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Teachers and Staff



Pastor Art Preuss



Loi Green, Principal
Teacher Grades 5 & 6



Laura Carlisle
Treasurer Extraordinaire



Jessica Catron
Teacher Grades 7 & 8



Annelise Perry
Teacher Grades 3 & 4



Zonila Robinson
Grades 1 & 2



Jenny Carballo
Kindergarten



Teacher's Short Biography

Ms. Loi Green is the Principal, the 5-6 grade teacher and is a Master Teacher. With her Bachelor of Science degree from Oakwood University and her Master's degree from Central Michigan University she started her teaching career in public school where she taught for 18 years. She received her call to serve in God's school in 2012. Within a year of working in the Adventist school system she began her role as servant leader. The best decision ever!

Ms. Green has two grown children - both are products of Adventist Education. Her son, Andrew, is a graduate of Oakwood University with a degree in computer networking. Her daughter, Paige, is a graduate of La Sierra University. Paige's degree is in physics, and she is now a practicing physician in Boston University.

One of Ms. Green's favorite Bible verse is Ephesians 2:4-6: *"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-It is by grace that you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus"*.

Ms. Jessica Catron is the 7-8 grade teacher. With a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Secondary Education from Andrews University, she's been teaching middle school students for ten years (and there's nothing else she'd rather do!). She loves hanging out with her family and friends, playing with her two poodle dogs, combing the beach for shells, and decorating sugar cookies in her free time. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:6-7: *"Be anxious for nothing but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"*.



Teacher's Short Biography Continued

Ms. Annelise Perry is the 3-4 grade teacher. With a Bachelor of Science degree from Union College, she's been teaching at NACS for four years. She takes a leadership position, is the IT expert, and makes teaching interactive and hands on applications. She like to go to the beach, hanging out with friends while eating yummy food, reading, and going to Costco (who doesn't?!). Her big news is she is engaged to Thomas O'Riodan. Both Annelise and Thomas are regular volunteers at the church food distribution ministry to help feed the hungry.

Her favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 43:1:

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine".

Ms. Zonila Robinson is the 1-2 grade teacher. With a Bachelor of Science from Oakwood University and a Masters of Art from Western Governors University she has been teaching for 13 years. She was teaching with Ms. Green at Duluth (GA) Adventist Christian School and when Ms. Green asked her to come to Naples to teach at NACS she packed her bags and came. Like Mrs. Jenny, she embraces teaching with enthusiasm, creativity, music, and object lessons. Her grown son is attending Augusta State University so occasionally she will drive over the weekend to see him. She loves to travel and read in her "spare" time. She is a member of the church Praise Team. Her favorite Bible verse is 1 Peter 5:7:

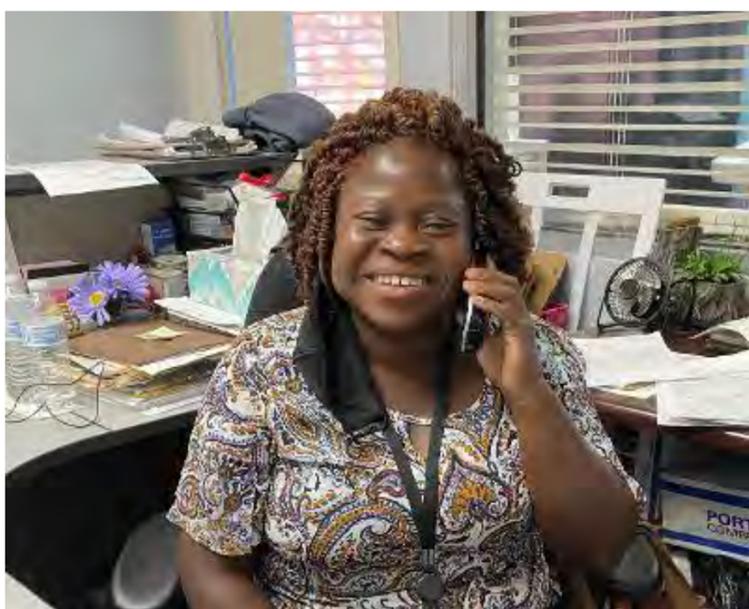
"Cast all your fears on him because he cares for you".

