

Eagle Events



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WELCOME BACK!!!

Welcome to the 2010/2011 school year! We are so looking forward to ministering to your students this year. Our theme for this year is "Every Child By Name" based on John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep, and My sheep know Me." With the conviction that each and every one of our students is known personally by God, we have spent the summer preparing for this upcoming school year so that it will be the best possible academic and spiritual environment for each of our students.

We've made some changes to our chapel schedule, allowing our junior high students to have their own chapel and increased elective options for secondary students. We've seen God's hand in bringing us new faculty members and new families. Our buildings are sparkling, thanks to our facilities team, and thanks to God's faithfulness in helping us minimize expenses, we have a new surface on the elementary parking lot.

I am pleased to introduce our new faculty members to you on Page 4 of this newsletter. We are grateful to the Lord for filling our teaching positions with dedicated, qualified teachers who desire to serve the Lord at LSCC and minister to your students as well.

We have the pleasure of welcoming 90 new students to our school this year. I hope you and your students will join me in helping them feel welcome. They are coming to us from across the U.S. as well as from Korea and China.

Just last week during an interview, I had a new family tell me about the peace they felt as they toured the halls of our school. As they told me how impressed they were with the "feel" of our school and the help they were given by staff members, I told them that is a comment we hear very often. I was able to share with them how I believed what they were feeling was the Holy Spirit at work in our school. My prayer for this year is that each of our students, both new and returning, will experience the peace this family talked about and that they will experience an abundance of God's love and mercy.

As I have contemplated the beginning of this school year, the lyrics of a song I sang years ago keep coming to mind. It comes from Lamentation 3:22-23 – "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." This is a wonderful message of hope and appropriate as we enter into the new school year.

I pray that you enjoy and take advantage of the next two weeks with your children! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Linda Harrelson, Administrator

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Preschool

Popsicles on the Playground will be **Friday, August 13, with PreK from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and preschool from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** This is a time to meet teachers and other families.

Preschool Open House is **Tuesday, August 17, from 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Starting school can be a big adventure, but may also cause a little nervousness. Preschoolers will experience a self-guided tour that is interactive, with students collecting stickers at various classroom stations. They will have the opportunity to meet their teacher, bring school supplies, and become more familiar with the classroom routines, which will help make their first day of school less stressful. Parents will receive a back-to-school packet that includes a handbook and other helpful information.

School starts Thursday, August 19, for 2-day and 5-day classes, and on Friday, August 20, for 3-day classes.

Elementary

Families with elementary students can bring school supplies and visit classrooms from **5:00-6:45 p.m. on Monday, August 16.** This is a time to meet teachers, drop off school supplies, and receive your back-to-school packet, which is full of helpful information. There will also be school apparel samples and order forms, and you will be able to put money in your lunch account, order yearbooks, etc.

For 5th/6th grade students interested in playing soccer (boys) or volleyball (girls), there will be a **sports meeting at 6:00 p.m.** in the elementary gymnasium.

For families who are new to LSCCS this year, we will have a **Welcome to LSCCS meeting at 7:00 p.m.** in the elementary commons.

Secondary

Secondary students can attend one of the following open houses to pick up/makes changes to schedules, purchase parking passes and PE shirts, put money in lunch accounts, and order LSCCS apparel and Blue Crew t-shirts.

Junior High	Friday, August 6, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Freshman/Sophomore	Wednesday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Juniors	Tuesday, August 10, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Seniors	Monday, August 9, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Open to All Grades	Thursday, August 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Open to All Grades	Friday, August 13, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Back-to-school meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m.** in the secondary gym. You will receive your back-to-school packet and other important information that evening. You can also visit classrooms, find your locker, etc. from **5:30-6:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m.** If you were unable to attend an open house, you can get your schedule, order apparel, etc., on this evening as well.

There will be a **Sports meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17,** in the secondary gym for students participating in fall sports.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We look forward to what God has in store for LSCCS this year. We would appreciate your prayers for God's blessing on the 2010-11 Annual Fund. This year's theme, **Every Child By Name**, is from John 10:14, "I am the good shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know Me." The meeting schedule and more information will come this fall.

