

The Light

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“Serve one another in love.”

Galatians 5:13b



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Students in kindergarten, fifth and sixth grade provide food each week for the students at Leggett Elementary in Akron.

Lake Center Christian School assists Christian families and their churches in equipping students for lifelong learning and service to Christ.



Dr. Beeson

LCCS Focus

Keeping Our Story Alive!

By Dr. Joe Beeson, Superintendent

One of our big challenges as a school with a nearly seventy year history remains keeping the "story" of Lake Center Christian School alive.

How many times throughout the Scripture does God tell His people to remember? Some samples include the following: remember me when you enter the land (Josh 1:13-14), remember me when you become prosperous (Deut. 8:14-18), remember me when you return from exile (Ez. 16:60-61), remember me and my sacrifice when you partake of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19-21), remember what the Lord said (II Pet. 1:12-13), etc. Remember!

The question we often hear, though, from this generation is, "Why? What has the past got to do with me?" For me (a different generation than most of you or your children), the answer calls out - BECAUSE YOU ARE THE RECIPIENT OF THE BLESSINGS OF THE PAST. Someone had to sacrifice their time and prayers to start this school. Others sacrificed land they could have kept and sold for a subdivision someday in order for us to have this beautiful setting. Still others sacrificed money to pay for the buildings - even to the point of some mortgaging homes and farms to assure the school's financial success. Finally, hundreds if not thousand have sacrificed a more affluent lifestyle in order to pay the tuition to send their children here. Why should I remember - because I am sitting in a beautiful office, serving amazing families, ministering with a godly, quality staff to do a great work for His glory. What a great story.

But "remember," our story is not complete, and will not be complete until "time is no more" at the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are only writing more chapters, every day.

So what chapters do I envision for us? Several!

I think we need to finish a chapter on our cafenasium - our school needs the space - so we need to get this done. I envision a chapter on enhanced facilities as well. Fine arts hall, media center, lighted stadium, eight-lane all weather track, improved pre-school facility, and our own learning center for special needs students that may be outside our current ability to help. A lengthy chapter needs written on increased financial strength. We need endowments in order to offer more needy families the ability to have their children here, endowments to "front load" some of our future building initiatives, and endowments to help our faculty gain further skills and degrees that will benefit our students. Finally, a chapter on improving our academic programs. Our students are already making an impact in regional academic challenges, chess clubs, and robotics. I want us to round out this chapter by assuring that students of all ability levels will have their needs met, and met in a way that they attain the biblical worldview that truly sets us apart.

Remember - but don't dwell on the past. Look to the new land; look to the new life Christ provided; look to the new Spirit-filled life we can all live.

Remember - but don't dwell on the past. Look to the new facilities; look to the new finances; look to the new programs that Lake Center can accomplish.

Keep the story alive.

Restoring Biblical Character By Mr. Jeff Knori, Campus Pastor



Jeff Knori

Restoring Biblical Character was the thrust of this year's Spiritual Emphasis Week entitled "Character Counts", which took place Oct. 19-22. Our guest for the week was author and

motivational speaker, Michael Ross. Michael explores character issues and suggests the remedy in his book entitled **Overcoming the Character Deficit**.

The four days of this special week were full of inspiration as Michael and his team explored the questions: What makes you special? How do you want to use your life? Michael was very sensitive to the Lord's leading and adjusted his message to fit

the specific need of the junior high and high school students. His unique ability to connect with students opened the door to communicate truth and challenge.

Having been raised in a Christian home and attended Christian School made his understanding of Christian school kids especially keen and gave Michael a unique credibility that resonated with many of our kids, allowing him to speak into our students lives. Day two was a special day as Derek Taylor, our varsity soccer coach and youth pastor at Hartville Mennonite Church, assisted Michael as guest speaker for the day. Derek always brings a great message and is a welcome guest speaker in numerous chapels each year. Using life examples, scripture, humor, and testimony, Michael and Derek

challenged all to a deeper walk with Christ. The week ended with a time of intercession and prayer as Michael led students to confess their sins and renew their relationship with Christ. Many students and their parents expressed overwhelming approval of this week and will hold this Spiritual Emphasis Week up as one of the best in recent memory.

