



**Mastering the Initial Phases of the School Lifecycle**  
*Three Essentials for School Founders*

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# Who is the ACCS?



A small inset image in the top left corner shows a group of people, including children and adults, running and playing in a grassy field with trees in the background. The text "GERONIMO! AMEN" is overlaid on this image in a large, white, sans-serif font.

GERONIMO! AMEN

The main image features a woman with long, wavy brown hair, wearing a dark blue top and a bright yellow scarf with a white diamond pattern. She is sitting in a church, with wooden pews visible in the foreground and three stained glass windows in the background. The windows have a colorful, abstract design. The lighting is soft and warm.

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# What are the **Three Essentials** to thriving in the early years?

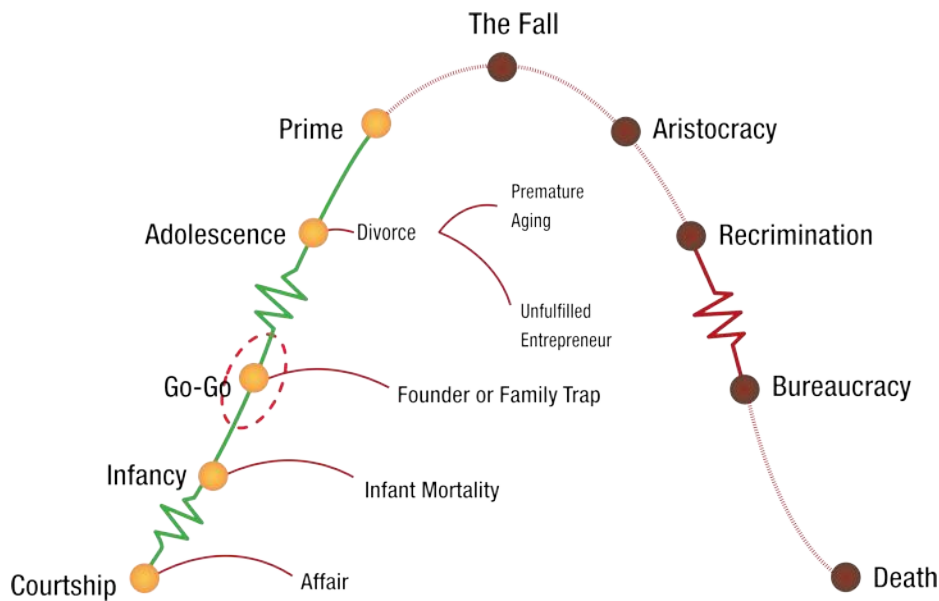
1. Inspiring **Parents** through ongoing Events & Communications
2. Equipping **Teachers** to excel in the Classroom
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# Prolegomena

(Before speaking)

1. Audience = Aspiring & Actual Founders
2. 10 Fingers, Accreditation, and First 5 Years



**CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**  
Institutional Accreditation Self-Evaluation

**Introduction:** In 2017, the ACCS School Accreditation Program was created to provide a framework for the evaluation of schools serving Christ through a Classical Christian Education. The Program is designed to provide a framework for the evaluation of schools serving Christ through a Classical Christian Education. The Program is designed to provide a framework for the evaluation of schools serving Christ through a Classical Christian Education.

**Table 1: School Profile for the Self-Evaluation**

Category	Page Number	Score
<b>General Information</b>		
School Name	11	Pass
Location	12	Pass
Principal	13	Pass
Board of Directors	14	Pass
Financial Statements	15	Pass
Accreditation	16	Pass
Curriculum	17	Pass
Faculty	18	Pass
Students	19	Pass
Parents	20	Pass
Community	21	Pass
Other	22	Pass
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Overall Score	23	Pass
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**ASSOCIATION OF CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