Mrs. Jennie Carballo is the Kindergarten teacher. She completed her certification in Early Childhood Development in 1998 and has dedicated the past 22 years to guiding young minds. She is trilingual and enjoys being the official translator at NACS. She gives her all in her teaching with passion, enthusiasm, object lessons, music, and love. She and her husband have resided in Naples since 1997. Her two eldest children graduated NACS with her youngest currently attending. She and her family enjoy nature adventures and camping with the church Pathfinder Club. Her personal ministry is listening to people's needs and then supplying them with food, prayer, and ... cars. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13:

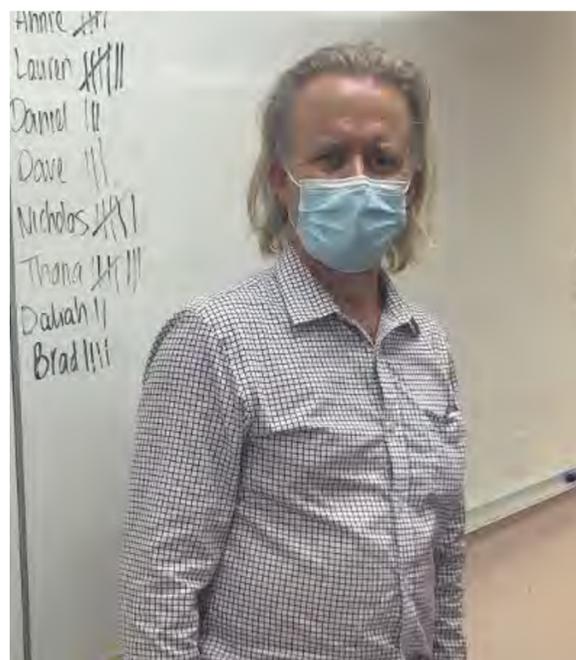
"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength".



Staff



Subrina Minnis
Administrative Assistant



John McMinn
Music and Art



Jacob Stanley
Physical Education



AJ Jabri
Intramural and Afterschool Sports



Our School

- NACS was established in 1970 and has been continuously teaching Christian values and providing an excellent education for over 50 years.
- We started with humble beginnings with two teachers and seven students.
- We have grown into our stand-alone building, five classrooms, grades K – 8.
- NACS has five teachers including our Principal, plus an administrative assistant, a teacher's aide, a part-time PE teacher, part-time music/art teacher and Robotics program leader.
- We accept the Step-up for Students ("SUFS") scholarship program which is a generous income-based scholarship award to help pay for private school tuition. Most of our students qualify for this scholarship which pays 100% of their NACS tuition.
- NACS is a nationally certified school and has passed the previous Conference evaluation with outstanding commendations.
- We are financially solid and hope to expand the building footprint in the near future.
- **The NACS board has rewritten the Constitution to include our area Seventh-day Adventist churches as Associate Constituency Churches. The final step for approval is a vote by the Naples Church Constituency membership. Once this is passed, Associate Constituency Churches will help shape NACS for the future and have a voting board member for non-financial decisions.**

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What is the Step Up for Students Scholarship?

“Mission –

- *Step Up For Students (“SUFS”) empowers families to pursue and engage in the most appropriate learning options for their children, with an emphasis on families who lack the information and financial resources to access these options. By pursuing this mission, we help public education fulfill the promise of equal opportunity.*
- Step Up For Students is a state-approved nonprofit scholarship funding organization that helps administer four scholarships for Florida schoolchildren: the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program (FTC) for lower to middle income families, the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) for lower to middle income families and students with unique abilities (formerly Gardiner), the Hope Scholarship for public school students who are bullied or victims of violence and the Reading Scholarship Accounts for public school students in third through fifth grade who struggle with reading.
- Public education is rooted in the promise of equal educational opportunity, and nowhere is that covenant more relevant than in the lives of struggling or disadvantaged children.

These scholarships strengthen public education by offering options to struggling schoolchildren. Step Up For Students considers itself a partner of public schools in giving all students the tools toward success. They do this by empowering parents through the scholarship programs so that they might have an equal opportunity to discover educational options that work best for their children.”

