

## Laramie Christian Academy's Newsletter

*See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19*

### BACK TO SCHOOL

#### "THE WALL OF PROTECTION" REBUILT TO ITS ORIGINAL HEIGHT

At LCA Back-To-School night, students and families gathered in the play-yard for ice cream, fellowship, and the annual kick-off. Academy Principal, Mrs. McKamey started the kick-off with a re-telling of our Academy start-up story.

It all began through a Bible Study question on a study of the book of Nehemiah back in 2015. "What spiritual walls of protection have been broken down in your city? Pray about what God would have you do about it." Through prayer, the Holy Spirit impressed that God's heart was breaking for the lack of available Christian Education to Laramie youth/families.

At that time two Christian preschools and a Catholic school were the only options available in Laramie for students in grades preschool through high school; all other educational offerings were secular. McKamey committed to praying that God would send someone to start a Christian school in Laramie.

Over the next three years all three remaining Christian schools ceased to operate, only homeschool options remained. In 2018, McKamey was praying again for a Christian School to be born in Laramie when she felt the Holy Spirit say, "stop praying that someone else would start a school and start praying, what can you, *Holly McKamey*, do to start *My* school in Laramie?"

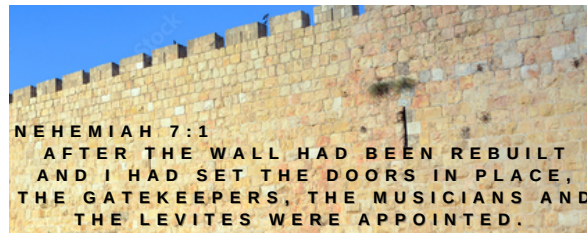
So, after praying McKamey went to her church youth pastor, Natasha Snelson, and together they began preparations for Preschool Bible Time which opened fall of 2018.

God continued to lead the initiative to restore to Laramie the "wall of protection" that Christian Education for pre-k-12 grade offers to families.

In Jan 2019 a community all-call went out and people interested in helping start a Christian K-12 school gathered at the Fire Station.

Laramie Christian Academy founding board was created, meeting twice a month to do the work necessary to start-up with a 20/20 vision that our Academy would begin August 2020.

Spring of 2020, with unprecedented Covid times, brought the founding board to the question, "do we open as planned?" After much prayer five of the seven members decided to move forward, standing on the conviction that God saw Covid coming and had given us the phrase "20/20 vision" through prayer.



The very thing everyone feared would stop our progress, ended up being what God used to enable our Academy to start. Families were open to a change from what was being offered in other schools throughout our town, and other schools needing to space out students 6 feet apart welcomed the new option as well.

As we stepped forward, God did miracles and provided both a building and zoning for our school within the span of two months.

Laramie Christian Academy opened doors on August 2020 with 21 students in grades k-8, 2.5 paid staff, a host of volunteers, and a fundraising goal. God provided and caused our first year to be a success. April of 2021, LCA moved Preschool Bible Time onsite, and we ended our first year as a Prek-8th grade Academy.

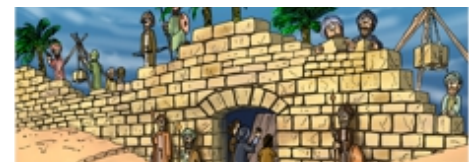
Last year, our second year, we launched an initiative to complete the wall to its original height – offering Christian Education for Prek-12 within Laramie.

Focusing on our current enrollment and anticipated needs, we researched ways to grow and to offer a high school program the following fall.

Completing a building upgrade on our fire system and offering classroom facilitated online learning for our high school grades, enabled LCA to start this year out offering enrollment to Prek-12 students.

We celebrate the start of our third year with students and families, with increased enrollment in grades Prek-10.

We are pleased to introduce our 2022-2023 staff. Our returning staff who were part of our founding board: Mrs. Snelson, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. McKamey. Our returning staff who were founding board advisors: Mrs. Beach, Mrs. (and Mr.) Hill. Returning staff from last year: Mrs. Cleven, Mr. Jon, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Hornor, Ms. Anderson, and our new staff: Mrs. Ruiz, and Mrs. Wulff. We look forward to an amazing year having appointed the 'gatekeepers,' 'musicians,' and 'Levites,' a year of solidifying our team for the work we are called to within the walls of protection God has re-built.



### SEEKING THE FOLLOWING STAFF

#### PRE-K TEACHER(S) -- PART TIME

& FULL TIME Mon-Fri: 12 to 40 hrs/wk

*If you or someone you know is interested in joining our amazing team, please email or refer the candidate to email [info@laramiechristianacademy.com](mailto:info@laramiechristianacademy.com).*

*Applicants may also apply online at: [laramiechristianacademy.com/connect/teacher-application](http://laramiechristianacademy.com/connect/teacher-application). Thank you.*

# CELEBRATE OUR SUMMER SUPPORT

We celebrate and honor those who have helped us over the summer in our many projects. Transitioning from a four classroom school to five classroom school is not something that just happens overnight. We are deeply grateful to the individuals who gave up summer time to inventory and sort curriculum, move furniture, sort and re-appropriate library books, re-build classroom dividers, install electrical and fire system components and many other summer support tasks. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!



## STAFFING PROVISIONS

As we began August still praying for and interviewing candidates for our sixth-grade teacher, we felt God clarify that he had provided our teachers for this school year already. Looking again at our registration numbers and grade breakdowns we observed that by combining our grades in a different way we did in fact have all our teachers in place. Our final classroom breakdown for the 2022-2023 school year ended up resulting in five classrooms.

We are excited to announce our classes and teachers:

<b>PRE-K</b> <b>MS. ANDERSON</b> <b>MRS. HORNOR</b>	<b>K-1</b> <b>MRS. RUIZ</b>	<b>2-4</b> <b>MRS. WULFF</b>	<b>5-6</b> <b>MRS. DUNCAN</b>	<b>8-10</b> <b>MRS. HILL</b>
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Classroom numbers are 13 students and less. We are excited for a great year and impressed with the quality of instruction each of our teachers brings to the LCA teaching team.

Know someone who would be a great addition to our teaching team? We will be looking for 7-8 grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Interested applicants may apply on our website.

## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

### THE BIG "3" OF LCA

**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
**BIBLE INTEGRATION**  
**RESILIENT HOPE IN JESUS**

### LCA IS AN OFFICIAL

**MEMBER OF THE**  
**ASSOCIATION OF**  
**CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS**

### AUGUST 18

Back to School Night 6:15 to 7:30 pm

### AUGUST 22

First Day of School

### AUGUST 27

Garage Sale



### AUGUST 2022

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