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At St. Michaels University School, we honour our history and build for our future, creating learning spaces and programs that change the way our students see the world and that inspire them to contribute to their communities. As they navigate new ways of learning and connecting, we remain true to our Values of respect, courage, honesty and service while being responsive to their needs. We do so with your support.

The 2020-21 Annual Appeal is focused on four priority areas: **Urgent Priorities and Programming, Upgraded Facilities, Everyday Impact** and **Financial Aid**. Many of our needs are urgent and all are aligned with Floreat, our strategic plan, to ensure students today and in the future benefit from your philanthropic investment in education. The breadth of the opportunities to support is reflective of the extensive program we offer students. In these complex times, your support is more vital than ever as the school adapts to the educational and safety needs of our students.

Every one of us can make a difference in students' lives by donating to this year's Annual Appeal. Please give now so that every student can have every opportunity to succeed.





Investing in Our Future In support of Floreat

The Annual Appeal plays an integral role in the success of Floreat, our 10-year strategic plan, by bringing our community together to invest in the long-term goals of the school and the immediate needs of our students.

Floreat, launched in January 2020, is an ambitious strategic plan centred around four Strategic Priorities. These four priorities encapsulate what we will focus on to achieve excellence in all areas, with student success at the centre of everything we do.

Foundation is the bedrock of our school. It recognizes the importance of being confident but not complacent in who we are, as we build for the future.

Preparation for Life outlines how we will strengthen each aspect of our students' educational experiences so they are ready for the world.

Sustainability captures how we will invest in our future from both an environmental and financial perspective.

Community underscores the role each of us plays in supporting our students and our school through to 2030 and beyond.

Through the next 10 years, Floreat will be our guide to building a school that will continue to grow into the best independent school in Canada.

To learn more about Floreat, visit floreat2030.ca.



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Urgent Priorities and Programming

St. Michaels University School has a strong history of responding to student needs as the world changes. As we look at new ways to use our campus space, learn online and stay connected while staying apart, we need to adapt. Aligned with the commitments outlined in Floreat, our Urgent Priorities and Programming fundraising priorities are focused on the learning experience, with a priority on outstanding student care.

Junior School Outdoor Classroom

Need: \$25,000

Where our students learn helps inspire new ideas. Now more than ever, we are looking for ways to create space outside to engage our students in new and big ideas safely. Sheltered outdoor learning spaces will help our students learn together while staying further apart.

Middle School Computer Program

Need: \$100,000

We provide laptop computers as an annual requirement for all Middle School students as part of our technology plan. Raising the funds for this vital element of student learning ensures our ability to maintain progress on our technology education plan. Giving students the right tools to allow for flexible learning modalities will also cushion against any future pandemic impacts on teaching and learning.

PPE Kits and Sanitizing Stations

Need: \$20,000

Student safety and well-being is our top priority. Adding personal protective equipment and sanitizing stations to campus means we can all focus on learning and teaching, knowing our community's health is well taken care of.

Senior School Science Classroom Refurbishment

Need: \$100,000

Our classrooms need updates to ensure students can continue with a hands-on approach to learning while being safely distanced. We are committed to enhancing our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) programming as part of our focus on offering the best learning experience for our students.

Fob Building Access

**Need: \$25,000 for
boarding residences**

**Need: \$25,000 for
athletics complex**

Our commitment to offering the best education in Canada includes creating access to a state-of-the-art campus. Keeping student safety and security top of mind, the boarding houses and the Monkman Athletic Complex will be updated to a fob entry system.



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Upgraded Facilities

We are revitalizing key areas and spaces. Our work is informed by the needs of our students, our commitment to sustainability and recognition of the location of our school, which rests in the heart of Straits Salish territory, a living culture with its own rites, ceremonies, and unfolding history. Aligned with the commitments outlined in Floreat, our Upgraded Facilities fundraising priorities will provide the facilities for our future and the equipment students need to get the most out of their learning experience.

Middle School Lockers

Need: \$15,000

As our school community grows, the need to update and expand on the basics is important. New lockers at the Middle School are one way of equipping students with the resources they need; creating the space to safely store their belongings while they focus on learning.

Chapel Renovations

Need: \$30,000

Built by and for our students, the Chapel is where we pause to explore ideas and perspectives. We are investing in key areas of the building to enhance the exterior weatherproofing and improve the use of storage space inside.

SMUS Values Carvings

Need: \$15,000

We stand by our school Values of respect, courage, honesty, and service, and we are honoured to be working with First Nations artist Dylan Thomas to create a visual display of them. Four custom spindle whorls will be crafted and shared between the three schools.

Perimeter Fencing and Gate

Need: \$180,000

A new perimeter fence and gate at the Richmond Road campus will make a lasting impression on our community as we welcome people into the school to learn and connect, while keeping our students safe.