How is SUFS funded? Florida’s business taxpayers can earn **dollar-for-dollar** tax credits while funding K-12 scholarships for children with a financial need. This is made possible through the state’s Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Program. First introduced in 2001, the program receives more than \$700 million in tax-credited contributions annually.

What are the family income guidelines to qualify? For the 2021-22 school year, a family of four could have an **income of up to \$99,375 annually to be eligible** for a private school scholarship.

If a family qualifies 100%, does the SUFS scholarship cover my child’s tuition at NACS?

YES!!! There are a few minor costs for field trips and uniforms, but the SUFS funds cover tuition.

Did you know? In 2017, NACS was chosen as a showcase school. SUFS administration held a business partner presentation at our school to show how their tax dollars are used to offer private school opportunities for less advantaged students.



Recent Academic Results to Celebrate!

- NACS administers NWEA's MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Growth testing several times a year to baseline students at the beginning of the year, to check students progress throughout the year and make the necessary instructional adjustments on an individual student basis.
- MAP Growth is the most trusted and innovative assessment for measuring achievement and growth in K–12 math, reading, language usage, and science. It provides teachers with accurate, and actionable evidence to help target instruction for each student or groups of students regardless of how far above or below they are from their grade level.
- MAP Growth is being used in over 9,500 school systems in over 145 countries.
- Our MAP scores compare a student's test results against their peers, their FL Conference aggregate peers and national grade norms.
- Here are a few highlights from our MAP Growth Report that measures knowledge growth from Fall of 2020 to Fall of 2021:
 - NACS students' average RIT scores for Math in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 exceeded the projected grade-level norms for growth.
 - Grades 2 and 4 are at or above the 84th percentile in achievement in math.
 - Grade 1 is at the 96th percentile for achievement in math when compared to national achievement norms. NACS student's average RIT for Reading in grades 2, 3, 6, and 8 exceeded the projected national grade-level norms for growth.
 - Grades 1, 2, and 3 are at the 98th percentile or higher in achievement in reading when compared to national achievement norms.
 - NACS students in Grades 3-7 scores exceeded the projected grade-level norms for growth in Language Usage.
- These results are reason to celebrate! Especially, in light of the impact that COVID-19 had on the student learning and the nation's educational systems last year.



Why Adventist Education?

1. Tailored Learning – our class sizes are small and our teachers can focus on providing the best in group and individual attention and instruction. The curriculum is match Adventist values with academic objectives,
2. Lifetime Friendships – Students develop lifetime friendships with peers who have similar values through shared experiences. Our students have multiple opportunities to develop good leader and follower skills.
3. Character Development – Students who understand the principles of right and wrong and the attributes of God are better scholars, leaders, family members and citizens. Adventist Education is the best way to educate citizen scholars who demonstrate respect, integrity, truthfulness, perseverance, responsibility, caring, courage, and problem solving.
4. Engaged Service – We value God’s creation, so we find ways to give back to the earth and human kind. Community service allows our students to think beyond themselves to make the world a little brighter and a little better.
5. Impactful Teachers – Our teachers understand their mission to offer redemptive education to help students make good everyday decisions now that will impact their future. Our teachers regularly participate in professional development and continuing education to keep their skills on the cutting edge.
6. Family Atmosphere – Education is a partnership between students, parents, teachers, and God. Working together provides a vibrant learning community with strong relationships, similar goals, and a shared journey.
7. Whole Person Growth – Whole person growth in education offers students ample opportunities to encounter Christ, explore the big questions of life and develop a biblical foundation for making everyday choices that will impact eternity. Ultimately, Adventist Education is redemptive, taking every stage of a young person’s mind, body and spirit development into consideration in learning, interaction and discipline. We want our children to thrive in the kingdom of God.



