

Liberty Christian Academy

2009-2010 Handbook



*"...See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the
Root of David, has triumphed...."*

Revelation 5:5

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GENERAL GROUP INFORMATION

❖ VISION

The Liberty Christian Academy Program is a non-profit organization that provides Christ-centered teaching/learning and social experiences in a small group setting for home school families.

❖ OPERATIONS

Liberty Christian Academy is a home school program that meets on Mondays each week (August/September-April/May) at Tulip Grove Baptist Church in Hermitage, Tennessee.

Elementary (K-6th grade)

Elementary classes are offered from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p. m. beginning on the Monday after Labor Day. Classes consist of 12-week or 24-week courses. Parents may choose for their children to participate in one, two, or all three hours. Our elementary program is designed to be one of hands-on and enrichment in various subjects. We have classes for kindergarten through the sixth grade and focus on the arts, science, and history.

Secondary (7th – 12th grade)

Our secondary program is purposefully academic while supplying our teenagers a wonderful opportunity to interact with one another. Scheduled classes meet from 8a.m.-3p.m. We know that the required classes in the 7th-12th grades can be rather challenging to teach at home. Our desire is to help meet these needs and to offer your child a consistent and challenging education. For those students who desire to graduate from high school and attend college, these classes are very valuable. Classes are offered in the following subjects: English, math, science, history, Spanish, the arts, and other electives.

Christian teachers in a Christian environment will teach the classes according to a Christian worldview. Each family will be required to sign a Statement of Faith to ensure the success of our program. We will also require that all students honor God by respecting the teachers, other parents, and each other.

❖ BOARD MEMBERS & LEADERSHIP TEAM

LCA classes are administered by a leadership committee, members of which are non-elected and non-paid.

Liberty Christian Academy 2009-2010 Board Members

Georgie Hyndman
Cindy Jackson
Trishia Warrick

Leadership Team

Georgie Hyndman, Director
Jenna McCaskill, Elementary Coordinator
Jenny Wakefield, Assistant Elementary Coordinator
Cindy Jackson, Secondary Coordinator
Lynne Dyer, Secondary Teacher Coordinator
Capri Chambliss, Assistant Secondary Teacher Coordinator
Natalie Fettig, Student Government Sponsor
Giovanna Gomez, Activities Coordinator
_____, Support Group Coordinator
Trishia Warrick, Prospective Member Coordinator*
Susan Gilliam, LCA/Tulip Grove Baptist Church Liaison
_____, Treasurer
Sandy Litton, Secretary

*If you are interested in referring your homeschooling friends to our elementary or secondary program, please have them call Trishia Warrick at [470-5242](tel:470-5242) or email cntwarrick@comcast.net

LCA POLICIES

❖ Admissions Policy: Elementary (K-6th) & Secondary (7th-12th)

Liberty Christian Academy partners with Christian parents desiring to enhance or extend home education. Significant parental involvement is vital to student success. We are looking for families who will perform the supervision and extension of class instruction, families who are active in a local church and families who have registered with an umbrella school under the Tennessee Home School Law. Students must have been homeschooled at least one semester prior to admission to the secondary program.

Because of the family atmosphere at LCA, the following guidelines must be followed:

- No pregnant students
- No married students
- No students who are parents
- No students with an alternate life-style
- No students who have previously been expelled from another school
- No students with a criminal record

❖ Financial Information

To provide necessary funds for the operation of LCA, all families are required to sell ten Smart Cards. If you choose not to sell the cards, you will be required to pay \$75.⁰⁰ to Liberty Christian Academy.

Fees due include: \$145 family registration fee, \$15 cleaning fee (cash); \$35 MTHEA membership, \$75 Smart Card non-selling fee and your class fees. If you choose not to be a student monitor, you will pay \$40 (*see "Parent Commitment"*). Secondary students are allowed two free periods during the day. Each free period after that costs \$90 each. **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

In addition to the fees mentioned above, the secondary grade classes and elementary enrichment classes have class fees for the teachers that are separate from the operating budget of the school. They are as follows:

Secondary Class Fees: For a one-hour class core class, the annual fee is \$210; for a one and one-half hour class, the cost is \$270 and all one-hour elective classes are \$180 with the exception of Yearbook/Journalism. If a class is only one semester, the fee is half of the listed cost. Materials, books, and lab fees are an additional cost. All checks should be made payable to the individual tutors for the classes in which the student is enrolled. The fees are collected on the night of the spring mandatory meeting. You may pay in full or with monthly post-dated checks. Checks and cash will be dispersed to tutors the first of each month, August through April.

