



"A Place of Love and Learning"

St. Paul's School

Annual Fund Campaign

Advent of Hope

December 2020

Dear Families,

Advent is more than a calendar. Advent is more than a countdown to Christmas. Advent is a season of hope in which we are reminded that the promises and mission of God are fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

At Saint Paul's School, this Advent mission drives our efforts and passionate belief that the students we cultivate will change the world. It is because of this belief that we value academic maturity, Christian discipleship, curiosity, diversity and giving back to our communities.

COVID 19, even with its great challenges, has only increased our conviction that Saint Paul's School is uniquely positioned to meet the challenges before us and continue to produce students who change the world. It is truly our students who, in this season of new 'abnormal', serve as our *Advent of Hope*.

With our mission, our students, and our hope in God's promises, we bring to our school community and our community partners our Annual fund campaign: *The Advent of Hope*. This campaign begins a season for Saint Paul's School in which we not only meet the needs of our present challenges, but partner with our students, our families, our alumni, and with organizations and businesses in our community to create partnerships which advance our core mission for years to come.

Some might question if now is the right time to begin a campaign in which we are inviting members of our community to donate to our educational mission. Even with legitimate concerns, I offer a resounding "yes". In fact now is the perfect time to invite our community to partner with us because over the past 8 months, we have seen that Saint Paul's School is firm in its ability to meet our COVID challenges with innovation and adaptation, and to continue to provide an excellent education experience and commitment to community life. To ensure this continues beyond our current context, now is the time to establish partnerships to meet the needs of our school and its students for years to come.

So today we invite you to share with us in our mission and our passionate belief that our students will change the world by considering a financial gift to the Annual fund of Saint Paul's School. This truly is *The Advent of Hope* and a new beginning to an extraordinary future for our school and our students.

In Christ,

Rev. Robert J.D. Longbottom
Chaplain, Saint Paul's School