Brown Hall Refurbishment

Need: \$40,000

Long the heart of our Richmond Road campus, Brown Hall is evolving into a dynamic multi-use space for learning and meeting. The addition of blinds and enhanced electrical and AV systems will ensure the space adapts to new opportunities.

Archives

Need: \$10,000

With more than 100 years of history to celebrate, our Archives play a vital role in preserving our school experience for generations to come. This year we will be working on elements related to our upcoming 50-Year Jubilee, which will celebrate the amalgamation of our two founding schools.

New Gym Lighting

Need: \$7,500

Our athletes shine on the court. An investment in our lighting system at the Middle and Senior School gym will reduce our energy consumption by 50%, contributing to Floreat's commitment to sustainability.



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Everyday Impact

St. Michaels University School students learn from and alongside an amazing community. From conversations in the classroom to celebrations on the sports field or stage, the Annual Appeal provides opportunities for every student. Through experiences and access to information, our students discover their passions and develop lifelong skills including creativity, collaboration, and communication. Aligned with Floreat, our Everyday Impact fundraising priorities will provide resources to students to prepare them for life while celebrating our community every day.

Head of School Fund

Need: \$200,000

This fund of unrestricted giving allows us to remain adaptable to the school's unanticipated and urgent needs. Giving to this area gives our Head of School the flexibility to address areas of greatest need on an annual basis.

Rowing Program

Need: \$51,000

Two new single sculls with oars and a new coach boat will ensure our students are supported on the water with the best equipment and coaching we can offer them.

School Musicals

Need: \$100,000

From the stage to behind the scenes, our annual musicals engage our students in creative ways to develop confidence and leadership skills. Investing in high-quality sets, costumes, and venues sets the stage for their future success.

Donor Recognition in Sun Centre

Need: \$25,000

Our community recognizes the importance of giving back and celebrating philanthropy. Our students benefit every day from the generous gifts that supported the Sun Centre and we want to honour this through donor recognition projects.

WiFi Upgrades

Need: \$200,000

Our students' learning needs are changing and we need to upgrade our WiFi to ensure every student and every device can access high-speed internet. An investment in our online connectivity will bring the world to campus and keep pace with our students' curiosity.

Event and Sporting Tents

Need: \$25,000

Community is built through celebration and sport. New tents will create shelter for events including Alumni Weekend, and they will be available for use in unfavourable weather when our students need to be outside.

Flags and Banners

Need: \$15,000

We have a lot to celebrate at SMUS. New flags and banners for the school will help us recognize the achievements of our students and the school, while honouring our history across our campuses.

New Website

Need: \$150,000

First impressions matter, and we are investing in a new website for the school to show new applicants what makes SMUS a leader in Kindergarten to Grade 12 education in Canada.



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Financial Aid Now

Need: \$400,000

Distributed through an external service and based on need, financial aid support ensures students are not prevented from learning at SMUS due to financial pressures. Every year, 20% of our student body is supported by financial aid or staff bursaries.

Financial Aid

St. Michaels University School students receiving financial aid come from many different backgrounds, and they come to us with a very strong commitment to school culture and to excellence. The diversity of our school is very much supported by the presence of talented students who might otherwise not be here.

Our community is not immune to the challenges so many are facing during these extraordinary times. Our Board of Governors and school leadership are committed to serving our students, families and staff as we all navigate these changes. Now more than ever we believe we must unite in supporting our students and each other. Aligned with the commitments outlined in Floreat, our Financial Aid fundraising priority helps remove financial barriers for new and returning students to receive an outstanding education at SMUS.

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day and boarding students received some amount of financial aid last year, ranging from \$1,500 to \$20,000.

\$1.9M

in financial aid is offered to deserving families in an average year.

\$700,000

of funding is generated annually thanks to the support from generous donors and our endowment fund contributions.

"Receiving financial aid has opened many doors in my life that may not have been possible otherwise. I am grateful to have been granted these opportunities that have changed me, allowed me to grow, and to continue to reach new goals. Being awarded financial aid has been a blessing on my family and me, and it pushes me every day knowing that I was given something special."

- Grade 11 student



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Make Your Impact Today

How to Donate to the Annual Appeal

Every year, every member of our school community is asked to participate in the Annual Appeal by supporting an area of need that is meaningful to them. Our community's philanthropic investment in SMUS plays a vital role in our ability to adapt to a changing world and to the school's commitment to Floreat, our 10-year strategic plan, where student benefit is at the forefront of our work.

Please donate to this year's Annual Appeal today to help us provide transformational educational experiences for our students. Your gifts today are their future success.

On behalf of our students, thank you for your generous support of SMUS.

Make Your Donation Today

- Visit smus.ca/giving to make a donation through our online form.
- Select which project you wish to support and your donation amount.
- Choose whether to give once or as a monthly donor.

For more information or to discuss your donation, contact:

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Other ways to give

If you would like to learn more about how your legacy can support our students for generations to come, please visit our website or contact our Advancement Office at 1-250-370-6197 to talk about planned giving.