



*Case For Support:*

**Building  
on the  
Foundation**



# Providence Beginnings



Providence first opened its doors in September 1997 to fifteen students. The school was first located in the basement of a small church on Glendon Drive in Komoka, Ontario in what is now the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church of Komoka.

These humble beginnings were the efforts of an association of like-minded parents who desired to see a distinctively Christian and Reformed high school – a covenantal school that was firmly rooted on the authority of Scripture. Our school community has always sought alignment between home, school, and church on the common foundation of Scripture, as summarized by the Reformed confessional standards known as the Three Forms of Unity and the Westminster Standards.

By 2002, the school had outgrown the church basement, and built a new facility right around the corner at 93 Queen Street in Komoka. As they opened this new building, they revealed a cornerstone next to the front entrance of the school with two Scripture passages – the two co-chairs of the founding board of Providence each selecting one.

In John 8:31-32, Jesus said, **“If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”**

Psalm 48:12-13 calls us to walk about Zion and consider the strength and beauty of the City of God, so **“that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.”**

These founders saw both the calling and the blessing of these passages. God calls us to abide in His Word, to seek God’s Kingdom, and to tell the next generation of the mighty works of our God. The promised blessing here is that the truth of God’s Word will set us free, and that we may live in relationship with God forever and ever. These parents founded Providence Reformed Collegiate as a response to those responsibilities and to lay hold of God’s promises for us and our children.

# Our Community's Vision

## Why we operate a Reformed Christian school

Our community's vision is that God, through the means of home, church, and school, would raise up a generation that loves God, desires His Kingdom, and offers all their gifts in personal submission to Jesus Christ as prophets, priests, and kings, looking forward to the day when the fullness of the Kingdom comes, and Christ will be all in all.

## Our School's Mission

### What our Reformed Christian school seeks to do

Providence Reformed Collegiate seeks to glorify our covenant God by assisting parents in:

- providing students with an excellent Reformed Christian education
- nurturing students in the knowledge and fear of the LORD
- equipping students for service in the kingdom of God as ambassadors of Christ in this world

By 2014, the school population had grown to 100 students, and the academic program had grown to include college and university streams. We needed more space to accommodate this. We added four portables in the summer of 2014 to the area that is now our student parking lot.

In 2018, the school built an expansion of our building to replace the portables. At that time, several concepts were considered, including some concepts that included a gymnasium. We added four classrooms, a new Learning Commons, and washrooms. A gymnasium was not included at the time, but the community noted that this was something that we thought was important to see in the near future.

Providence continues to grow both in school population and in its academic program. This brings us to our current project, which will be a generational build providing a gymnasium to support our physical education and athletics program, standard and specialized classroom space, and community space including an atrium and teaching kitchen.

# The Need for Expansion

## A Gymnasium

Providence has not ever had a gymnasium. We currently use a variety of facilities:

1. The Komoka Health and Wellness Centre (the YMCA) on Glendon Drive: This facility has been very good for PRC. It is nearby and a high-quality athletic facility. With far-in-advance coordination, we are currently able to book a regular PE class schedule. This gymnasium is not available for after-school athletics as it is reserved for community programming.
2. The Komoka Community Centre (KCC) at 133 Queen Street. We have rented this facility since Providence began. It is not as nice as the YMCA, but it is available to us for after-school athletics programs.
3. The Covenant Christian School (CCS) gym. More recently, we have rented the CCS gym for after-school athletics. It is further from PRC but is a nicer facility for practices than the KCC. We could also get access to the CCS during the pandemic when vaccination restrictions prevented access to our local facilities.

Several factors bring us to consider an expansion of a gymnasium at present time:

- 1. To support our Physical Education courses and athletic programs.** Having our own gym supports those programs and makes new opportunities for them to grow. For example, while we have afterschool practices for our sports, having a gym allows for additional practices at lunch, consideration of having junior-level athletics, etc.
- 2. Diminished confidence in our long-term access at local facilities.** The pandemic showed us that we cannot rely on public facilities, as we went for nearly two years without access to a gymnasium due to vaccination mandates.