Many thanks to Michael Ross and his team for investing in the lives of our kids, and influencing the spiritual life of Lake Center. Thanks to all for your prayer support of this important week. Please continue to pray for fruit of the week's challenges, and that through Spiritual Emphasis, and all that happens at Lake Center, lives will be changed and Christ will be glorified.

Service Beyond Our Walls

As the Christmas season approaches, our students make extra effort to serve others outside of our Lake Center family.

Sixth graders had an incredible opportunity to serve with the Mennonite Central Committee's Meat Canning Project. Their mobile meat truck travels across the continent, processing and canning meat to send to people in need all over the world. The students were able to help in this process, along with packaging soup.

Fourth graders gathered items and packed shoeboxes through Operation Christmas Child for children ages 5-9. The students and their families donated items such as toys, school supplies, crafts and toiletries.

For the eighth year in a row we have been providing food each week to Leggett Elementary in Akron. Leggett students are below the poverty level. This project was started by Mrs. Sandy Amann and the current seniors when they were in fifth grade. The fifth and sixth grade classes have come along side Mrs. Amann's class of kindergarteners to bring food each week, as well as polo shirts and socks at Christmas. Over 200 shirts and socks have been delivered each Christmas!



Julia Garoux, Ava Miller and Natalie Clark serve with the Mennonite Central Committee's Meat Canning Project.

Gifts of Hope Returns to Bring More Joy

On Friday, Dec. 4 and Saturday, Dec. 5, we will be hosting a meaningful venue for our Christmas shopping at Lake Center. Gifts of Hope is meant to raise awareness and benefit those caught in modern day slavery/human trafficking and help end poverty. Gifts of Hope will allow our Lake Center family and our community to Christmas shop with a bigger vision and purpose than just "buying stuff".

All proceeds will be sent back to the organizations, and often times, directly to the artisans themselves. The organizations participating represent those who have been either rescued from a life of poverty, oppression or caught in human trafficking, or farmers and artisans participating in a free trade program. These items are unique and are coming from all around the world. Also, new this year, we will be featuring several new companies and well as a few companies from past years.

While we are providing this opportunity for the students, we are extending the invitation to all parents and the community as well. To make Gifts of Hope more accessible, we are holding the sale in the Kaufman Center on Friday, Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring all your friends and family for some impactful gift giving and help us make a difference in the name of Christ this Christmas.



2015 Junior High Regional Tournament

By Mrs. Sharon Martin, Coach

On Oct. 23, the LCCS junior high Academic Challenge teams competed in the NAQT Regional Tournament in East Palestine. Over 16 schools from three different states: Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Indiana, competed. Placing in the top three would allow a school to advance to the NAQT National competition being held in May in Atlanta, Georgia.

The A and B teams, consisting of members: Mitch Mulqueen, Abbey Stoltzfus, Anna Meyer, Kaleb Stock, Anna Alcorn, Jonathan Strunck, Alexandria Bauer, Ben Stauffer, Nadya Hudak, and Joshua Klatt, were able to gain such an invitation by finishing among the top three teams. Congratulations go to Nadya Hudak for placing in the top 20 for scorers for the B teams, and Mitch Mulqueen, who took honors as the second-place top scorer for the entire competition with over 80 points scored per match. Keep the team in prayer as they continue to prepare for their national competition in May!

Student Feature

- **Name:** Caleb Smith
- **Grade Level:** 12
- **How many years at LCCS:** 4
- **Favorite Movie:** "August Rush"



Caleb Smith

- **Favorite Bible Verse:** "And we know that all things work together for good for them that love God, for those who are the called, according to His purpose." Romans 8:28
- **Favorite place that you have traveled to:** Paris, France
- **First thing that you ever wanted to be when you grew up:** A pirate
- **Something people would be surprised to know about you:** I can throw a playing card up to about 150 feet.
- **Hobbies:** Singing and playing music.
- **What do you expect to be doing in ten years?** Teaching English in Japan as a full time missionary.
- **Advice that you would give to your fellow students:** Wait on no one to do it for you, but do it for everyone.
- **Describe one of your most memorable experiences at LCCS:** I have enjoyed seeing the hearts of the young men, whom I am with daily, be transformed by the Holy Spirit at work inside them. I have been blessed with the loyal friendship of Jake McWhirter, who inspires me to seek after God diligently.



