

Hickory Valley
Christian School



Building a Strong Foundation

History

Hickory Valley Christian School was founded in 1980 as a ministry of Hickory Valley Christian Church. Mr. Lewis Alligood, a long-time member of the church with a passion for Christian education, formed a committee to create the school. The school had just 11 students in its first year, but with prayer and support it has grown considerably. Every year, our fifth graders are required to write and present an 'Alligood Essay,' in which they explain what HVCS has meant to them in their spiritual and academic growth. While our school and the church share facilities and enjoy a close working relationship we are two legally distinct institutions with our own 501c-3. HVCS Board has both school and church members, but the school is responsible for its own programs and operations. The purpose of our program is to encourage an active partnership of learning among students, faculty and parents. The faculty and staff strive to be Christian role models and are dedicated to encouraging, supporting, and nurturing students in the pursuit of a personal relationship with Christ and academic excellence.

Vision

Hickory Valley Christian School seeks to build and inspire the next generation of students to a life of love for Jesus Christ, others, and learning.

Mission

Hickory Valley Christian School exists to help families develop strong foundations for their children. Our mission is to lead students toward a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, and provide a high-quality, preparatory academic foundation through creative learning.

Core Values

1. Faith in Christ
2. Family atmosphere
3. Foundations for academic success
4. Fun learning environment

Strategic Goals

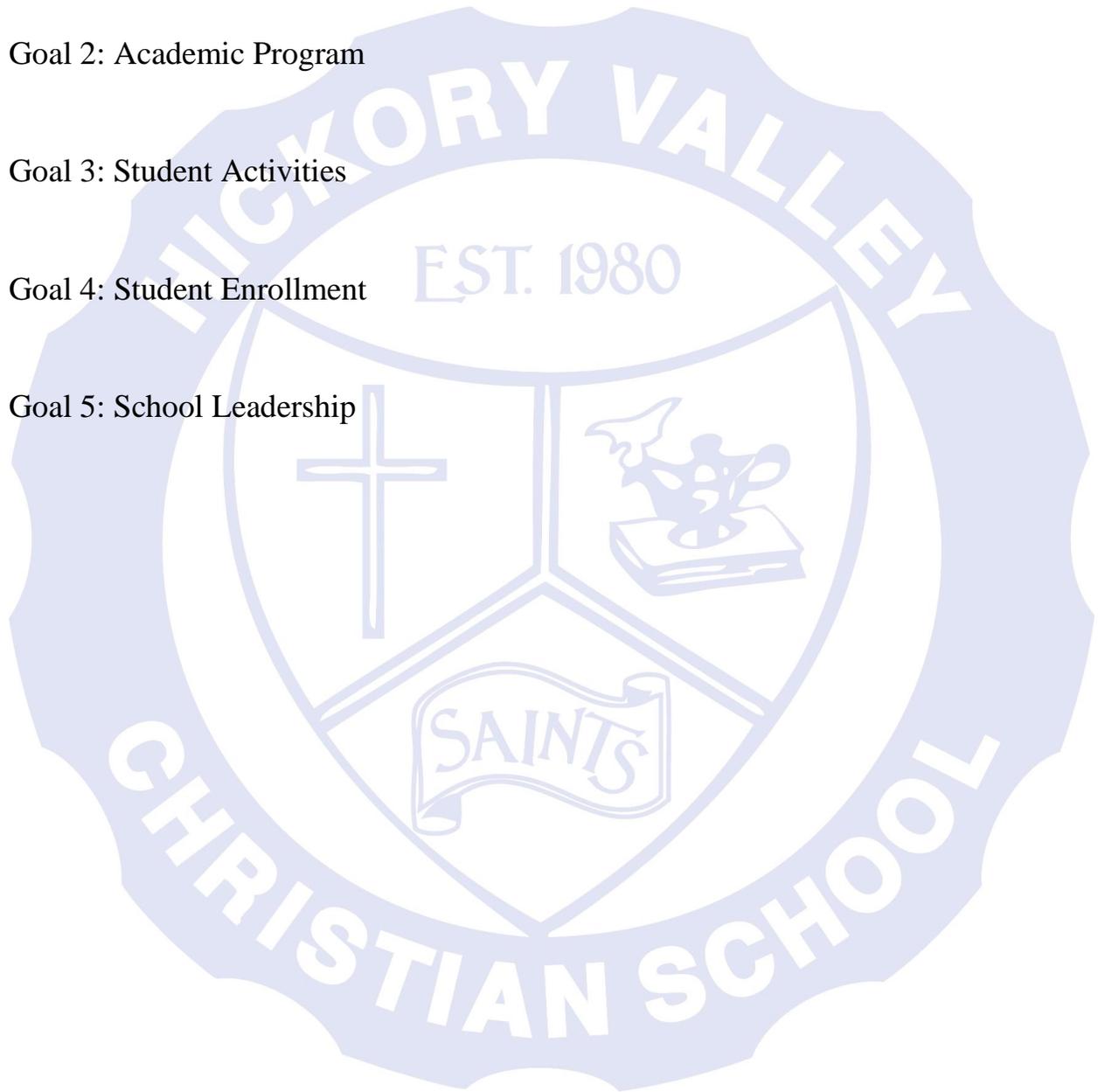
Goal 1: Spiritual Climate

Goal 2: Academic Program

Goal 3: Student Activities

Goal 4: Student Enrollment

Goal 5: School Leadership

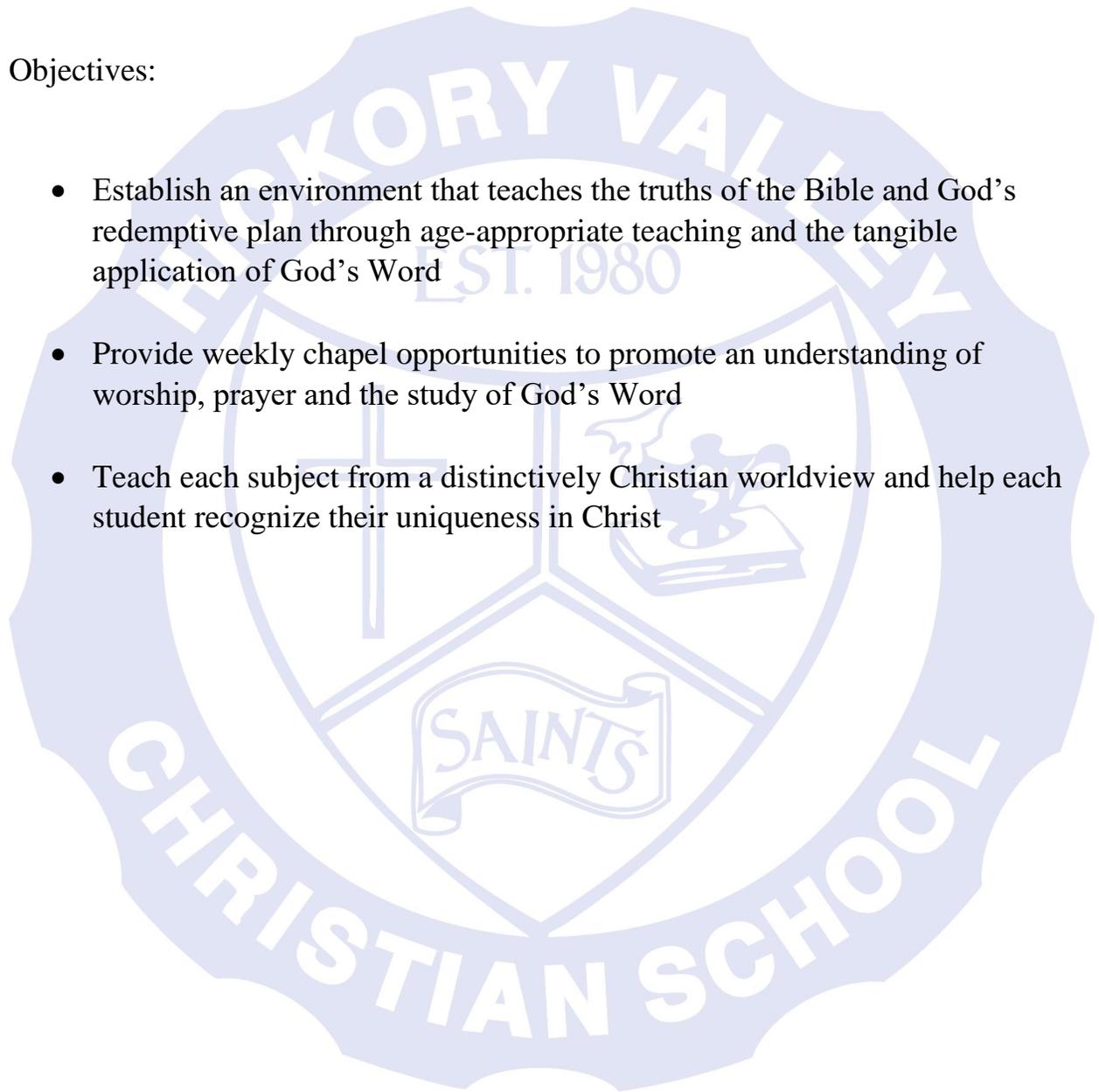


Strategic Goal 1 - Spiritual Climate

Create an environment centering around the life-changing message of Jesus Christ

Objectives:

- Establish an environment that teaches the truths of the Bible and God's redemptive plan through age-appropriate teaching and the tangible application of God's Word
- Provide weekly chapel opportunities to promote an understanding of worship, prayer and the study of God's Word
- Teach each subject from a distinctively Christian worldview and help each student recognize their uniqueness in Christ

