



# Lighthouse Christian Academy News

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Dear LCA Community,

A student came into my office this week to show me her math work. (I found out later that she had finished her work early and requested the chance to show me her work.) Looking over three pages of neatly completed addition problems, I told her how amazing it was for her to complete her work this way. We reviewed addition for a while.

I'd ask, "Three plus two?"

She'd say, "Five."

"Correct," I confirmed.

"I know," she'd respond with a smile on her face. (Even though three pages of math for a kindergarten student may seem like cruel and unusual punishment, today, for us, it was pure joy.)

Celebrating learning like this is one of the best parts of my job.

Another example took place a couple of weeks ago when I had the chance to celebrate with the Grade 11's and 12's. Each of the students was required to write original poetry for the class. Students were encouraged to submit their poems to a poetry contest with Young Writer's of Canada. Of the seven who were entered, five students were selected for publication in the next volume. So, congratulations to Kayleigh Smith, Jesika Knutson, Eric Manning, Barnabas Ney, and Rebekah Constantine for their achievements in writing beautiful poetry.

There are so many things to celebrate in the life of a school. I hope to make these types announcements on a regular basis. Please check the galleries and blogs on the web page for updates.

Thank you for your great support of this learning community.

Mr. Leland Makaroff, Principal, LCA

## COMING SOON...

### Friday, Feb. 3

High School Semester I report cards go home

### Tuesday, Feb. 7

Grade 9 Immunizations – 9:00am

### Friday, Feb. 10

- K – 7 Skate at JDF 9:00am – 10:00am
- High School Dance, Lower Hall

### Friday, Feb. 17 Professional Day

**No School** for High School and Elementary

### Wednesday, Feb. 22

Poetry Reading and Photography Exhibition  
6:30pm – 9:00pm

### Friday, Feb. 24

High School Ski Trip – 5:00am – 8:00pm

**Final Deadline:** Forms and deposits are due on Monday, February 6



## Extra-curricular Opportunities

### Elementary Running Club

Thursdays at noon

### Worship Kids

Wednesdays 12:00pm – 12:10pm in  
Elementary Music Room

### Rugby Club

Practices will begin for this season on Monday, February 13. We will Practice from 12:35 – 12:55 at lunch hours on the back field until the weather warms up for tackling practices. Then we will switch to after-school practices at Glen Lake Field. All grade 6 – 12 students with excellent attitudes are welcome.

## Other Events & Field Trips

### Poetry Reading and Photography Exhibition

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6:30pm – 9:00pm

### High School Skiing/Snowboarding

Friday, February 24, 5:00am – 8:00pm

Watch for details sent home with High School students.



## Limited Time Offer

The LCA Board of Directors would like to announce that the 2012-2013 re-registration fee will be reduced by 50% between the dates of February 7 and March 9, 2012. There are currently wait-lists in a couple of classes, so register early to ensure your child's space in his or her class for next year.



### LOST AND FOUND

Contents of the lost and found box will be taken for donation after February 17. Please check before this date to see if any of your child's belongings are there.



## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### Kindergarten – Mrs. Cormier

January was a wonderful, busy month in Kindergarten. We enjoyed a visit from Firefighter Matt! All of the students got to try on the firefighter gear and we learned a lot about staying safe and being a fireman. What a nice surprise the snow was! We spent a lot of time outside in the snow and all the kids were so good at sharing their sleds with each other. It was a lot of fun out there! Even though we loved the fluffy, white precipitation, we are thoroughly enjoying the sunshine and we celebrated when we heard that Canada's official groundhogs have predicted an early Spring! We are spending quite a bit of time outside these days and as the weather gets warmer and dryer we will be out even more...there is so much to learn about and discover out there!



### Grade 1/2 – Miss Herzog

This month we celebrate 100 days of school. There will be a note coming home about this wonderful day. The students are also getting prepared to go to UVic to listen to the Victoria Symphony on Feb. 21. They are learning about composers, instruments, musical terms, and how to listen to music. A field trip form will be going home about it soon.

### Grade 3/4 - Mrs. Fleming

IT'S BEEN VERY LOUD IN THE GRADE 3/4 CLASS RECENTLY! That is because we are studying sound. Sound is energy we hear. It travels in waves. We know that the larger the vibration the louder the sound. We are in the process of making instruments based on what we have learned.

We are learning about explorers and how rich our family is because we have spices in our cupboard. Ask a grade 3/4 student what that is all about. We will all be learning how to tell the time. If your child owns a watch please let them wear it to school.



### **Grade 4/5 – Mrs. Butler**

Mrs. Butler's Grade 4/5 class would like to inform you that we have been doing the following:

- Bowling at Langford Lanes
  - Made clay animals in Art
  - We did the Canspell oral Spelling Bee and Chloe won for our class
  - Rev. Dr. Murray from Scripture Union Canada came to our class and told us a story about a goat who wanted to be a lion. We learned that you can't become a lion unless you were born a lion. To be a Christian you have to be born again (story of Nicodemus from the bible).
  - We created thank you letters for Rev. Dr. Murray
- Written by Satai, William and Mrs. Butler

**Rev. Dr. Murray from  
Scripture Union Canada visits our class**



### **Grade 6/7 – Mr. Dobson**

The Grade 6/7 class has 200 new classmates! Last Tuesday, we welcomed 200 eyed Goldstream chum salmon eggs. We will be incubating them in our salmon tank until sometime in April when our class will head to Goldstream River to release them. In the meantime, students are monitoring their progress and recording the water temperature. Let me know if you want to visit! Stay tuned for our adopt and name a salmon class fundraiser.



Milk: Please support the LCA school milk program. Purchase fresh milk daily from Grade 6/7 students. Milk cards of 12 are available from Monitors, Mr. Dobson, or the office: \$8 for white, \$11 for chocolate, or 6 of each for \$9.50. Milk can also be purchased individually: \$1 for chocolate or \$.75 for white.

## HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

### **CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES 8-10: Miss Iddon**

This semester in Christian Perspectives class we will be watching movies and discussing the themes. The movies that have been chosen are The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Prince Caspian, Remember the Titans, and The Other Side of Heaven. These movies have all been rated PG.

To encourage students to facilitate their own rich discussions, we will follow a literature circle format. Your son or daughter will be expected to prepare material for his or her one role in a 4 person literature circle based on the material viewed in class. The four literature circle roles and their brief responsibilities are listed below to aid your discussions with your child about what is happening in CP this semester and encourage them in their homework responsibilities.

Summarizer = Briefly describes the events of the last section of movie viewed

Discussion Director = Writes open-ended questions for the group to discuss

Scribe = Takes notes on what the group discusses

Connector = Connects an event in the movie to something in real life (will require a brief amount of research)

Thank you for supporting your child through their CP experience this semester. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by calling the office or e-mailing me at [middon@lighthousechristianacademy.com](mailto:middon@lighthousechristianacademy.com)

An **Art Club** will be starting that will run on Wednesdays after school from 3:20 – 4:20pm. It will be led by Miss Iddon and Mr. Reed and will be focusing on computer graphics and paper art on alternating weeks.

### **Chemistry 12**

We are beginning the year with reaction kinetics and will be experimenting with highly energetic chemicals.



### **Math 12**

We are beginning off the semester by learning how to transform one function into another.

### **Math 10**

We are learning about quadratic equations and will be graphing them shortly.

### **Science 10**

Is starting fresh this semester and we are beginning off the year by studying ecology. The students will be building biome dioramas.

### **Science 8/9**

We are continuing our study of sexual reproduction. Right now we are studying meiosis.