We are also witnessing significant growth in Komoka, with hundreds of housing units having been built within a 5 km radius of PRC. This impacts us in two ways:

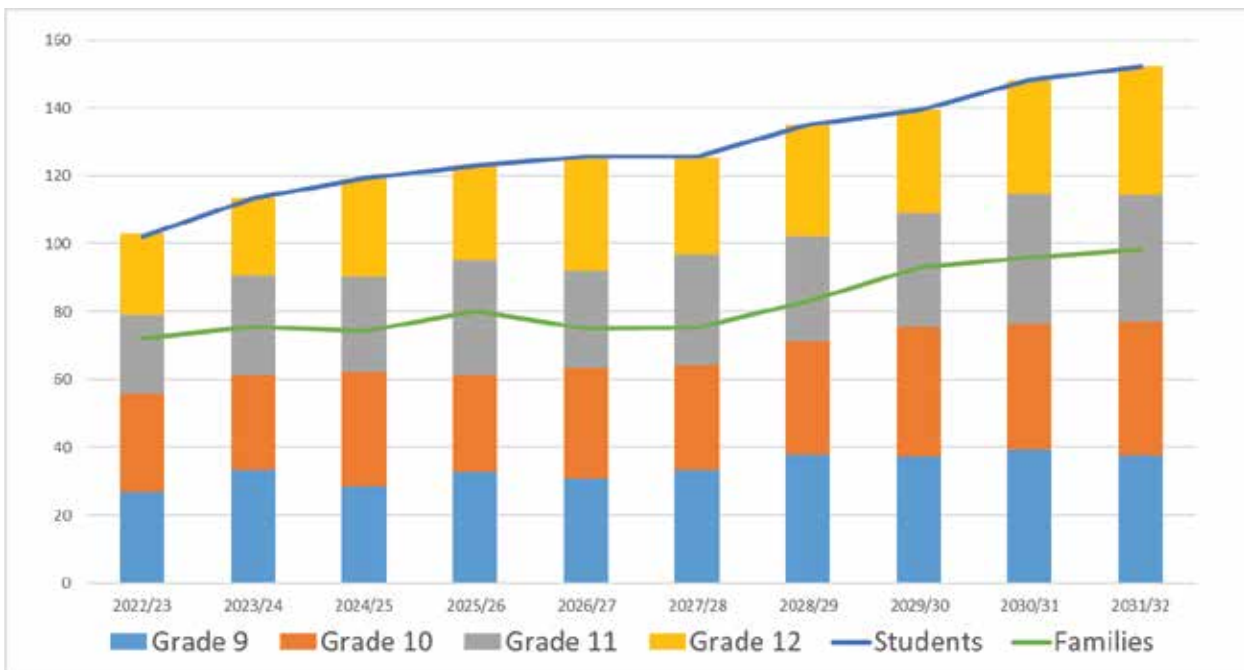
- The YMCA has indicated that while they like to work with PRC, they are also committed to community programming. As the community grows, the availability of the gym will decrease.
  - Middlesex Centre has received multiple offers recently to purchase the KCC for redevelopment. These proposals have so far not been approved, but we recognize that a future proposal may be approved.
- 3. Investing in student life and a positive school atmosphere.** Especially during the long winter, a gym would be a great opportunity to promote lunch intramural programs, pick-up sports, etc.
  - 4. A gymnasium would act as a community centre** for our school community, for our neighbours in Komoka, and the wider Christian high school community. A gymnasium would be a great benefit for our wider school community for community events, auctions/dinners, functions, rentals to member families, etc. A good gymnasium here with the YMCA beside would make Providence a great facility for hosting Christian school (OCSAA) tournaments.

## Additional Classroom Space

After initial rapid growth at Providence, which saw student numbers grow to nearly 110 by 2010, enrollment has been steady at that level since then. Providence is now entering a period of growth that will have significant impact on facility needs.

In the fall of 2023, Providence will need to split an incoming class for the first time due to class size. We anticipate that we will need to split all incoming grade 9 classes. Academic/university stream classes may need to be split in 5-6 years as class sizes continue to grow.

This expansion plan includes the addition of traditional and specialized classroom spaces. These additional spaces give increased flexibility in our current building. The proposed expansion will meet our projected classroom demands for a generation.



## Our Tech Program & New Emphases in the Ontario Curriculum

The expansion plan includes two tech spaces to house our current tech program, to make space for future expansion of the program, and for use in other course offerings.

For more than 10 years, Providence has offered Hospitality and Tourism 11 College (TFJ3C), a tech course that has since then been in high demand. This course is taught in the kitchen and adjacent classroom. This past year, we started renting the kitchen at the Komoka Community Centre for the double-block to accommodate a reasonable class size.