Elementary Class Fees: One-hour classes that meet 24 weeks are \$96 each and one-hour classes that meet 12 weeks are \$48 each. Some classes will also have supply or lab fees. All checks should be made payable to the individual tutors for the classes in which the student is enrolled. The fees are collected on the night of the spring mandatory meeting. You may pay in full or with monthly post-dated checks and will be dispersed to the tutors the first of each month, September through April.

You are responsible to the tutor for the full tuition in the event that your student drops a class or is asked to withdraw from a class. In addition, there will be a \$25 cash fee for any check that is returned to a tutor due to insufficient funds.

All fees and payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. In the event that a class does not develop, the checks written for that class would be returned to the family. We are making a yearly commitment to each other and to our teachers. Class fees are to be paid even in the event of a withdrawal or dismissal. Auditing of classes is not permissible due to the problems it presents for the teachers and the other students in the class.

❖ Parental Academic Involvement

As the primary teacher in your home, you, the parent, are responsible for the teaching, training, and education of your child/student.

❖ Student/Parent Covenant

Participating in Liberty Christian Academy is a privilege, and with all privileges come responsibilities. The following is a list of responsibilities that we require of parents and students who choose to participate in this program. You will be given another copy of this to sign and return to the office.

Student Commitment

- I will purpose to honor God and submit to His authority in all that I think, say, and do.
- I will purpose to honor my parents and teachers and submit to their God given authority in my life by giving them my respect, gratitude, obedience, and attentiveness.
- I will do my best to make spiritual growth a priority in my life.
- I will show honor and respect to my parents and tutors by completing assignments diligently, seeking to learn and achieve to the best of my ability.
- I will respect my fellow students and will try to show honesty, kindness, and modesty in all of my friendships.
- I understand that my appearance and behavior reflects on God as well as myself.
- I understand that my family will be able to enjoy the privileges of this academy as long as we abide by the above commitment.

Parent Commitment

- I understand that teaching and training my children is my God given responsibility, and I plan to do this to the best of my ability with His guidance.
- I understand that in this program I am delegating the teaching of my child/children to a tutor in a given subject for a given time period and the remainder of the time, I am responsible for their studies.
- I commit to work with my students weekly to complete assignments that they receive in the classes we signed up to take.
- I will work cooperatively with the LCA board and the tutors that my children will be learning from.
- I will seek to demonstrate godly character and will purpose to teach this to my children.
- I will keep my commitments to LCA by serving actively on at least 1 committee and monitoring/assisting one day of the year.
- I will make sure that my student is prepared for class with the necessary tools he/she needs for each class.

Because our organization is run by volunteers, families should be sensitive to the personal family time of members of our group who serve in leadership when dealing with LCA matters. When you sign the Tutorial Contract, you are saying that you agree to follow the guidelines and procedures of LCA. If you have suggestions to improve the quality of our program, feel free to tell a member of leadership. We welcome improvements. However, families who continually challenge procedures and guidelines may lose the privilege of attending LCA.

CAMPUS-RELATED POLICIES

❖ Off-Campus Policy

All students are expected to stay on the church premises unless they have written permission from the parent to leave. Written permission forms must be updated each year; previous year permission slips expire.

Students may leave campus, as long as they adhere to the following guidelines:

- Students must sign out each week stating destination.
- Students should be aware that increased truancy supervision by the state of Tennessee poses a danger to the freedom of homeschoolers.
- If a student leaves the property, he/she must be present and on time for their next scheduled class.

LCA is **NOT RESPONSIBLE** for the welfare of students who leave the campus. Parents are always responsible for their students while off campus.

❖ Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival: Students may arrive 15 minutes prior to their first class.

Dismissal: Students should leave promptly after their last class. There should be no loitering on the church campus.

❖ Student Center

Students are allowed to be at LCA for their scheduled classes plus two free hour periods in addition to the lunch hour. If a student must be at LCA beyond this amount of time, a fee of \$90 per hour for the year will apply. This must be approved by the director or secondary coordinator and paid for before the tutorial year begins. A student who needs to stay beyond the permitted amount of time may apply for a volunteer position of assisting with childcare or working in the office, but this is up to the

discretion of leadership, and selections for these positions will be based on the necessary qualifications to serve in the position. If chosen for a position of service, the \$90 fee would be waived.