Save the Date

It's time to put the FUN into the Annual Fund! Mark your calendar for Friday, November 12! Plan to kick up your boots with other LSCCS parents and friends at this adult-only event. Details coming soon!

SYCAMORE EDUCATION

Every family with students attending LSCCS is given an account with Sycamore Education. This account will be activated during the school year. You can see grades, assignments, lunch account balances, G.A.P. charges, daily announcements, school calendars, and more.

Information about Sycamore Education, along with your username and password, will be sent via email prior to the beginning of school. There is a link to log on at the bottom of the lscs.org web site.

Don't forget to check Sycamore for your family's lunch account balance. Families will not be allowed to accumulate more than \$6.00 in charges. **More information about the lunch program will be included in your Back-to-School packet.**



PARENTS, PIE, AND PARTNERSHIPS



Elementary parents are invited to the 6th annual PIE (Partnerships in Education) night on **Thursday, August 26.**

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a special session for all 3rd-6th grade parents whose students are new to the Foundations and Frameworks reading program. This meeting will be held in the keyboarding room.

At 6:00 p.m., parents should report to their child's classroom. Teachers will cover a variety of topics including, but not limited to, homework expectations, semester content, child development, and classroom discipline. There will be two sessions to allow for parents with multiple children. Session I is 6:00-6:45 p.m.; Session II is 6:50-7:30 p.m. Mrs. Gill will also hold sessions about interpreting SAT scores, which will be held in the keyboarding room concurrently with classroom sessions.

Don't forget to stop by the Commons a few minutes early to pick up pie and coffee provided by PTF.

This evening is a great time to get to know other parents and ensure your child's successful school year. We strongly recommend all moms and dads attend this important night of communication. We look forward to seeing you there!

SWAP ND SHOP

Swap and Shop will be held on **Thursday, August 26, 3:00-8:00 p.m.**, in the Elementary Commons. You may purchase gently used pants, shirts, shorts, and skirts at UNBELIEVABLE prices! This is a great place to get a full understanding of the school dress code. More information will be included in your Back-to-School packet, along with a complimentary voucher!

DADS OF GREAT STUDENTS (D.O.G.S.)

By Gabe Valdez

Summer is almost over and it is about time to head back to school. We have had some changes over the summer. Mr. Allen Walden will be leading the Watch D.O.G.S. program at LSCCS this year.

In order to provide top notch service for our children, we are currently in the process of **building the duty schedule for August** so that we have a Watch D.O.G.S. dad on campus every school day this coming year. For Dads who have served before, I urge you to step up to the plate, if your schedule allows, and volunteer in August. You can sign up by calling Becky Coster at 816.524.0185, stopping by the Watch D.O.G.S. office, or signing up during back-to-school open house on August 16. I am putting my money where my mouth is by signing up for the first day of school, so look for me in the car line. *If you are new to the school this year, you can anticipate a formal Watch D.O.G.S. meeting sometime after school starts. This will be a great chance to meet other new dads as well as some Watch D.O.G.S. veterans.*



Finally, it has been a pleasure working with you this past year. I look forward to another great year for the Watch D.O.G.S. program.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY/STAFF

We are excited to introduce new staff and faculty to you! God has once again answered our prayers and brought wonderfully qualified and committed Christians to LSCCS!

Alethea Beasley will serve as part-time elementary librarian. Alethea has a BSED in English and an MAED in English. She filled in as a sub for Ellie Lilly the last few weeks of school last year and did a wonderful job. Alethea and her family came to LSCCS last year with one child and attend Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Dan Cockrell has a B.S. in Business from Central Missouri State University. He served as IT Coordinator and teacher at Blue Ridge Christian School for 25 years and most recently as Systems Administrator at Infinity Insurance Solutions. Dan is a member of Southview Baptist Church.

Ann Finch has been hired to teach a 2-day preschool class and a 3-day Pre-Kindergarten class. Ann has two children who have attended LSCCS since preschool and is Dr. Finch's daughter-in-law. Ann has a Bachelor's degree in English and has teaching experience in preschool and Spanish. Ann and her family attend Abundant Life Baptist Church.

