



# LCS Apologist

Alumni Newsletter

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Serving Our Lord, Supporting Our School

## Lincoln CHRISTIAN School

**M**y middle son started flag football last week for the YMCA and I've discovered how much fun you can have watching some of the poorest executed football in the nation. If your child is not involved in the "Y", get them involved, it's hilarious! - and it promotes good sportsmanship of course. In all seriousness, I've grown to really appreciate the positive environment the Y promotes: caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.



But have you ever noticed that the "C" in their name is hardly promoted? Their mission is to "Promote Christian values by..." but rarely will you ever see the words Christian, God, Jesus, prayer, etc... promoted - just the values Christ displayed. Is this so bad?

At a recent all-school parents meeting, the board president challenged parents, teachers and students alike not to hide behind the acronym LCS, but to emphasize the

fact that there is in Lincoln, a school that is not just Christian in name only. That Lincoln Christian School truly stands for, promotes, teaches and lives out the truth of the gospel of Christ. Our president is right on target.

Keep praying that L-CHRISTIAN-S will continue to ground itself in the truth of God's word and will unabashedly promote His word in the light of His world in every single class, in every single student. We don't want to be a school that simply "promotes Christian values by..." but a school that "promotes Christ by..." The difference is subtle yet substantial.

## What's New at Lincoln Christian School

- by Mark Wilson, Lincoln Christian School Superintendent

**G**od is a generous provider. He is doing so many awesome things at Lincoln Christian that we can't begin to praise Him enough. First of all, God is keeping His Holy Word at the center of the curriculum and He is calling His people to teach in a way that honors Him. We have seen Him at work as students come to know Christ as Savior and Lord, as they grow in Him, as they learn through tough times, and as they fill us with thankfulness for their successes.

Some new things that we are thanking God for:

- Lincoln Christian now has a pre-school headed by Mrs. Melody Kugel. There are three sessions per week with about 29 students enrolled.
- The board has approved a comprehensive building plan that includes roof repair,



finishing the last of the unfinished portion of the elementary school, installing new HVAC in the academic wing of the secondary school, turning the first annex into a weight room, and completion of the grounds plan to the south of the football field. Donations and some money from the street

improvement project along 84th and Old Cheney have given a great start to the fund-raising, but we need additional donors.

- Lincoln Christian School hosted 650 people for a Worldview Weekend in October. National level speakers included David Noebel of Summit Ministries, Sean McDowell, Kerby Anderson, David Barton of Wallbuilders, and Scott Lindsey.
- We are now in the first year of a need-based scholarship system that has made

it possible for some families to attend Lincoln Christian that would not have been able to otherwise. We are continuing to seek funding to expand this program as God provides.

- Technology continues to be a focal point for the Crusaders. We have added more than fifty new computers, a new server, new web-based student information software, and new Bible research software.

There are so many more things going on at Lincoln Christian School that we can't get it all in a short article. You need to come to school and visit and we'll show you the gifts God has given in the areas of music and drama and science as well as the things mentioned above. And in all these things we give praise to God and thank Him, focusing at all times on Jesus Christ as the cornerstone.

# My Perspective on Life Changed

— by Carma Bryan, Class of 1992

**+** Shortly after graduating from High school I had the opportunity to go on a missions trip to the inner-city of Los Angeles that changed my perspective on life. I learned that there were families and children desperately hurting from poverty, abuse, lack of opportunity etc. People who needed something...someone to teach them about their true worth...their God given abilities and talents...they needed Jesus.

After returning from my time in Los Angeles God began to show me that the same opportunities were here in Lincoln and that I was to be a part of what God was doing here. I have been here ever since. In 1993 three others and myself started spending time in the Malone Neighborhood. In 1994 I married my husband, Brad. We continued to build relationships with the families and children through Bible Clubs and special events. God then called us to relocate to the Malone neighborhood in 1997 and to work full-time in ministry with City Impact. We have since been blessed by two beautiful daughters (Macey 5 and Miya 3) and a foster son John age 16. We have been nothing but blessed by our friends here in the urban neighborhoods of Lincoln. We started



to minister here because of the needs the community had but we have received far more than we could ever give. I praise God for those of you who played a part in my life, because of those relationships and experiences; I am better able to share the hope and love of Christ. If you are ever in the 27th & Vine street area (like going to a football game!) look us up. Our door is always open.

