



# Magazine

Mission Statement

Greater Portland Christian School provides a distinctively Christian education which complements the home and church, brings biblical perspective to each subject, and helps parents prepare their children for a God-glorifying life.

## You Are Vital to GPCS!

GPCS strives to serve God by teaching students from a biblical world view, using scripture to correct, rebuke, instruct, exhort, etc., employing faculty who have made a confession of faith and attend worship services and teaching Bible at each grade level. This ministry is His. So we have an awesome God, faithful teachers, students, and... GPCS is blessed to have many parent volunteers! **You are VITAL to GPCS!**

When I look back over this school year, I am reminded these verses :

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:4-5*

*"But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." I Corinthians 12:18*

GPCS is blessed to have the following par-

ents participating in His ministry; (this is not a complete list but a sampling of many "body parts").

**Jonathan Eiten & Julia Eiten** taking time to teach painting to grade 5. I hope you had a chance to see the student's art work at their show.

**Laura Holt-Haslam** comes in every Friday to teach art to grades 6-7.

**Tamara Konczal** is a homeschool mom who teaches art to grade 4 and was one of the directors for the high school drama program.

**Janet Rodgers** (new to GPCS this year) started a *Moms in Touch* group. Several moms are meeting together every Monday morning and praying for GPCS!

**Patty Whiting** serves on a volunteer basis as our school nurse. She performs the eye and hearing tests, flu shot clinics, etc.

**Troy Kinney** came to lots of school events to take pictures for our school yearbook.

**Dan Peterson** put in a lot of hours working with our computers and network.

## GPCS Parents and Extracurricular Programs

It is safe to say that without parents, there would be no extracurricular activities at GPCS. In our sports programs, GPCS thanks the following parents for volunteering their time in coaching; **Jay Imler, Stephanie Smith, Brian Morabito, Donna Keenan, Russ Keenan, Tim Woodward, Kathy Garland, Dave Andreasen**, etc. In yearbook, GPCS thanks all the hours and work of **Joan Vandette**. High school drama program was directed by **Pam Pratt** and **Tamara Konczal**. The GPCS Musical Season is beginning. These shows are helped with many parents. Thank you to **Karen Pearson** for costumes, **Skye Patterson** for accompaniment, **Angela Libby** in assisting with singing, **Jim Bauer** with sets, and many others—thank you!

Many of you volunteer to help drive to sports, festivals, field trips, etc! This list of help is huge and GPCS hugely thanks you!

Many of you volunteer for art, library, room moms, show & tell in our elementary program. Those extracurricular activities happen because you volunteer!

My hope for these articles is first to say **THANK YOU!** Second— to say you all are **VITAL**. Third— no intention is made to leave anyone out. If you are not mentioned it does not mean you are not important and that GPCS does not thank you. *Please know that you all are an important part of the GPCS body we THANK YOU!*

## Open House

Did you see all the help GPCS had from so many school parents to get us ready for Open House? We had **Angela Libby** transporting the temporary sign, **Pam Pratt** sewing curtains for the library, **Jennifer Hatch** painting the stairwell (sometimes in the dark!), **Amanda Woodruff** (brand new family to GPCS—literally just began) cleaning walls, **Daon Hoffman** and **Katie Teague** were cleaning too. One afternoon, **Patty Whiting** watched kids as parents cleaned. Other parents cleaning were **Angie Elder, Kendra McCleary, Imelda Maxwell, Skye Peterson** and so many others!

The Teachers Appreciation Committee (TAC) provided lunch for the faculty the Friday before Open House. We were so blessed and well fed! Thank you to **Chrissa Vocal, Kim-**

**berly Mann, Judy Frye**, and all the other members of the TAC!

On the day of Open House, GPCS had the help of **Pat Marston, Deborah Meek, Joyce Dawson, Judy Frye, Angela Libby, Doreen Theriault**, and others to welcome every new family and direct them where to go. GPCS also had many people baking refreshments for the Open House. Thank you to **Lori Minor, Janet Rodgers, Judy Frye, Jennifer Hatch, Linda Sacre, Imelda Maxwell, Angela Giannotti, Kriss Ann Spear-Key** and all the others. Our table was full of goodies!

There were many more parents involved with the success of Open House. GPCS is so thankful and appreciative! You are **VITAL**.