

# **Parkway Christian School**

## **Recreation and Athletic Outdoor Complex Capital Campaign**

**Goal : \$10,000,000.00**

### **Our Vision**

A state of the art outdoor recreational and athletic complex that will benefit all students. The complex will include football/soccer fields with grandstands and outdoor lighting, a multi-lane track, a multi-sport exercise facility that includes locker rooms, and other support facilities that will be used for a variety of activities including academic, athletic and extracurricular activities. This complex will create a world class campus recreation center providing students and staff with expanded opportunities to improve physical fitness and mental wellness, add additional learning opportunities in fine arts and academics, as well as a new space for campus events and student gatherings.

#### Track

The multi lane track will encircle the turfed football/soccer field and contain high jump, long jump, pole vault, and discus areas

#### Exercise Building/Locker Rooms

The exercise building is an elaborate strength and conditioning facility that will include locker rooms, storage and learning opportunities for students pursuing careers in physical education or health sciences.

#### Stadium

The stadium will include a football/soccer field, grand stands with outdoor lighting for any night events, games, or practices. The stadium includes restrooms, concessions and hall of fame, honoring past alumni and our 50 year history. State of the art outdoor jumbotron that will be operated by students offering them hands-on learning opportunities in digital media or tv production. A press box that will allow students interested in broadcasting, communication or a career in sports to be a student sports broadcaster. A section of the stadium that will be devoted to the pep band to perform and entertain during performances, events, and athletic games. As well as opportunities for students devoted to fine arts to perform at halftime shows during games or other community events.

#### Usage

Parkway students, their families, the staff, alumni and even the local community will benefit from this new complex whether it is through athletics, academics or community building events or programs.

## **Our Mission**

Christian Education.

The athletic complex will have a direct impact on an increase of admissions which will allow for more children to be directly impacted by our goal of educating the whole student in preparation for future endeavors utilizing a Biblical worldview and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

## **How We Got Here**

Parkway Christian School was established in August 2006 after a carefully considered and prayerful merger between two rival Christian schools, Bethesda Christian School and Zoe Christian Academy.

Bethesda Christian School was established in 1973 by Pastor M.D. Beall, founder of Bethesda Christian Church, with the thought that “without christian education our kids were facing the world before they were ready for it.” She realized the importance and impact christian education would have on future generations to further the kingdom of God.

Zoe Christian Academy was established in 1983 started by New Life Christian Church in St. Clair Shores by Pastor Tony Mancina, In 1991 Grace Christian Church came on board with Pastor Jerry Weinzierl. They had a clear vision to teach children about the world God created, how our faith is woven into each area of life and learning, and how to find purpose and meaning through God's Will for our life.

Historically, the two schools shared a long standing rivalry both on and off the field. Both schools shared strong communities among themselves, fierce athletics and a high standard of academic performance. Each school had exceptional leaders that cultivated a vigorous Christian education and atmosphere. With both their rich and extensive histories, they put their rivalry behind them to create Parkway Christian School.

Parkway's focus is on each individual student, and how their unique gifts and abilities can be used to impact this world for Christ. Parkway's vision and mission can be summarized with our motto: Challenging Minds, Capturing Hearts, and Cultivating Gifts. We consider this the framework that gives Parkway a unique identity. By filtering everything through this framework, we are best able to accomplish our goal of educating the whole student in preparation for future endeavors utilizing a Biblical worldview.

## **What We Are Working Towards**

This state of the art outdoor recreational and athletic complex that will benefit all students regardless of athletic affiliation. Parkway Christian's athletic vision is to be a program that is God-Centered and creates an atmosphere of Family. It strives to teach athletes to be determined in their efforts and encouraging to their teammates. It promotes Servant Leadership and good Sportsmanship. Parkway Christian sponsors over 40 teams beginning with 1st grade soccer and culminating with 13 varsity sports. Our varsity football team was undefeated Conference Champions this year. Last year they won Districts for the second time in school history.

Our athletic department affects the majority of the high school population, over 75% of high school students participate in at least one sport. Included in those numbers for the 2022-23 school year are three all state winners, two honorable mention all states, Rich

Tompkins winner, MIAC MVP, thirteen 1st team MIAC honors, Nine 2nd team MIAC honors, three varsity teams were academic all state, ten individual academic all states, two state track qualifiers, and above all we have strived to honor God in our athletic abilities. Parkway Christian athletes can currently be seen on the collegiate fields and courts throughout the state of Michigan. The Eagles can also boast a current minor league baseball player and a former NFL player.

Parkway's Fine Arts Department offers choices of vocal, instrumental and art instruction during the school-day as an elective course. Students participate in MSBOA solo/ensemble along with several yearly concerts which are showcased through vocal, instrumental, drama performances and art displays. High school students are able to participate in a student-led praise team for chapel and an after school drama program which includes a yearly musical or drama performance. Students affiliated with fine arts will be able to utilize the recreation and athletic outdoor complex through band, vocal, and theatre. The stadium will accommodate an area for the pep band to perform for sporting events, concerts or community events. Vocalists will have the ability to perform the national anthem before athletic games or sing during a halftime show. The theatre department will have the opportunity to use the stadium for special performances or community events throughout the year.

The complex will be a gathering place for the Parkway community which includes students, and their families, alumni and teachers. Its walls will share the history of our past 50 years and the 50 more years to come. Building and maintaining strong

relationships with our Parkway community is vital to our success in the future. We are proud to say that we have many alumni's children and even alumni's grandchildren attending the school. Parkway also has many alumni who are currently teaching and working at the school.

The building of the recreation and athletic outdoor complex will have a positive impact on every student providing them with new learning opportunities in athletics, academics, fine arts and community building. It will improve all outdoor sports experiences during practice and games for coaches, athletes, students and spectators. It will allow for a recreational event space for any fine arts school programs, events and community gatherings. As a result this complex will also advance our goal of creating a stronger community among students, families, alumni and staff. It will have a direct impact on an increase of admissions which will allow for an increase in teachers salaries which will carry out our mission of educating the whole student in preparation for future endeavors utilizing a Biblical worldview and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

As we move forward in pursuit of our vision of the recreation and athletic complex, we have identified the following strategic priorities

**Growing a strong Christian school** that continually strengthens our students' relationship with Jesus Christ and emphasizes the importance of each student applying their faith to learning and leadership

**Enhance and improve learning** opportunities and educational experiences for each student to be able to use their gifts and talents to glorify God.

**Improve and build community** to create stronger connections among families and students to be there to support one another and create unity amongst each other.

**Invest in facilities** to offer more opportunities that meet students' individual gifts and academic, athletic and extracurricular interests.

## **The Giving Driven Steps**

### **Phase 1&2: \$1,138,000.00**

- Relocate the football field 68 feet
  - Engineer/ grade plans
  - Tree removal
  - Fill for low areas (5,000 cy)
  - Relocate goal post and score board
  - Reseed field in new Area
  - Install underground conduits
  - Relocate sprinklers
  - Move fence/gate
  - Relocate signage

**\$89,000.00**
  
- Infrastructure (Water & Sewer)
  - Engineering/permit documents
  - Water line on site
  - Sewer line on site

**\$465,000.00**
  
- Football field lighting
  - 44 New LED lights (11 poles)
  - Wood light poles on sight
  - Install poles and lights
  - DTE electrical service charges

**\$154,000.00**
  
- Bleacher/Pressbox
  - Bleachers (seating 500)
  - Pressbox (8ft x 30ft)
  - Concrete Slab Foundation
  - Electrical

**\$430,000.00**