



White Rock
Christian Academy

2024

AUTUMN REPORT



**Inspiring and cultivating citizens of Godly character who
transform their world for Christ.**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

16 Nov	Gala and Auction @ Noble at the Hills
26-28 Nov	Scholastic Book Fair
04 Dec	Senior School Christmas Concert (7:00pm)
11 Dec	Junior School Christmas Concert (1:30pm / 6:30pm)

2025

27 Jan	Career Fair (G10-G12)
01 Feb	Lunar New Year Celebration
3-4 Mar	Senior School Drama Presentation
8-18 Mar	Senior School Trips (Mazatlan / Uganda)
TBD Apr	Sports Field Play Space Completed
1 May	Grandparents Day
1 May	Singing, Ringing and Strings Concert (Evening)
22 May	Graduation Day
29 May	Warrior Classic Golf Tournament*
4 Jun	Senior School Year-End Concert
5-7 Jun	High School Track and Field Provincials
11 Jun	Junior School Year-End Concert

*tentative



HEAD OF SCHOOL MESSAGE

Cultivate and Inspire

MR. JOEL SLOFSTRA



The Core Purpose of WRCA is to inspire and cultivate citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ. There are a couple words in this statement that I want to unwrap.

The first word is **CULTIVATE**. As a teenager, I worked on dairy farms and had a lot of exposure to farming equipment like tractors and a variety of farm implements. One such farm implement is a cultivator. This implement is made up of teeth and spikes whose job it is to disrupt the soil and give plants the ability to grow. A cultivator helps with soil preparation by breaking it up and loosening the soil to make it easier for the plants' roots to grow. Our school does this for our students by laying down a foundation for our students. This includes our core programs of academics, arts, athletics and service. We are educating the whole child.

A cultivator also helps with weed control by removing weeds that compete with crops for nutrients, water and sunlight. As a school, we do this through teaching discernment to our students and teaching them how, as believers, to be a part of this world as opposed to apart from this world. Lastly, a cultivator mixes the soil. This allows good stuff, like fertilizer, to get mixed into the soil promoting plant growth.

Our goal with cultivating our students is to give them the foundation so they will have the ability to transform their world for Christ.

Having ability is not enough. We want our students to also have the desire to do this work. The second word from our Core Purpose I want to highlight is **INSPIRE**. One way we do this is by tying learning back to Christ. Our teachers add Christian perspective into learning. Our students wrestle with what they are learning in the context that our Creator has His hands in all things. Another way we do this is through an emphasis on character and service. This is done through Bible classes, chapels and spiritual retreats, service opportunities in our communities and beyond, and transformational learning opportunities where students are stretched in their thinking and being.

We also inspire through role models. Our staff model what it looks like to live out a Christ-centered life. They encourage students to deepen their relationship with Christ and to seek His will in their lives.

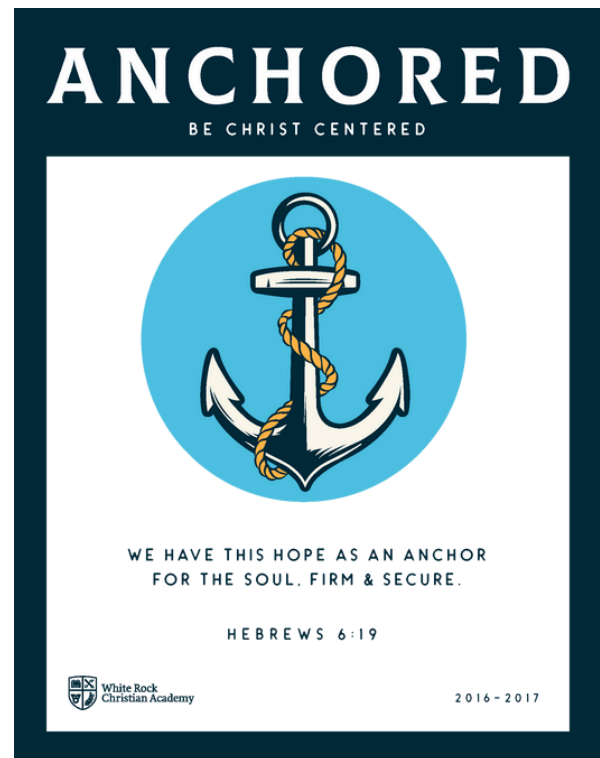
Our prayer in all that we do as a school is that we accomplish our Core Purpose for our students which is to inspire and cultivate citizens of Godly character who transform their world for Christ.