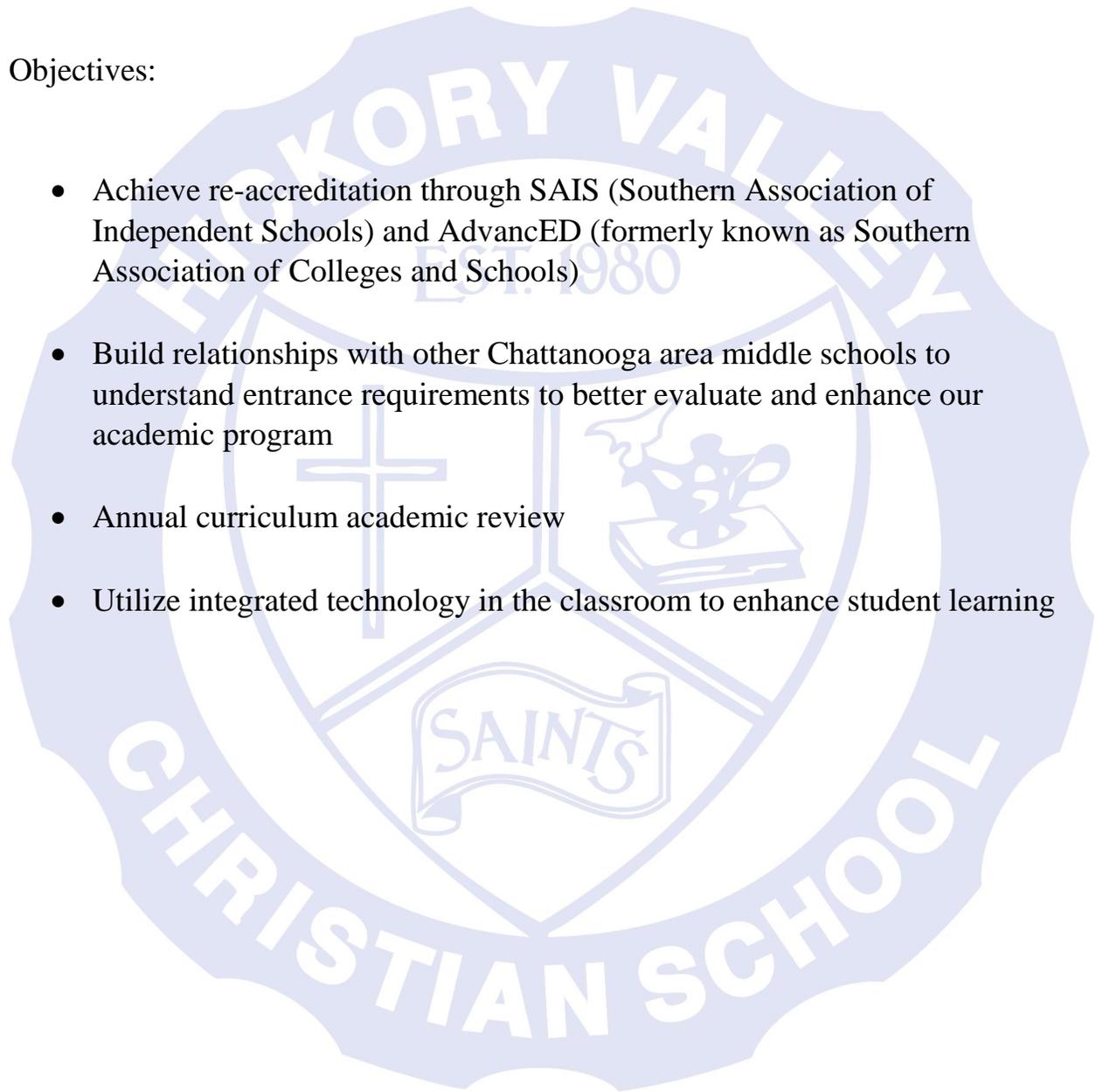


Strategic Goal 2 – Academic Program

Establish an academic program to prepare students for the next phase of education

Objectives:

- Achieve re-accreditation through SAIS (Southern Association of Independent Schools) and AdvancED (formerly known as Southern Association of Colleges and Schools)
- Build relationships with other Chattanooga area middle schools to understand entrance requirements to better evaluate and enhance our academic program
- Annual curriculum academic review
- Utilize integrated technology in the classroom to enhance student learning



