for classrooms back (i.e. - rather than the eight classrooms used today, we might only be allowed two classrooms three years from now).

How will this impact my child's tuition?

It will have a minimal impact on tuition. The land purchase was funded through donations, not through tuition. The same approach will be utilized in the construction of the building. The Oaks board is committed to The Oaks being financially accessible to our Christian community. The Oaks board also desires donations that are given in joy and not under compulsion. Indeed the very process of giving should have a transforming impact on both the giver and the future of The Oaks. Towards this end, we desire all involved to give toward the project out of joy. We know that the generous soul will be made rich (Proverbs 11:25) and we look to the Lord for His provision. Our ultimate aim is to increase the funding for scholarships through fundraising.

Land Purchase Completed!

Thank you to our generous donors!
\$959,558 was raised in donations and pledges.

What will be the primary purpose of the new building?

The primary purpose will be classrooms as this is the greatest space need today. The building would house the following types of classrooms: all grammar school classrooms, science labs for Logic & Rhetoric courses, and fine art spaces for the whole school. Furthermore, the building would provide spaces to enhance and create more community gatherings.

How is the relationship between Valley Fourth and The Oaks after the purchasing process?

The relationship is still strong. At the same time, both Valley Fourth and The Oaks plans for the future are growing more clear as it pertains to space needs. So while we have a good working relationship, we also recognize the need for The Oaks to reduce the footprint in Valley Fourth space for the sake of the success of their ministry and for the sake of the relationship. We added a statement into the lease that officially recognizes the fact that both The Oaks and Valley Fourth are working towards building God's Kingdom and that we desire the other to succeed in that endeavor.

Have the plans for the building been completed?

No. The plans for the building are currently in process. The Oaks board of directors has commissioned a building committee composed of Oaks parents and grandparents to begin the process of selecting an architect and presenting proposals for the building design to the board. Additionally, the board is working to finalize the project scope and funding plan. Conceptual drawings of the proposed building should be available by the end of this school year.



Celebration Invitation Inside...

Letter From the Board

To The Oaks Community,

With the beginning of the school year comes a number of blessings as we witness the bubbling excitement of our students connecting with teachers and peers, singing praises to God, and getting settled into new classrooms and lockers! It is truly a delight for us as parents to meet and connect with teachers, students, and other parents who are aligned with the mission to train up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The board is grateful for the ways that God has blessed past and present families through The Oaks, and we look forward to seeing how He will bring blessings to families in the future! He continues to be faithful to provide, and we are grateful that He has allowed the school to take another step toward establishing a permanent location where many of our students and future students will one day be able to receive the gift of classical Christian education.

to your commitment to further God's kingdom. Thank you very much! Additionally, I would like to express our thankfulness to those investors who have already given or have committed to supporting the campaign going forward. As we come together as a community through prayer, labor, finances, and resources, there will be an abundance of blessings that will result! We give thanks to the Lord for His kindness to us as a community! He continues to provide as we continue our commitment to partner with parents to graduate classically Christian educated men and women equipped to glorify Christ, shape culture, and shine the light of His truth in all endeavors of life.

Blessings in Christ,

Travis Harken
Board President

In 1974, Pastor Tom Starr had a vision for Valley Fourth Memorial Church to reach the Spokane Valley community as a church that preached the word of God, while also preparing young people through Christian education. The property that was owned by Valley Fourth would be sufficient to one day facilitate that vision, and we are honored to see how God is incorporating The Oaks into that story. The Oaks has been grateful for the way that the Lord has gone before us to provide facilities through a gracious landlord at Valley Fourth, and the opportunity to purchase the eastern 8 acres has been a tremendous blessing to the school!

The purchase of this property would not be possible without the generous support from many of you who have lavishly invested in The Oaks, and I would like to express our gratitude to each investor for contributing money, time, labor, and resources. Your kindness testifies

1 Chronicles 16:8-10 - Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!



The Oaks officially owns the eastern 8.2 acres (inside black borders) of this 15-acre campus. Praise God!

You are Invited to the Land Celebration Party

On October 25th, we will have a celebration during the second half of the Grandparents Day festivities. There will be a BBQ at noon with a ceremony with some very special guests followed by carnival activities and a concert by Joel Ansett. Please RSVP to the office and bring the whole family. Celebration is a great time to express gratitude to God! This is both good for our souls and a great opportunity to teach the next generation how to respond to God's kindness. Mark your calendars for **October 25th!**

Week of Prayer: October 18-25th

Psalm 127 has a beautiful phrase, "unless the Lord builds the house..." With this in mind, we are organizing a week dedicated to prayer and thanksgiving to our God. He has provided this land for us and we depend on God's blessing for the future of this school. Look for information to come about this week of prayer.

How can I be involved?

1. Thank God for this provision by joining us at the land celebration on October 25th!
2. Be in prayer for God to bless our desire to pass on our vision to the next generation of families and staff.
3. Pray for wisdom and generosity in the building and fundraising process.
4. Commit to growing as families and utilize the articles distributed in the form of 'Monday Meals'. Also, come to the Parent Academy on November 20th at 7pm in the gym.
5. Invite people to connect to the mission of The Oaks. This might be in the form of families who would be blessed to be part of our community or folks would be blessed to financially support the mission. Prayerfully consider how you can help out with the funding of the vision and inviting families and businesses to join in. Contact Bruce Williams, Charlie Dowers, or one of The Oaks board members if you have ideas or questions in this regard.