SCHOOL THEME

Anchored

Our school theme this year is **ANCHORED** and our Scripture verse comes from Hebrews 6:19: *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul."*

We want WRCA to be a place where every student feels anchored in Christ and supported by a nurturing community. As we look to the future, our vision extends beyond academics, arts, athletics and service - it reaches into the heart of our school community, aiming to create spaces where students can grow, play, and thrive.



School Themes: Expressing Core Values

Each year, we choose a core value rooted in scripture and tied to a central theme, fostering deep faith formation, innovative teaching, and cultural engagement within our Christian community. Our themes are represented by the acronym **CLEAR**, guiding our focus and reflecting the core value for the year.

It's important to explore what we mean by a Christian learning community because it helps us intentionally focus on following Christ together. The language we use in Christian education shapes how we grow as citizens of God's Kingdom and members of WRCA. To stay aligned with our core purpose, values, and philosophy, we use an annual school theme to guide discussions on our commitment to a Christian perspective in teaching and learning.



COMPELLED
Philippians 4:4-9



LIBERATED
Galatians 5:13-26



ENGAGED
Mark 12:30



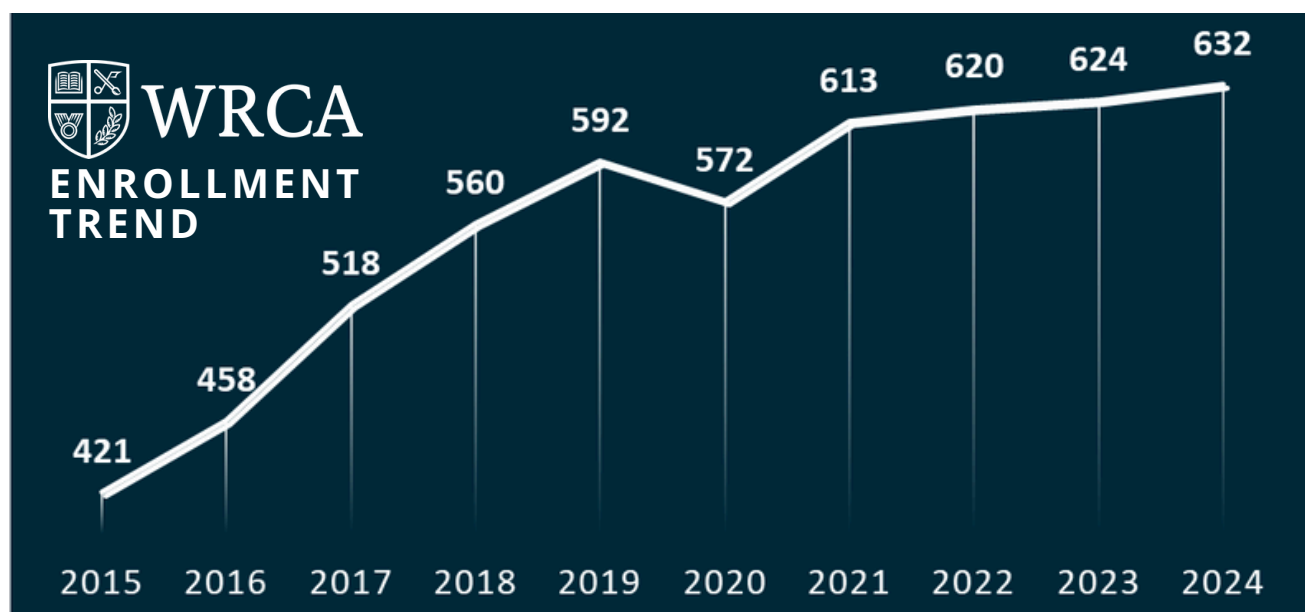
ANCHORED
Hebrews 6:19



REFINED
Romans 5:1-5

BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollment



WRCA's strong community and reputation for quality, Christ-centered education continues to attract families. With a physical cap of 670 students, WRCA embraces its size as an advantage. The smaller scale fosters close connections, allowing students to receive personal attention and ensuring each individual is known and valued. We are blessed to have a group of students each year who are part of our Japanese Student Program in addition to the numbers in the graph above. Recent campus upgrades, including expanded classrooms and a new sports field play space, further support a well-rounded, enriched learning experience. Looking to the future, WRCA is dedicated to providing rigorous academics and spiritual growth within its close-knit community. As enrollment approaches capacity, the school remains focused on fostering an environment where each student can thrive and be prepared to make a meaningful impact.

Personnel: Serving the WRCA Community

52
TEACHERS

14
EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT

12
OPERATIONAL
SUPPORT

5
ADMINISTRATIVE
LEADERSHIP

6
BOARD
MEMBERS