❖ **Student Driver Policy**

Students who hold a valid Tennessee driver's license may drive to school with a permission form signed from their parents on file at LCA. Any student who fails to show proper driving safety and courtesy will be denied the privilege of driving. The Speed Limit is 10 mph on church property. Students and parents are asked to park on the cemetery side of the church building.

❖ **Snow Day Policy**

Liberty Christian Academy will follow Donelson Christian Academy's snow schedule. In the event that Donelson Christian Academy does not hold school on a specific Monday, a notice will be sent to Channel 2 if LCA closes due to snow. If DCA is closed due to a holiday, then an LCA board member will send an email if LCA will close.

❖ **Lunch/Snack Policy**

Lunch can be ordered at the beginning of each day and it will be available for pick-up during the lunch hour. Students may eat only in the designated rooms. Students are required to clean up after themselves. Leaving a mess for someone else to deal with is rude and disrespectful and may result in discipline points. Students may purchase snacks and drinks during free periods and lunch break. Food and drinks are not allowed in the classroom; however, bottled water is permitted with approval by the current tutor. If you bring your own drinks for snack or lunch, please refrain from bringing red drinks.

COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES AND CONDUCT

❖ **Mailboxes:** The activity committees communicate with members by means of a "mail box" in the office, which contains a file folder for each family. Please be sure to pick up your mail weekly. If your student drives and you do not come to the classes on a regular basis, please have him/her bring the contents of your mailbox home each Monday so that you have not missed important information.

❖ **Email Group:** LCA has an email chat group where all LCA members, tutors, and groups can share information.

At times, you may feel it is necessary to speak to the board or tutors regarding specific concerns you might have. Please respect and protect their personal time and, if at all possible, please seek to communicate your concerns during LCA hours.

If a parent has concerns regarding a class, the following is a guideline of how to communicate your concern.

1. Talk to the teacher during LCA hours, if possible.
2. If you do not feel that the problem has been adequately resolved, please speak with the board regarding your concern. If necessary, an appointment with the tutor and the parent will be scheduled.

LCA DISCIPLINE AND CONDUCT

We desire our students to grow in their relationship with Christ, and we are committed to their development. We are devoted to developing the whole student and to teaching them according to God's principles. Therefore, we will not neglect to deal with negative conduct. Neglecting to deal with a problem only enables a student to continue in that specific pattern. God's word says, "The corrections of discipline are the way of life," (Proverbs 6:26b) and "whoever loves discipline loves knowledge." (Proverbs 12:1) We know that "no discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (Hebrews 12:11)

Students at LCA are expected to conduct themselves at all times in order to bring honor and respect to Jesus Christ, themselves, their families, and this program. Respect and obedience to the leadership, teachers and adults at LCA are the foundation of the discipline point system. The board and teachers are expected and encouraged to correct students at any time for misconduct and failure to follow their student commitment and covenant.

❖ **Church Liaisons and You**

All in our group are grateful for Tulip Grove Baptist Church's generosity in letting us serve home educated families in their building since 1995. Church Liaisons are both a TGBC member and an LCA member. The purpose of the Church Liaisons are to maintain a good relationship between LCA and the Tulip Grove staff and Board of Trustees in order that we may continue to serve home educating families here each year. Expect to see them around the church doing the following:

- Enforcing all student rules of conduct, and
- Assuring that good care is being taken of the church facility while LCA is utilizing it.

All students, elementary and secondary, are to be where they are supposed to be while on the church grounds: going to class, in lunch, study hall, or in the student center, walking to and from their cars (see Rules 2-4 below). This is a safety issue. Students are not to be “hanging out” in the parking lot or on the church grounds at anytime...the only exception to the rule is if they are supervised by an adult who has agreed to stay with these students until they are in their cars or inside the building. Being in the church parking lot is a liability for the church and it will not be allowed.

❖ Rules

These guidelines are for everyone enrolled in Liberty Christian Academy. While you are at Tulip Grove Baptist Church, these rules are to be followed. If you are a member of the church, please follow these same rules during class time. See sections beginning on pages 7 and 8 for rules pertaining to elementary and secondary, respectively.