**ACCS SCHOOL ACCREDITATION**

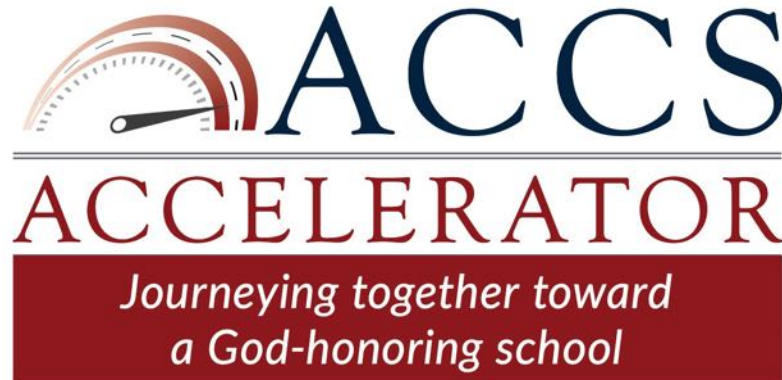
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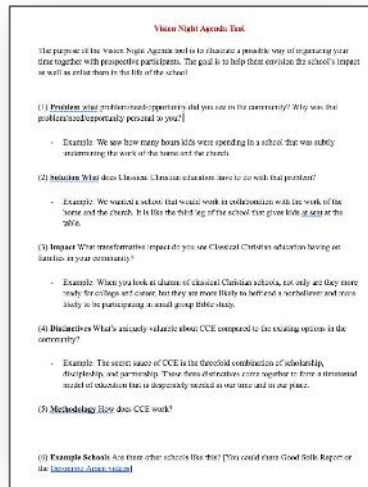
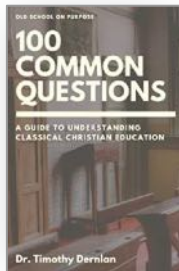
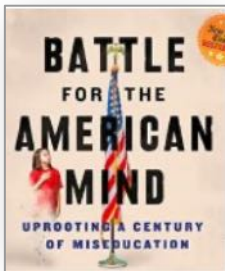
# Where do we go after this Webinar?

1. Ad Hoc – email [tdernlan@accsedu.org](mailto:tdernlan@accsedu.org) or the go to [MeRC](#)
2. ACCS [Auxilium](#) – Meet staff, observe classes, get vision
3. ACCS [Accelerator](#) – Content, Community, Coaching



# #1 Inspiring Parents through Ongoing Events & Communications

1. Vision Nights
2. Open Houses
3. Invite-only reading groups





# #2 Equipping Teachers to Excel in the Classroom

1. Weekly Observations/Training & Quarterly Reviews
2. Teacher-Parent Monthly Calls Home
3. Visit Other Schools





# #3 Involving Donors in Funding the Vision



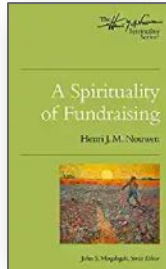
The first day of school ever -  
PCS in 2013!

PCS 10 Years Later



# #3 Involving Donors in Funding the Vision

1. The Rationale for Fundraising Early
2. Initial Steps – Read a book together
3. Do a Vision Night/Banquet



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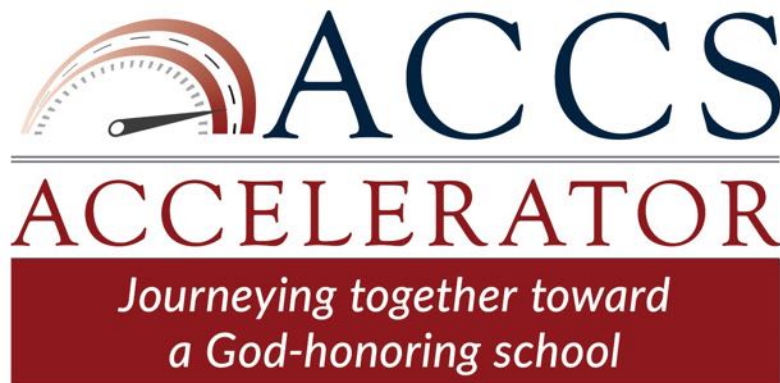
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# How do I sign up for Accelerator?

This is the last week to sign up for the Accelerator that begins January 24, 2023, and runs through March 28, 2023.

“An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”





# Q & A

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# WE HOPE THIS WEBINAR WAS HELPFUL

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