Preview Day: Starting the Journey

Preview Days are an opportunity for prospective families to see what our school is like on a regular day and offers them a chance to meet some of the staff, check out our facility, and learn more about our programs. The day begins with a presentation from a member of our Administration team, continues with a Q & A session and concludes with a tour of the facility conducted by some of our leadership students.

We encourage our community to invite their neighbours and friends to sign up for a Preview Day and consider joining WRCA!

CORE PROGRAMS

Christian School First THE FOUNDATION



Student Spiritual Retreat G6-G12 Reflections

Ms. Laura Lee

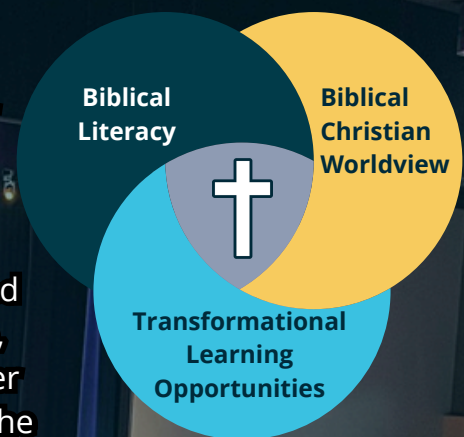
In September, our leadership, worship, and yearbook students arrived at Rockridge early to prepare for their peers. Mr. Bigornia shared the Biblical terms *Chronos*, or chronological time, and *Kairos*, meaning a special, opportune moment. This retreat was truly *Kairos* time.

Here's what I witnessed: worship team students practiced late into the night, while leadership students dressed up, cheered, and prepared activities for their friends. Speaker Ryan Guerra challenged students to build their lives on the "rock" of Jesus, sparking deep conversations.

Students shared openly in small groups, studied their Bibles, and prayed together. Even our cross-country team trained early before the camp awoke. Worship was powerful, with students gathering close, singing, and raising hands in unison. Our retreat ended beautifully with a lakeside baptism as the sun shone down.

Our October retreat at Timberline Ranch for grades 6-8 was also *Kairos*. Students enjoyed camp activities like archery, rock climbing, and horseback riding. Pastor Colin Lancelot inspired reflection on life's anchors, with students journaling and connecting deeply to Jesus. Mr. Burge's legendary campfire was a highlight, as students sang and laughed, with grade 8s encouraged to lead and positively influence others.

These moments of connection, worship, and reflection create a foundation for our year at WRCA. Our teachers feel privileged to walk alongside students in these sacred *Kairos* times.



CORE PROGRAMS

Academics

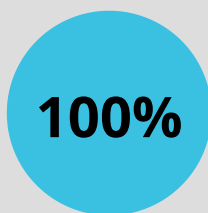
HIGHLIGHTS



FSA Results (2023):

Grade 4 Milestone:
Every Grade 4 student is on track or extending in both literacy and numeracy!

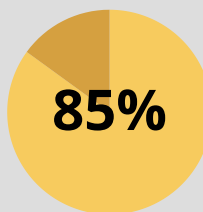
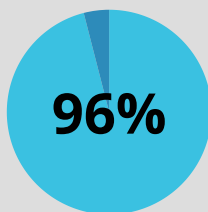
LITERACY



NUMERACY



Grade 7:



IB Diploma Success: 13 of 16 Diploma Candidates earned the prestigious IB Diploma. One student earned our highest total ever: 42!