1. Absolutely no smoking, drugs, smokeless tobacco, cursing, or disrespect of property.
2. Students are not to be outside, on the sidewalks, playing on the trees, the landscaping or the church signs. Students must be under adult supervision at ALL times.
3. There will be no roaming, running or loud noises in the halls. There is a prayer room in the area and we need to respect the need for quiet.
4. Students are to be in their assigned class, student center, or in study hall.
5. Use only rooms that have been assigned for each classroom. Advance permission is needed to use any additional rooms. You may contact Church Liaison Susan Gilliam at 754-5845.
6. Absolutely no church materials are to be used in our classes. All materials for classes are purchased separately by our home school group.
7. No materials or cleaning supplies are to be stored in the rooms. They should be returned to the resource cabinet in room 104.
8. Church phones are for emergency use only and no calls may be made to the church office for relay of messages to any parents, students, or teachers.
9. All elementary rooms will be cleaned by the teachers and assistants according to the guidelines set by the Church Liaison. We are grateful to Tulip Grove Baptist Church for their great generosity in allowing our use of their facility.
10. Preschool classes are available only for those children whose parents are teaching, assisting, or substituting.
11. Visitors must check in upon arrival and adhere to all school policies.
12. Students may have cellular phones and pagers during school hours only if they are turned off and in a backpack or purse during class time. Students may not make or receive calls while class is in progress. No roller blades, skate shoes, skateboards, scooters, weapons of any kind, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or pornography are allowed on the church property at any time.
13. PDA (Public Display of Affection) – all acts of affection should be of a friendly nature.

Continual disruptive behavior or violation of the above rules will result in dismissal from Liberty Christian Academy.

❖ Personal Appearance Code

The Personal Appearance Code listed here is to be maintained in all classes and at all on-site and off-site activities. We request that the parent and student work together in the choice of apparel that will reflect the faith, conduct, and purity we strive for here at LCA. We should not dress in a way that puts the body on display, but rather in a way that is consistent with Christian modesty.

General Guidelines

- Clothing should be modest, clean, neat, and properly worn.
- T-shirts may not be worn that advertise or promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or anything not in keeping with Christian principles.
- Body piercing and/or tattoos may not be visible, with the exception of pierced ears.
- Skirts, skorts, dresses, and shorts must be of modest length.
- Blouses and shirts must not be low-cut or revealing. Pants and skirts should not be excessively tight. No see-through blouses or bare midriffs are permitted.
- Strapless outfits and spaghetti straps may not be worn – with the exception of prom & Valentine’s Banquet.
- Appropriate undergarments must be worn and out of sight at all times. If they are visible, the student will be sent home to change.
- One-piece bathing suits or tankinis with top overlapping touching bottoms (girls) and swimming trunks (boys) are required at swimming functions.
- A school-provided t-shirt will be mandatory if these rules are broken, or the student will be sent home to change.

ELEMENTARY GUIDELINES

Liberty Christian Academy's elementary enrichment classes include drama, art, music, science and history with a hands-on approach. LCA's elementary program is enrichment. While your child will be learning objectives through hands-on activities, a subject may not be covered in its entirety, therefore teaching your child at home still remains your responsibility.

We feel that parent involvement in our program is important; therefore, we have given our parents the opportunity to build relationships by taking part in our monthly support group meetings and our many ministries for moms.

❖ Attendance Policy

Absences: Student learning potential is at its height if a student is present for all classes. Each student is an important part of our learning environment.

❖ **Tardiness Policy:** Being punctual is a valuable virtue to attain; therefore please be on time.

❖ Teacher Absence Policy

Teachers may not cancel any class without approval from the elementary coordinator. If cancelled without approval, payment will be forfeited for that week.

❖ Elementary Behavioral Guidelines:

1. Treat others (students and teachers) as you would want them to treat you.
2. Do not talk while the teacher is talking to the class.
3. Raise your hand and wait to be called on.
4. No running or standing on furniture. No horseplay.
5. Just be nice.

❖ Elementary Discipline Policy:

Consider the context of the behavior as it relates to the behavioral guidelines.

1. Give the student a verbal warning and talk to the parent that same day.
2. Move the student to another part of the classroom.
3. Remove the student from the classroom (to sit with an adult in the office) and speak to the parent about the problem.
4. Suspend for 1 class day
5. Remove from LCA membership

An adult parent must pick up their children from their last class of the day in kindergarten through sixth grade and must not be left unattended at any time.

