



IMPACT 75



Christian Academy in Japan

Equipping students to serve Japan and the world for Christ.



1950 was a banner year for a number of reasons: the first shots were fired in the Korean War; surgeons completed the first successful organ transplant; Uruguay won the Soccer World Cup; Charles Schultz published the first *Peanuts* comic strip; and Disney released a ground-breaking movie called *Cinderella*. Though it didn't register in international news, 1950 was historically memorable for another reason: a group of parents who had answered God's call to serve as missionaries founded a school called Christian Academy in Japan.



Since 1950, CAJ has grown into a school committed to providing a Christian education for children whose parents come from many cultures and walks of life. Our students are equipped with the understanding that being created in the image of the one living and true God bestows special dignity and value on human beings and mandates us to be God's agents of creativity, care, and truth in the world.



Students are trained in what it means to lead through serving, to think with discernment, to communicate with clarity, and to collaborate with

people who may think differently or experience the world from a variety of perspectives.



They form strong relationships with their teachers who nurture them in their learning journey, and develop lifelong friendships with peers which transcend distance and cultures.



They form a diverse community of learners, learning to lead with humility and to serve with confidence.

We are grateful for CAJ's legacy of Christ-centered, biblically-based learning and serving since 1950, but also bear witness to how the best ways to equip students have evolved. We want to be certain our students are prepared to meet the changing needs in the world of the 21st Century. To do this, we invite you to partner with us to provide students with the programs and facilities that will equip the next generation of leaders committed to serving in Japan and around the globe.

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To honor and celebrate 75 years of faithfulness, we are embarking on an ambitious five-year effort to enhance and expand our facilities. We are calling this plan **Impact 75**. We honor God's provision for CAJ over the past 75 years, and we look forward to continuing to equip students for the next 75 years and beyond. The board and leadership have thoughtfully and prayerfully considered a range of options, and have crafted a capital development plan which we believe will serve our students and families both in the near future and in the decades beyond.

Phase 1:

We are replacing our deteriorating cafeteria with a multi-purpose building suitable not only for eating, but also for learning, making music, and more. The second floor will house an expanded dining and gathering space with a lovely deck overlooking the playing field. The first floor will contain an improved band room, with attention to maintaining safe and appropriate sound levels for musicians, as well as efficient instrument storage. On the opposite end of the first floor will be a multi-use space suitable for lower elementary physical

education classes, for children's play or large class gathering and instruction. After a CAJ community naming contest, we have decided to call this building *The Ark*. Though ARK stands for arts, recreation and kitchen/kiosk, we think it also alludes to God's presence with us, as well as a refuge for students. We are on track to have this building completed sometime during the 2021-2022 school year.

Phase 2:

The new building gives us the welcome opportunity to realize a long-term dream of refurbishing and resurfacing our playing field. Since the old cafeteria will need to be demolished, the timing is right to improve the field. With careful planning and space use, we will expand the current non-regulation field to a FIFA regulation size covered with safe, artificial turf. In addition, we will redevelop our tennis courts and provide new play structures for younger students. Students need space to run, play, participate in sports, and use their bodies, and we want to provide a safe and spacious place for them to engage in these important activities.



Phase 3:

We want our students to have classroom space that will allow for experiential learning, design thinking, and exploration. As we look to the future, we are aware that we need to rethink the best possible atmosphere for them to do that, and we are thinking about what comes next. We look ahead to classrooms that will meet the needs of equipping students for the future awaiting them. We want CAJ to be safe, effective, and inspiring.

How you can help...

Phase 1:

We have strategically and frugally saved for this building, so the accumulated savings combined with an extremely low-interest loan put us in a good place to have this building completed without additional fund-raising.



Phase 2:

We are embarking on a “grassroots” campaign to raise the necessary funds to make the improvements for our field, tennis courts and playground. You can participate by staking your claim for the future. For for a set donation amount you could own one square meter of the field. Your piece of the field will provide great learning, physical and social development, and a growing sense of imagination and delight for future generations of CAJ students.



Phase 3:

We continue to explore where CAJ needs to improve and expand for the future educational needs of the future. We are creating a Master Plan that considers provision for increased security and safety, educational and administrative space, additional design and technology centers, as well as additional classroom space for our student body to grow.



We want a CAJ education to be affordable for families who want their children to have a biblically-based English language education, so we are actively seeking to fund this project through sponsorships and donations rather than increased tuition. Your donations will provide future students with the facilities, programs, and support they need to be completely equipped with all they need to serve Japan and the world for Christ. Please visit the **Giving** tab on our website caj.ac.jp for donation information.



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