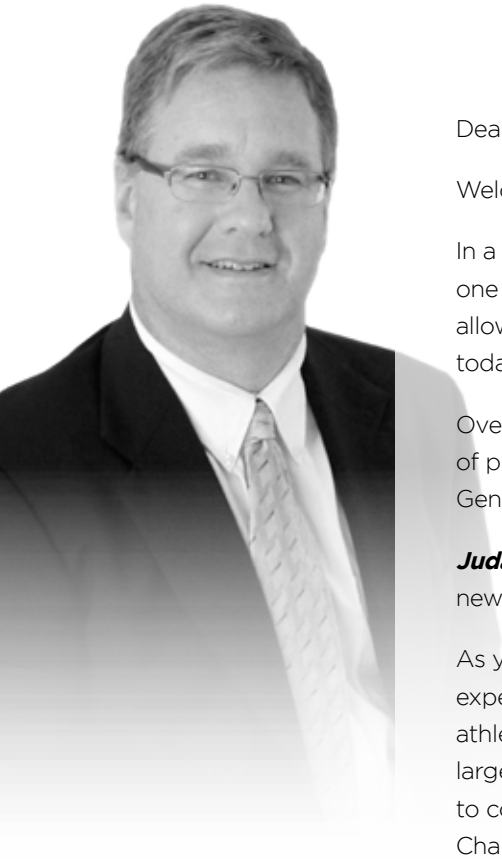


JUDAH RISING

THE NEW JUDAH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL PROJECT





Dear Friends of Judah Christian School,

Welcome to ***Judah Rising!***

In a manner of speaking, Judah has been on the rise since its founding in 1983. Over the last thirty-plus years, Judah has developed into one of the premier schools in East Central Illinois. Its unique PreK-12 educational format in a Christ-centered school environment has allowed the students at Judah to excel in every way. Truly, those who established the school and have shared in it over time have enabled today's students and families to benefit from their original humble, yet faith-filled vision.

Over two years ago, we accepted the challenge to become a part of the storied history of Judah Christian School. After acquiring 51 acres of property on Rising Road, we embarked on a \$3.1 million project to build a new sports complex on our new property. This became the Gene A. Salmon Field of Dreams!

Judah Rising marks the beginning of the next phase in the construction of the new Judah Christian School campus. The plan is to build a new PreK-12 school scheduled to open at the start of the 2018-19 academic year. The cost for the new school is \$26 million.

As you look through the ***Judah Rising*** booklet, you will discover many ways in which the new school will enhance the educational experience of our students. The new school design will bolster our teachers' abilities to impact our students spiritually, academically, athletically and creatively. Whether it is new innovative collaborative teaching spaces, greater opportunities for artistic expression, a larger gym or a multi-purpose commons area, we believe these educational upgrades are necessary if Judah Christian School is going to continue to be one of the premier schools in our region. We are convinced that along with our students and families, the whole of Champaign-Urbana will benefit from this new school.

Please consider joining ***Judah Rising*** and become a part of this exciting opportunity to build a new Judah Christian School in Champaign.

Best Regards,

Joe Thomas, PhD | Executive Director of Institutional Advancement



“For we are God’s servants, working together..God’s building.
According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master
builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it.”

I Corinthians 3: 9, 10



Design Narrative

Judah Christian School's new campus will provide a modern and innovative teaching environment. The building is organized around a two-story central Commons that serves as a welcoming and gathering space for students, parents, and the community. The Commons will support activities ranging from dining to chapel to collaborative study to music concerts. It connects with the outside campus through expansive glass and views out to the athletic fields and the outdoor plaza/playground.

Through separate entries, drop-off zones, and offices, the new building will provide a distinct identity for both the Pre-K/Elementary School and the Junior/Senior High School while maintaining connectivity between grades.

With classroom wings stretching to the east, the building is oriented for optimal natural daylighting. The outdoor courtyard formed by the two classroom wings provides a gathering plaza and a protected and secured play space.

Future facilities are integrated into the master plan allowing for expansion of athletic facilities, performing arts spaces, special education, vocational, and standard classrooms. The classroom expansions provide for three classrooms for each grade, including Pre-K, ultimately making Judah a three-strand school.

Spaces throughout the building are programmed for flexibility and opportunity for interaction and collaborative learning.