SECONDARY GUIDELINES

Our teachers/tutors will give weekly instruction and assignments as they seek to **assist you** in educating your student. Our classes are designed so that you can take the weekly assignments and administer them in your home. Each course is a complete curriculum and would not need to be supplemented. However, it is impossible for a student to learn all they need in a given subject in only one hour a week. The secondary program is a 30-week program.

The parents are required to **oversee and be involved** in the work to be completed throughout the week (usually an hour each day for each class taken). We strongly encourage parents to attend classes with their student whenever possible, in order to gain insight into their studies and assignments. Your involvement will enable **you to help your student at home**, where the majority of their learning will take place. If you choose to attend class with your student, please sit in the back of the class. You may take notes, but please do not ask questions or participate in class discussions.

❖ Academic Policy

We understand that each family has a different standard for learning. Listed below are a few expectations that LCA has for each student and family. If an LCA student or parent does not consistently perform according to the following, we may ask you to withdraw from the program.

Because our classes are academically challenging, if a student earns a "D" or below for any grading period at anytime during the year, the parent may be **required** to attend class with the student for the next grading period. If the parent is unable or unwilling to attend class with his/her student, the student will be asked to withdraw from that class. Students earning a "D" or below in a particular class for two grading periods in the year will be dropped from that class. If a student receives his/her second below average grade during the last grading period, they will automatically be put on probation during the first grading period of the following year. At that point, the student must earn an average grade or higher to be able to stay in that class after the first grading period. There will be no refunds for any class that a student drops or is asked to withdraw from.

Consistent attendance is vital to academic success and participation. Each secondary student needs to cooperate and complete assignments on time. Each LCA parent needs to walk in integrity in recording grades to their umbrella school organization. LCA is **NOT AN UMBRELLA SCHOOL**. As such, we maintain student records of grades and attendance for the use of Liberty Christian Academy only.

❖ Attendance Policy

Teacher Absence Policy

Teachers may not cancel any class without approval from the teacher coordinator. If you cancel without approval, payment will be forfeited for that week.

Student Absences: Student learning potential is at its height if a student is present for all classes. Each student is an important part of our learning environment.

Excused Absences

Absences must be explained by a phone call from the parent or guardian on the day of the absence or a written notification given on the day the student returns. Absences will be excused and make-up work accepted only for the following reasons:

Illness of the student

Death in the family

Illness in the family requiring the student's help

Travel (must notify the teachers before the trip is made for an excused absence)

❖ **Tardiness Policy:** Being punctual is a valuable virtue to attain; therefore, repeated tardiness will lead to disciplinary action by the board.

❖ Homework Policy

Each teacher will provide the students with a syllabus (subject to change) for his/her course. Homework should be complete, on time, neat, and legible.

Incomplete or Late Work

Students who do not have their homework completed and in their possession by Monday will receive a 10-point penalty on that assignment. The student will be given a one-class grace period to complete that assignment for credit except for the last week of the grading period.

If the assignment is not turned in by the next time the class meets, the student will receive a zero and an appropriate number of discipline points.

If the student continues to turn in late work or does not complete assignments, a parent/teacher conference will be scheduled.

Make-up Work

Make-up work is accepted only for excused absences.

If the student knows he/she will be absent, notify the teacher in advance and gather assignments.

If a student misses a class, **THE STUDENT IS RESPONSIBLE** for finding out what work in class was missed and any assignments given for the next class. The teacher **WILL NOT** take this responsibility for the student.

❖ Grading Scale

Report cards are issued four times a year. Parents need to sign these report cards and return the following week. Students will be evaluated according to the following grading scale.

A	100-90
B	89-80
C	79-70
D	69-60
F	59 or below

Grading Periods

Please refer to the provided calendar for dates. Report cards are to be issued the week following the end of the grading period. Grades must also be reported to the Assistant Teacher Coordinator on that day.

Extra Credit

Extra credit assignments may be given but may not allow the student's average to exceed 100%.

SECONDARY DISCIPLINE

Discipline

We ask our teachers to partner with us as we implement a class discipline policy. If we are truly devoted to developing the whole student and to teaching them according to God’s principles then we will not overlook negative behavior in the classroom. Neglecting to deal with the problem only enables a student to continue in that specific pattern. Please be familiar with the policies in the handbook in order to enforce them.

