

Eagle Events



September 2010

Our mission is to inspire students to achieve their God-given potential through excellent academics and Christian training in a compassionate environment.

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WELCOME TO THE 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR!!!

While we are looking forward to all that God has in store for the 2010/2011 school year, I want to spend a few minutes looking back at last year and the many ways He encouraged us and reaffirmed who we are as a school. Let me share a few highlights with you!

LSCCS was named Channel 5's "**Cool School of the Week**" in February. Over 600 students showed up very early that morning and helped promote our school 18 times in a 3-hour period. Great coverage!

We hosted our first annual **Eagle Egg Run** that was a tremendous success. The Race Committee did a fantastic job of organizing this event!

In the spring, we were awarded **reaccreditation by ACSI** for the maximum five-year period. The visiting team offered many commendations on our school program and only three major recommendations (all of which we are well on the way to accomplishing).

On the very last day of school, LSCCS was recognized by the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce with the **Res in Modus Award (Business of the Year in the Large Business category.)** We were thrilled to have our school's program, not only recognized, but fully validated by the community at large. This was a major accomplishment as we competed against John Knox Village and other large businesses in Lee's Summit.

Last but not least, we were able to **end the school year in the black**, as everyone pitched in to cut expenses across the board. In these troubling economic times, this is a major accomplishment and we thank God for guiding us through last year. I want to share with you what we are doing this year in the area of finances.

We just recently went through a **refinance using tax-exempt bonds**. This effort will save us 2 million over the life of our loan and has a huge impact on the expense side of our ledger.

Our facility manager has researched a rebate program through KCP&L that will allow us to replace high-energy light fixtures in the gyms with energy efficient fixtures. With the rebates and cost savings, the fixtures will pay for themselves in just one year.

We are actively pursuing a grant with the Truman Heartland Foundation that will help us purchase a school bus.

Through a very generous donation by a school family, we have engaged a marketing firm to research and analyze our market and roll out a comprehensive branding and advertising campaign. This will help us identify untapped markets and raise awareness of our program, resulting in increased growth.

As we did last year, we will rely heavily on guidance and direction from the Lord as we maneuver through this year. Thank you for joining us in lifting the needs of the school and our families up in prayer.

Linda Harrelson, Administrator

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DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

By Machel Riffe

Annual Fund 2010-2011 "Every Child by Name"

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. - John 10:14

Goal: \$150,000!

We're gearing up for this year's annual fund campaign. Tuition alone does not cover the actual cost of an LSCCS education. This annual appeal is the school's most important fundraising effort, supports our highest priorities, and plays a critical role in closing the gap between revenue and the actual cost of LSCCS education. This year the monies raised through our annual fund gifts and pledges will cover the following:

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| Technology Assistance | \$35,000 |
| Curriculum Upgrades/Technology | \$40,000 |
| Tuition Assistance for qualified students | \$50,000 |
| Professional Development for our faculty | \$15,200 |
| Band Instruments/Athletic Equipment | \$9,800 |

Please pray with your family about what you can do to help support the Annual Fund through a gift or pledge.

- Watch for your "Every Child by Name" pledge card/brochure in the mail.
- Fill it out
- Return it to school office by Nov. 1
- Make your reservations for the First Annual Hoedown at Faulkner's Ranch (limited space). Get ready to celebrate!



First Annual Autumn Hoedown

This year we decided to put the FUN in FUNdraiser! So to celebrate the culmination of our Annual Fund Drive, we're planning the biggest, best, boot-scootin', belly-bustin', toe-stampin' party this side of the Rio Grande. This one's for parents and grown-up cowgirls and cowboys who love LSCCS and Christian education.

We're having it at the beautiful Faulkner's Ranch facility. It will include music, barbeque, line-dance instruction, and a cow roping challenge to test your cowpoke skills. We're going all out!!!

So grab your best blue jeans and put on extra petticoats because this is one root tootin' hoedown party you don't want to miss.

