



# FIRM FOUNDATION

“...storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.” - 1 Tim 6:19 (NASB)

**Firm Foundation** is for CCS parents who want to dig deeper into the world of classical, Christian education. Parents are encouraged to come to our monthly meeting where we will hear CCS guest speakers, read and discuss several books related to our mission (e.g., *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning*, *Repairing the Ruins*, etc), and help build community among fellow parents.

The meetings are held typically once a month on a Saturday morning from 7:30 - 9:00 AM at CCS. Depending on our guest speaker, we will meet in different classrooms, so you get the real context for where all of “life happens” in our school.

Date	Time	Location	Speaker	Book Covered <sup>1</sup>
Saturday, 8/29	7:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Field House Pavilion	Diane Hillsgrove	RTLTL, App. A, Ch.1-5
Saturday, 9/19	7:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Classroom	Kristen Clarkson	RTLTL, Ch. 6-12
Saturday, 10/31	7:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Field House Pavilion	Jeff Poore	RTR
Saturday, 11/21	7:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Classroom	Cindy Mathews	TLAT

For those interested in becoming eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, *Firm Foundations* helps serve as a conduit to help satisfy the prerequisites necessary for Board service eligibility. However, the primary goal of *Firm Foundations* is to help parents more fully understand classical, Christian education and to further the partnership between the School and family.

<sup>1</sup> RTR = Repairing the Ruins; RTLTL = Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning; TLAT = The Liberal Arts Tradition



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is Firm Foundation?** It is a monthly gathering during the school year for CCS parents who want to dig deeper into the world of classical, Christian education. You will hear CCS guest speakers (e.g., teachers, administrators, coaches, etc.) speak about life in the daily classroom, as well as discuss several integral books which undergird our school's mission.

**Who can attend?** All CCS parents are encouraged to attend!

**When does it meet?** We typically meet once a month on a Saturday morning from 7:30 – 9:00 AM.

**Where does it meet?** We meet in various rooms around campus (depending on the guest speaker – it could be in a classroom, the auditorium, the gym, etc).

**Is childcare available?** Unfortunately, childcare is not available at this time. We do welcome any students that may want to participate.

**What is the format of the meeting?** There is a small time for food and fellowship, a short talk by our guest speaker, and a group book study/discussion of one of the books listed below.

**I thought Firm Foundation was just for potential board members.** We want to continue to use Firm Foundations as a means for all parents to come together for fellowship, for equipping and encouragement in the classical, Christian model, and for an opportunity to hear more directly from those teachers and administrators who spend so much time in the classroom with our children.

**What books are covered throughout the year?**

- *Recovering the Lost Tools of Learning* – Doug Wilson
- *Repairing the Ruins* – Doug Wilson
- *The Liberal Arts Tradition* – Kevin Clark & Ravi Scott Jain

**How do I obtain a free copy?** Please come to the front desk and ask for your copy of the book that we will be discussing.

**What if I don't read the particular book ahead of the meeting?** The more you read ahead of time, the livelier the discussion will be! If you haven't read the books above, they help lay the foundation for our school's mission. We want to avoid a book lecture series and encourage great conversation around the ideas in these books. However, please come sit in and be a part of the community regardless of whether you have read the book!

**My kids are only in elementary school. Why should I come during a meeting with a guest Rhetoric teacher?** It's really important that we keep our heads up on the long-term vision – both as Christians and as Christians educating our children. It's easy for us to get caught up in the here and now – with penmanship, Latin, and uniforms in the lower grades. However, much like this earth isn't our final resting place, neither is the 2nd grade. Come listen to all the excellent teachers your children will experience as they grow and take advantage of the opportunity to learn about all the blessings that we pray will flow to your children!