Exploring Ohio Government



On Oct. 22, the Elementary SEARCH (gifted) students enjoyed a sunny day in Columbus. The group has been learning about Ohio government and took the trip as the culmination of their experience. They toured the State Capitol Building, and then enjoyed desserts at the North Market.

Learning Chinese

Second grade students have been learning phrases and greetings in Chinese from our International Exchange Teacher Miss Li Xia. They also learned how to write hello in Chinese.



Gabriel Jones and Kyland Quan

Fun Learning About the Past

On Tuesday, Nov. 3, the kindergarteners had a 50s day. They dressed up in adorable 50s outfits and enjoyed a snack of diner food, and even played games children played in the 1950s.



Harper Lawver, Lilly Kane and Elle Ketcham

Free Books!

Thanks to the generosity of Books-A-Million, every student in our elementary received a new book! As part of a special program at Books-A-Million, friends of Lake Center were able to choose our school to be rewarded with books. We are grateful for the reading encouragement for our students.



MEET OUR OFFICE STAFF

New Faculty/Staff Spotlight

- **Name:** Kim Koesel
- **Current Position/Title:** Receptionist/
Bus Coordinator
- **Previous LCCS Positions/Titles:** First grade teacher's aide



Kim Koesel

- **How Many Years at LCCS:** 10 years
- **Favorite Bible Verse:** "But you, Lord, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high." Psalm 3:3 – It depends on the situation and moment in my life.
- **Favorite Movie:** "RV" – If I want to laugh; "Pride and Prejudice" – For a sweet story.
- **Favorite Book:** All Francine Rivers books.
- **Favorite Place You Have Traveled To:** Australia – A friend blessed me with a trip.
- **Something People Would Be Surprised to Know About You:** My degree is in fashion design and I planned on living in New York and working in the fashion industry.
- **Hobbies:** Biking, reading and traveling.
- **Most Challenging Part of Your Job:** Constantly being interrupted, but I am getting used to it.
- **Favorite Part of Your Job:** Talking with parents and students.
- **Advice You Would Give to Your Coworkers:** Don't sweat the small stuff.
- **Describe One of Your Most Memorable Experiences at LCCS:** When I worked in first grade, a student questioned Mrs. Nicolaus about Baby Jesus, "If Mary wasn't married, how did she have Baby Jesus anyway?" And he couldn't say any of his "r"s.

Faculty/Staff Spotlight

- **Name:** Teri Griffith
- **Current Position/Title:** Business Office
Cashier
- **Previous LCCS Positions/Titles:** Lunch Monitor
- **How Many Years at LCCS:** 11 years



Teri Griffith

- **Favorite Bible Verse:** "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7
- **Favorite Movie:** "Message In A Bottle"
- **Favorite Place You Have Traveled To:** We have chosen not to travel in order to give Parker a fantastic education. With that said, my favorite place to travel is home each night to my family.
- **Something People Would Be Surprised to Know About You:** I have three jobs.
- **Hobbies:** Cleaning, babysitting and enjoying a great cup of coffee!
- **Most Challenging Part of Your Job:** I imagine it will be coming next year without my son, Parker, at LCCS. He will be graduating this year.
- **Favorite Part of Your Job:** Every day is different, no two days are ever the same and the students always make me smile!
- **Advice You Would Give to Your Coworkers:** Enjoy each student as an individual and celebrate their differences and what they bring to LCCS as a whole!
- **Describe One of Your Most Memorable Experiences at LCCS:** Mrs. Sehmer recalling events the day she went to the corn maze. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard in all my life!

