

Happy New Year 2019

IMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL | 2018 YEAR-END REPORT

*"...He who began a good work in you
WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION
until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 1:6

End-of-Year Summary

ICS will be celebrating 40 years of Immanuel Christian School in 2019! God's work never stops — he continues to mold and refine us individually and corporately. As we reflect on the history of ICS we have much to be thankful for, and as we consider the future, we have great hope!

Goals for Next Year

- Solidifying a new space in a different building for our pre-K to 6th grade students
- Adding bilingual faculty/staff to our team
- Expanding service learning opportunities for our students within the City of Hazleton

**In our 40th year,
we invite you to be one of
40 financial partners making a
monthly commitment of \$40
toward our scholarship fund
for under-resourced families.**

Would you join us?

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Highlights

ENROLLMENT

- Since 2016, our enrollment has doubled.
- We added pre-K for 4-year-olds and now serve students in pre-K through 12th grade.
- Historically combined grades (i.e. 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th) have changed to individual classes.
- We added a 3rd-5th grade choir.
- We are choosing to accept students who come with increasing academic needs.

Generally, very few students above 5th grade can pass our math or language entrance exam. So in order to maintain our historic high standards, we have changed. We provide a large amount of learning support outside of regular classroom teaching to help our students catch up.

EXPANDING TO BLESS THE CITY

- We moved the Jr. & Sr. High School to their own space in downtown Hazleton.
- We expanded the ICS Thrift Store, adding several hundred square feet of retail space.

BUILDING COMMUNITY TIES & SUPPORT

- H.S. students use the YWCA & Hazleton Library. They visit local businesses for Friday lunch outings and participate in Dual Enrollment college classes downtown. Students will take art and photography enrichment at the Hazleton Art League in January. Youth who learn how to engage with local officials and business leaders in the city will become young adults with the opportunity to influence and invest in the future of Hazleton.

Over the past 5 months through the EITC / OSTC tax credit program [icshazleton.org/sponsors], grants, and individual partnerships, we have received commitments just under \$100k for student scholarships, learning support, and investment in operating costs to propel us forward in achieving our vision.

2019-2020 Admissions

Enrollment for next year:
icshazleton.org/admissions

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In the midst of the changes that God is leading us through, there are also things that are not changing. Mr. Kelly Knowlden, Head of School, shared this at our 3rd Annual Dessert Evening of Hope:

"We continue to be committed to increasing our ability to understand what God's Word has to say about how to live in a rapidly changing culture, and we are committed to passing those truths on to the next generation. That means investing in education that holds high standards. It means teaching children and young people to work hard and to leave to God the results. It means continuing to love our students and helping them understand and love their world.

Here is the result: A young man now graduated but coming to us in his 11th grade year wrote this:

ICS was different for me than all my other schools because it showed me how to work hard, and it helped me when I was struggling. The teachers gave me extra help, and that helped me learn a lot more than I did in all the other schools I went to.

This is what we want to do. Invest in the youth of the Greater Hazleton area so that we can see them become people of influence in Hazleton."



"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city... Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." - Jeremiah 29:7