LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
April 13, 2009

From the Heart of the Head of School

Like so many of you, our family was blessed by the opportunity to worship at one of our local churches for the Easter service. The auditorium was so packed we had to sit at the rear wall of the large room. No doubt, your services also experienced an increase in attendance. I was reminded at that moment of the value that so many place on the Christmas and Easter services.

Our pastors and ministers and your presence in those services provide a powerful testimony for those that might not attend any other service throughout the year. Three of the first four gospels recount a story about seed being cast onto differing mediums, and their resultant growth, or lack thereof (Matthew 13:3-9, Mark 4:3-20 and Luke 8:5-15). The Word of God was sown into the hearts of all that attended throughout Bloomington and the surrounding communities. Pray for that hundred-fold yield for the seed that was planted in the hearts of all that enjoyed the music and message of the services. I trust that your day was blessed and filled with family and friends as you experienced the life provided by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 2009 Parent Survey is complete and can be considered one for the record books! Over 127 families responded eclipsing any records established previously. The most stunning result was that over 600 comments were drafted by our parent family. These comments reflect keen insight into the programs and practices of LCA experienced by our parents. Your response illustrates the dedication you have for Lighthouse Christian Academy. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty and staff, and the students of LCA, thank you for the great response to the survey.

Now the work begins. You will be pleased to know that an initial draft of the charted survey responses is complete. The comments have been placed on a spread sheet and assigned to groups for action, some to the Leadership Team, some to the Board of Trustees, and some to the faculty and staff. A handful of you asked to have the Board of Trustees get in touch with you. Those names have been forwarded to the President of the Board and will be addressed shortly.

The comments (anonymous) and charts will be included in the presentation handed over to the Strategic Plan Team that meets this week. Along with addressing specific issues raised by the survey, this information will be used to help prioritize initiatives for the next several years. The survey results will be assembled into a chart form for your review shortly as well. You can expect to see that those things we do well will be strengthened, and those things that need attention will be addressed.

Once again, thank you for the incredible response to this year's Parent Survey! This is but one more tangible example of the dedicated hearts and minds of the parents we are blessed to serve here at LCA.

In His work together,

Mr. Baldomero
Head of School

APRIL 15TH: Please remember that Wednesday, April 15th, is the last day to register for the 2009-10 school year with the $200 registration fee. The fee goes up to $250 on April 16th.

LUNCH FORMS: Lunch forms for May were sent home today with students. They are due to the office by Friday, April 17th.

LCA SKATE NIGHT: The next LCA Skate Night is Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Western Skateland. The cost is $4.00 and includes skate rental.

TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK: We will be celebrating "Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week" at Lighthouse during the week of May 4 –8.

SAVE THE DATE: LCA's third Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday, April 24th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help, please complete the form that went home with your child last week or contact Mrs. Allison Rink at 331-9061 or scottrink@aol.com.

****Carnival Needs**: The carnival committee is in need of 3-5 extra large cooler for drinks and 2-4 large 10x10 easy up canopies. If you have either of these items and would be willing to donate them for use at the carnival, please contact Kathy Fairchilld at mfairchild3535@embarqmail.com or (317)933-3535. Thank You!

LCA ART SHOW: Information came home with elementary students today and is attached to this newsletter about the LCA art show. Ms. Menees is in need of some parent volunteers to help. Please consider helping with this. Return the volunteer form to the office by Wednesday, April 22nd.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

STANFORD TESTING: Stanford Achievement Testing started today and will be held every day this week, in grades K – 6. Parents can be of great help as you see that your students have a good breakfast, are well rested, and get to school on time. Thanks!

CINDERELLA: On **Monday, April 20th**, our sixth grade classes will be presenting the musical "Cinderella". Please plan to join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Lion's Den. **Please note the change of date due to a conflict with a track meet.**

VACATION STATIONS: ***Vacation Stations*** are summer review workbooks published by Bob Jones University Press. They are available **for students completing grades K – 6.** If you are interested in purchasing a workbook for $21.00, please complete the order form that was sent home with your child. **Please return the order form and the $21.00 to the office by Monday, April 27th.** Checks should be made payable to Lighthouse Christian Academy.