Our Safety Program

- The safety of our students, teachers, staff and parents is our top priority. We take every precaution recommended by the Florida Department of Education and national health authorities.
- Our COVID-19 Safety Plan is on file with the Florida Department of Education.
- Our building is inspected annually by the Florida Department of Health and the City of Naples Fire Department to insure that all applicable safety regulations are followed.
- Our property is adjacent the Collier County Sheriff's Department and they have visited NACS as part of their community relations work.
- Linda Steinbacher is our Safety Officer and a School Board Member. Linda conducts monthly fire drills and property safety inspections. NACS has ordered and waiting for delivery on a AED with wall cabinet that is appropriate for use on children. Linda also maintains our safety plan and documentation.
- All teachers and staff are AED and First Aid certified with renewal training every year.
- NACS recently installed air purification systems on each of our brand new HVAC units. This dual UV lamp systems eliminate odors, toxic VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) and microbial contaminants.
- NACS has a daily professional janitorial service to help keep our school's classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas as clean and germ-free as possible.
- Water bottle filling stations were installed at the drinking fountains to avoid the spread of germs.
- Installed hand sanitizer dispensers can be found at every entrance to classrooms and exits to the exterior of the building. Students are to make frequent use of these dispensers as they enter their classrooms.
- We installed touchless soap and paper towel dispensers in all bathrooms.
- The entire school is "fogged" twice daily. At lunch time when the students are outside for lunch and again after the students have left for the day by the janitorial crew.
- As much as possible, students don't share devices or textbooks. Cleaning wipes are provided to sanitize when necessary.
- Group tables are installed with dividers where social distancing is not possible.



Where are we and where are we going?

• Currently

- NACS offers a low student to teacher ratio which enables a more personalized teaching and enriching relationship and learning experience.
- Jesus is taught in all our subjects plus we have chapel on Fridays led by the teachers and emphasized with Pastor Art. We invite you to participate!
- We offer a one-to-one ratio of laptops, computer, or iPad to students as our curriculum has progressed to an interactive experience with the teachers and lessons.
- Tutoring is offered when needed with teachers from Collier County Public School or by dedicated certified 7th-day Adventist “retired” teachers.
- Art, music, and PE are part of our core curriculum.
- Extracurricular activities include afterschool basketball and robotics.

• Upcoming

- **Board Buddies** – We are connecting all the families with a board member to enhance communication and relationships. This will take the mystery out of the board and give the families one more layer of connection.
- **Mentoring** – We are reaching out to our local SDA Pastors, church members, former students, and community leaders to inspire, encourage, and interact with our upper grade students. The initial connection will be through games such as chess, checkers, Uno to build a rapport and relationship. As the friendship develops, we are hoping our students will learn how to have a personal relationship with God, as well as recognize the importance of education.
- **Increased School Recognition** – Yes, we want to be recognized for our excellence, however we also need families in our area churches to be excited about being able to offer their children an Adventist Christian education. We are asking YOU to help us enlighten your congregation about the excellent school we have right here in Naples.

• Future

- **We need space.** We are looking into either building an addition onto the school or acquiring a modular space with two classrooms and a multipurpose room.
 - We have obtained a \$200,000 matching fund from the Bainum Family Foundation.
 - Floor plans for the modular space are included in this booklet. Alternatively, we are considering annexing classrooms to the current building.
 - A site plan is complete and approved by the city.
 - The Civil Engineer and Contractor have been chosen.
 - Midwest One Bank has agreed to work with us if we require additional funding.
 - The Conference is ready for us to start.
 - We have a list of donors and will be seeking significant contributions to make this a reality.
- **Add a high school** – we can dream, can't we?



Who loves Jesus?



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The Property, Building and Addition Plans

