

One generation commends your works to another;...they celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness. Psalm 145:4a...7

## PARTNERSHIP THROUGH COMMUNICATION

At Laramie Christian Academy we work hard to keep parents in the know. We view parents as the primary educators and observe that unless parents know what's going on in the classroom on a daily basis, parents can't fulfill their role as their child's lead educator. Unlike other schools that want parents to "drop and go," we want parents to be involved in the day-to-day lessons that students learn in their classrooms.

According to scripture, God gave charge to the parents to bring up their children in the way of the Lord. The original language of the text said the "Paideia of the Lord" which in English means the way/culture/lifestyle of the Lord. In light of that instruction, parents sometimes wonder, "I didn't receive a classical Christian education, how can I be the primary educator?"

Even if we didn't ourselves receive a Christian education, or further a classical education, we as parents can still remain the primary educator of our children. Here are three easy ways to get started.

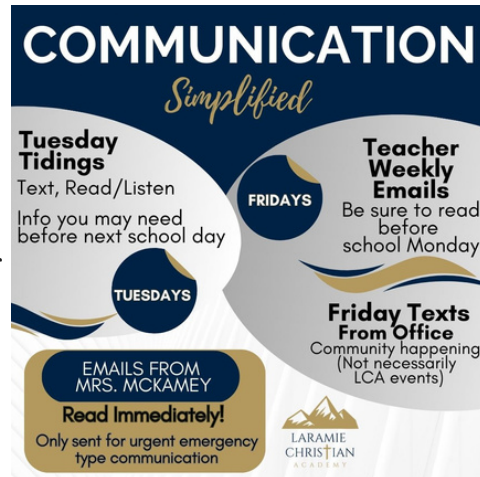
### 1) Stay in the Know:

First, primary parents can stay in the know. Our LCA teachers and Admin work hard each week to provide parents with information twice per week. Tuesday Tidings texts from the office include upcoming announcements, and Friday texts spread the word about any upcoming community happenings (not necessarily LCA sponsored). Be sure you know the content from our Tuesday Tidings (like, "remember to send snow gear for the wind during the hike tomorrow," or "don't forget to turn in permission slips for the field trip, etc.) We filter everything down eliminating the "fluff" so that a busy parent has what they need without taking any extra time.

In a further attempt to help our busy parents, we've started providing a recorded version our Tuesday Tidings so that folks can listen while doing another task. Many parents find that pick up, while waiting for students, is a great time to read/listen to the Tuesday Tidings.

LCA admin requests a quick response from parents to let us know that they have received the message. This helps us be sure technology didn't glitch and ensures that the communication has been successful. Thank you so much for taking a quick second to send a thumbs up or smiley face

when you have read/listened to the content. Oh, and if you catch any typos or errors please also let us know right away.



Another way we keep parents in the know is through teacher communication. Teachers work tirelessly each week to include a weekly email with a snapshot of what was learned and a preview of what is coming the next week. It's very disheartening when it becomes obvious that these emails aren't read (like if we accidentally attach an update from the previous month and no one notices because no one read it. Or if a parent is frustrated because they didn't know specific information that was included in the email!) Our teachers are working hard. As parents we honor their efforts to communicate with us by reading what they send.

Thank you for always taking the time to read/listen to these LCA communications from the office. As we start the New Year, LCA would like to challenge both parents to re-commit to reading/listening to these messages on Tuesdays and Fridays so that you are always in the know.

### 2) Ask Questions:

Asking your student questions during non-school hours about their school day is a great way to stay a primary educator of your LCA student. Not only does asking questions help your child review but it's a wonderful way to connect on a deeper level. Sometimes

a parent can discover new insights into how their child is applying lessons and guide them in their application according to their child's unique gifting.

"I sometimes learn new things and am so impressed with what they get to learn at LCA!" one parent reflected after conversations with their child. These talks were sparked from mentioning to their student's topics from teacher weekly newsletters. Using the teacher conversation helps avoid the classic scenario of, "what did you do at school today?" "stuff" because it gives parents an inside peek and helps bring to mind what happened so students can elaborate.

### 3) Read the Stories:

One final way to stay in the primary seat with your child's education is to read (or listen to) any book that your child is reading in class. This will give you context for what they are discovering through the pages and allow you to have conversations with your child. It's a great way to receive a classical education for free through the content that your child is learning. Ask your teacher for the list of upcoming books and get a head start, or listen together via audio after your child reads a section enjoying the stories with your child.

Because we view you as your child's primary educator we work tirelessly to be sure you are in the know and can connect with your student through meaningful questions/ conversation. We rely on parents taking their responsibility to know the information that LCA sends out weekly to facilitate this partnership.

Thank you again for each time you read these messages as they come out and for every time you as parents consider yourself to be the primary educator. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any ideas on how we can partner better and how we can improve our communication so that we can keep you in the know.

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

## LCA STUDENTS SHINE IN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

*Our Christmas Celebration this year was a special event. Many parents and staff remarked that this year was "the best one yet." Seeing our students shine always brings me to humble tears. Knowing that our students, in Laramie, are privileged to attend this Academy is so profound. It's an answer to the years of prayers that were the foundation of our school. Seeing this answered prayer so tangibly is such a wonderful Christmas gift each year. We are so excited to share a bit of what our students learn each day with the community and so blessed to be in operation.*



*"Anything not birthed in prayer is birthed in pride."*

**"Have you prayed about it as much as you have worked on it?"**

### PRAYER PODS

Join us in January in specific prayer for our academy. This is a two week initiative for January 2025. Choose one of the various times available and pray with us through prayer prompts and as led by the Holy Spirit. Time commitment: 15-20 mins. one day per week, two weeks. Prayer pods meet either in person or via zoom (camera off) with 2 to 3 people. Let the office know if you are interested in either joining an existing pod or leading an new one. Let's seek God together for our Academy and for next year's growth and expansion.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- JAN 6 -- SCHOOL RESUMES
- JAN 15 -- FIRST SEMESTER ENDS
- JAN 20 -- NO SCHOOL -- STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- JAN 29 -- KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW
- FEB 1 -- REGISTRATION OPENS FOR 2025-2026

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BIBLE INTEGRATION  
RESILIENT HOPE IN JESUS

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### 2024 LARAMIE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025

#### JANUARY 2025

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