

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 POWERFUL

In the last month of our four-month series, we look at the last three (of ten) predictors of success at school with Mandi Moore. These 10 predictors of success at classical Christian school are things every parent can do to ensure they are getting the most value out of their Classical Christian School tuition investment. This month, we look at the last category, "Parents are Powerful."

Of all the voices in a child's life, a parent's voice is the most powerful. This is by God's design, and the mandate, that parents have over their children. At LCA, we quickly recognize those students who have parents who support the school's efforts in the classroom and on the recess play yard, and those who don't. We know that we can't make progress in situations where parents are out of partnership with what we are offering to teach students. This is why we so value communication and community, in addition to providing excellent academic classroom experience for our students. Mandi observes that the most powerful parents are connected with their community in three ways.

### PARENTS ARE MOST POWERFUL IN COMMUNITY

#### When they connect children to their heritage

Even if grandparents have already passed on, stories told by parents are essential for helping students know their roots. Visit extended family on holidays, connect via phone and etc. Tell stories of ancestors and family history.

#### When they live connected to their community

Church Community: Mandi observes that families who attend church every week raise students who are well entrenched with their identity and beliefs. She challenges parents to make church a priority and to be involved with the community it provides.

School Community: Parents are most powerful when connected to their school. Parents know deeply about each other. Regularly get together just to have fun. Be watching next year as we seek to increase community connections. Let the office know if you have ideas on community events we can implement next school year.

Local town/community: Powerful parents are connected to their local community. (Laramie)

#### When they are in unity with their school

The last way Mandi observes parents are powerful when in community, is when parents are in unity with their school. Parents who are truly partners with their school become a very powerful influence in their student's life. Letting their school know the small stuff before it becomes big stuff, is a huge help and a way that parents can connect well. They observe that the school is their partner, and that the school exists for families, to share truth, goodness, beauty with them. They share a mindset that we are all growing together.

We may feel very busy and have difficulty pursuing community. In the end, it comes down to a decision. If we decide we are going to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, we will make time. "If you are too busy to be deeply rooted somewhere, you are too busy. Things need to start coming off the plate."

#### 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

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[AXIS.ORG](https://axis.org) --- WEEKLY UPDATES ON POP CULTURE

## 23-24 STANDARDIZED TESTING

The end of April and the first couple weeks of May not only mark better weather as the school year winds down but also standardized testing. Laramie Christian Academy is committed to partnering with families to provide academic excellence to our students. We currently use two different standardized tests to measure how we are doing. The WY-TOPP summative testing window begins mid-April and concludes May 3rd, and the CLT, or Classic Learning Test, is administered the middle two weeks of May. Both tests give LCA a measurement of progress that enables us to be sure we are choosing excellent curriculum. At present, the results from these tests provide us with a baseline. As a new school, and as a school in Laramie where families may only be here for 1 to 2 years, we are still measuring about 50% of our students who have only been enrolled at LCA for less than 9 months when they take their first assessment with us. Each year the ability to track increased learning informs our classroom instruction and curriculum choices. We may eventually choose one assessment over the other. Scores for WY-TOPP are released the following fall and usually handed out at fall parent teacher conferences.

# CLOSING CELEBRATION

Our closing celebration this year was a huge encouragement. LCA students, staff and families celebrated all that our students learned throughout the year with snapshots of classroom content and patriotic highlights. As these students grow up to become our country's future leaders, we see hope and promise for America. Thank you, teachers, students, staff and families for all you do to make LCA great!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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
- JUNE 3-4 -- Teacher In-Service
- JUNE -- Enrollment and Re-Enrollment Interviews
- JUNE 18-19 -- Dino Dig

## NEXT MONTH

- FIELD DAY PICS
- CARNIVAL UPDATE
- SUGAR MOUSE
- SURVEY RESULTS
- FIELD TRIPS AND HOUSE PROJECTS

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**ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**  
**BIBLICAL INTEGRATION**  
**RESILIENT HOPE IN JESUS**

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2023  2024  
**LARAMIE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**  
 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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**JUNE 2024**

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