Watch for your invitation because space will be limited. You'll enjoy dinner, music, line-dancing, games and loads of fun for only \$25 per person.

Yee Haw!!!

Branding Campaign

Thanks to a generous anonymous gift, we are undergoing a major branding campaign with inQuest Marketing. This summer, inQuest conducted an extensive market research project in the greater Kansas City area to learn more about perceptions, prospective students, and market opportunity for LSCCS. They had a strong response and are well within statistical relevance. We will receive our report in September and are looking forward to sharing the results with you soon.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the marketing and development department at LSCCS, please contact Machel Riffe, Director of Development, at mriffe@lscs.org or 816-525-1480.

NEW FAMILY WELCOME

If your family is new to LSCCS this year, please join us for this special morning.

Tuesday, September 7

If you have students in grades 7-12, you can attend a chapel service in the secondary gymnasium at 8:00 a.m. and then meet in the library at 9:00 a.m. following chapel.

If you have elementary students, meet in the elementary library at 9:00 a.m. and then attend the K-3 chapel in the elementary commons at 10:00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have questions, contact Cindy Cox at ccox@lscs.org or 525-1480.



LSCCS SPIRIT NIGHT

This year's first Spirit Night is **Monday, September 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Culver's.**

Invite grandparents, neighbors, and friends to eat at Culver's any time between 5:00-8:00 p.m. on September 20 and Culver's will donate 10% of all sales directly to LSCCS.

Show your school spirit and enjoy dinner with friends and family!

ATTENTION LSCCS BUSINESS OWNERS AND PROFESSIONALS

Advertising is expensive! For less than the cost of a small advertisement in the local newspaper, you can become a valued Business Partner! You will receive recognition throughout the year in newsletters, banners in the secondary gymnasium, listing in our full-page thank you ad in the local newspaper, a link from our website to yours, a school directory listing and more!

Better yet, you are helping our school. Last year, Business Partners accounted for over \$80,000!! We have devised as many ways as possible to gain exposure for our Business Partners as an expression of our gratitude. Consider the benefits:

- Your gift is tax deductible.
- Your gift brings you a whole year of aggressive exposure—not only to our families, but also with families in the community.
- One hundred percent of your gift supports the school and benefits our students directly.

Want to become a Business Partner? Here's how:

Visit lscs.org and click on *Support, Business Partnership Program, Business or Charitable Partner Registration*. Fill out the form and return it to the Development Office. If you have questions, call Cindy Cox or Christy Merrell at 525-1480.

Sign up by the end of September so your business can be included in the family directory and on the banners. Thank you!

FOR SENIORS (AND JUNIORS)

By Mrs. Ellie Lilly

If you are part of the Class of 2011 (or 2012), following are several important "To Do" items in preparation for college entrance:

1. Seniors should research at least three potential colleges (and it's not too early for Juniors to start the process).
2. Seniors should try to apply to at least three potential colleges no later than October 1, 2010.
3. Seniors and Juniors need to look into taking the ACT Test, if you haven't already. Go to <http://www.actstudent.org/> to register. Our test center code is 223010. The remaining test dates this year are:
October 23, 2010 (Deadline September 17, 2010)
December 11, 2010 (Deadline November 5, 2010)
February 12, 2011 (Deadline January 7, 2011)
April 9, 2011 (Deadline March 4, 2011)
4. Seniors should stop by Mrs. Lilly's office for a packet of tips for writing your College Admissions Essays.
5. The following universities will be coming to LSCCS to present information about their schools:
Wed., Sept. 8, 2010 - University of Central Missouri (during 2nd Hour Bible in Mrs. Seale's Room)
Tues., Sept. 14, 2010 - Park University during lunch in the Art Room
Wed., Sept. 28, 2010 - John Brown University during lunch in the Art Room
Wed., Oct. 27 - Southwest Baptist University during lunch in the Art Room

Your students can come and see me to receive more information on these visits. Instead of the recruiters setting up a table in the lunch room, students will actually get to sit and talk with the recruiter. Please let me know how I can help you this year!