ACSI DISTRICT SPEECH MEET: LCA was well-represented at the ACSI Speech Meet last Friday. All the students did a great job! Those students participating included the following:

Grade 1	Riley B Sarah P Brayden W
Grade 2	Arianna B Natalie H Kyle H
Grade 3	Alec A Audrey S Elizabeth R
Grade 4	Nathan B Grace H Amelia R
Grade 5	Anna M Hannah M
Grade 6	Megan F Bobby G

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION: Kindergarten graduation ceremonies are planned for **Thursday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.** Kindergarten families will receive more information from the teachers.

ELEMENTARY CALENDAR NOTES

- April 13: SCRIP ordering resumes
- April 13-17: Stanford testing, grades K-6
- April 20: 6th grade performance, "Cinderella", 7:00 p.m.

- April 23: LCA Skate Night, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Western Skateland, $4.00
- April 24: Staff development; half day with noon dismissal
- April 24: LCA Spring Carnival, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 24: Golf Outing registration due
- April 27: *Vacation Stations* orders due
- May 4-8: Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8: Half day with 12:00 noon dismissal
- May 8: Golf Outing at The Eagle Pointe Golf Course
- May 21: Kindergarten Graduation

Mrs. Heidi Carlson, Assistant Principal

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Carnival Volunteers: Student volunteers are needed for the carnival. Students can volunteer for 2 hour shifts for set up 3-5 pm, during the event from 5-7pm and tear down which takes about one hour. Please let Mrs. Amerine or Mrs. Stevens know if you would like to participate in this event.

Student Council Elections: Applications to serve on the 2009-2010 Student Council are available at the office or from current Student Council members. All applications must be complete and submitted by **April 24th** in order to be on the **April 30th** ballot.

Stanford Testing: Students in grades 7 - 10 will be taking the Stanford 10 and Otis Lennon Abilities test during the week of April 13-17th. Please see the attached schedule as the testing times are different each day and for each grade.

Track and Field: High School 4/14 - Bloomington North @ 4:30 p.m., 4/16 - South Putnam @ 5:00 p.m. Jr. High 4/17 - Cloverdale @ 5:00 p.m.

Christian Assembly: The next assembly is Thursday, April 23rd. Ryan and Hope East will present "Purity Talk". This couple's mission is to explain to teens what purity means, how to live it, and why they choose to be pure. In sharing their story, they hope to equip young people to stand up to the culture's twisted view of sexuality and honor God with a lifestyle of purity.

Senior High Formal: Tickets for the May 9th Formal "*Evening in the Orient*" will be on sale at the school office for $35.00. Invitations have been mailed to students in grades 9 through 12. Deadline for tickets

is April 24th. There are five levels of Sponsorship. Please contact the school office for more details.

Upcoming Dates:

April 13 – 17	Monday – Friday	Stanford Testing
April 20-25		Senior Trip
April 22	Wednesday	Crane Science Fair
April 23	Thursday	Christian Assembly
April 24	Friday	Staff Development (Half Day)
April 24	Friday	Carnival
April 25	Saturday	ISSMA - Band at Columbus North @ 10:00 a.m.
April 27-May1		ISTEP testing 7th & 8th grades
April 30	Thursday	Student Council Elections
May 5	Tuesday	Fine Arts Spring Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
May 8th	Friday	1/2 Day - Golf Outing
May 9th	Saturday	Senior High Formal
May 12th	Tuesday	JR./SR High Awards @ 7:00 p.m.
May 23	Saturday	Graduation - 2:00 p.m.
May 26, 27 & 28th		Final Exams

Mrs. Rayna Amerine, Jr. /Sr. High Principal