Brittany Franklin will serve as secondary science teacher. She has a BS in Biology from Illinois State University and a BS in Bible from Lincoln Christian University. She has 1½ years of science teaching experience. She and her husband attended a Christian church in Michigan and have just recently moved to the Kansas City area.

Andrea Gillespie has been hired to teach secondary English. While completing her Master's degree in English, she taught at UMKC. She worked at LSCCS a few years ago as part-time teacher aide. She was a student of Kim Gill when she attended Englewood and comes with excellent references. She and her husband attend City Church.

Nancy Israel has been hired to teach secondary English/Speech/Debate. She has a BS in Education with a minor in Speech/Debate and a Master's degree in secondary administration. Nancy has five years experience teaching English/Speech/Debate and has qualified students for both state and national forensic tournaments. Nancy and her husband attend Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, where her husband is pastor.

Dennis McClanahan has been hired to teach 6th grade band, secondary band, and pep band. Dennis has a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Music. He has many years experience teaching band including Blue Springs South, Luther High School, and Calvary Lutheran. Dennis and his family attend Oakland United Methodist Church.

Jennifer Pinkston is returning to teach 5th grade band and serve as chapel aide on Tuesday mornings. Jennifer probably needs no introduction but she has a Bachelor's degree in music education and taught music and band at LSCCS for 19 years. She and her husband attend Lee's Summit Community Church.

Sheri Stiglic is returning to teach a 5-day Pre-Kindergarten class. Sheri has a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and taught 3rd grade at LSCCS for 12 years. She took a year off when she had her baby and is excited to be coming back part-time. Sheri and her husband attend Legacy Christian Church.

Ellen Valdez has been hired to teach business classes and junior high Spanish. Ellen has a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and an MBA. Ellen has served for a couple of years as a valued sub. She has two sons in elementary. She and her husband attend Lee's Summit Community Church.

Ismarily Velazquez will teach junior high 5-day Spanish. She was our elementary teacher a few years ago but had to leave mid-year to care for her seriously ill son. She has a Bachelor's degree in art. Her native language is Spanish and she did a fine job as our Spanish teacher a few years ago.

Sheri Wayman has been hired as Preschool Director/teacher. She will teach a 2-day preschool class and serve as part-time Preschool Director. Sheri has a Bachelor's degree in elementary education and is just shy of a Master's degree. She has many years of elementary teaching experience at Englewood Christian Academy and attends River Christian Fellowship. Sheri is bringing two grandchildren to the school with her.

Debbie Williams has been hired to teach 2nd grade. Debbie has a Bachelor's degree in elementary education from Calvary Bible College and has many years Christian school teaching experience. Debbie and her husband attend Lenexa Baptist Church.

CHAPEL DAY CHANGES

Weekly chapel services are an integral part of the school's total program. It provides an opportunity for the expression of individual and corporate worship and praise to God through prayer, singing, testimonies, special music, and teaching from the Word.

Chapel services are designed to minister to the student body and to encourage personal growth, commitment, and service to our Lord. Visiting pastors, guest speakers, musical groups, drama groups, faculty, and students share throughout the school year. During our salvation emphasis weeks, opportunity is given for students to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of their life. Parents and grandparents are always welcome to attend chapel services.

Chapel Schedule (*All chapel services are now on Tuesday*):

Grades K-3, 10:00-10:30 a.m. (Elementary Commons); Grades 4-6, 9:10-9:45 a.m. (Elementary Commons)

Grades 7-8, 8:00-8:45 a.m. (Elementary Commons)

Grades 9-12, 8:00-8:45 a.m. (Secondary Gym or Lee's Summit Community Church)

Attendance will be taken at secondary chapels and tardies will be recorded. Please avoid scheduling appointments on Tuesday mornings and ensure your student arrives on time.

Elementary Chapel Theme

This year's elementary chapel theme is ***Life is a Highway***. Throughout the year, we will be using *road signs* as springboards into lessons about the *directions and guidance* that God gives us. We will dedicate 3-5 chapels to each lesson topic. Our lesson topics for the year are: *One Way* – Jesus; *Yield* – to the Holy Spirit's Guidance; *Under Construction* – Building My Faith; *Reindeer Crossing* – Watching for My Savior at Christmastime; *Wrong Way* – My Way or God's Way; *Stop and Dead End* – Stop Sin in it's Tracks and Make a Spiritual U-Turn; *Detour* – Dealing with Life's Disappointments; *Merge* – Working Together for God's Glory; and *Watch for Children* – Be a Godly Example.