LSCCS GRADUATE NAMED KC SUPERSTAR

Stephen Baldwin, 2010 LSCCS graduate (pictured with the runners up), was named the first KC Superstar on August 29 at the singing competition held at Yardley Hall on the Johnson County Community College campus. The competition, based on "American Idol," was narrowed to 11 finalists out of 150 teens from 58 schools who tried out.

Stephen received a \$5,000 award, and our fine arts department received a \$1,000 award as a result! Stephen gave God the glory for providing this money for his education. He is a freshman at Pittsburg State University and plans to become a professor of music at the university level. Congratulations, Stephen!

SECONDARY YEARBOOK ORDERS

DON'T MISS OUT !!!

Secondary Yearbook orders are being taken through September 30. Payment of \$35 to LSCCS should go to Jana Jurkovich, Yearbook Advisor. Books will be distributed the last day of school and will only be published for those preordering.

The staff welcomes any additional photos you may have throughout the year for possible inclusion, especially of sporting or other events. You may email them to Ms. Jurkovich or bring your memory card so she can download them.

ELEMENTARY CHAPEL—LIFE IS A HIGHWAY

Big Idea: God's Son is the ONE WAY To Heaven and the ONE WAY to Kingdom living NOW!

Focus Verse: "I am THE WAY, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6



For this devotion, you will need a piece of paper and a pen.

Draw a horizontal line with a large circle at the right end of it across the middle of the page. Label the line "Jesus" and in the circle, write the word "Heaven." Show the paper to your children and tell them that they're going to help you draw a life map. Ask your children to name some of the things they'll encounter during their lives that might influence them, either positively or negatively. For each suggestion they make, draw a side road off of the horizontal road and label it. Some of the side roads might be friends, school, sports, drugs, money, alcohol, work, spouses, children, etc. Once you finish the map, discuss the following questions:

- Some of the things we've listed are always bad influences. What are they?
- Some of the things we've listed can sometimes be good influences and sometimes bad. What are they? How can they be a good influence? How can they be a bad influence?
- Can following any of the things we've listed get you to Heaven? Why not?

Read John 14:6 to your children: "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Explain to your children that our ultimate destination is Heaven, and the only way to get to Heaven is to follow Jesus. Tell them that throughout life, things will come along, both good and bad, that might distract us or cause us to lose sight of our true destination. While some of these things may be exciting or seem good at the time, they won't get us to where we want to go. Emphasize that the only way we can stay on the right road is to maintain a daily relationship with God.

Pray together, thanking God that He has provided a way for you to go to Heaven and be with Him. Ask Him to help you stay focused on your ultimate destination and to quickly return to the right way if you wander off the right path.

PRAYER GROUPS STARTING

If you are interested in praying with other parents/grandparents for our students, families, staff, and teachers, there are two opportunities each week: 8:00 a.m. on Mondays or 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the secondary conference room.



MUFFINS WITH MOMS

The PTF would like to invite preschool and elementary moms to enjoy muffins and juice with your children on Wednesday, September 8, from 8:00-8:30 a.m. in the elementary gymnasium.

LUNCH/RECESS AIDE TRAINING

Any parent interested in being a lunch or recess aide needs to attend the training on Wednesday, September 8, at 8:45 a.m. in the elementary commons. Training must be completed prior to serving as a lunch or recess aide.

MEET ME AT THE MOVIES

All PreKindergarten and Kindergarten students are invited to come enjoy popcorn and a movie with school friends. Meet in the elementary commons at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 17. Bring a blanket and pillow!



