

Dear Summit Family,

My name is Travis Ring, and I am a member of Summit's PFO and on the Dream Gala planning committee. My wife Kara and I have two daughters at Summit, a 5th grader named Hadley and a 3rd grader named Harper. Both of our children started at Broken Arrow Public Schools before we moved to Summit for the 2018-2019 school year. The draw for us to Summit was the individualized attention, the small class sizes, and a Christ-centered curriculum. It was obvious to us from the first tour that Summit had excellent administration, faculty and teachers, but the facilities leave a little to be desired. As you know, with private school facilities, the administration isn't proposing bonds to raise tax funds for building maintenance and construction. That is where the school family comes in to play.... We, as parents and members of the Summit Family, need to unite in a coordinated effort to make this school fun, safe and beautiful learning environment for our children.

During our first year at Summit, it also became apparent to us how much pride we take in athletics. Our young men and women, along with the younger student-athletes, take pride in playing sports at a high level, with great sportsmanship and integrity. Just last spring, Pastor Ron presented us with his vision for a new state-of-the-art gymnasium to be built at the south campus. This beautiful facility will not only house our own teams for practices and games, but it will be an attraction in the area to host various tournaments and other events. We know it will be a wonderful addition to the school and will give our students and athletes an advantage on and off the court. It will be a place for us to hoist championships trophies and pull together as a team when they face adversity. It will be a place for us to call home for decades to come, but it comes with a cost and commitment from the family.

It is important to remember that athletics doesn't purely drive this vision. We know that as our school grows in numbers, we will likely have to open up a 2nd campus at The Assembly grounds. This gym will be the cornerstone of this growth and serve as an integral part of the expansion. As parents, we always want the best for our children, and we strive to ensure our investment in their lives is maximized. This facility is the next step.

So how can you get involved?...

First and foremost, if you have an extra 4 or 5 million dollars laying around, I promise we'd put it to good use. Other than that, we would love to have you join our efforts on the PFO. We know that an increase in parent involvement will enhance our ability to make this happen sooner than later. Earlier in the fall, we put together a very successful golf tournament, and we have shifted our focus currently to the Dream Gala to be held in March. I know there have been loads of communication going out for this event, so keep an eye out for the information being sent out. We have a closed Facebook page for the Summit PFO along with websites for the Dream Gala. Be sure to check those out for updates and information. Currently, we are looking for business sponsorships, corporate donations, items for the silent auction, and larger items for the live auction. It's going to be a great evening, and we are speaking its success into existence. We would love to have 100% involvement from the Summit family. Together we can achieve more.

Kind Regards,
Travis Ring
Summit Parent