With each lesson, the students will be learning a focus verse and a BIG IDEA. Our new theme also brings some new character/action challenges with it. These character challenges will connect with our lessons. For example, during August and September, we will use the *One Way* sign to remind us that Jesus is the one way to heaven and to kingdom living NOW! The character/action challenge is, *I will be a Christ seeker!* Teachers and staff will be looking for students who demonstrate the actions, words, and attitude of a student who is seeking after Jesus. When students are identified, they will receive a "Gotcha" card. These cards will be given immediately so that students receive immediate positive reinforcement. Students will then bring the "Gotcha" card home to parents and share what they did on that day to earn the award.

Another supplement to our elementary chapels is monthly family devotions. These will be sent to you through the monthly newsletter as we begin each new lesson focus. If you do not receive e-mail, please contact Carrie Lock at 524-0185 (ext. 208), and hard copies will be sent home with your child.

TAKE TIME TO VOTE FOR LSCCS

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Kohl's Cares, Kohl's is donating \$500,000 to each of 20 different schools and LSCCS is eligible to win!!!

If you have a Facebook account, you can give 5 votes to Lee's Summit Community Christian School!!! You can vote for the school and even give your ideas about how the money could be used.

Go to kohls.com and click on the Vote Now button at the bottom of the page. You can also find the page by clicking the Community link.

You will need to log in to your Facebook account and allow (and like) the Kohl's Cares application. Type Lee's Summit Community Christian School in the window and choose our school from the drop down menu. It will then take you to a page that allows you to submit an idea for using the money and will let you give up to 5 votes to the school.

You have until September 3 to vote! Please pass this on to anyone you know who would be willing to vote for our school!

LSCCS 2010/11 Staff & Faculty

Linda Harrelson, Administrator
 Emir A. Ruiz Esparza, Secondary Principal
 Kimberlee Gill, Elementary Principal
 Machel Riffe, Director of Development

Preschool Staff

Sheri Wayman-Director, Maureen Daniel,
 Ann Finch, Terrie Peterson, Sheri Stiglic
Elementary Staff:

Kindergarten - Sarah Frick, P.J. Null,
 Sue Santon

1st - Melanie Casey, Julie Ray,
 Lisa Slagle

2nd - Mary Musil, Jane Stiglic,
 Debbie Williams

3rd - Kathy Holt, Kreg Welch

4th - Karen Gamber, Kim Gibson,
 Charissa Sanders

5th - Michelle Bacon, Angela Bocanegra
 6th - Becky Flowers, Leah Green,
 Verna Green

Librarian - Alethea Beasley

Vocal Music - Angy Bounds

Spanish - Carrie Lock

A.D. - Kathy Lundquist

P.E. - Kathy Nelson

Beginning Band - Jennifer Pinkston

Intermediate Band - Dennis McClanahan

Teacher/Playground Aide -

Christie Queen

Art & Keyboarding - Kari Schooley

Secondary Staff:

Bible - Kelcey Gillespie, Dr. Thomas
 Reedy, Wayne Stam

Computer - Ellen Valdez

Drama - Emily Stam

English - Andrea Gillespie, Nancy Israel,
 Arlene Reed, Dr. Thomas Reedy

History - Greg Finch, Kim Seale, Ruth
 Terry

Math - Diane Ferguson, Judy Schmidt,
 Matt Shelton

Science - Donna Ambro, Diane Ferguson,
 Brittany Franklin

Spanish - Fenton Gardner, Ellen Valdez,
 Ismarily Velazquez

Speech/Debate - Nancy Israel

Worship Team - Andee Carr

Athletic Director - Jake Kates

College/Career Advisor & Librarian -
 Ellie Lilly

P.E. - Kathy Nelson, Dalton Vann

Band - Dennis McClanahan

Vocal Music - Trissa Lucht

Art - Jana Jurkovich

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Seibly, Janelle Vignery

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PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LSCCS could not operate without the help of our many wonderful volunteers! Volunteer positions in the lunchrooms and libraries need to be filled **as soon as school begins**.