Graduates Post-Secondary Offers of Acceptance from Top Colleges and Universities (2018 – 2024)

CORE PROGRAMS

Arts

HIGHLIGHTS



Our Arts Department put on 31 events and concerts last year, showcasing the immense talent and dedication of our students!

Major Events Included:

- Christmas and Year-End Concerts – Festive and unforgettable performances!
- Anne of Green Gables – A hit drama production that captivated audiences.
- Junior School Christmas Musical – A joyful celebration of holiday spirit!
- DP Art Show – An inspiring exhibition of creativity and skill.

Festival Awards:

- 4 Golds and 1 Silver – A remarkable achievement!
- Special Invitation: Our Senior Jazz Ensemble earned a prestigious invitation to Nationals!



Talent Showcase: Jerry and Yuko

On October 12, 2024, WRCA students Jerry (G11) and Yuko (G12) presented a warm, heartfelt violin concert at the Kay Meek Arts Centre. This wonderful event, attended by classmates, parents, and staff, highlighted the incredible musical talents, skills, and generosity of these young performers, who brought their hearts to the stage to inspire the community.

The concert was a milestone on our journey of musical growth, with proceeds donated to White Rock Christian Academy's Music Department and Friends of Chamber Music. It was a remarkable celebration of young talent, community support, and a shared love for music.

CORE PROGRAMS

Athletics

HIGHLIGHTS



This past year, our Warriors showed their strength, dedication, and resilience on the field, courts, and track. With a remarkable season of teamwork and achievement, our students truly embodied the Warrior spirit!



Student Participation: G8-G12 (2023-2024):

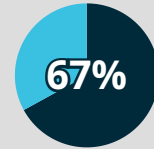
Cross Country: Jr Boys, Jr Girls, Sr Boys, Sr Girls

Volleyball: G8 Boys, G8 Girls, G9 Girls, Jr Boys, Jr Girls, Sr Boys, Sr Girls

Basketball: G8 Boys, Jr Boys, Jr Girls, Sr Boys, Sr. Girls

Badminton: G8 Coed, Jr Coed, Sr Coed

Track and Field: G8 Boys, G8 Girls, Jr Boys, Jr Girls, Sr Boys, Sr Girls



JOINED AT LEAST ONE TEAM!

Provincial Qualifiers (2023-2024):

- Senior Girls Cross Country
- Senior Boys Cross Country
 - Provincial Winners!
- Senior Girls Volleyball
- Senior Boys Volleyball
- Senior Girls Basketball
- Track & Field Success:
 - Over 60 athletes advanced to the T&F finals!
 - Medaled in 9 events – a testament to their hard work and dedication.



Building a Tradition: Senior Girls Volleyball

Last year, our Senior Girls Volleyball team closed their season as the 9th-ranked team in the province – a proud achievement that fueled their drive to reach even greater heights.

This season, with relentless hard work, dedication and community support, [they've climbed the ranks to become 1st in British Columbia as of October 2024.](#)

Every practice, every game, and every moment of teamwork has prepared them for this amazing accomplishment. Their sights are set on the ultimate goal: winning the Provincial Championship. This team is ready to make their mark and bring home the victory! Go Warriors!

CORE PROGRAMS

Service HIGHLIGHTS



The transformational aspect of cultivating citizens of Godly character is at the heart of Mission and Service Learning trips, whether international or local. By engaging in these trips, we invite God to transform us on our spiritual journey, and in turn, God can use that transformation to impact both our own communities and the community that we visit.

The hope is that students will reflect on how the trip transformed their hearts, their faith, and their future. Therefore, Mission and Service Learning Trips (or MSL Trips) are now referred to as “Transformational Learning Opportunities” (TLO).