Design Goals

How spaces relate to Judah's Vision & Values

- Foster a Sense of Family and Community
- Enrich Academic Excellence and Innovation
- Enhance Performing Arts & Athletics
- Deepen Spiritual Growth and Formation

Future Judah Christian School Campus

- Recently completed Field of Dreams (below)
- Entire site layout and school (right)





Site Features

1. Existing Soccer, Track & Football Venue
2. Auxiliary Athletic Support Building
3. Future Tennis Courts
4. Existing Baseball Field
5. Expanded Parking Lot
6. Existing Softball Field
7. Landscape Promenade
8. Existing Soccer Field
9. Future Volleyball Courts
10. Future Basketball Court
11. Outdoor Ampitheater
12. Future Building Expansion
13. Playground
14. Plaza
15. Secondary Entrance with Canopy
16. Elementary Entrance with Canopy
17. Existing Detention Pond
18. Landscape Buffer

Family & Community

A 7,000 square foot Commons will be at the heart of the new Judah Christian School. The Commons will create a warm welcome for our students, parents and guests as they enter the school. A natural gathering space, the Commons will provide students with room for independent and group study, chapel service, special stage performances and lunch. The Commons will also serve parents who desire to enjoy each other's company over a cup of coffee.



Floor Plan Legend

1. Elementary School Entrance
2. Secondary School Entrance
3. Secondary Administration Office
4. Elementary/Pre-K Administration Office
5. Library/Multi-media
6. Commons
7. Gymnasium
8. Athletic Support Space
9. Weight Room
10. Stage/Performing Arts Space
11. Music Room
12. Art Room
13. Cafe/Concessions
14. Plaza
15. Playground
16. Restrooms
17. Building Services
18. Kitchen/Servery
19. Teacher Support Space
20. Secondary Classroom
21. Elementary Classroom
22. Outdoor Ampitheater
23. Pre-K Classroom
24. Locker Bay
25. Special Education Services
26. Open to Below
27. Science Lab
28. Stair
29. Elevator
30. Loading Dock
31. Auditorium
32. Band Room
33. Auditorium Support/Storage
34. Collaboration Space



First Floor Plan Phase I

Academic Excellence & Innovation

The new school will continue the superb tradition of academic achievement at Judah Christian School. The up-to-date facilities and surrounding grounds will provide our faculty with a significant new pedagogical tool. New science labs, collaborative spaces to work on group projects and inventions, plus outdoor space to create research and learning gardens will enhance what is already a premier education. Built upon a lush and beautiful part of God's creation, we believe the new campus will provide our students with a healthy balance of academics and spiritual growth.



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Second Floor Plan Phase I

Performing Arts

The desire to create is at the heart of what it means to be made in the image of God. At Judah, the arts play an important role in the life and development of our children. The new school will provide added space and unique features for Judah's artists.