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Spotlight

- **Name:** Angie Karmie
- **How Many Years Volunteering at LCCS:** 8



Angie Karmie

- **Areas at LCCS Where You Have Volunteered:** Elementary classrooms and events, junior high events, high school events, Elementary Christmas Shoppe, Gifts of Hope, Girls on the Run coach, and sporting events and meals.
- **Favorite Bible Verse:** "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6
- **Favorite Movie:** "Gladiator"
- **Favorite Book:** I love books! A few of my favorite series are "The Mark of the Lion" by Francine Rivers and "The Circle Trilogy" by Ted Dekker. I also loved "Bonhoeffer" by Eric Metaxas.
- **Favorite Place You Have Traveled To:** If I had to pick a place to travel back to, it would be Kauai.
- **Something People Would Be Surprised to Know About You:** I was a cheerleader for nine years.
- **Hobbies:** Reading, exercising, scrapbooking, but mostly chauffeuring kids.
- **Most Challenging Volunteer Opportunity:** Running Gifts of Hope.
- **Favorite Volunteer Opportunity:** I like variety! I can't pick a favorite.
- **Advice You Would Give to Other Volunteers:** Try new things and don't be afraid to share your ideas.
- **Describe One of Your Most Memorable Experiences at LCCS:** Having a student personally thank me for bringing Gifts of Hope to LCCS and raising awareness of modern day slavery was pretty special.

Men Earn District Semi-Final Title By Coach Derek Taylor

The Lake Center Christian Varsity Men's Soccer Team completed another successful season in 2015. This season marked the participation in a new league, the Portage Trail Conference, and the team did not disappoint, tallying a 10-0 conference record while winning the program's first conference title. The team also tied the record for most wins in a season (14) and played in its first ever District Championship game. The team won the Sectional Title with a win over Hanoverton United (3-2) and grabbed a District semi-final win over St. Thomas Aquinas (1-0). This year's squad collected six All-League, nine All-Conference, five All-County and three All-District awards, including the Conference Player of the Year in Senior Stephen Radonjich. Stephen also earned the NSCAA High School Senior Excellence Award.



Stephen Radonjich

All four seniors were selected to participate in the GASSCA Senior All-star game on Nov. 21 and three were chosen to participate in the Stark County Senior All-Star game on Nov. 15. Tim Kurczewski and Scottie Twiddy both earned OSSCA Scholar Athlete Awards for attaining a 3.7 GPA.

It has been an honor to lead this program and I cannot say enough about the character of this group, both on and off the field. Our seniors led by example this season and were selfless in committing to put their teammates first. This year's team trademark was "Choose to Become..." and team verse was John 3:30, "He must become greater; I must become less". This group of young men made the choice to become great by becoming less and playing for God's glory alone - both in victory and defeat. That perspective has helped lay a firm foundation for the continued success of the Lake Center Men's soccer program moving forward.

I couldn't be more proud to have had the opportunity to coach this group of young men!

Varsity Volleyball Excel as a Team

By Coach Amanda Humphrey

The LCCS Varsity Volleyball Team wrapped up their season last with a record of 12-12 and a league record of 6-6. This great record gave them a third place tie in the Portage Trail Conference. The Tigers excelled in the last part of the season and were able to string together a seven game winning streak before losing to Division II powerhouses Crestwood and Southeast.



Sierra Jennings

Offensively the Tigers were led by seniors Mikayla Bartley and Allyssa Kerchner. Junior, Baylee Vargo took lone control in the setter position and dished out 701 assists on the year. Senior Sierra Jennings stepped into a new role this year as a right side hitter and was a constant threat from behind. Sophomore Lexi Buck controlled the back row and was the defensive leader for the team. Sophomores Izzy Miller and Sarah Haught had their first taste of varsity volleyball this season and were great contributors in serve reception and defensively.



Gianna Skeriotis

Varsity Girls Soccer Shows Success By Coach Jaclyn Anderson

Lake Center Christian Lady Tiger's soccer program started the 2015 season off with a bit of a burden hung on them. They had finished their previous season with more than 100 goals scored against them and only one game won. Goals were set, plans were made, mindsets were changed, and as we progressed into the season, the true potential and talent of the team was uncovered. Players were challenged to play new positions and work with new teammates. Hope and passion were increased and goals slowly began to be checked off the "to do list" as we progressed further into the season. The season is not defined by the goals scored or the games won, it is defined by the individual growth of players that ultimately made us "One Body, One Team".

A quick look at our season shows we had an overall record of 4-11-1 and a league record of 2-7-1. We played hard at every game and every practice before these games. I had seven players who scored goals and had assists to the goal scorer. This list includes underclassmen, which is a huge positive as we are losing eight seniors for next season. The team had 75 goals scored against them and successfully put 34 goals in against our opponents. We successfully shut out Waterloo on their drive to our field. We were only shut out of four games this season against some of the very best teams on our schedule. This means there were only four games in our schedule of 16 games that we did not score a goal in. We only had one yellow card against us, which is a very good indicator of character and sportsmanship that the girls carried with them on the field. More than the stats can say, we grew as a team together. We entered the season as individuals who just liked playing soccer and finished the season as a team that loves and supports each other on and off the soccer field.

