

LCA Paw Prints

The official newsletter of Lebanon Christian Academy

I trust your summer is going well! At LCA things are busy as we prepare for the upcoming school year. I am very excited about LCA and all that the Lord has been doing for us! It is my privilege to share some of these things in this letter and to pass along some other information. Please stay in touch with comments, concerns or questions. You can email me personally at odbc.pastor@comcast.net or you can call the office at any time.

I am so thankful for the response I received from our survey. Many parents and teachers took time to answer the questions and make some good suggestions. We have made some changes and improvements based on your input!

Now, lets get down to business! First of all I am happy to report to you that we have hired Miss Natalie Gair to be our Jr./Sr. High History teacher (among other things)! Miss Gair graduated from Ambassador Baptist College and is well qualified and comes highly recommended! I am also pleased to inform you of the addition of Mrs. Anne Kim, as our elementary music teacher. Mrs. Kim is volunteering her time and is employed by Lebanon Valley College. She is precious Christian lady and we are thrilled to have her teaching music on Friday's this year! As I write, I am waiting for confirmation from our 5th/6th grade teacher. I also continue to pursue a high school science teacher. Please pray with me about these two positions!

The revised parent/student handbook is on our website. Let us know if you want a hard copy. It can be picked up at the office or mailed to you. Please read it thoroughly. We have made some adjustments to our dress code policy and we have added a written cell phone policy (pg. 21) in the handbook. We will not try lunch time texting this year based on survey input.

The school calendar is complete and many of you have received it with report cards. It is also on the website. I am very excited about some of the adjustments made to the calendar. I believe it is very family friendly. I followed several parental suggestions as we made our adjustments and finalized the calendar!

The fall athletic schedule is on the website. Mr. Thomas has worked very hard to put this together! It should be an exciting year for both our volleyball and soccer teams! Remember, practice begins on August 16, 2010; Jr. High volleyball, 5:30 to 7:30pm, Varsity volleyball, 6:30 to 8:30pm, Soccer, 5:30 to 8:30pm. Students should have their sports physicals (forms on website or from the office) by the start of practices! Falls sports passes will be available to purchase for families, individuals and students at a discounted rate. We hope it will be helpful and convenient for our families. Contact the office for further information!

KCEA is producing a paper entitled the Keystone Sentinel. We will be posting it regularly on our website. I strongly encourage you to read every issue. There is important information contained that you should see and read!

We will be implementing a book fee this year. This was the overwhelming desire of parents from our survey. The fee is \$200.00 per student. We will buy school books back from any family, as long as the books are still in use by LCA. When you bring us the books we, together, will decide a fair price and reduce your book fee accordingly!

We will have locks available for school lockers this year. The locks will be leased from LCA and the fee will be \$5.00 for the year. The locks will have a combination known only to the student and a master key, held by the office. The student benefit is security, while still allowing access to the administration if that is ever necessary!

Hot lunches will be available this year on Mondays and Fridays. High school classes will have the opportunity to provide lunches on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. The final details are being worked out and more information will be forthcoming.

The class scheduling has been completed, thank you Mrs. Musser! The school day will feature seven periods instead of eight. The periods will be 45 minutes long with 4 minutes in between classes and a 30 minute lunch period. We believe this schedule will benefit class time and student needs. The lunch period for 7th through 12th will allow time for our young people to go outside or to the gym for some physical exercise and relaxation before afternoon classes!

We are working hard to provide more high school electives such as art, home economics, photography and sign language, as well as, considering some other fine arts opportunities. This is in response to some of your suggestions and our desires to see our young people well rounded in their education! More details forthcoming!

The possibility of spring sports is being discussed. We have put out feelers to other Christian schools to see what they are doing. I would anticipate spring sports at a "club" level, by that I mean a very limited season with few games. This will allow the opportunity of participation for those interested as well as providing us a gauge to understand LCA's true interest in further expansion of the athletic program.

The details of a parent advisory board are being worked out. I am expecting to do this on a one year trial basis. If it is a positive for parents and LCA alike it will continue. I am excited about the possibilities!

Fundraisers are being planned at this time. There will be no door-to-door sales for LCA this year! The seniors may do a Corbi's sale. We are going to do several things this year, some for LCA and some for our scholarship funds and others towards specific needs (ie. athletics, art, library). We will still have a walkathon during the spring fling. Other activities will include chicken BBQ, spaghetti dinners, Pizza Hut/Hoss's nights, an auction etc. We will attempt to have fun, encourage fellowship, help needy families and provide for LCA. Your help and participation will be a blessing!

Finally, it has been suggested that I put a list out to families and those interested in LCA that would include specific needs and the costs associated with them. Please find it attached and help as your are able. Feel free to share our needs with grandparents or even your church!

We will not complete the fiscal year for LCA in the black. We have about \$8,300.00 outstanding in tuition payments. Pray for those who are behind. I am confident in their desire to pay and I know they will as they are able. Beyond tuition we are still looking at a deficit of \$18,000.00. This number is higher than we initially projected. Budget deficits are not unusual for Christian schools. I simply ask for your prayers as we deal with this need. Our church stands firmly behind LCA and has enabled us to have all accounts current at this time. All prayers and any contributions would be a blessing! I anticipate a balanced budget for 2010/11 and completing the year in the black! God is able!

Thank you and God bless! I am praying every day for a wonderful school year! I remain convinced that we will have at least 100 students this upcoming year! Pray with me and tell others about LCA! I have interviewed one family and am meeting with three others in the next week! I am looking forward to working with you and your children - I anticipate this being the finest and most exciting year in the history of LCA!

For Christian Education,

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