

CELEBRATE

THE CAMPAIGN FOR ST. MICHAEL'S



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This moment in time is unusual for all of us. Our Singleton Campus is quiet but the School community is thriving together online, with learning and social interaction at the heart of the experience. TOGETHER, faculty and staff spent days of intense planning and scheduling to launch the School's first ever distance learning for 378 students. Now, four weeks into our "new" norm, teachers and students are happily TOGETHER again. As a unified team, our faculty and staff are committed to serving our students well within this new, but temporary, context. We remain true to our mission.

Amidst the many challenges we are facing with the COVID-19 virus, we hope this newsletter brightens your day as you read about Bob Gregg's installation, the BIG NEWS, and plans for the future. We all look forward to being TOGETHER again. For now, stay safe and healthy!



St. Michael's Welcomes Seventh Head of School

The start of a new school year is always exciting to faculty, students, and their families. The 2019 start was even more special as we welcomed St. Michael's seventh Head of School, Robert E. Gregg III. Bob's leadership and collaborative abilities, passion for kindergarten-eighth grade education, demonstrated capacity for community-building, and his commitment to St. Michael's unique culture, mission, and values led the Search Committee and Board of Directors to unanimously select Bob as our next head of school.



1. Left to right: Anna, Bob, Kathy and Ellie Gregg. (Ruby Gregg was unable to attend)
2. Left to Right: Front Row: Marshall Renwick '25, Colton Knight '25, Alaina Golliday '25, Henry Burke '25, Saniya Pleasants '25
3. Betsy Johnson Hunroe, VAIS Executive Director and former St M teacher, was the guest speaker.

Big News



Dear St. Michael's Families and Friends,

From a transformational gift of land in 2004 to the opening of Hubbard Hall in 2018, W.E. "Bill" Singleton was a true philanthropist and longtime friend to St. Michael's Episcopal School. It is with great excitement that St. Michael's announces his very generous bequest comprised of three parts. Part 1 is applicable to our current reality at the School. Parts 2 and 3 are applicable to undetermined points in our future.

Part 1: It is our pleasure and distinct privilege to announce a cash gift in the amount of \$1.66 million. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to allocate this cash gift to the final phase of the ONE.TOGETHER. Campaign for the future construction of the Assembly Hall.

Part 2: Anyone who knew Mr. Singleton and his real estate investment holdings will not be surprised to learn that the second part of his amazing gift comes in the form of a real estate investment. St. Michael's is now the holder of a \$1.8 million promissory note secured by real property in Richmond. This note is an investment, of sorts, and is illiquid, albeit one that pays a nominal amount of interest to the School and one that will be a valuable asset in the School's bright future.

Part 3: The third portion of the bequest is a significant one, potentially even more so than the promissory note. As another illiquid investment, it is complicated and will take time to unravel.

We joyfully celebrate this incredible part of the bequest as we patiently wait to realize its full potential. This is a FUTURE gift which could amount to several million dollars. We will share more information as it solidifies.

His gifts were from the heart and always focused on impacting the lives of our students. Prior to his passing on June 11, 2017, Mr. Singleton and his wife, Dale, were strong supporters of the School, regularly attending plays and musical programs. In 2012, they established the W.E. and Dale Harman Singleton Scholarship Fund and also made gifts to the School's music program including instruments and mementos from Mr. Singleton's visits to jazz clubs in the 1940s and 1950s. He also contributed lead gifts towards the construction of the Ellen Passmore Singleton Center gymnasium and Hubbard Hall.

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Head of School

Christopher R. Gorman MD
Chair, Board of Directors

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WE HAVE BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Mr. Singleton shared the same love and affection for St. Michael's that we all share. It is those reasons he continued to support St. Michael's with lifelong gifts. Once again, his legacy of support provides a significant impact on the ONE. TOGETHER. Capital Campaign goals – specifically the Assembly Hall construction. We are grateful to Mr. Singleton and look forward to what we will accomplish as we work together to Open the Assembly Hall Doors. OUR support will ensure a unique space to spark creativity and develop spiritually.

Poised to be the hub of our Singleton Campus, the Assembly Hall will provide our students and families a place for all-school chapels, the Christmas Pageant, music and art classes, and our rapidly expanding Performing Arts program. We envision students graduating in this beautifully planned space surrounded by a loving community of teachers and families that reflect and embody our motto of Knowledge and Love of God.