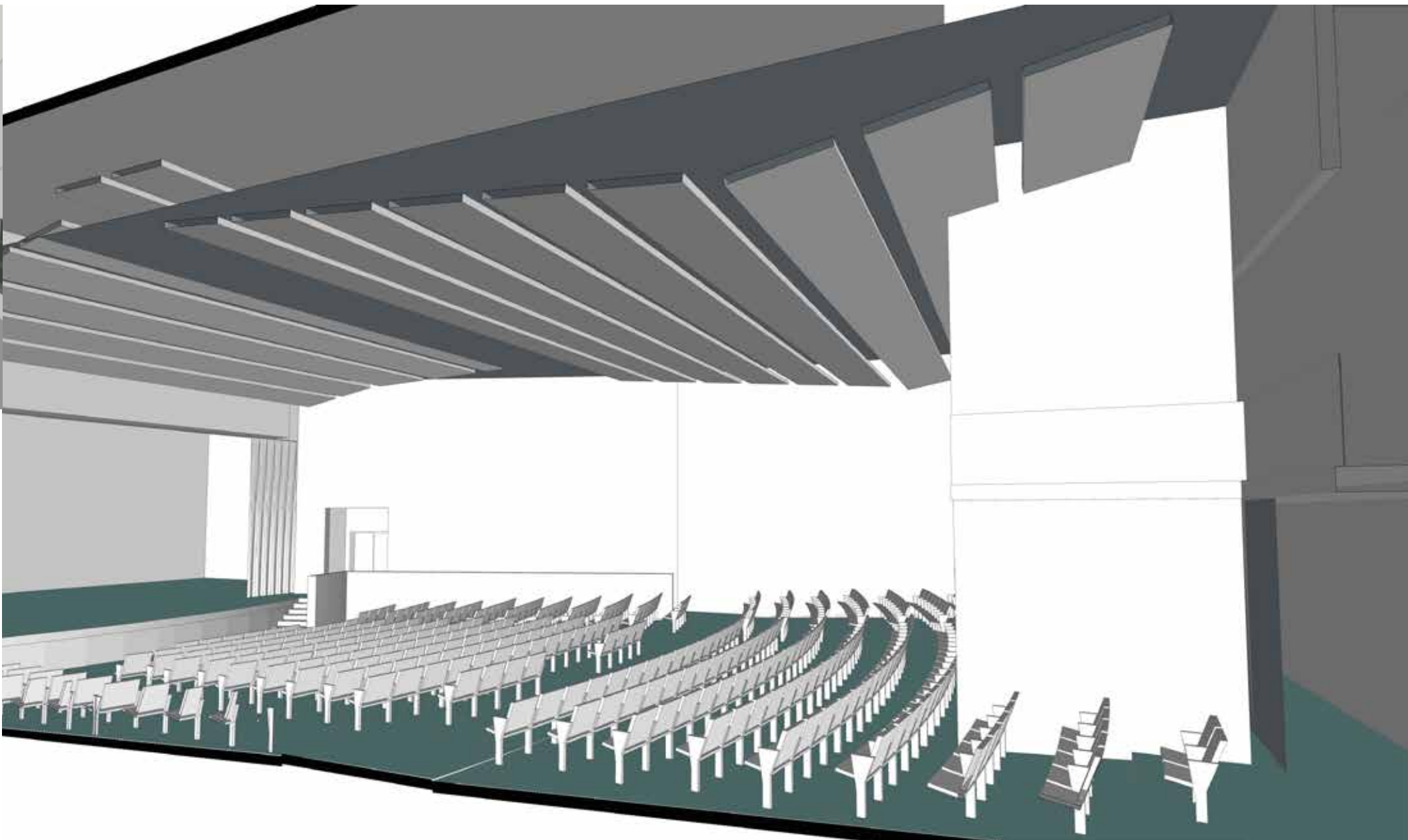
New additions will include:

- A multi-purpose stage
- Added stage space for set design and stage crew
- A stage located in the Commons for special performances and chapel services
- A rehearsal room for choir and band
- A new Art Room with Kiln



Auditorium

The 550 seat, state of the art auditorium is a perfect venue for theatrical presentations, musical and dance performances, conferences, large lectures and church services. The auditorium costs \$3.6 million. It is not included in the \$26 million Judah Rising campaign. Our hope is that people will capture a vision for what the auditorium can mean for Judah Christian School and the Champaign-Urbana community, and help us find the resources to make it a part of the initial construction.



Athletics

In line with what we have done for our outdoor athletic facilities, the new school also seeks to upgrade our indoor athletic capabilities. The new gym will have more square footage than our current gym, providing more room for our sports teams to practice. The new gym will also increase the seating capacity from our current 640 to 1,000. At a seating capacity of 1,000 people, Judah will be able to host post-season basketball and volleyball contests.



Auxiliary Gymnasium

Adding a second gym will allow our student athletes to practice at the new school instead of being transported to rented space around town. The second gym will also have the capacity to host elementary and junior high volleyball and basketball contests. This gym will be designed to be expanded into a larger gym as Judah continues to grow.



Tour of New School

The heart of the First Floor is the central Commons. During a typical school day, it will serve as the entry, cafeteria, media room, and chapel. For special events, it will serve as the lobby for concerts and plays, pre- and post-game gathering, and concessions. At the south end of the Commons is a small stage for elementary school plays, music ensembles, and chapel teachings. Off of the Commons is a commercial kitchen for preparing lunch.