As a teacher, you should follow these steps:

- Fill out a Discipline Report
- Give the Discipline Report to an LCA Board Member

❖ Classroom Rules

1. Raise your hand to speak and wait to be called on.
2. Do not talk when the teacher is talking.
3. All cell phones and headphones should be turned off and put away. If not, the teacher has the right to hold the item until class is over.
4. There should be no food in class and only water to drink unless otherwise provided by the teacher for instructional use.
5. Students should show respect for the teacher and classmates.

❖ Classroom Consequences

1. The first warning will be the student's name written on the board.
2. The second warning will consist of a check mark placed by the student's name.
3. The third time will consist of a second check mark, and, at that point, the student will be sent to the office until class is over. The teacher will then fill out a discipline form and assign discipline points.

We have developed a discipline point system for secondary students. It allows the board to communicate with parents and students about specific areas of behavior that need to be improved. We will communicate those areas by sending home a Discipline Report that includes the following information.

❖ Secondary (7th-12th grade) Discipline Report

Nature of the Offense		Discipline Points
Disobedience	5	_____
Disrespect	5	_____
Tardiness	5	_____
Dress Code	5	_____
Distraction/Disorderly Conduct	5	_____
Violation of food/drink in class	5	_____
Failure to complete assignment	5	_____
Removal from class	10	_____
Unexcused leaving campus	15	_____
Tobacco in any form	25	_____
Cheating or Lying	25	_____
Vulgarity or profanity	25	_____
Defacing church property	25	_____
Fighting	25	_____
Stealing	40	_____
Pornography	40	_____
Drugs	40	_____
Alcohol	40	_____
Weapons	40	_____
Other:		_____

Comments: _____

Teacher/Board Member Signature Date

Parent’s Signature Date

Discipline points are issued when the teachers or the board determine that a standard has been violated. Points will be given for attitudes as well as actions. The attitudes of the heart can cause the environment of the program to suffer.

Parents should sign each discipline report and return the signed form to the board within a week. If the student does not turn in the signed form, an additional 5 points will be added. Parents are welcome to contact a teacher or the board to find out more information.

❖ Discipline Process

When a student receives 0-24 discipline points, a call from the board may be made to discuss consequences. (For example: restricted to study hall during free time, loss of privileges, parental attendance, etc.)

When a student receives 25 discipline points, a call from the board will be made and a parent conference will be scheduled. A parent may be required to attend class and accompany their student at all times for a four-week period while school is in session. Also, the student will be restricted from participation in extra-curricular activities during that period.

Any student who receives as many as 40 discipline points will potentially have the privilege of attending LCA taken away.

At any step in this discipline process, the student may present a written proposal to *possibly* earn back their privileges and reduce discipline points. This agreement needs to be written by the student and include the following:

- Accept responsibility for their personal behavior
- Why was your behavior inappropriate?
- What will you do to try to keep it from happening again?
- Recognize how their behavior has affected others
- Is there anyone to whom you need to apologize?
- Offer to give specific restitution of time and service
- List specific goals for a change in behavior
- Show a definite change in attitude and behavior

This typed one-page proposal needs to be given to the Secondary Coordinator. Our desire is for the LCA environment to be one of respect and love for one another in Jesus Christ.

❖ **Student Government** – This is an office of leadership and responsibility in which you commit to serve your LCA student body. In order for a student to be eligible to run for Student Government elections, he/she must:

- Complete an application
- Complete an in-person interview with Student Gov't
- Sponsor and administration.
- Be available to serve
- Be enrolled in a minimum of three (3) classes at LCA (Seniors must be enrolled in at least 2 classes)
- Maintain a "B" average
- Be active in LCA social activities
- Be in good standing with administration

K-12 AND PARENT GROUP ACTIVITIES

There are ample opportunities to serve as a volunteer. We encourage parents to take an active role in the weekly workings of LCA. We desire to help establish friendships among families—parents and peers alike. As much as we love family participation, certain activities and events must be limited to enrolled LCA students of the specified grade or age.

Back-to-“School” Bash/Lock-in: (7-12th*) This fellowship is an opportunity for our secondary students to get to know new students and renew friendships. There is a nominal cost.

Book-It: (Pre-K-6th) Sponsored by Pizza-Hut. The parents set the required reading goals. Each month the child meets their goal, they receive a coupon for a free personal pan pizza.

Box Tops: (All ages) We collect these to defer the cost of our yearbook.

Create-A-Book / Tennessee Celebrate Literacy: (K-6) Students will learn to build and write a book which will be submitted for awards.

