

**SAINT SIMONS
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**
An Independent Christian School



**2015-
2020**

Strategic Plan

A Five-Year Plan for Saint Simons Christian School



Saint Simons Christian School Foundational Values

MISSION:

We seek to provide an excellent, Christ-centered education to the families of the Golden Isles.

VISION:

Every graduate is academically and spiritually equipped to make a difference for Christ.



Love & Grace

We desire that the faculty, parents, and board form a partnership through Christ to educate and guide our children with love and grace.

Biblical Worldview

We help our students see a connection to Christ and His Word in every academic pursuit and develop a biblical worldview that helps them grow in wisdom and knowledge.

Academic Excellence

We seek to provide a rich academic environment where students can reach their highest potential.

Parent Involvement

We encourage parents to be highly involved in every area of the school, to share their gifts in areas of service and leadership.

Church Relations

We foster close relationships with churches throughout our community and are proud to represent many families from a broad base of local churches in Glynn County.

The Whole Child

We aim to work with parents to guide and develop children mentally, physically and spiritually, and consider this an important foundation to an excellent education.

Unity

We endeavor to reflect the racial, ethnic, and economic diversity within the body of Christ.

A letter from the headmaster



Time after time in scripture, God admonishes His people to “be strong and courageous.” (Joshua 1:6, 7, 9) As we look towards the future, it is the desire of Saint Simons Christian School (SSCS) to do just that. We believe it is necessary in order to continue to do the work of the Lord on St. Simons Island, and it is important that we cast a vision for the future of SSCS.

For more than 20 years, the Lord has been faithful to SSCS, seeing the school through a location change and growth as an independent, Christian school. As the first SSCS Five Year Strategic Plan came to a close in 2014, it was clear how much God had blessed the school. Now, as we look to the future, we trust God will remain faithful to SSCS, and we will continue to be faithful to Him.

This Strategic Plan aggressively lays out seven goals that speak to all facets of life at SSCS. We have set the bar high and desire to meet these significant accomplishments. We also realize that we desperately need God’s help, otherwise we labor in vain.

As we work towards our goals, we remain steadfast in our mission, vision, and core values. We humbly ask for God’s wisdom and guidance as we seek to fulfill the work God has for us at Saint Simons Christian School.

In His Service,

Mark Kok
Headmaster



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#1

Spiritual Health

*Keep our focus on Jesus Christ so that
He remains the center of all we do*

OBJECTIVES:

- Maintain a strong biblical studies curriculum that teaches the truths of the Bible and God's redemptive plan throughout biblical history
- Continue a chapel program that involves local church leaders, dynamic worship, and passionate prayer
- Teach each subject from a distinctively Christian perspective
- Help students form a Christian worldview where they learn to read, listen, think, and communicate as a Christian in all areas of life



STRATEGIC GOAL

#2

Academic Program

Provide an excellent academic program

OBJECTIVES:

- Maintain joint accreditation through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- Stay in step with technological advances in education and maintain a quality computer lab
- Foster a strong program in the fine arts: art, music, and drama
- Review all curriculum areas every five years



STRATEGIC GOAL

#3

School Governance

Maintain effective, Christ-like board leadership

OBJECTIVES:

- Ensure the school board remains faithful to the school's mission, vision, and values
- Practice policy governance
- Provide ongoing training for all school board members



STRATEGIC GOAL

#4

Faculty

Retain, hire, and develop outstanding teachers

OBJECTIVES:

- Offer competitive salaries to faculty and staff
- Retain and recruit well-trained and experienced faculty and staff
- Encourage and enable faculty to continuously improve through professional development opportunities



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#5

Student Life

Promote a school culture of learning, personal growth, and community beyond the classroom experience

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase student enrollment while maintaining a quality spiritual and academic environment
- Diversify the student body in keeping with our Foundational Values
- Cultivate an enriched middle school experience with opportunities to be involved in athletics, fine arts, clubs, academic competitions, and educational excursions
- Develop servant leaders through community outreach and "Saint Simons Serves" service learning projects
- Encourage school spirit and support among the student body for students' pursuits
- Ensure our student activities are distinctively Christian and accomplish our school's mission and vision



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#6

Finances

Strengthen the school's financial health

OBJECTIVES:

- Meet all basic financial needs through tuition
- Establish a plan for limited, yet strategic fundraising to meet specific needs
- Offer financial aid to families demonstrating financial need
- Maintain a cash reserve
- Establish an endowment fund
- Launch a successful capital campaign for campus facilities



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Facilities

Offer a quality, safe learning environment

OBJECTIVES:

- Maintain and enhance existing campus
- Obtain permanent middle school and multi-functional structure

