9-22-08 Newsletter

From the Heart of the Head of School

When asked, parents across the nation will give a wide array of reasons for choosing Christian education over other options. Boiled down, the reasons may include safety, academic rigor, a private education, discipline and moral guidance. These are valid, and to a degree, important reasons. But how often have you heard a parent express how their child's education system supports the values and teachings of their church?

Our churches are a place of worship. We come together and sing, we pray and we listen together for the heart of God. Our churches are a place of love. We experience the gifts God has given each of us for all of us. Our churches are a place of learning. Our pastors and ministers speak from the Word of God to encourage and to change our hearts. Our churches are a place of value, a place where we invest our time and our talents. Our churches are a place of healing when our spirits are wounded. Our churches are a place of conviction and reconciliation, of fellowship and accountability. Christ is its head and we are the Body, the church.

Lighthouse Christian Academy supports the family by teaching the values presented in church. Biblically integrated subjects form the core of its curriculum and rigor. In each of the programs of the school, Jesus Christ is honored. For those that have invested in Christian education, your message of values for your child is in harmony rather than competition. Apart from your involvement in church, the purpose for Christian education may only rise to the level of the reasons given earlier.

LCA represents families from over 35 churches throughout Bloomington and the surrounding communities. Christian education finds its value in the relationship between our families and their churches. Thank you, once again, for investing in Christian education.

In His work together,

Mr. Baldomero
Head of School

LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

September 22, 2008

JOG-A-THON DATE: The date for Jog-A-Thon, one of LCA's major fundraising events, has been set for **Friday, October 10th.** This unique event combines an emphasis on physical fitness with financial support of Lighthouse. Please think about how your family can help. Mrs. Lori Campbell, our Jog-a-Thon coordinator, is visiting each classroom this week to speak with the students and hand out informational packets. Please watch for these packets of information to be coming home with your student soon.

ISTEP+ TESTING: Students in grades 3 – 10 completed the ISTEP+ testing last week. Thank you for the support and encouragement you gave your student.

NFL PUNT, PASS, AND KICK COMPETITION: The Punt, Pass, and Kick competition will be held this Friday, September 26th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Mr. Kim at 824-2000, ext. 105.

BID FOR SNOW/ICE REMOVAL: We are in need of someone to be in charge of snow and ice removal on LCA school grounds (i.e. driveway, parking lot, and sidewalks). There will be bid sheets available in the school office, if you know of someone who would be interested in bidding for this job.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

MID-QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS: Mid-quarter progress reports were sent home Friday. Please sign the report and return it to your child's teacher within three days. **These reports are a way to communicate to you how your student is doing so far in this quarter.** This is not an official record. If there are areas of concern, your student has four more weeks to improve in an area or to bring up a grade.

SKATE NIGHT: This Thursday, Sept. 25th, will be the first LCA Skate Night at Western Skateland from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost is $4.00 per skater and includes skate rental. If you have any questions or need anything that evening, please see Mrs. Kimm Moore or Mrs. Glenna Goddin.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY: We will be having our first Elementary Christian Assembly this Thursday morning in the gym at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Kim and Mr. Baldomero will be leading a time of worship as we begin learning the "Fruits of the Spirit".

ELEMENTARY CALENDAR NOTES

- September 19: Mid-quarter progress reports were sent home; please sign and return.

- September 25: Christian Assembly, 8:30 a.m. in the gym
- September 25: Informational meeting for Bradford Woods for 5th grade parents
- September 25: Skate Night at Western Skateland, 6:30 p.m.
- September 26: PPK Competition
- October 10: 14th Annual **Jog-a-Thon**
- October 17: Staff Development – Half-day with noon dismissal
- October 20-22: Bradford Woods for 5th graders
- October 20: End of 1st quarter for elementary
- October 24: Fall Break – No School
- October 30.31: Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences; half days with 12:00 noon dismissal
- November 26: Thanksgiving Break; half day
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving Break; no school

Serving with Jesus' Hands & Feet 2008-09
LCA's Jr./Sr. High News

Christ is like a river. A river is constantly flowing, there are fresh supplies of water coming from the fountain-head continually so that man may live by it, and be supplied with water all his life. So Christ is an ever-flowing fountain; He is continually supplying His people and the fountain is not spent. They who live upon Christ may have fresh supplies from Him to all eternity; they may have an increase of blessedness that is new and new still, and which never will come to an end.

-- Jonathan Edwards

SEE YOU AT THE POLE - Wednesday, Sept 24th student are invited to gather at the flag pole beginning at 7:20 AM to join in together in prayer.

CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY - Wednesday, Sept 24th from 8:30 - 9:30 AM students will be hosting and leading a Christian Assembly in the gym. Parents are welcome to attend.

JOG-A-THON JR/SR HIGH: Last fall Mr. Forgeng challenged the Jr./Sr. High classes to meet pledge goals and the 7th grade met and exceeded that challenge. Jog-a-thon is a great way for classes to work together both for encouragement and raising funds for LCA operations. Please watch for the packets that include details and pledge sheets going home this week. **Oct 10th -** the goal for 08-09's Jog-a-thon is **$40,000**!

MONROE COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR: September 29, 2008, 6:30-8:30 PM at the Bloomington Convention Center, 302 S. College Ave.

70 colleges will be represented and information on financial assistance will be available.

POWERSCHOOL INFO: When checking your student's powerschool grades, assignments that are high-lighted in blue have comments attached. Click on that score to see the comment.

THE AMERICAN LEGION'S NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST:
The contest was developed primarily to instill a better knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States in high school students. Other objectives include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly, and the preparation for acceptance of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship.

Another purpose of the program is to assist students in paying the high cost of a college education. The American Legion Life Insurance Committee provides the scholarship money for the program. The first place winner takes home $18,000 and the next two finishers receive $16,000 and $14,000. First round participants in the National Contest receive a $1,500 scholarship. Second round participants who do not advance to the final round will receive an additional $1,500 scholarship.

Eligible participants in The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program shall be citizens of or lawful permanent residents of the United States.
All contestants must be bona fide students herein described as any student under the age of twenty (20) years on the date of the National Contest who is presently enrolled in a high school level, commencing with grade nine (9) and terminating with grade twelve (12). Students must be enrolled in high school during the time of participation at any level of The American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program. **Please see Mrs. Amerine for rules and contest deadlines.**

Upcoming Dates:

September 24th	Wed	Christian Assembly - Student led
September 22 – 26	Monday – Friday	Jr./Sr. High Conferences (by appointment)
October 3	Friday	Jog-a-Thon Assembly - 2:30 PM
October 10	Friday	Jog-a-Thon
October 15	Wednesday	PSAT testing beginning at 8 AM

October 15	Wednesday	End of 1st Quarter for Jr./Sr. High
October 17	Friday	Staff Development **(Half Day)**
October 20	Monday	End of 1st Quarter for Elementary
October 24	Friday	Fall Break – No School
November 19	Wednesday	Staff Development (Half Day)
November 26	Wednesday	Thanksgiving Break (Half Day)
November 27 & 28	Thursday & Friday	Thanksgiving Break – No School
December 19	Friday	End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester for Elementary and Jr./Sr. High
December 20-Jan4th		Christmas Break Holiday
January 5th	Monday	Classes

Mrs. Rayna Amerine

Jr./Sr. High Principal

Lighthouse Christian Academy

"Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." **Deuteronomy 4:9**