



What is the Annual Campaign and Why is it Necessary?

The Annual Campaign is the foundation of a comprehensive development program in any school. It helps to sustain programs and activities that are not covered by tuition. Simply, the Annual Campaign is the best way possible for parents, alumni, alumni parents, and friends to help make a financial difference in the future of Laurel Hall School and Early Childhood Center. Your investment on an annual basis, a contribution on any level, supports the school.

Our Annual Campaign Begins

More than 60 years ago, Emmanuel Lutheran Church courageously established a Christian Day School. Even though the church was only a few years old at the time, the mission of the church compelled a deep and enduring commitment to serve children and their families in the community. Today, Laurel Hall School and Early Childhood Center stand as shining witnesses to that commitment. More than 700 students and their families share the benefit of exceptional educational programs in a caring, Christian environment.

The size of our student body and the variety of school programs require the regular use of both school and church facilities on a daily basis. Past annual campaigns at Laurel Hall have focused on renovating and upgrading school facilities; however, many of the spaces

which our students use regularly on the church campus are in great need of revitalization and repair.

For the past year, a Building Committee has been involved in an exploration and planning process to determine the work needed in order to strengthen the facilities our students use in service to the programs of Laurel Hall School and Early Childhood Center, and the various ministries of the church.

In order to strengthen the programs offered to Laurel Hall and ECC students and families, the "*Renew - Rebuild - Reach Out*" campaign, seeks to raise funds to accomplish a series of building needs.

Look for more information in the coming weeks on how you can participate in the "*Renew - Rebuild - Reach Out*" campaign. Thank you in advance for your support.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

"Bringing Christ's love to our community - especially children and youth."

Emmanuel Lutheran Church's Facilities are Vital to LH Students and Families

The church's main sanctuary is necessary to the large-group programs that are a vital part of Laurel Hall School and Early Childhood's programs. The sanctuary serves student programs in the following ways:

- Weekly chapel site for more than 400 Laurel Hall elementary students, and 115 Early Childhood Center students
- Quarterly chapel site for all Laurel Hall students
- Student rehearsal space for chapel programs
- Worship service presentations for each grade level
- Grade level programs for all students such as Christmas Concerts, the "Spring Sing," etc.
- Early Childhood Center performances
- All elementary and middle school instrumental concerts
- Rehearsal space for hand-bell class each week
- Meeting space for Parent Information Meetings, and the annual "Grand-Friends" Assembly program
- Site of the 5th Grade Culminating Ceremony
- Site of the 8th Grade Graduation and Baccalaureate Services

The church's fellowship hall also serves our students and their families by providing space for the following school activities:

- Receptions following concerts, grade level programs and graduation ceremonies
- "Walk Through" orientation programs for 4th and 6th grade students
- Laurel Hall staff meetings for such things as CPR/First Aid classes, and monthly "Reading First" training sessions for K-3 teachers
- PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization) committee meetings
- Laurel Hall teacher and staff functions

Additionally, church facilities are used for our students' music and drama rehearsals. Strings, Band, Guitar and Drama classes involving more than 100 students rehearse several times a week in various rooms of the church.

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2006-2007 Annual Campaign Results

Last year's Annual Campaign, "60 Years of Faith and Vision in Education," focused on a facility face-lift, upgrading our most heavily used facilities. The Annual Campaign raised \$47,000. Some of Laurel Hall's oldest classrooms received new drop ceilings, lighting and electrical upgrades. The school was also newly painted just before the start of school this September.

2007-2008 Annual Campaign

Past annual campaigns at Laurel Hall have focused on renovating and upgrading facilities. We are continuing that tradition by using the generous gifts of Laurel Hall and ECC families, together with those of church members, to improve our church campus as it is in need of revitalization and repair. Funds raised will go toward the following projects: Theater lighting and improved sound system in the sanctuary, enhanced flexibility of the sanctuary space to accommodate a variety of school programs, new furnishings to replace worn out seating, draperies and flooring and upgraded HVAC systems (heating, ventilation, air conditioning) for healthier, fresh air circulation, comfortable temperature ranges, and greater energy efficiency.



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