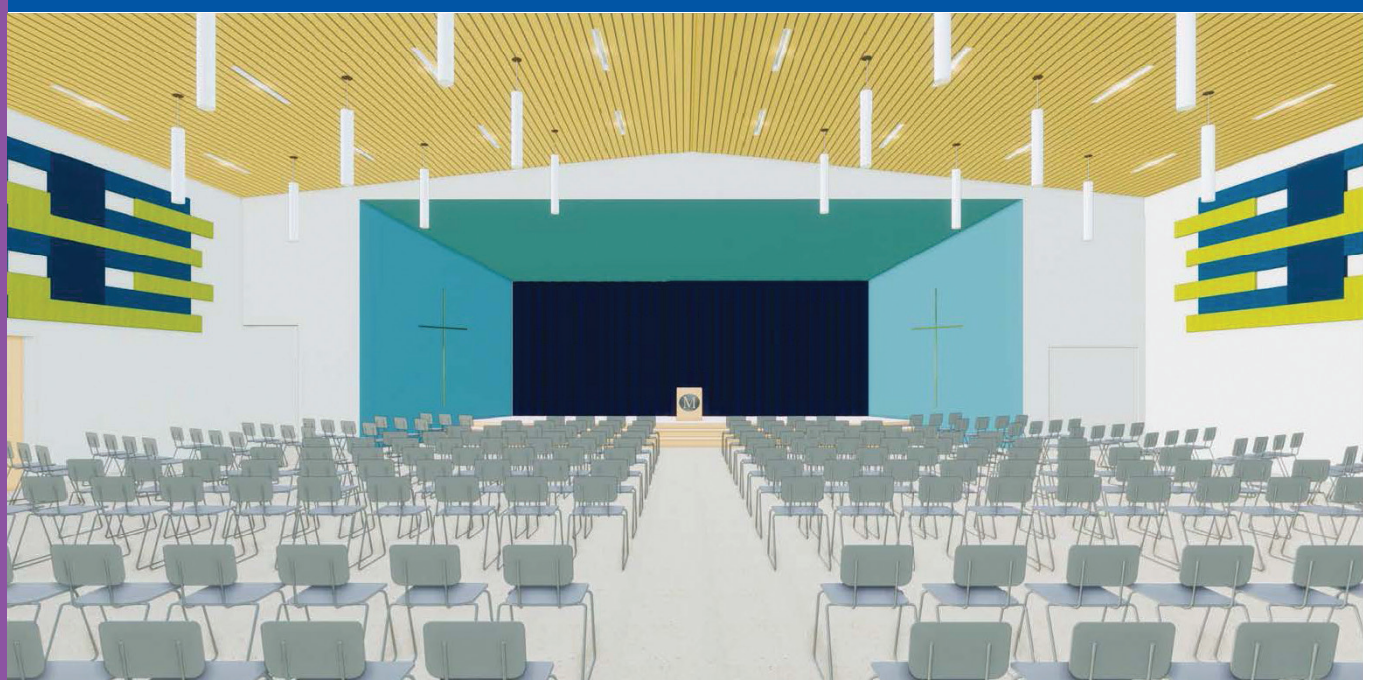
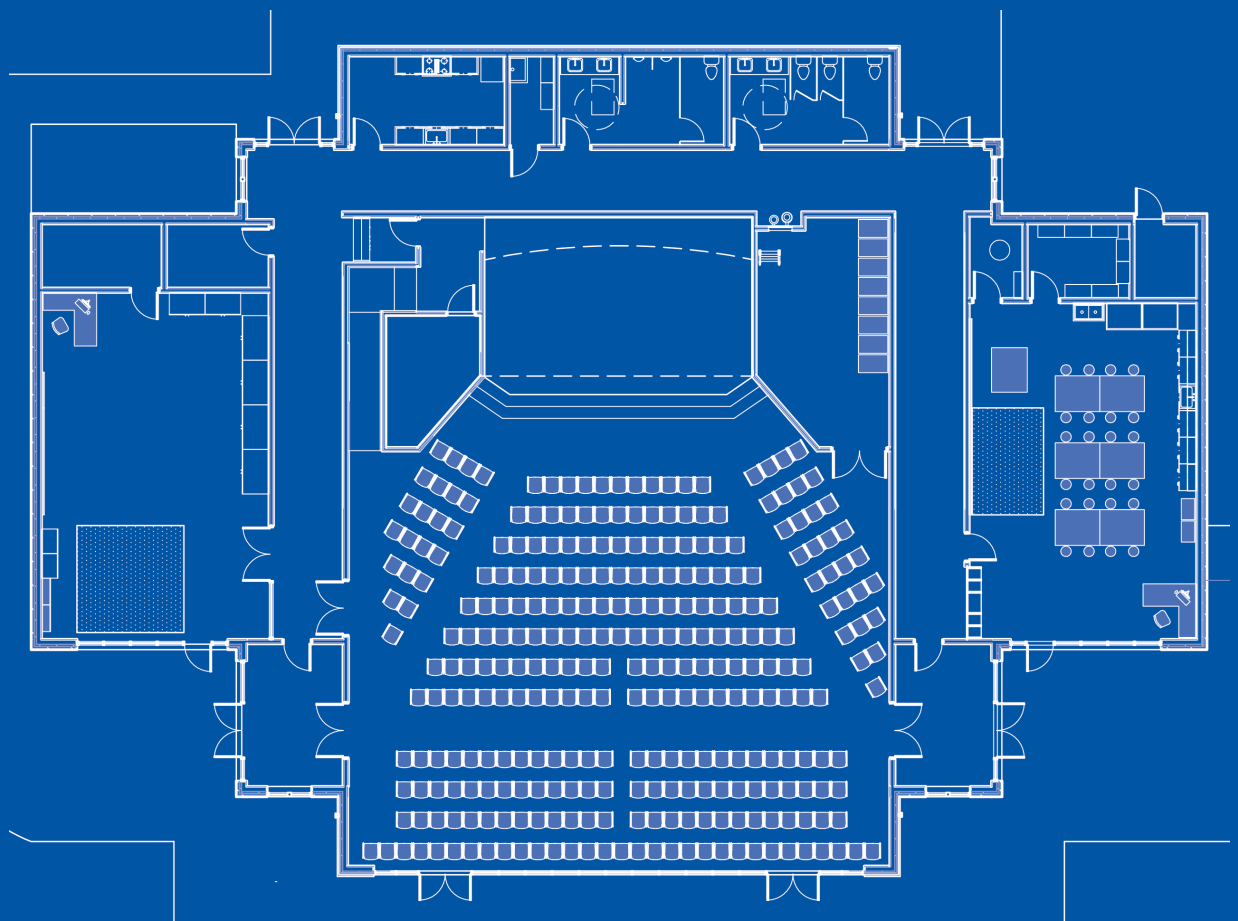
The Assembly Hall (10,960 sq. ft.) includes:

