

## Laramie Christian Academy's Newsletter

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

## LCA CHRISTMAS PARADE

HOT DOGS, HOT CHOCOLATE, WARM GREETINGS

This year LCA gathered early before the parade for hot dogs, hot chocolate and fellowship in the frosty pre-parade wait. We are grateful to April Clevon for bringing the food car and thankful for the extra hot dogs and chips left for us from the Christmas Bazaar. Families also chipped in to provide hot chocolate and cups. Once the parade began those walking along warmed up quickly. Those riding on the float sang Christmas carols and asked the watchers for a "ho, ho, ho" and a "Merry Christmas." Students and parents passed out candy canes and LCA flyers, and heard many in the crowd say, "I didn't know Laramie had a Christian School!"

Laramie Christian Academy is so grateful to the Bateman and Arnold families, as well as other LCA families for their amazing work on the third annual LCA Christmas Parade float. Again this year, the beautiful artwork, design, and lights provided a platform for LCA students and families to ride and walk in the Laramie Christmas Parade. Our float was also made possible by the flatbed trailer loaned by the Zimmerman family and time contributions from various other families. We are so thankful and blessed to be part of such a great community of families.

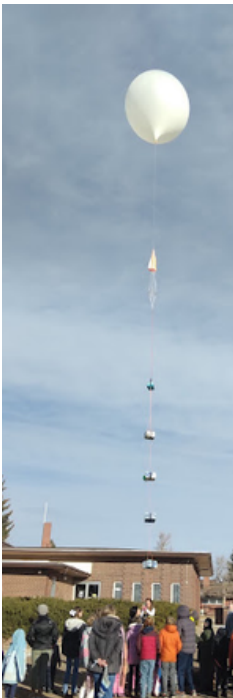


## BALLOON BLAST-OFF

Great weather for our second "launch day" floated our balloon off on an unseasonably warm morning. Our balloon, carrying a parachute, three containers of items from LCA students, and a video camera box, floated off to the stratosphere. The items contained in the boxes had an identical control item waiting on earth to enable students to study the effect of the atmosphere, or lack of atmosphere, on their items.

Our balloon popped a little earlier than predicted due to a premature tear, so our payload landed near the border of Nebraska enabling the recovery team to bring the boxes back to LCA around 3pm. Students compared the changes in their NASA box items to their control items to see what effect going to the stratosphere had on various materials.

Dr. Phil Bergmaier will compile the video footage of the balloon's journey and bring one more presentation to LCA in January where he will also talk about the weather data measured and just exactly how cold the items in our payload became. Watch for a link to this video presentation for parents and families to enjoy together, coming in January.



## CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

LCA students and teachers invite parents and family to join us Friday, December 16th at 2:45 pm for our last chapel of 2022. Come and celebrate Christmas with us!

Those attending chapel with us may join us for an after school snack of hot dogs, chips and drinks following chapel. Students are free to leave with parents directly after our program concludes.

# 5-6 CLASS TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS

## MRS. CYNTHIA DUNCAN



Returning with us for her third year, Mrs. Duncan is beloved among admin, parents and students. Mrs. Duncan was a part of the LCA founding board, joining the LCA team in our first community all-call, January 2019. Her prayers, contributions, and efforts on our founding board helped shape our academy. Duncan's belief in our school ran so deep that she joined with four LCA founders to personally fund part of our first year. Her contribution included volunteering as our 6-8 morning teacher for the 2020-2021 school year.

Cynthia Duncan has been married to her best friend, Brian, for 24 years. They have 3 boys, Ezra, Jedidiah, and Noah. As a family they enjoy cross-country skiing and mountain biking.

She received her BS from Bryan College in Christian Education and minored in Bible. She has taught in various churches over the last 27 years in Sunday school, children's church, and youth ministry. She grew up in Georgia where she received Christ as her Savior at a young age. She enjoys southern cooking and reading children's literature.

**MR. JON** Mr. Jon Gosselin returns to LCA for his second year, this year as the 6th grade math teacher. Mr. Jon's balanced approach to excellence in mathematical instruction enables students to both discover new interest in math and also stay accountable to accuracy and excellence. His training in logic is also evident as he teaches and challenges students to think well.

Mr Jon and his wife Erica have two young daughters ages 2 and newborn and he works evenings as a coach at LEAP. In addition to 6th grade math, Mr. Jon also joins LCA at both upper and lower school chapels, on Monday and Friday mornings. His impact in students lives is visible in both the love and the respect that students have for him.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### DECEMBER 16 -- CHRISTMAS CHAPEL

2:45pm -- Parents, family and friends invited to join LCA for last Chapel of 2022

### DECEMBER 19 - JANUARY 2 -- NO SCHOOL

Christmas Break

### JANUARY 16 -- NO SCHOOL

Teacher in Service Day

### JANUARY 17

End of First Semester

### THE BIG "3" OF LCA

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE  
BIBLE INTEGRATION  
RESILIENT HOPE IN JESUS

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