



HeartBeat of Ministry Feature Page



Former Students Share What GPCS Means To Them

Following are excerpts from letters the school has received from students who have been a part of The GPCS experience.

I grew up in a Christian family. When it came time for me to enter kindergarten, my parents enrolled me at G.P.C.S. It was there that I learned the basic Bible stories and of salvation through Christ. My school has helped a lot in my spiritual growth. Through Mrs. Bickford's Bible class and Mrs. Willink's Church History class I learned more about the Bible and the history of Christianity. I was taught how to develop my Christian Theology and to study the Bible on my own. Along with these classes, our weekly chapel service gave us practical advice and insight into our everyday problems. Greater Portland Christian School has definitely developed my spiritual life and helped me to grow in my Christian faith.

Throughout my years in high school, I have attempted to live up to and surpass the academic standards of G.P.C.S. This year I am taking a college credit calculus class through our school. Greater Portland Christian School has definitely prepared me for college. G.P.C.S. has helped me to achieve important academic goals in my high school career. With their help I was able to achieve high PSAT scores, with which I became a Commended National Merit Scholar. I continued to excel, reaching high SAT scores. I also was admitted into the National Honor Society and Who's Who of America. These achievements have allowed me to be accepted to and afford expensive Christian colleges that I could never attend otherwise.

Greater Portland Christian School has had a major impact on my life. The school has played a direct and powerful role in my spiritual development. I have consistently lived up to the school's high academic standards. I have been an involved member of the student body and a helpful volunteer. I have served both my school and church in many functions. The excellent staff of G.P.C.S. and their challenging curriculum have been extremely beneficial to me. I am particularly thankful to the teachers who have dedicated their careers to our education. Their enthusiasm and devotion have inspired me to strive harder in my academic pursuits. I can honestly say that my educational achievements are due to their help and diligence.

by N.S., Class of 2009

I've attended Greater Portland Christian School for eight years. In those eight years, I've learned a lot about myself and about the Lord. The most obvious lesson that I've learned is that Jesus will be with me through anything that ever happens to me. Since I've accepted Him, I've experienced many changes in my life: I switched from a public school to a Christian school, my parents got divorced, and I underwent major knee surgery. But through all of these experiences, the Lord has been with me and sent me people and situations to remind me that He's watching over me and that I am extremely blessed, no matter what happens.

Since I was very young, I've wanted to be a teacher. I've volunteered in the elementary level for almost six years, and I've gotten very close to many of the students that I have helped. In those years, I've enjoyed being able to help the children, not only with their studies, but also with their walk with the Lord. I will love someday to teach in a Christian school and to be able to integrate schoolwork with Christian principles. I hope to put my own love of learning and for the Lord into my future career as an elementary teacher.

I have gotten high grades in my four years of high school, which qualified me to be inducted into National Honor Society. I took part in the state math meet, where our school earned first place in our division. I was often the person my classmates went to for help on homework or understanding something that we'd gone over in class. As the junior class, we were in charge of planning the senior banquet. I was one of the leaders in



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GPCS is a K-12 school that has been educating students since 1973. The focus of the faculty and staff is to provide a quality education that stresses academic excellence and character development from a biblical perspective.

The state certified teachers are among the most qualified in the area. Student test scores confirm that the quality of education received at GPCS is comparable to that of other top area schools. In addition, the school offers students a wide array of extracurricular activities including music, drama, MPA soccer, basketball, baseball, and outdoor track. Several GPCS families, faculty, and staff will be on hand that evening to answer questions. Scholarship and financial aid opportunities are available. For more information visit www.gpcs.net or call the school at 207-767-5123

class discussions, and I was involved in all of the major decisions. I was also chosen by my classmates to be the Master of Ceremonies for that event.

by M.M., Class of 2006

During seventh grade, while attending Wescott Junior High School, I was headed in the wrong direction. I had gotten in with the wrong crowd, and once in, it seemed impossible to get "out."

That summer I went to a Christian summer camp, through the Evangelical Covenant denomination. There, I was able to talk about my struggles, and I was also encouraged by the staff to ask about attending a private Christian school. I came home that summer begging to attend Greater Portland Christian School. By God's grace and provision, I was able to enroll for my eighth grade year and was able to attend. I feel strongly that this event saved my life literally. Among the crowd I was hanging out with before, there were a couple of people who were threatening to kill me.

Throughout the years I have faced many difficult trials and tribulations, situations that only served to make me a stronger human being. I learned from scripture that "all things happen for the good of those who love the Lord and have been called to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) I stumbled many times and fall short of the Glory of God, while my deepest desire is to grow in my relationship with Him.

My first choice for college did not work out. It became clear to me that He has a different plan. I am sure of one thing and that is God has called me by name.

C.W., Class of 2001