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Laramie Christian Academy's Newsletter

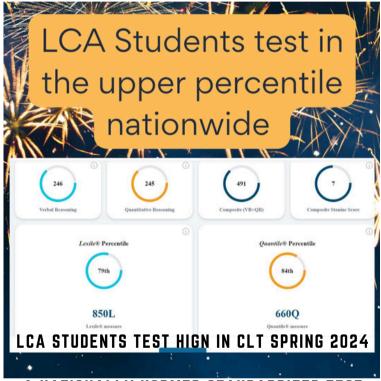
One generation commends your works to another;...they celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:4a...7

## **CELEBRATING 5 YEARS**

As we begin the school year, we pause to look back over the last five years. God has done an amazing work and brought our Academy so far in so little time. We began in 2020 with 3 teachers and 2l students grades k-8. That spring we added preschool, two grades, and have seen Preschool Bible Time grow each year. Our preschool now offers two classrooms, one for 3-year-olds and one for kindergarten bound (PreK) students. Each year our preschool spots fill quickly and our preschool program often has a wait list. Opening a second classroom this fall allowed for our preschool to double in size and to accommodate everyone on this year's wait list. We are excited to see what God does in the coming year with our youngest students.

In our k-8 program we have also seen great growth. We began with 3 teachers and with 3 grade combined classrooms. As we have grown in numbers, our classrooms have been converting to two and at times single grade classrooms. With target class sizes of 10 to 13 students, our academy's ability to meet each student where they are continues to help each one flourish. We anticipate that our next classroom breakout will be, enrollment depending, for a kindergarten only class. K-8 classrooms now have 6 teachers, 2 recess/lunch room teachers and are always looking for more excellent volunteers to serve our students at LCA. Seeing our students grow with academic excellence, Biblical knowledge and values, and a resilient hope in Jesus is the most rewarding aspect of all.

In 2022-2023 we offered an online bridge for High School students through 10th grade. The program was discontinued in 2023-24 after feedback from families that in-seat high school (not online) was preferred. Since our opening in 2020 we have had one grade that didn't have any students enrolled; it was 5th grade in 2020. Through the years that bubble has moved up but has remained. Last year it was 8th grade, this year it's 9th grade. Through prayer, we felt God leading us to look strategically at the grade directly under the bubble and to focus on opening in-seat High School for those students (and others who enroll with them) when they reached 9th grade. This brings us to present day where we are gearing up to open high school for 9th grade students next fall. You read correctly, we are excited to announce, that starting fall 2025 we will begin offering in-seat 9th grade. Be watching for enrollment interest forms to be coming out soon and be sure to tell any friends with students looking for Classical Christian High School options in Laramie.



#### A NATIONALLY NORMED STANDARDIZED TEST

It has been clear from the start when God opened our school during a time when schools across the country were closing their doors, that God has been leading, growing and directing our Academy. Our journey has been blessed with provision from generous donors, grants, and income from miraculous provisions. Each year God confirms his work at LCA and continues to amaze us as He leads us from start-up into a full grown academy. Join with us as we celebrate all God has done and all he is doing in this new year!







# CA COMMUNITY EVENTS

As families partner with LCA for the education of their students, LCA provides events throughout the year to facilitate community and foster relationships, from family to family. Here is a snapshot of a few of our

opportunities to engage in fellowship: **Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom** 

What better way to start out the day than by joining with LCA students, families and teachers for a quick pastry and an LCA program. Donuts with dad and muffins with mom happens, roughly every other month, or five times throughout the school year. It's a unique opportunity to get to know other parents, see a short classroom program, and hang out with your student during school hours. Students and parents alike look forward to these times and are blessed with a bit of food and fellowship.

Crafting Days:

As LCA gears up for the Christmas Bazaar, we offer opportunities for parents to fellowship together while crafting. Have a craft you've been meaning to start? Join us. Don't have even the faintest idea of what to craft? Join us and get inspired. Some use our materials and get crafty. Crafting Days are a great way to get to know other parents and bring your students to get a jump start on crafts to sell at our Christmas Bazaar. While attending a crafting day isn't required to participate in the Bazaar, many parents agree that it's one of the most fun components of the Bazaar. "It was at the crafting days that I met and got to know other moms. From there, our friendship sprang up." States one LCA mom.

Inside Parents:

Each year LCA invites parents into the classrooms to see first hand the impact of Classical Christian Education. We have discovered that being inside is paramount for new families to catch the vision of what we deliver in the classroom. To facilitate this we have started the inside parents program where we invite parents of first year students into the classroom once a week. This might be for 20 to 30 minutes at checkin or check-out, at lunch or during a classroom activity arranged with the teacher throughout the week. While teachers don't need parent volunteers per se, parents engage in a helping task in the classroom during their times so as to not be a distraction to the learning environment, and to get to participate in all the wonderful work that their students experience every day.

## FIRST FIELD TRIP A FAN FAVORITE

Our first field trip of the 24-25 school year was a fabulous day. We went to the Air National Guard's Discovery Days in Cheyenne. The Air National Guard base opened their doors to students in schools and homeschools in Wyoming and Colorado for one day. Not only were the students allowed to explore the airplanes and amazing equipment, but booths were set up all around the hanger to help students interact with STEAM activities. From Fish and Game to Robotics, from biology to technology, from aviation to physics students found something for everyone's interests at booths around the hanger.







## TES TO REMEMBER

OCT 25 -- Last Day of Quarter 1

Nov 1 -- Half Day -- School ends at 11:30 am Nov 1 -- Parent Teacher Conferences beginning at 11:45 am

Nov4 -- No School - all

Nov 5 -- No School Students-- Staff Development

Nov 23 -- Christmas Bazaar

Nov 27-29 -- Thanksgiving break







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## LCA'S MISSION

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



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