In the spring of 2020, Providence added two additional courses: Construction Engineering Technology 11 College (TCJ3C) and Transportation Technology 11 College (TTJ3C). These two courses are offered in one of the classrooms from the 2018 expansion.

In March 2023, the Ministry of Education of Ontario announced a new requirement for the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). Starting with students who enter high school in 2025, students will be required to take a Gr 9 or Gr 10 tech course to receive their OSSD. To meet this requirement, we will soon need to add additional tech options at the junior level.

Our current tech facilities were not designed as tech spaces, and so we are limited in our options – in class sizes and in learning activities. These courses also impact the spaces around them with noise, dust, traffic, materials, etc.

To further develop our tech program, our expansion plan includes:

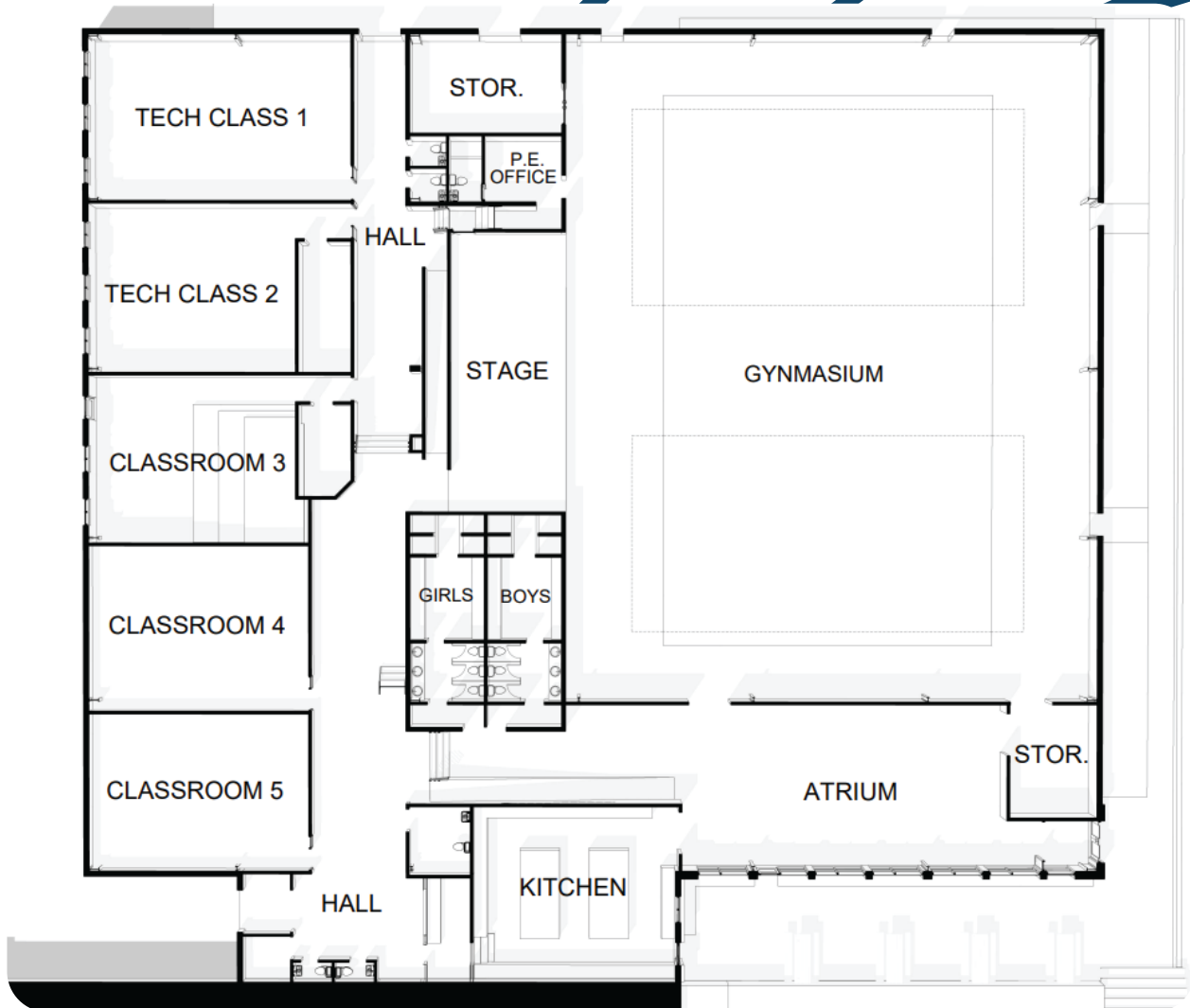
- A transportation tech space with a large overhead door to bring vehicles into the classroom
- A construction tech/woodworking space
- A teaching/hosting kitchen

