

*For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jer 29:11*

## PARENTS ARE PROTECTORS

This month in our four-month series, we continue to look at three more of the ten predictors of success at school with Mandi Moore. To get the most value out of their children's Classical Christian education, she dives into the 10 things that parents can commit to, under three primary categories. This month, we will look at points five, six and seven under parents are protectors.

### PARENTS PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM MALFORMATION

God designed human beings with very clear instructions on how to flourish and how not to flourish, yet gives us the choice. Parents and Classical Christian Schools try to help kids learn how to flourish, but they need protection until they are fully formed and capable of healthy decision-making. Mandi requests that parents protect their children in three ways.

#### Limiting Screens and Supervising Internet

In Mandi's opinion, this is the number one threat to the Classical Christian movement and to schools fulfilling their mission because screens really undermine everything we're trying to do. As mentioned last month, the habit of attention is particularly vulnerable to being lost with increased screen time.

Studies on Social Media and Smartphones continue to reveal that these are the number one threat to our children in America right now. At the Ambrose School, where Mandi is a Dean, parents have joined together to sign the Postman's Pledge and restrict cell phone usage until the age of eighteen, when their brains are properly formed.

Does this seem excessive to you? Did you know, that Mac executives pay huge sums of money to send their own children to schools, where these things are not allowed? They recognize the immense danger these products have on our children.

Mandi explains, "I have a background in physical therapy. I've worked with traumatic brain injury. The state of the brain matters for all of life. Your body is an integrated thing, and so any injury to your body is actually going to harm your life. So at all costs we need to protect our students' minds until they are formed until they're an adult age to where they can start making those decisions for themselves and use it responsibly."

#### Protect Against Pop Culture

Many parents don't realize the harm resulting from allowing pop culture into the home and how much it affects our children's souls. Protecting from Pop Culture piggybacks on the previous protection because most pop culture enters through cell phones and social media.

For example, the culture that says, 'If I don't have a phone or text all the time, I'm weird.' is an actual battle for their soul. Do we want our children to love God or be popular? Do we want them to fit into what the world thinks they should be? Mandi reflects, "I can usually tell when any of my students get a phone because I will notice subtle changes in their personality or how engaged they are." They start to view their Classical School negatively because it's not creating in them who the world says they should be.

"Every tool we allow our child to hand up changes them fundamentally. It's not just the child using the tool. It's the tool shaping the child at the same time. Mandi recommends that parents read everything that Neil Postman wrote because he was way ahead of his time in warning parents. "Hey, we need to step back and consider that, yes, technology is great in many ways, but it comes at a cost. It will shape you, whether you think it will or not. It will shape your thinking. It will shape the way that you live."

#### Prevent Addictions

The last way Mandi calls parents to protect their children from malformation is to guard against addictions. "When kids have screen time, or they have unsupervised internet access, they are going to become addicted to porn. They're going to become addicted to social media. They are going to become addicted to screen time in general, binge-watching, that sort of thing. It's just, it's a neurological fact."

Parents will ask, "What's the right age to give your child a phone?" And we say, "Well, as soon as you want them addicted to porn, that's when, for boys, that's when you give them a phone." Mandi continues, "I think it is time for parents to wake up because this is predatory. This is selfish people looking to gain from our children, and parents do need to wake up."

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#### 10 PREDICTORS OF SUCCESS AT CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

##### PARENTS ARE PRIMARY EDUCATORS

1. Love God at home, make him Lord
2. Impress His commands on their kids
3. Join the great conversation
4. Help their children form healthy habits

##### PARENTS ARE THE PROTECTORS

5. Limit screens/unsupervised internet
6. Protect from Pop Culture
7. Prevent addictions (porn, screens, substances)

##### PARENTS ARE MOST POWERFUL IN COMMUNITY

8. Connect kids to their heritage
9. Connect with your community
10. Be in unity with your school

# 23-24 YEARBOOK

Order your yearbook today to take advantage of both free shipping and two free custom pages of your personal family photos. It's a great way to store/showcase memories from your family's year alongside your student's year at LCA. Custom pages are due May 8.

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# CLOSING CELEBRATION

Join us May 13, at 6 pm for our school year closing celebration. Come and celebrate with us, all your student's hard work, and get a glimpse at some of the amazing things they learned while in the classroom.

Students should arrive at 5:45 pm, and we will get started right at 6. Stay after for cookies and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

## CARNIVAL - MAY 11

What better way to enjoy the end of a great year than spending time with LCA families while also promoting our Academy and fundraising for our great programming than with a Carnival? We are so thankful to The Lodge Nutrition for sponsoring this fundraiser/family fun day. Buy that mom in your life a "Mom-osa" or yourself a specialty drink, get in on the 50/50 raffle, score big on the silent auction, and, of course, play games and earn prizes at the Carnival. Oh, and did you catch that the carnival part from 1-4 pm is FREE?

Spread the word! Invite friends from Laramie! come join us for tons of fun!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- APR 1 -- NO SCHOOL -- Easter Monday
- APR 15 -- ACE Scholarship deadline
- APR 17 - May 3 -- WY-TOPPs 3-8 grades
- MAY 7,9 -- WY-TOPPs K-2 grades
- MAY 8 -- Free custom pages, yearbook deadline
- MAY 11 -- End of Year Carnival
- MAY 13 -- Closing Celebration
- MAY 21 -- Field Day
- MAY 24 -- Last Day of School - Half Day

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LARAMIE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY  
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### APRIL 2024

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