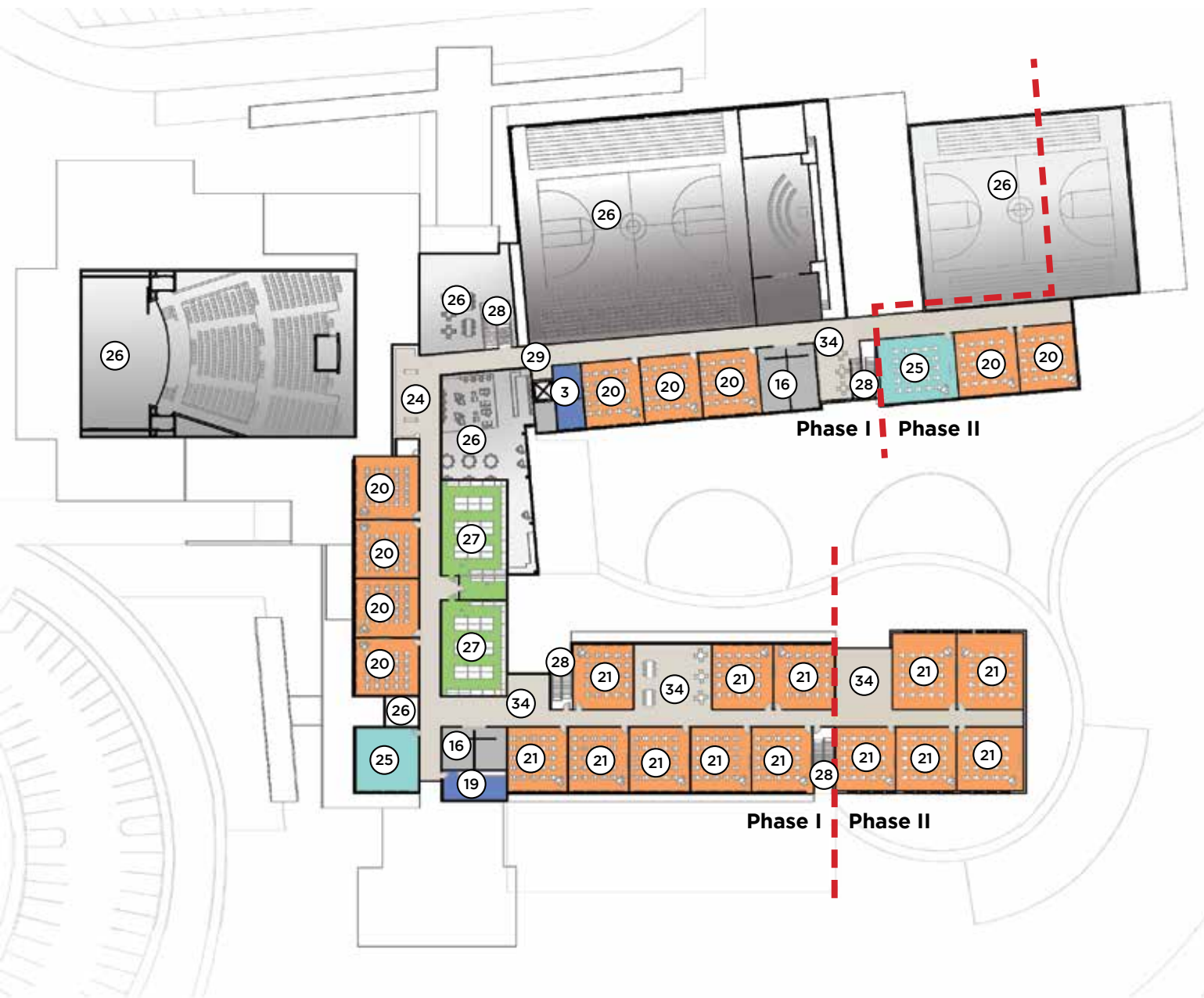
Classrooms are situated into three wings - Pre-K/Elementary, Jr. High, and Sr. High with a bridge spanning across the Commons to connect Jr. High and Sr. High. The Elementary wing centers on a large second floor collaboration space where students from multiple classes can work together. New science labs are perched over the Commons below signifying the important role that science plays in the curriculum. Throughout the building are multiple spaces for socialization and collaboration.



Final First Floor Plan

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Final Second Floor Plan

Spiritual Growth & Formation

The original vision of Judah Christian School was to create a family-oriented school centered squarely within the Christian tradition. At the heart of the vision was the belief that a Christ-centered education would provide students and families with the best opportunity to maximize their natural gifts and grow in their understanding of God's teachings and His call upon their lives. It is exciting to see how this founding vision has expanded and permeated the culture of Judah Christian School in ways the first families could not have anticipated. The senior class trip is no longer a day trip to an amusement park but an annual event helping underserved areas in Puerto Rico. We now have a new Director of Spiritual Formation who provides spiritual support to our students, building upon what has been gleaned through Bible classes, service projects and chapel. The end result of all this is spiritually vibrant young men and women, trained through rigorous academics, athletic competition, and the development of their innate creative gifts, who become transformational leaders in our community, the nation, and the world. The new Judah Christian School campus is specifically designed to continue this grand spiritual vision.



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