Cross Country Team Achieves School Record

By Coach Dannon Stock

What do Saturday mornings, speed work outs and Quest bars all have in common? They mark the start of a very successful cross country season. Cross country began in early July with senior Zac Cino, juniors Jonathan Mizner, Ethan Wilson, Jordan Foraker and Karen Klatt, sophomore Jacob Ickes, freshman Eliz Slabaugh, and junior high runners Alex Bauer, Jono Strunck and Jonathan King logging miles on the road and completing long runs of up to 10 miles at a time. As the season went on, this foundation was integral to their achievements. This was Lake Center's first year in the PTC (Portage Trail Conference), giving us the opportunity to compete in the conference meet as a culmination to the hard work put in by each runner.

On the girls side, Eliz Slabaugh finished with a record best time of 20:52, placing her fifth overall in the County League and earning



Eliz Slabaugh

her First Team honors. Jacob Ickes finished eleventh (18:58) giving him Second Team laurels. On the Junior High team Alex Bauer (12:56) placed second overall and Jonathan King took sixth (13:28). Post season run afforded Eliz Slabaugh the chance to move on to regionals marking the first ever Lake Center athlete to advance for cross country. The cross country team finished with its most successful season to date. The hard work, dedication and commitment of each individual are to be commended!

Men's Golf Finishes Third

By Coach Doug Byler



Nate Starcher

The 2015 Tiger Varsity Men's Golf Team finished with a 5-7 league record and a 6-11 record overall. The Tiger's finished in third place in the PTC (Portage Trail Conference), and recorded a second place finish in the PTC postseason tournament.

Leading the Tiger's were seniors Nate Starcher (45 nine hole (SA) stroke average), George Gilbert (49.7 SA), Matt Haught (48.8 SA), Isaac Ruffin (50.6 SA). In addition to these seniors, sophomores David Witte and Ben Starcher, and

juniors Jared Ritenour and David Underation, also played in many of the varsity matches.

Post season honors included, Nate Starcher - 1st team All-League, Matt Haught - Honorable Mention and George Gilbert - Honorable Mention.

The JV team finished with a 6-5 winning season. Team members included, junior Nate Koesel, sophomore James Mungo, and freshmen Luke Bartley and Christian Via.

Lady's Golf Earns Many Awards

By Coach Ashley Phipps



Madison Justice

The Lady Tigers golf program wrapped up another great season. In their first year as part of the PTC, they finished 5-9, and in sixth place in overall standings. Many highlights occurred this year, including setting a new team record for a 9 hole match vs. Woodridge, and recording a convincing victory over Southeast, a district qualifying team.

Notable accomplishments included Madison Justice's tremendous sophomore season. She finished fifth at the Stark County Championships, first in the PTC (Portage Trail Conference) Championship, qualified for Sectionals and was one stroke away from qualifying for the State Tournament. She also earned First Team Northeast Ohio.

Senior Katie Schrock and sophomore Kierra Zuercher received Honorable Mention in the PTC, and seniors Miranda Via and Katie Schrock also received Honorable Mention for Stark County and Northeast Ohio. Another outstanding accomplishment comes from all three seniors on the team: Lauren Lile, Miranda Via and Katie Schrock, who all have upheld a high GPA throughout their high school careers. All three girls will receive an Academic-Athletic Award from the State for their hard work. The Lady Tigers look forward to practicing in the off season to improve their performance next year!

Low Numbers Lead to Lots of Play for JV Boys

By Coach Bryan Smith

Playing a shortened schedule this season, the Boys JV Soccer Team finished the year with an overall record of 2-4. Because of low numbers this year for the boys team, we often found ourselves playing down a man or two in full 11v11 games. None the less, the boy's always put forth tremendous effort in every game played. Playing down often allowed our youngest players to get as many touches as possible, which is exactly what you want to occur in your JV program. This allows the players to progress in ability and confidence leading to eventual varsity level playing time.