Curriculum Fair: (All ages) At the end of the year, parents have the opportunity to buy and sell curriculum for the following year. This activity is open to the public and a nominal fee is charged for advertising and facility use.

Drinks: (all ages) each Monday, LCA provides drinks for snack time and lunch time. Proceeds go toward defraying the cost of the yearbook.

Elementary Valentine Party: (K-6) Children have an opportunity to share valentines with friends, have snacks and fun together.

Field Day: (All ages) A fun day set aside for outdoor activities and games. All participants receive ribbons. A small fee is charged to offset the cost.

God’s World: (All ages) God’s World is a Christian newspaper and magazine for students and parents. The newspaper is a Christian alternative to Weekly Reader and the magazine for parents is a Christian alternative to Newsweek. We receive a discounted price by ordering as a group. Each student receives a newspaper appropriate for his or her grade level. The newspapers and magazines are delivered through LCA’s mailboxes.

Graduation: (12th*) A ceremony honoring our graduating seniors. Juniors and their parents serve on this committee along with other volunteers.

Harvest Party: (All ages) A fall celebration for the whole family complete with a cookout and hayride.

Hermitage Junior Docent: (4th-6th) Children are invited to be docents/tour guides for a day at the Hermitage.

Honor Society: (10th-12th) Students whom score a certain percentage on standardized tests or ACT, have a history of service and leadership roles, and are in good standing with LCA have an opportunity to be a part of the honor society for our group and the area community.

Ice Skating: (All ages) A time of fun and fellowship for the whole family. Cost includes skate time and lunch.

Junior High Parties: (7th-8th) These are parties that are offered through-out the year as a time of fun and fellowship for our junior high students. Some parties may have a cost. Party ideas may change from year to year and separate committees will be formed for each party.

LCA Celebration Night: (All ages*) An end of the year program that honors achievements as well as a time for worship, thanksgiving and fellowship.

LCA Wear: (All ages) This gives our group an opportunity to show our “school” spirit by ordering articles of clothing that has our group name printed on them. Colors and designs may change from year to year.

Lunch: (7th-12th) Each Monday, LCA provides lunch for those students that would rather not pack it or are unable to leave for lunch.

Mother’s Ministry: (All Moms) This is an opportunity for moms to feel welcome and have opportunities to fellowship. Activities include: First Day Friends, Ladies Night Out, Secret Sisters, etc.

Prom: (9th-12th) A night to remember is held each spring for our senior high students. There is food, music and dancing. Cost includes dinner and overnight activities.

Secondary Service Projects: (7th-12th) Students have the opportunity to serve in their community. Projects in the past have included: Feed the Children, Rake-N-Run, Operation Christmas Child, Room in the Inn, nursing homes and hospitals, and renovations. Service ideas may change from year to year and separate committees will be formed.

Senior Dinner: (12th*) An opportunity for seniors to be honored by LCA and their families.

Senior High Parties: (9th-12th) Various parties are offered throughout the year as a time for fun and fellowship. Some parties have a cost and may need additional parent volunteers. Parties ideas may change from year to year and separate committees will be formed.

Silent Auction: (9th-12th) This activity provides our students the opportunity to raise money for their trip, through donations, as well as bargains for anyone who attends.

Smart Cards: (All members) Helps provide operational funds for LCA. All families are required to participate in this fundraiser or pay an additional fee.

Snacks: (All ages) Each Monday, LCA provides snacks for students. Proceeds go toward defraying the cost of the yearbook.

S.S.M.A.S.H. (7th-12th) Secondary students meet at someone’s house for fun, worship, and fellowship.

Special Needs: (All ages) This committee meets the needs of those in our group. If you have a special need or know of someone in our group that does, you can contact someone on this committee. Examples of some of these needs: a request for prayer, cards needed for encouragement, a death in the family, meals during a time of sickness or a new baby.

Sports: (5th-12th) Our students have the opportunity to participate in various sports throughout the year. This committee would work with our sports coordinator to promote and organize these activities.

Talent Show: (All ages) The talent show gives our students the opportunity to perform on stage. Donations given by attendees go to the senior high students that work that evening to help pay for their high school trip.

Theater: (All ages) These special performances are offered to our students at a discounted rate. Sign-ups are in September and performances must be paid for at that time.

* denotes for enrolled LCA students only

Also, please help us uphold the appropriate age categories for each activity.