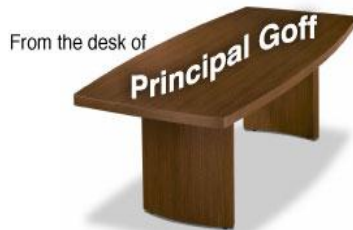




Lafayette Christian School

Excellence in Education Centered in Christ

**FEBRUARY**

- 10 – Valentines Candlelight Dinner 7:00 PM
- 11 – Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Contest
- 17 – No School (Snow Day Make up)
- 20 – No School - President's Day

Thank you School Culture Committee for your planning and leading our school in **Spiritual Emphasis Week**. The music and speakers were excellent and even though each focused on a different way to give excellence to God – there were many similarities – (Preparedness – Patience – Allowing God to lead us – Being fully present). **Colossians 3:23** – ***Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.***

2012-2013 Re-Enrollment Materials will be coming to your home this week. It is vital that we receive your re-enrollment promptly as we begin planning for classes. The number of inquiries and tours for next year has increased over the past couple of weeks.

Prayer List:

- Capital Campaign / Building Phase II – pray for pledges and financial support to finish the 2nd floor for next fall.
- School-Home-Church in working together to provide a **Christ-Centered education** for our students
- Pray for our relationships within our LCS school community
- Praise for a great Christ-centered Spiritual Emphasis – pray for God's working in the hearts and minds of our children

I share the following information from the Indiana Department of Education to parents of grade three specifically, but also to parents of K-2 students.

Our Third Grade students will take the *Indiana Reading Evaluation And Determination (IREAD-3)* Assessment during the Spring 2012 test window, which is March 19-21, 2012. Based on the Indiana Academic Standards, IREAD-3 specifically tests foundational reading standards through grade three. The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) created an item sampler with examples of the types of test questions that may appear on IREAD-3. You can download the *IREAD-3 Item Sampler* by visiting the IDOE website: www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread_resources.html.

You are encouraged to contact your child's teacher to learn more about his/her reading progress and to gain a better understanding of your child's reading program, including assessment practices, instructional approaches and expected student performance. Questions to consider when talking to your child's teacher might include the following:

What are specific ways I can assist my child at home?

How do I know if my child is on track?

How do I know if my child is reading an appropriately leveled book?

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Please refer to the *IREAD-3 Parent Guidance* for further information about good cause exemptions, and the IREAD-3 assessment. You can download the *IREAD-3 Parent Guidance* by visiting the IDOE website: www.doe.in.gov/assessment/iread_resources.html .

As many researchers and educators have noted, from Kindergarten through grade three, students are primarily “learning to read.” But beginning in fourth grade, students must be able to “read to learn.” Standards and materials only get more complex from fourth grade forward, and students who cannot read proficiently will struggle to keep up with their peers.

Upcoming dates:

LACS Spelling Bee at Faith Chr. - February 9, 7:00 PM

8th Grade Valentine Dinner - February 10

Band Solo & Ensemble Contest - February 11

Quarter 3 Mid-Term - February 16

Faculty Professional Development Day - February 17

No School / Snow Make Up Day- February 20

ISTEP+ Applied Skills Assessments – March 5–12

LCS Celebration of Faith – March 10

PRINCIPAL’S THOUGHTS:

Why are we here at LCS? What are we doing here? As we are finishing the first month of the second semester, our school’s mission and goals give us the answer to the preceding questions. This statement and goals give us focus to our purpose in what we are doing. These are in the LCS Family/Student Handbook, however, I include them below. If you notice the LCS Educational Goals more specifically define carrying out the aspects of the mission statement.

LCS EDUCATIONAL GOALS:

To develop and maintain a quality **Christian educational program**, from a Reformed perspective, whereby all students will (a) experience **excellence in training** and (b) develop **positive relationships** with others and the Lord

To assist parents and the church in **leading each student to a heart commitment to, and a living relationship with, Jesus Christ** as his / her Lord and Savior

To assist these young people in the development of their own personal set of **moral and spiritual values which are rooted in God’s Word**

To give students the necessary **skills in reading, math, science, and communication** that will enable them to (a) succeed at higher educational levels and (b) develop an appreciation for life-long learning

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How we work together is important to God. As we go about working towards the LCS Mission and educational goals, we as Christians are called to work for God and give Him the glory. We are reminded in 1st Corinthians 13:1 of the importance of love - *"If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal"*. We need to also lift up our work to God through prayer so that we may "keep in step" with Him - Galatians 5: 25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

FROM THE SCHOOL CULTURE COMMITTEE:

One goal for the chapel at LCS is for students to learn new songs. This year, we are implementing "Hymn of the Month". Each month a different hymn will be taught and sung throughout the school. .