- A performing arts space large enough to comfortably accommodate the School's needs for weekly chapel services, performing arts and dining
- Art room filled with natural light and equipped with a kiln
- Gallery space
- Music room with modern acoustics and sufficient storage
- Patio for special events

We look forward to what we will accomplish **TOGETHER.**



ST. MICHAEL'S ASSEMBLY HALL LET'S OPEN THE DOORS





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Our grandchildren are our greatest gift! St. Michael's provides a great education and a creative and family centered environment for our granddaughters. Supporting the ONE. TOGETHER. Campaign is our way of assuring that this continues to grow.

— Dani and Tim Ashbridge, grandparents of Abigail '25 and Madison Jewett '22

Why we give

St. Michael's welcomed us to the family back in the day when the number of birthdays the School was celebrating was less than half of what it is today. When we learned that St. Michael's would offer our grandchildren the same opportunities for growth and participation that our four children were so fortunate to experience and to do so in a new state of the art environment, we found ourselves more than happy to commit to the ONE.TOGETHER. Campaign.

Once a Dragon, always a Dragon!

Kay and John Heerwald, parents of Krista '89, Anna '90, Courtney '91 and Matt '92
Grandparents of Will '22 and Hadley Hampton '24

It is exciting to see the continued success of St. Michel's over the years and a pleasure to support the ONE.TOGETHER. Campaign since St. Michael's was a significant part of our son's early development. There are many happy memories from our experience with the School — friendships, teachers, sporting events, class performances, school trips, etc. Supporting these opportunities for future generations is important.

— Bruce Willis, parent of Jeffrey Willis '07