Transformational Learning Opportunities (TLOs) in 2023 – 2024

- G9 Duncan (Indigenous Learning) Trip
- G11 Indonesia Trip

TLO Plans for 2024 – 2025 (G9-G12)

- G10-12 Local Service Week - March 10-14, 2025
- G10-12 Mazatlan, Mexico - March 8-18, 2025
- G11-12 Uganda - March 8-18, 2025
- G9 Duncan (Indigenous Learning) Trip - May 12-15, 2025



LCMS

Library Creative Media Space

The Library Creative Media Space (LCMS) at WRCA is designed to support diverse learning styles across all subject areas, helping students grow in knowledge and character through various forms of media and creative expression. With activities such as Makerspace projects, the LCMS goes beyond traditional library offerings to provide dynamic, hands-on learning experiences.

A vibrant hub, the LCMS promotes engagement through events, presentations, and collaborations, inspiring students to explore independently or with peers. Its commitment to fostering global awareness is seen in offerings like the Home Language section, which reflects the linguistic diversity of the WRCA community.

Supporting academic learning, Teacher Librarian Mrs. Scheirer collaborates with teachers to enhance units and teach research skills, ensuring students have the resources they need for meaningful projects. Guest readers, authors, and illustrators further enrich students' experiences, making the LCMS a cornerstone of engaged, well-rounded learning at WRCA.



BY THE NUMBERS

Financial Update

HIGHLIGHTS

The 2024 financial summary for White Rock Christian Academy (WRCA) includes the following key highlights:

Revenue and Expenses:

- WRCA generated a total revenue of approximately \$12.97 million, up from \$11.89 million in 2023. Major sources included tuition fees (\$6.04 million), government educational grants (\$3.06 million), and donation revenue of \$635,884.
- Total expenses for the year were approximately \$13.28 million, an increase from \$12.76 million in 2023. The largest expense categories were salaries and benefits (\$7.57 million) and other operating expenses which includes amortization of capital assets (\$2.1 million).

Deficiency of Revenue Over Expenses:

- WRCA reported a net operating deficit of \$309,840, improved from the prior year's deficit of \$878,109.

Capital Assets and Debt:

- Capital assets totaled \$23.93 million as of June 30, 2024, with investments in new facilities and the sports field and amphitheater. These projects are financed partly by debt, with loans totaling approximately \$18.6 million. The total net repayment of debt due within one year was \$1,032,300 with interest paid of \$648,333.

Development and Fundraising:

- Last year the Development department raised \$635,884 from our generous WRCA community through private donors and fundraising initiatives, including the Annual Drive, Gala, Reserved Parking, Corporate Partnerships, and the Warrior Classic Golf Tournament.

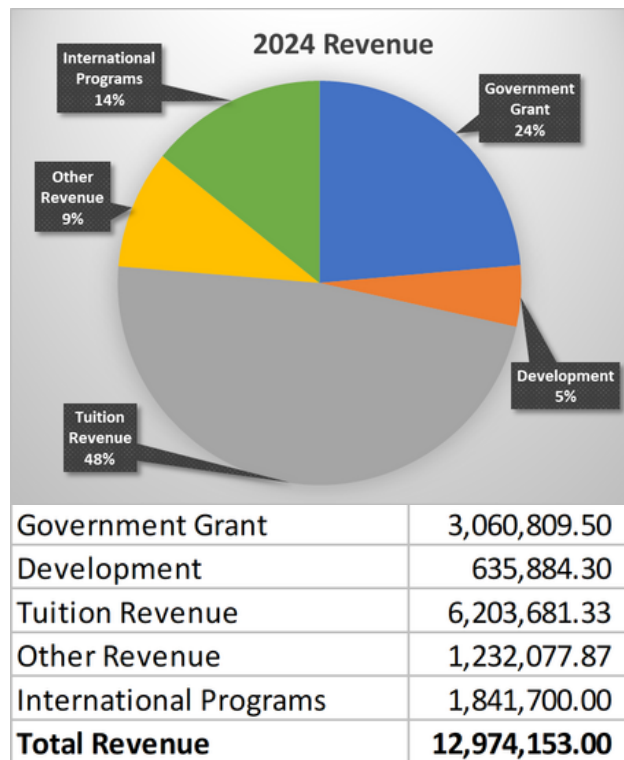
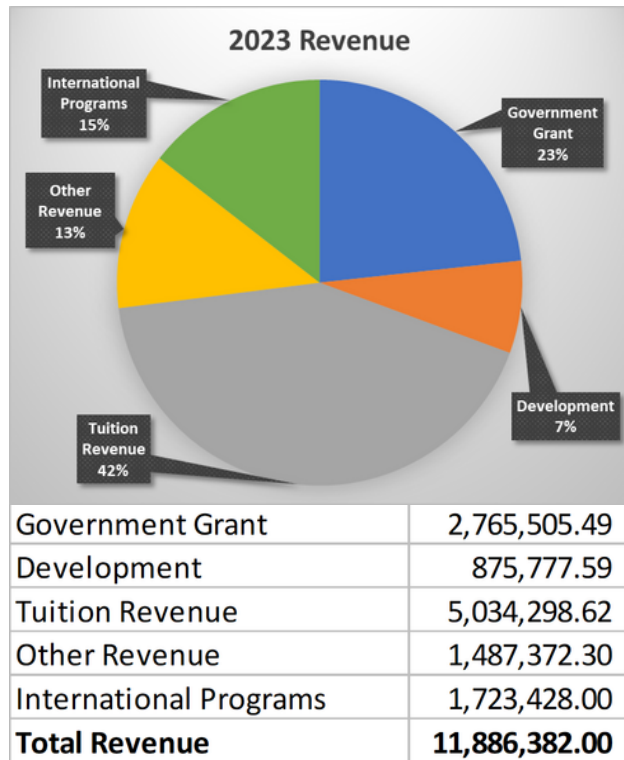
This information underscores WRCA's ongoing financial stability while facing the challenge of covering operating deficits and managing debt for campus improvements.