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty – January Hymn of the Month

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons,
Blessed Trinity!

Other arrangements by David Crowder and Newsboys are different ways of enjoying these lyrics.

JH TESTS & PROJECTS

6th grade:

Wed – Science Test
Fri – Math Test

7th grade:

Fri – Social Studies
Science Test

8th Grade:

Wed – Review Algebra
Thurs – Mid Chapter Test

Help!!!

The invitations are coming! The invitations are coming! One thousand of them to be exact. If you can help stuff envelopes and adhere address labels for our March 10th Celebration of Faith event, we need you! Tuesday, January 31st, 8am in the art room! Questions? Contact Sara Holder at 463-4918 or brysaHolder@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Abigail Lammers, Neely Plaspohl, Jessica Timperman, and Abney Trout who all performed solos at the Solo and Ensemble Contest this past weekend. They each received gold ratings. Congratulations are also in order for both the junior-high boys choir, which included Beau Ashcraft, David Bell, Andrew Fiorini, Alex Galema, John Patrick Garcia, Anthony Holt, Erik King, Ross Mastey, Cole Mobley, and Zachary White, and the junior-high girls' choir, which included Katherine Bathe, Emily Fletcher, Taylor Gibbs, Kaylah Krintz, Abigail Lammers, Neely Plaspohl, Elizabeth Pruium, Lauren Steffen, Rebekah Sterrett-Hoffman, Jessica Timperman, Abney Trout, Chloe Tuinstra, Sydney Vanderpipe, Nicole Wagner, Annabelle Walker, Carolyn Wetzels and Faith Wilhelm. Both ensembles had impressive performances and received gold ratings. I am proud of the work you put in so far this year. Keep it up!

God Bless,

Mr. Knox

CANDLELIGHT VALENTINE DINNER

Make reservations now!

Friday, February 10, 2012 7:00 P.M.

**Reservations must be received on or before Monday, February 6.
Seating is limited to 140, so get your reservations in early.**

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This dinner is provided by the eighth grade class and their parents as a fund raiser for the eighth grade class trip, graduation, and their class gift to the school. **Treat your sweetheart to a delicious meal, or gather a group of friends and dine together.**

The cost is \$12.00 per plate.

For reservations – Return the dinner reservation form below with your payment to the school office, to Judi Buchman, or to an eighth grader. If you have questions, please contact Judi Buchman at school (447-3052) or at home (463-3936).

**\* Your reservation will be secured only when your payment is made.\***

~ The Menu ~

**Chicken Kiev atop Cran-Apple Almond Rice  
Green Beans with Balsamic Brown Butter Sauce  
Tuscan Garden Salad with Creamy Vinaigrette  
Freshly Baked Rolls  
Chocolate Fudge Brownie à la Mode**

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**February 10, 2012 Valentine Dinner  
Serving at 7:00 P.M.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of people in your party (**Include yourself in the count.**)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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# COF Connection & Countdown



## Exciting announcement!

We are planning a slideshow of our wonderful LCS family to be shown during the Celebration of Faith Auction on March 10th. If you have photos of field trips, sporting events, concerts, chapels, or any other school related activities, you may get to see your child and his/her class on the big screen! For possible inclusion in the slideshow, submit photos to Stephanie Habermann at [shaber@iquest.net](mailto:shaber@iquest.net) by February 3rd. Feel free to contact Stephanie with any questions: 429-4607.

## Specialized Gift Gatherers:

We are currently seeking 2 or 3 volunteers to solicit corporate donations on-line. Yes, you can even work in your jammies!

We would also like a few brave volunteers to solicit local business for donations of large, big ticket items. Our hope is that businesses will be willing to sell these items to us at cost or at a large discount (that way the business is not taking a loss).

If you can help with either of these, contact Melissa or Kati

COF Co-chairs: Melissa Garcia: 414-0109 [mel.garcia@frontier.com](mailto:mel.garcia@frontier.com)

Kati Keen: 426-9450 [sweet\\_peach717@yahoo.com](mailto:sweet_peach717@yahoo.com)

### MISSION: *Spiritual Emphasis Week Notes*

- *Thanks to the various people who helped clean up on Friday night after Picnic/Praise Night!*
- *The School Culture Committee would appreciate if you would take a moment to complete a brief survey about Spiritual Emphasis Week. This will help better plan for next year. The survey is located at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H85R72F>*