# Student Life and Academics





# Plans For The Project



# Contributing to the Project

The total cost for this project is projected at \$5 million. We sincerely hope that you will consider your contribution to this project and support it as you are able. As Jesus taught in Mark 12:42-44, it is not the amount of the gift that reflects the heart of the giver, but rather its relation to how God has blessed the giver.

Some tangible ways you may be able to contribute are:

## Prayerfully

- That the capital campaign may reach its goal through the generosity of those who support the project.
- That the building project may proceed safely and prudently within the budget as planned.
- That God will continue to work through the students as they are instructed in the fear and knowledge of the Lord.

## Financially

- Cheques can be dropped off at the PRC office or mailed to the school.
- Cheques can be made out to Providence Reformed Collegiate with "Capital Campaign" in the memo line.
- E-transfer donations to [prcexpansion@gmail.com](mailto:prcexpansion@gmail.com). Be sure to include "Capital Campaign" in the memo section.
- Complete a pledge form and hand in to the school or one of the church reps.

## Volunteer

- Willing to help on the building project side of things? **Please contact: Will Dokter ([dokter.will@providencerc.com](mailto:dokter.will@providencerc.com))**

**Promote** this project to friends, family, extended family, and business associates.

## The Case In Review

1. Providence Reformed Collegiate has been delivering quality, Reformed education since 1997. We seek to glorify God as we operate a high quality, Biblically reformed education for the students at the school.
2. With thanks to God we anticipate continued growth for the future. We also are in need of gymnasium facilities and tech space. Because of these needs, the membership has encouraged and supported this expansion.
3. We humbly seek to fulfill our goal for raising \$5 million dollars for this expansion as we continue to build up the foundation that has come before and, ultimately, upon Christ.

*For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 3:9-11



*As a recent graduate, and as the child of PRC graduates, the impact of PRC on my life has become more and more real to me. As a child of the covenant, reformed education is essential. My parents, and the parents of this community send their children to PRC because of the promises they made at baptism, a promise to bring their children up in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, and to teach us the doctrine of salvation. PRC has helped equip me with a worldview that is completely based on the Bible, the only firm foundation. The teachers have taught me not only of truths that can be found in this world, but more importantly about the source of all truth - the Creator of the world. PRC has helped me recognize lies, temptation, and evil in the world and in my heart, and has shown and encouraged me to fight against them. Being a part of PRC, brought me into community with other Christian young people, with godly teachers and mentors, a community united by the same reformed faith, the same hope, and the same Lord and Saviour. This kind of an education is priceless, something worth sacrificing for.*

Marieke Dokter – Alumni

*There were of course several factors that led us to accept the call that I received to serve Covenant Christian Church in Wyoming, but the existence of a Reformed Christian high school in the area was certainly one of the things that we considered. Our oldest daughters joined the tiny PRC student body in 1998 for the start of the second semester of the school's first year of operation, and during our time in Wyoming, our six oldest children all attended and graduated from PRC. We can see the positive effects of the instruction and example they received from their teachers in the way they think and live today. The high school years are especially crucial in young people's intellectual and spiritual development, and it is critical that our covenant children receive consistent and faithful instruction from their parents, their churches, and their school. My wife and I have always been very thankful to God for the vision and the leadership of those who worked hard to establish the school, and now that the next generation is assuming the leadership of PRC, we pray that the school will continue to provide instruction that is of a high quality, academically sound and in accordance with the truth of God's Word and our Reformed confessions. Only in that way can PRC continue to be a blessing to our grandchildren, and through them, to their communities and our culture.*

Rev. Dick Wynia

*I am continuously reminded how important Reformed Christian education is in the formation and education of our covenant youth. Over the last 25 years, our school community has worked diligently to provide this kind of education for our students. With this project, we are seeking to add a variety of instructional spaces that will promote Reformed Christian education in our community. A gym, kitchen, and tech spaces have been needed for a long time, and Lord willing, will be a blessing for much longer. May God use this project and space to equip our students for loving service in His Kingdom!*

Mr. Mike Vander Deen, Principal



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