Fundraising at WRCA

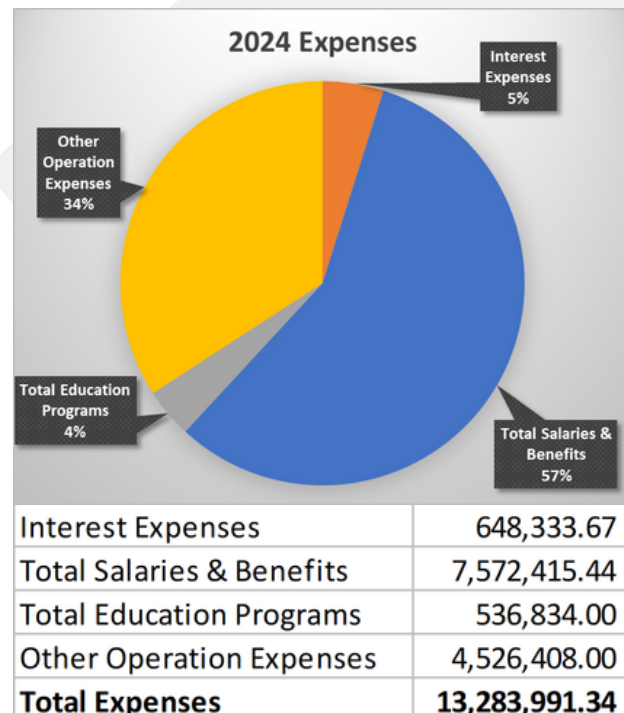
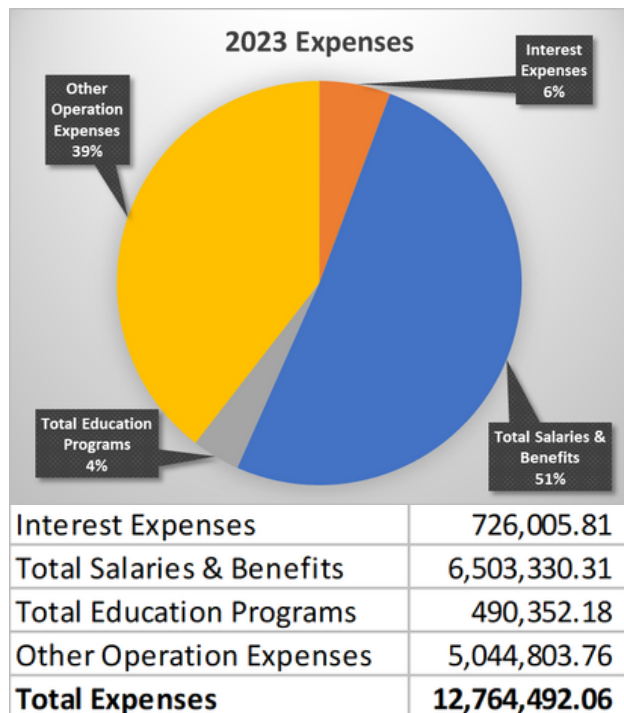
All families are asked to pray about how they can support WRCA financially through our community fundraising initiatives.