Library Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer in the elementary library, contact **Alethea Beasley at abeasley@lscs.org**, or in secondary library, contact **Ellie Lilly at elilly@lscs.org**.

Lunchroom Volunteers

Our Lunch Coordinator, Diana Goedecke, is in need of a **head volunteer** to schedule lunchroom volunteers. She also needs volunteers to work in the elementary and secondary lunchrooms. Please contact Diana as soon as possible at **dgoedecke@lscs.org** if you are interested in either of these positions.

ALLIE LEHNHOFF TO APPEAR ON CHANNEL 4 NEWS

Last school year, Allie Lehnhoff won a spot in the prestigious Thespian Playworks program with her one-act play, *A Backwards Fairytale*. Judges selected four scripts for the script-development program sponsored annually by the Educational Theatre Association, with support from play publisher Samuel French, and run by *Dramatics* magazine.

Allie participated in the 2010 Thespian Festival held June 21-26 in Lincoln, Nebraska, where their scripts were developed and staged. The student authors worked with professional playwrights, directors, and corps of actors to put their scripts on their feet before a live audience.

Allie Lehnhoff's play, *A Backwards Fairytale*, was written and originally staged at LSCCS in 2008 when Allie was only a freshman. The plot? "An awkward narrator stumbles upon a storybook princess who's beyond saving. And the two live—well, you know." Allie's play was written as part of an ongoing emphasis on playwriting at LSCCS.

Channel 4's Phil Witt interviewed Allie about her experience. It will be aired on Sunday, August 8, during the 7:00-9:00 a.m. broadcast. It also aired on August 4 & 5. Congratulations to Allie on this honor!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Aug 7	Donna Ambro	Sep 10	Debbie Williams
Aug 12	Susan Santon	Sep 12	Jana Jurkovich
Aug 13	Maureen Daniel	Sep 13	Tommy Gross
Aug 15	Christie Queen	Sep 17	Kathy Lundquist
Aug 16	Becky Coster	Sep 19	Michelle Meyer
Aug 17	Kim Caruthers	Sep 19	Andee Carr
Aug 29	Melanie Casey	Sep 29	P.J. Null





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UPCOMING EVENTS AUGUST

Aug 13 Popsicles on the Playground
 Aug 16 Elementary Open House & Fall Sports Meeting
 Aug 16 New Family Welcome
 Aug 17 Preschool Open House
 Aug 17 Jr/Sr High Back to School Meeting & Fall Sports Meeting
 Aug 16 Kindergarten & New Family Meeting
 Aug 18 First day of school (half day)
 Aug 19 First day for Preschool and PreK 5-day
 Aug 20 First day for PreK 3-day
 Aug 19-27 Senior Mission Trip
 Aug 26 Tucker Leadership (7th grade)
 Aug 26 PIE Night
 Aug 26 Swap and Shop
 Aug 27 Tucker Leadership (8th grade)

UPCOMING EVENTS SEPTEMBER

Sep 1 PreK & Elementary Picture Day
 Sep 1 Blue Crew Day
 Sep 2 Preschool & Secondary Picture Day
 Sep 2 Room Rep Meeting @ Perkins
 Sep 6 Labor Day (No School)
 Sep 8 Recess & Lunch Aide Training
 Sep 8 Elementary Sports Pictures
 Sep 9 I-SAFE Meeting (7th grade)
 Sep 9 Watch D.O.G.S. Pack Meeting
 Sep 15 Secondary Sports Pictures
 Sep 15 Sophomore PLAN Test
 Sep 17 Preschool/Kindergarten Meet Me at the Movies
 Sep 20 College Information Night
 Sep 22 See You at the Pole (Secondary)
 Sep 22 Secondary Yearbook Group Pictures
 Sep 24 K-12 & PreK 5DFD (Half Day)
 Sep 24 Daddy/Daughter Dance
 Sep 27 Beginning of Elementary Mission Week
 Sep 29 Makeup Picture Day PS/Elem/Sec
 Sep 30 Makeup Picture Day PreK

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