Current Building

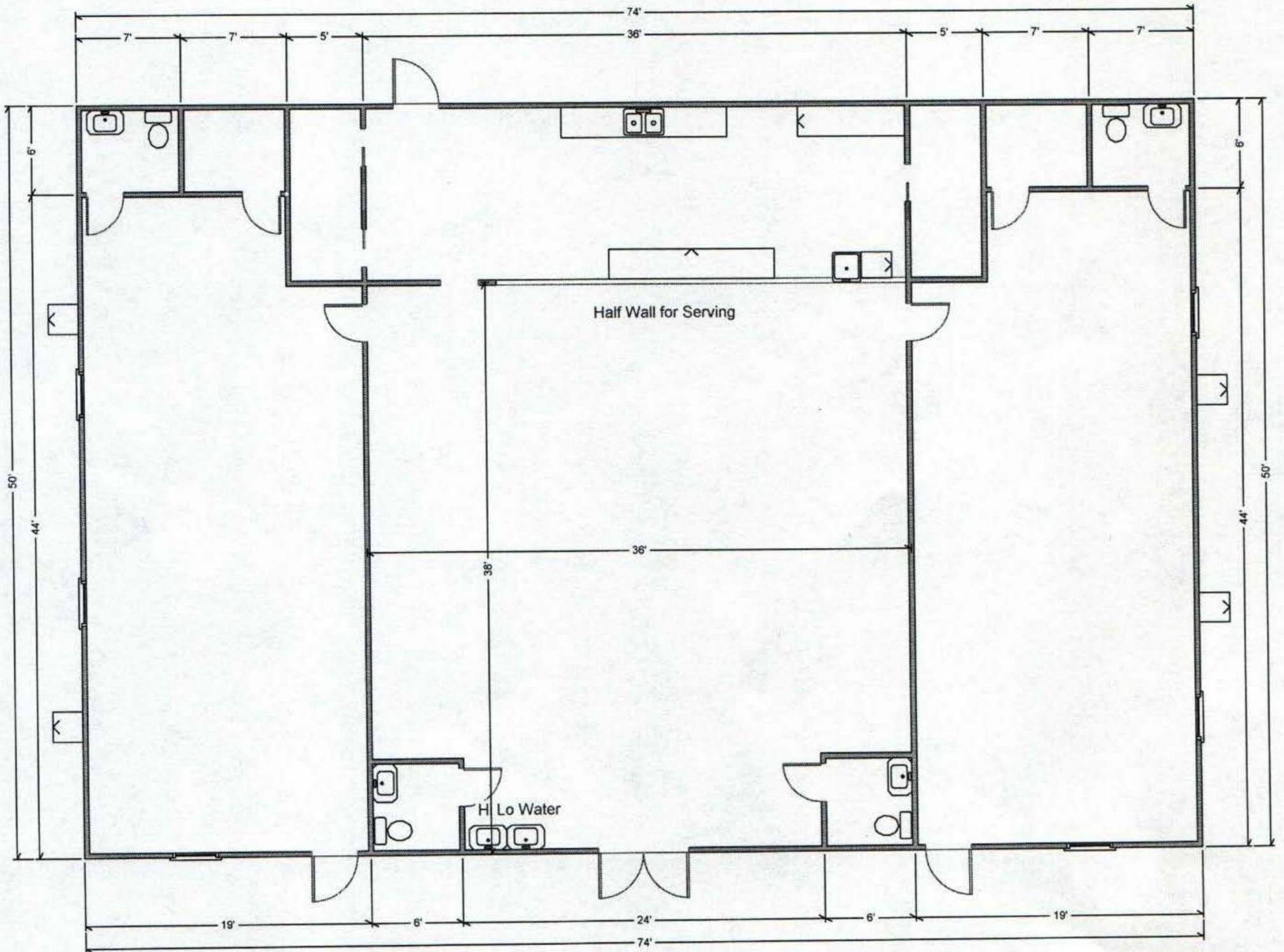
- 13 years ago, the Naples SDA Church needed more space for both worship and hold school. But where were the funds?
- We prayed and prayed and prayed more.
- God sent Mr. Stewart Bainum who had been successful in business and had a passion for Adventist education. He proposed separating the school from the church property and once board approved, he moved forward. He purchased a building, renovated it, and donated it to the Florida Conference to be used in perpetuity as a school. The city placed a contingency that the building could be a school only if there was more surrounding property as a buffer and for school sports/activities. To comply, Mr. Bainum purchased the surrounding property and leases it to the Conference for \$1/year solely for school use.
- This is how the current school and surrounding property came to being.
- But we need more space and want to grow the school.

Future Addition

- We have building plans and an approved City Site Plan for a modular addition that includes two classrooms, two restrooms, a large multipurpose room with a meal prep area (no stove), four restrooms, and four storage closets. Alternatively, we are also exploring adding on to the current building.
- NACS has saved \$200,000 to be used toward the addition and The Bainum Family Foundation has pledged \$200,000 matching funds. We will be seeking further donations from individuals and gratefully have received our first \$10,000 donation.
- COVID set us back in our plans, but we are committed to proceeding forward and have the support from the Florida Conference.
- **We hope you will be excited and join us by praying for God's leading and spreading the good word about NACS so more families can receive God's school's blessing.**