This was evidenced by the offense being led by freshman team-leading goal scorer Chris Johnson and the midfield being anchored by freshmen Owen Humbert and Eli Bauer. The defense was held together often by a couple of steady sophomores, Andrew Stock and Schuyler Yeargin. As a JV program, we try to replicate our varsity program by playing the same type of style of soccer, which is possession based. This led to one of the best games the JV team played all season against Southeast. The team was able to easily possess and fluidly move the ball up and down the field en route to a victory, leaving the opposing coach astonished and even some of our own parents saying, "That's some of the best passing and movement we have seen this year in both JV and varsity level games."

The highlight of the year for the team was facing our rival, Central Christian, and beating them on their field.



JV Volleyball Fights Back After Injuries

By Coach Bethany Schroll

The JV Volleyball Team has shown a lot of vitality in the face of adversity. Junior varsity volleyball looked very different this season as the team



size decreased from 13 to eight. Each of the girls had more playing time and individual instruction to improve their game. Yet, playing this season was quite stormy with injuries for our small team. At one point, only 50 percent of the team was able to play. We canceled a few of our games, which hurt our record, as several canceled would have been winnable. The team finished the season with seven wins and 11 losses. Still, the girls were dedicated and practiced. They came back and won three of their first four games back. The highlight of the season was finally defeating long time rival Central Christian.

8th Grade Volleyball Grows

By Coach Michelle Mungo

The season was full of learning and growing both individually and as a group. This was our first year in the Portage Trail Conference and our competition was significant. The girls came together as a team and improved their skills throughout the season. We were not afraid of hard work and we pushed



Anna Meyer

through until the end with a smile. My hope for them was to learn the importance of never giving up, no matter what! It was a true blessing to be their coach and see firsthand what wonderful young ladies we have here at LCCS. I can't wait to watch them in the years to come as they grow as athletes and children of God.

7th Grade Volleyball Team Gives All

By Coach Laura Kaufman

The Lake Center 7th Grade Volleyball Team had a great season! Many of the girls started off with very little experience, and throughout the season each of them developed into well-rounded and dedicated volleyball players. It was such a joy and honor to coach this team as they worked so hard in practice and gave their all on the court. One of the highlights from the season was the first PTC tournament game where, after losing the first set, the girls fought their hardest to come back and win the next two. It was a fantastic way to end a wonderful season!



Camryn Zuercher

JH Soccer Wins State Championship Title



In his second year coaching junior high soccer, Head Coach Charlie Gambol, with Assistant Coach Anna Gambol, led the team

to an 11-3-0 record within the Portage Trail Conference. Post season, their participation in three OCSAA JH Soccer Tournament games as the number one seed led to clinching the State Championship title.

The coed team of 14 members was comprised of five eighth graders and nine seventh graders, four girls and 10 boys. As junior high soccer can tend to integrate students with varying skill levels, this team was no different. With a season focused on individualized growth, fundamental skill development, and strategically balanced offense and defense, the kids' experienced personal betterment and team success.

Join Us in Celebrating Jesus' Birth

"It's that most wonderful time of the year" – the celebration of Jesus birth. The music department would like to celebrate it with you. We are offering various dates and grades level concerts, all for the same purpose – to celebrate Jesus.

We begin our concerts on Friday, Dec. 4th with the kindergarten through second grade program at Hartville Mennonite Church. Our 3rd and 4th grade students will present the musical A Tree Lot Christmas on Tuesday, Dec. 8th at the Kaufman Center. Thursday, Dec. 10th will feature the High School Band and Orchestra with the Jr. High and High School Choirs the following night, Friday, Dec. 11th. The 5th and 6th grades will end our season with the musical, Wrapping All The Way, on Tuesday, Dec. 15th. Come to one or all of our programs and help us put the emphasis on the REAL reason for the season – JESUS!



Katie Griesinger

Miss Griesinger Has Music Published

For several years, Lake Center Orchestra Teacher Miss Katie Griesinger has been composing and arranging music for the Lake Center orchestras, inspired by her enthusiastic and creative students. Recently several pieces were accepted for publication by Ludwig-Masters and Wingert-Jones Publishing. These original string orchestra compositions were first performed by LCCS orchestra students in school concerts. A symphonic version of one piece — "Legends of Glory" — won a national contest, and was premiered and recorded in California in November. Congratulations Miss Griesinger! We have always enjoyed your music are so proud of your accomplishments.