Strategic Goal 3 – Student Activities

Develop the whole child through extra-curricular activities

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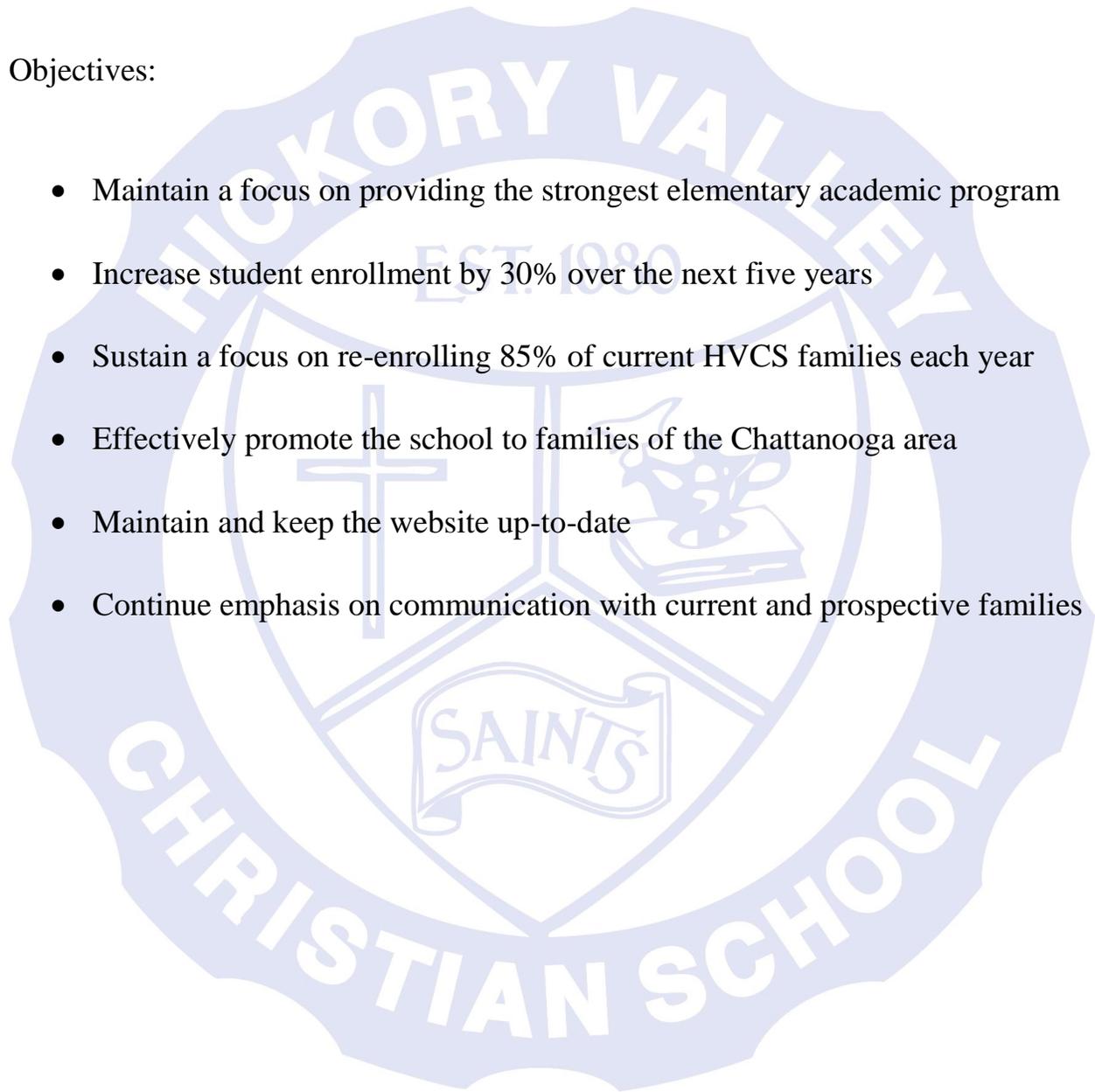
- Provide opportunities in areas outside of the classroom in sports, the arts and other extra-curricular activities
- Partner with third-party organizations to provide additional activities for parents and students to participate in
- Encourage parent involvement in the many areas of the school to enhance student learning
- Utilize experiential learning opportunities through day-time and extended field trips
- Promote a culture of service through volunteer opportunities and service projects that give back to the community and Chattanooga area

Strategic Goal 4 – Student Enrollment

Increase Student Enrollment

Objectives:

- Maintain a focus on providing the strongest elementary academic program
- Increase student enrollment by 30% over the next five years
- Sustain a focus on re-enrolling 85% of current HVCS families each year
- Effectively promote the school to families of the Chattanooga area
- Maintain and keep the website up-to-date
- Continue emphasis on communication with current and prospective families



Strategic Goal 5 – School Leadership

Enhance the purpose and function of school leadership

Objectives:

- Maintain a focus on promoting the vision, mission and values of Hickory Valley Christian School
- Build positive working relationships between school leadership and staff
- Ensure all policy and procedure documents are up-to-date
- Participate in school activities to support school leadership and staff