Financial Update

REVENUE



EXPENSES



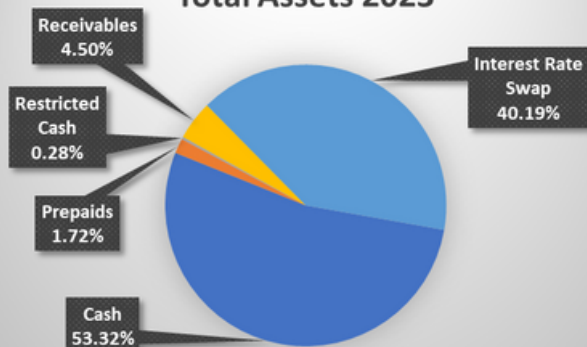
Financial Update

BALANCE SHEET

2023 Balance Sheet

Total Asset Value	32,371,191.00
Total Liability	23,288,300.00
Equity	8,982,199.00

Total Assets 2023

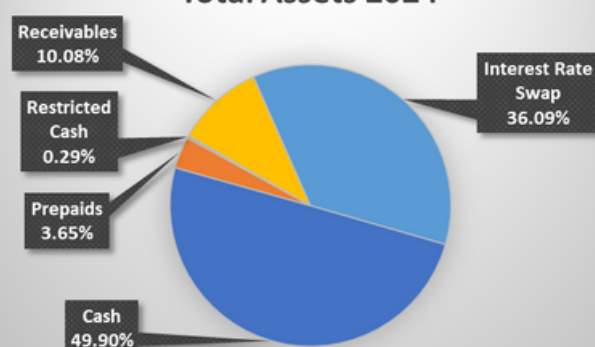


Capital Assets	25,811,063.00
Cash	3,497,720.00
Prepaids	112,542.00
Restricted Cash	18,063.00
Receivables	295,018.00
Interest Rate Swap	2,636,785.00
Total Asset Value	32,371,191.00

2024 Balance Sheet

Total Asset Value	30,244,125.00
Total Liability	21,921,805.59
Equity	8,322,319.41

Total Assets 2024



Capital Assets	23,925,486.00
Cash	3,152,786.00
Prepaids	230,603.00
Restricted Cash	18,063.00
Receivables	636,830.00
Interest Rate Swap	2,280,357.00
Total Asset Value	30,244,125.00

Liability & Equity 2023



Debt Due within 1 year	19,649,250.00
Other Liabilities	3,639,050.00
Equity	8,982,199.00
Total Liability & Equity	32,371,191.00

Liability & Equity 2024



Debt Due within 1 year	18,616,950.00
Other Liabilities	3,304,855.59
Equity	8,322,319.41
Total Liability & Equity	30,244,125.00

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Sports Field Play Space



In the last week of October 2024, the skies cleared just in time for the re-opening of our upgraded playground! The energy was electric as kids eagerly awaited their first steps onto the upgraded play space. Their excitement was contagious, and we couldn't wait to welcome them in!

The remainder of our Sports Field project, which includes an all-weather field and covered sports court, is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2025.



CORPORATE PARTNERS

We would like to thank those supporting White Rock Christian Academy as Corporate Partners for April 2024 – August 2025.

PLATINUM



Abundance Dental and Wellness Centre in South Surrey provides patients with professional dentistry, caring, gentle and pleasant dental experiences.
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GOLD



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R&C Academy of Art + Design is a professional art education institution which helps students improve their art techniques while emphasizing process art.
rc-arts.com



IRIS The Visual Group has delivered high-quality products and services in the eyecare industry for over thirty years.
iris.ca (Grandview Corners)

SILVER



Westland Insurance Group is the largest Canadian-owned independent brokerage, with a national presence stretching from Victoria to Halifax.
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