Taps of Praise Getting Ready for Christmas Too

Taps of Praise is well in the works for Christmas songs. They are working on a routine to Hark The Herald Angels Sing, and are busy tapping away. Students involved are: Lucy Bues, Vivian Coblenz, Faith Hayslip, RaeAnna Lewis, Cadence Miller, Kaitlin Gehrett Nichols, Emma Pletcher and Jayla Wade.

For more info, go to www.Facebook.com/LCCSstepsofpraise.



Left to right, RaeAnna Lewis, Kaitlin Gehrett Nichols, Lucy Bues, Jayla Wade, and Cadence Miller.

CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES

DECEMBER

- 1-3 Tues.-Thurs. Elementary Christmas Shoppe – Kaufman Center
- 4-5 Fri.-Sat. Gifts of Hope – Kaufman Center
- 4 Fri. Grades K-2 Christmas Program – 7 p.m. – Hartville Mennonite Church
- 5 Sat. Fruit and Nut Sale Pick-Up – Kaufman Center
- 8 Tues. Grades 3-4 Christmas Program – Kaufman Center
- 10 Thurs. High School Band & Orchestra Christmas Concert – Kaufman Center
- 11 Fri. Junior High & High School Choir Concert – Kaufman Center
- 15 Tues. Grades 5-6 Christmas Program – Kaufman Center
- 16-18 Wed.-Fri. High School Semester Exams
- 17 Thurs. Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 21-25 Mon.-Fri. NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
- 28-31 Mon.-Thurs. NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 1 Fri. NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break
- 4 Mon. Classes Resume
- 7 Thurs. Post Secondary Meeting – 6:15 p.m.
- 15 Fri. Alumni Night
- 16 Sat. OMEA High School Solo and Ensemble Contest
- 18 Mon. NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
- 21 Thurs. Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 23 Sat. Winter Semi-Formal

FEBRUARY

- 2 Tues. 7-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:10-4:10 p.m., 5:20-8 p.m.
High School Information Night for 8th Grade Students – 7 p.m.
- 11 Fri. Junior High Band, Choir & Orchestra Concert – 7 p.m. - Kaufman Center
- 15 Mon. NO SCHOOL – President's Day
- 16-18 Tues.-Thurs. Scholastic Book Fair
- 18 Thurs. Open House – 4-7 p.m.
Preschool-Kindergarten Preview – 5:30-6:30 p.m.
6th Grade Parent Meeting – 6-7 p.m.
- 23 Tues. Preschool Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3:10-4:10 p.m., 5:20-8 p.m.
- 25 Thurs. National Honor Society Induction Program – 7 p.m.
- 26 Fri. 11:30 Early Dismissal for ACSI Regional Elementary Speech Meet

MARCH

- 1 Tues. Re-enrollment Forms and Fees Due
- 11-12 Fri.-Sat. High School Play – Kaufman Center – 7 p.m., 2 p.m. Saturday Matinee
- 17 Thurs. Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- 21-25 Mon-Fri. NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 28 Mon. NO SCHOOL – Easter Monday

Great Events Coming Beginning in January

As we begin a new calendar year, many opportunities to get the word out about Lake Center Christian School and support our efforts to equip students for life-long learning and service to Christ will be available.

On Friday, Jan. 15, Lake Center will welcome alumni back to the school for the opportunity to reconnect and attend the JV and varsity basketball games against Mogadore High School for free. Join us for a fun evening, whether you are an alumni, current student or parent, or just love LCCS!

On Thursday, Feb. 18 potential and current families are invited to join us for our annual All School Open House. Invite your friends and family to come see all the great opportunities LCCS has to offer, including the art show, history fair and our many co-curriculars. The preschool and kindergarten preview will be offered from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and the sixth grade parent meeting will be offered from 6 to 7 p.m.

