

## **What has been done to get Capstone started?**

- The name Capstone Classical Academy was selected and has been formed as a legal corporation in the State of North Dakota.
- Logo and branding materials have been designed (as seen in this website).
- An application has been filed with the Internal Revenue Service to establish 501(c)3 non-profit status.
- A Board of Directors has been selected to guide the organization.
- Site visits have been made to classical schools elsewhere in the U.S. to learn more about the classical education model.
- The academy has become a Hillsdale College K-12 Member School, providing Capstone with guidance in the formation, administration, faculty development, and curriculum of the academy.
- The Board has hired Paul Q. Fisher to serve as Headmaster of the academy.
- We are actively pursuing acquisition of property in southwest Fargo for a building site.
- Information meetings are being conducted the second Tuesday evening of each month to explain the vision of Capstone.
- We have secured space to begin classes in the Fall of 2022.
- An architect specializing in classical building design has been hired to develop the initial permanent site plans, with the goal of opening that campus within the next two to three years.

## **When will the school open and what grades will be offered?**

Capstone Classical Academy will start classes for Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade in the fall of 2022, followed by adding at least one additional grade each year. Students who enrolled in 2022 will be able to graduate from Capstone. The long-range objective is to develop facilities that will accommodate 560 students in Pre-K through Grade 12.

## **What will it cost?**

Please visit our [tuition page](#) for full details regarding tuition and our tuition support program.

## **Will financial aid be available?**

A scholarship fund has been built into the initial operating budget. It is our goal to provide aid to families who would need [tuition support](#) and to secure donations that will fund a scholarship endowment. A founding principle of the Board of Directors is that Capstone, as much as possible, will be accessible to families who are committed to educating their children under the classical model, regardless of their financial situation.

## **Will Capstone be a faith-based school?**

Yes. As said in our mission statement, “Capstone Classical Academy engages students to acquire wisdom, cultivate virtue, and pursue rigorous academic study within a Christian worldview.”

Capstone will take a biblically integrated approach to literature, art, history, science, math, and theology. Rather than confining Christianity to a Bible class, we will view all subjects through the lens of Scripture.

Regarding our faculty, staff, students, and their families:

- All faculty and administration must acknowledge and be in agreement with the confession of faith stated in the **Nicene Creed**.
- Parents/Students need not be Christian to attend or benefit from the classical model.
- We will work diligently to treat each Christian tradition respectfully and thoroughly in our conduct and curriculum.
- We will provide our students with the skills to intelligently study Scripture and encourage their natural desire to better know God and align their lives with His will.

### **Why start another private school in the Fargo area?**

The classical model is a distinct method of education that is not offered by any school in the area. It cannot be added into or molded around the existing styles of progressive education, or even private education teaching methods. Education at all grade levels at Capstone will be built upon the classical method of instruction that incorporates different curriculum and instruction techniques. **Research has shown** that the classical model produces higher outcomes than all other learning methods used in American education.

In addition, there is a demand for a private school in the fastest growing part of the Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo metro area. The Capstone campus will be easily accessible to young families where most of the residential growth is occurring.

### **How will Capstone be financed?**

Capstone will be a private school, financed entirely through tuition and the donations of people with a belief in the lifelong value of classical Christian education to the student, their family, and their community.

### **How will Capstone be governed?**

The school has established a self-perpetuating board that operates under the Policy Governance model.