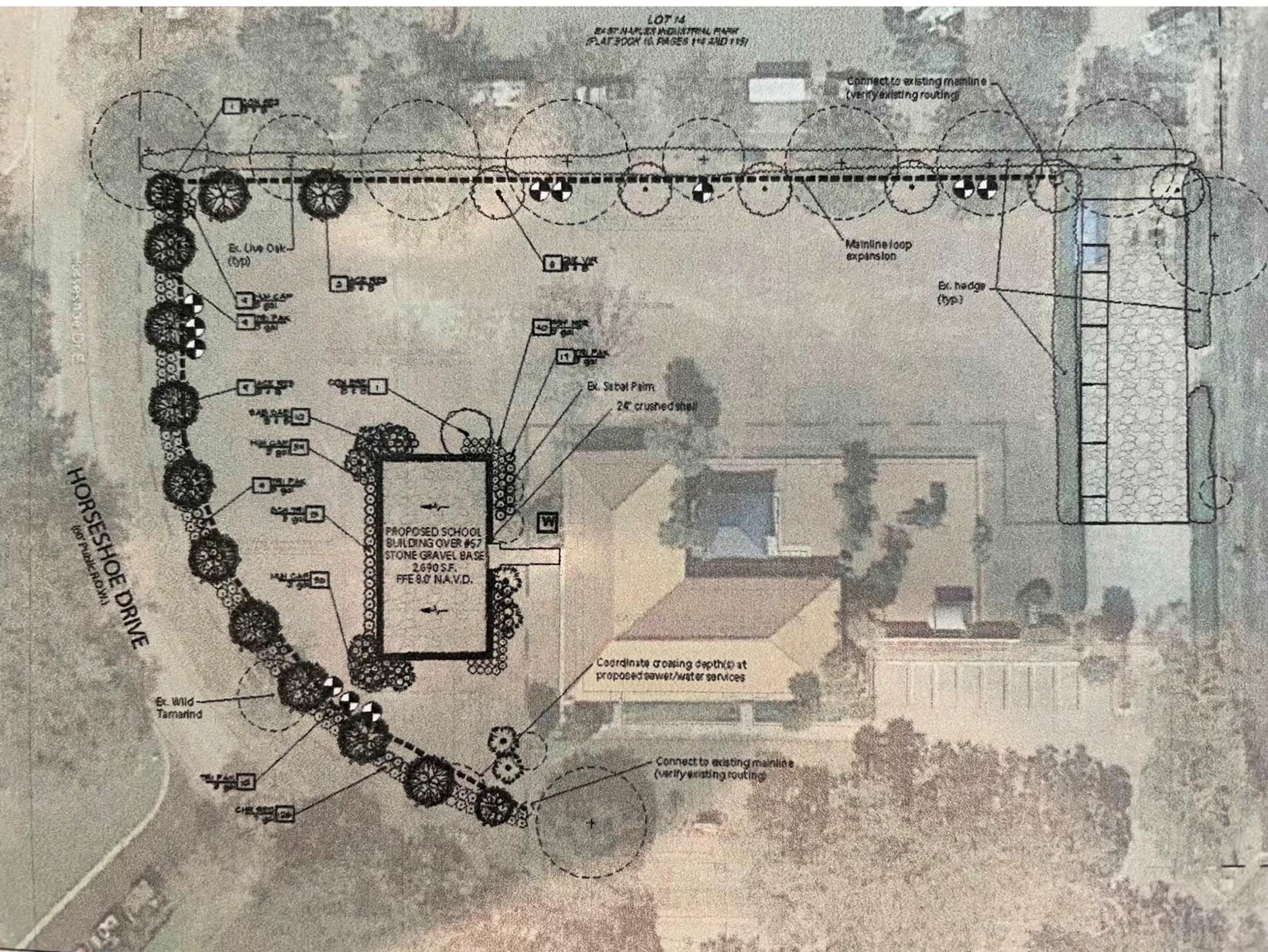
Proposed Building Floor Plan



Exterior Dimensions: 50' x 74'
Two classroom dimensions: 19' 44'
Multipurpose room dimensions: 36' x 36'
Meal Prep area: 14' x 36'



Proposed Building Addition Site Plan





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