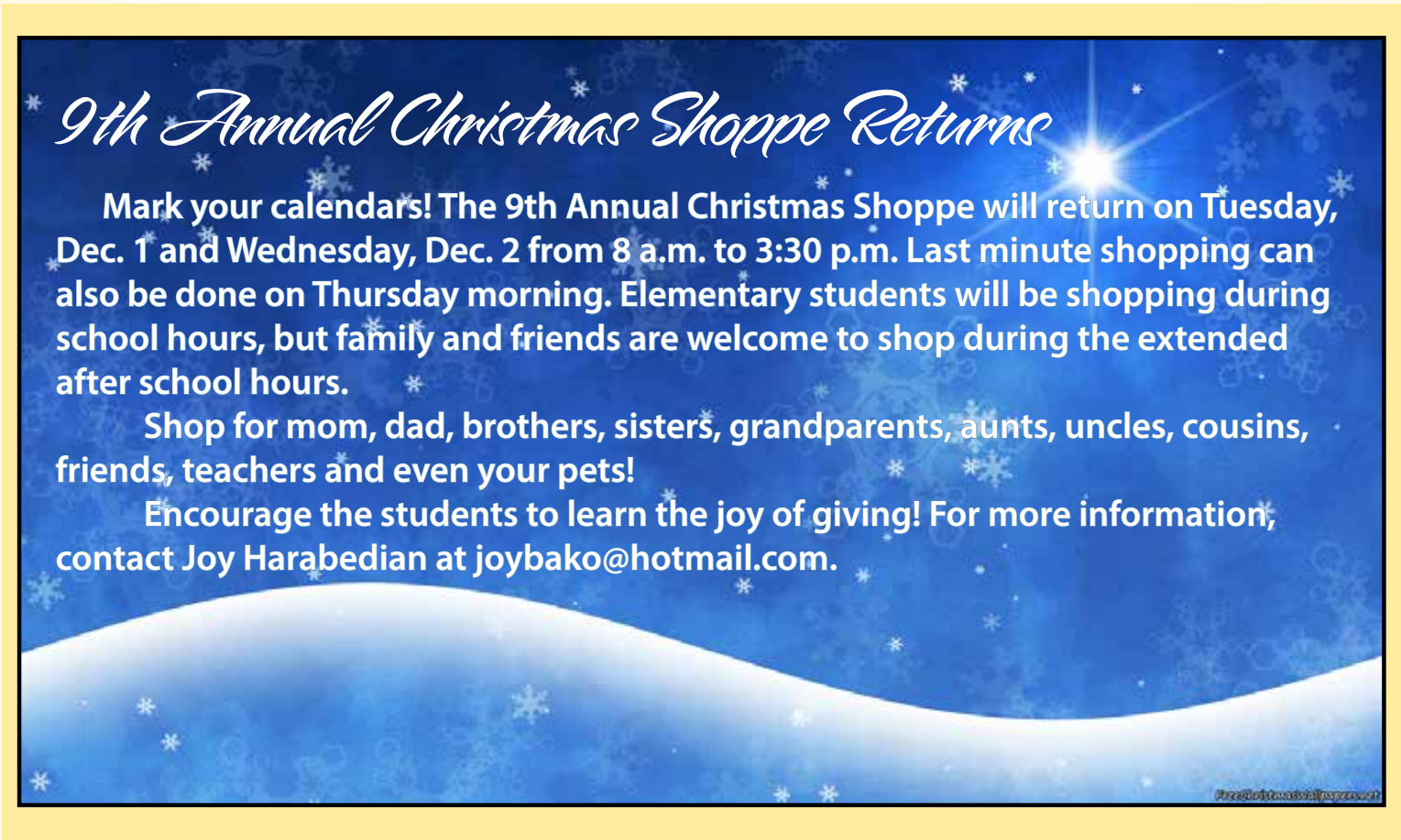
On Saturday, May 7 join us for our 30th Annual Auction. Stay tuned for more information on this vital fundraiser. Donations will be accepted at any time, so if you can get some great deals on donations during Christmas sales, please consider donating now.

On Monday, June 13, join us as we tee-off at Congress Lake Country Club for our Howard R. Miller Memorial Golf Outing benefitting Lake Center. Please consider whether you may get involved as a golfer or sponsor in this Annual Fund fundraiser.

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9th Annual Christmas Shoppe Returns

Mark your calendars! The 9th Annual Christmas Shoppe will return on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Last minute shopping can also be done on Thursday morning. Elementary students will be shopping during school hours, but family and friends are welcome to shop during the extended after school hours.

Shop for mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, teachers and even your pets!

Encourage the students to learn the joy of giving! For more information, contact Joy Harabedian at joybako@hotmail.com.

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