## Reunions

### 15 Year Reunion - Class of '89

**+** The Class of 1989 celebrated their 15 year reunion with a weekend of fun and reminiscing. We kicked off the weekend on Thursday night with an LCS homecoming football victory, then 18 classmates (out of 23), their spouses and a whole bunch of children had dinner and "play" time at LCS. The weekend was capped with an excellent lunch at the Knolls restaurant. Over and over I heard how wonderful it has been to have a class that gets along so well and has remained friends for so long. They say you shouldn't get too attached to your high school classmates because they won't be the friends you associate with after high school. There is truth to that, but for the class of '89 it's always been about adding new friends, not replacing old ones.



## We Appreciate You!!

Almost 100 alumni, spouses and children attended the first Appreciation night. If you weren't able to attend last year, December 10 is this year's day for LCS to scream, "We appreciate you!" Come and enjoy pizza, families, friends, prizes and watch LCS take on Lincoln Lutheran High School all for only \$10 per family! Don't forget to **RSVP by Dec. 8.**

### 2nd Annual Alumni Appreciation Night Friday, December 10

LCS Varsity Girls (6:15) and Varsity Boys (8:00) vs. Lincoln Lutheran Appreciation Dinner served at **5:30** in the Elementary Gym for only **\$10 per family, \$3 per individual.** Dinner cost includes free admission to both games!

RSVP with total number of adults and children attending by Dec. 8 to Suzi Toavs 488-8888, ext. 225 or [suzi.toavs@lincolnchristian.com](mailto:suzi.toavs@lincolnchristian.com)

## Support Your Alumni Association!

# Join the Alumni Association

**A**s mentioned in the last newsletter, we want you to be a card carrying member and help us build an association that keeps us in touch through good communication. We need your help in building a sustainable, successful alumni association that will continue to "serve our Lord and support our school".

On behalf of the Alumni Committee, we desire to serve you and the school in meaningful ways.

For an annual fee of \$15, it would allow us to provide the following benefits:

- FREE admission to any LCS HOME non-district event
- Subsidize the cost of publishing *the Apologist*
- Establish the Distinguished Alumni Award
- Subsidize special alumni events
- Contribute to the Excellence in Teaching Awards program
- Making a special or unique gift to the school from the alumni



Alumni Card

Complete this form, mail to Lincoln Christian School and your official alumni association card will arrive shortly.

**Don't delay, join today!**



## Alumni Membership Card Request

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY and STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: Lincoln Christian School  
Attn: Suzi Toavs  
5801 S. 84th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68516

## "Taking Care of Business" Campaign

### TCOB Wrapped Up

– by Jason Dworak, 1989 LCS Graduate

**T**he completion of the Taking Care of Business campaign ended with a BANG as Lincoln Christian School was able, by the grace of God, to secure the \$300,000 matching gift which was announced last Spring. This concludes a year and a half effort on behalf of the entire school family to literally "take care of business."

Some of the highlights of the campaign include:

- Retention climbing back to 94% from 87% just two years ago;
- Over 100 new students each of the last two years plus the inception of a new pre-school this year;
- Nearly \$1 million in fundraising and gifts in addition to the \$300,000 matching gift designated as an endowment; and
- Numerous examples of families stepping up to volunteer in a variety of important areas throughout the school.

While we are excited and thankful for what God has done, we are eager to meet the challenges ahead of us. Please be in prayer for OUR school and consider how you can make a difference through your ongoing support and involvement in Lincoln Christian School.

## Teaching Initiative

### Excellence in Teaching Initiative

**T**We are excited to announce the inception of the Lincoln Christian School Excellence in Teaching Initiative. This initiative is long overdue for the impact so many faithful teachers over the years have had on so many of our lives. Thanks to a couple of generous donors and with the approval of the board, we will begin what we hope to be an annual award for the teachers God has provided our school.

This initiative is funded by gifts totaling \$10,000 and will provide \$2,000 for professional development for the staff as a whole and \$2,000 for awards in each of the following categories:

1. Excellence in Spiritual Leadership
2. Excellence in Elementary Teaching
3. Excellence in Secondary Teaching
4. Excellence in teaching outside the classroom

## Alumni Giving Update

October 2003 - September 2004

Individuals – \$61,264

Families – \$93,571

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### Our Vision:

**Serving our Lord, Supporting our School.**

### Our Mission:

**To live out our faith in Jesus Christ our Savior through our given occupations and to graciously support Lincoln Christian School with our prayers, gifts and abilities.**

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