LSCCS 2010/11 Staff & Faculty

Linda Harrelson, Administrator
 Emir A. Ruiz Esparza, Secondary Principal
 Kimberlee Gill, Elementary Principal
 Machelie 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, Dave Musgrave
 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

Support Staff:

Discovery Program - April McCormick,
 Michelle Meyer, Lynette Seibly, Janelle

Vignery, Resource Services-Patty Friso

GAP Director - Dianna Bagunu

Facility Manager - John Owen

Facility Coordinator - Mikki Shearer

Financial Assistant - Bessie Terranella

Development - Cindy Cox,

Christy Merrell

Office Staff - Becky Coster, Carol Lewis,
 Darcy Musgrave, Sharon Oliver

Health Clerk - Amy Berry, Sheri Dean

Lunch Coordinator - Diana Goedecke

LSCCS Board of Education:

John Hansen, President

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Pastor Rick Friesen, Pastor Mike Knight

Advisors-Brian Merrell and Jim Pirie

EASY WAYS TO EARN CASH FOR LSCCS

HyVee Receipts: Save your HyVee receipts and turn them in to the school office. Turn them in right away, as **receipts must be turned in to HyVee on the following schedule:** 1st week of October for June-September, 1st week of December for October-November, 1st week of March for December-February, 1st week of June for March-May.

Box Tops for Education: Save General Mills product labels marked "Box Tops for Education" and turn them in to the school office. See their website for a complete list of products (www.boxtops4education.com). These are used to redeem equipment for the school.

Campbell's Soup Labels: Turn your labels in to the school office. They are redeemed for equipment for the school.

Best Choice Labels: Turn your labels in to the school office. These labels are redeemed for cash at three cents each.

Library Rewards: Turn in Christian Bookshelf receipts and ministry builder stamps from Family Christian Stores to the school office. These credits are redeemed for library books.

Recyclables: Paper is collected in the bin located behind the school on the south side of the building. The paper is redeemed for cash.

Cell Phones: Turn in your old cell phones. LSCCS receives \$3 for each phone.

Inkjet Cartridges: Save your empty inkjet cartridges from home or work. Turn them in to the school office in a baggy. LSCCS earns between 25¢ and \$5 per cartridge.

GOODSEARCH.COM

What if Lee's Summit Community Christian School earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or what if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall that donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, eBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting LSCCS.

And if you download the GoodSearch – Lee's Summit Community Christian School toolbar, our cause will earn money every time you shop and search online - even if you forget to go to GoodShop or GoodSearch first! You can add the Lee's Summit Community Christian School toolbar by going to:

<http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/lees-summit-community-christian-school>

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

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| Oct 1 | Kathy Holt |
| Oct 21 | Lisa VanDaalwyk |
| Oct 21 | Carol Lewis |
| Oct 24 | Dave Musgrave |
| Oct 24 | Amy Weiskirch |
| Oct 27 | Mike Collier |
| Oct 28 | Diana Goedecke |
| Oct 28 | Sarah Frick |
| Oct 31 | Fenton Gardner |
| Sep 10 | Debbie Williams |
| Sep 12 | Jana Jurkovich |
| Sep 13 | Tommy Gross |
| Sep 17 | Kathy Lundquist |
| Sep 19 | Michelle Meyer |
| Sep 19 | Andee Carr |
| Sep 29 | P.J. Null |
| Oct 1 | Diane Ferguson |





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**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)
- Sept 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

**UPCOMING EVENTS
 OCTOBER**

- Oct 1 Homecoming Games
- Oct 2 Homecoming Dance
- Oct 8 Grandparents' Day (K-12 early release)
- Oct 8 NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES
- Oct 14 Volleyball Senior Night
- Oct 15 Early Release Day (K-12)
- Oct 15 Preschool and PreK Classes in Session
 (PreK 5-Day Full Day Early Release)
- Oct 20 Elementary Pep Rally
- Oct 21 7-12 Fall Choir Preview
- Oct 22 Soccer Senior Night
- Oct 25 Blue Crew Day
- Oct 25-29 Book Fair
- Oct 26 5/6 Winter Sports Meeting
- Oct 26 5/6 Fall Sports Awards
- Oct 28-29 NO PRESCHOOL OR K-12 CLASSES
 ACSI Convention
- Nov 1-2 NO SCHOOL
 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)