

The Ambassador

London Christian Academy Newsletter

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FALL 2011

Coming soon to LCA:

"Deck the Halls – A Unique Christmas Shopping Experience"

When: Friday, November 18th, 2011
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, November 19th, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Where: London Christian Academy
Cost: Only \$2.00 at the door
Come and join us for this annual shopping experience with dozens of vendors and our lovely Christmas café. All are welcome!

Christmas Chapel

When: Friday, December 23rd, 2011
9:30 a.m.

Where: London Christian Academy
Academy Gymnasium

All are welcome to celebrate the birth of Christ with us as we gather together as a school to worship the Lord and proclaim His birth.

JK/SK Open House

When: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Where: London Christian Academy
Do you have a child entering JK or SK in September of 2012? Come and discover the opportunities available to your family and child at London Christian Academy. This event is geared towards parents and children. All are welcome!

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Principal Reflections – a tree firmly planted

On December 20, 1996, a fatal car crash claimed the lives of two Christian Academy students. Shortly after, two trees were planted on the school grounds as a tribute and memorial to the lives of Bruno DaSilva and Ross Seabrook. In 2003, London Christian Academy moved to its new, expanded location in central London. At that time, we moved the two memorial trees to the new location as well. One of the trees continues to flourish today, but unfortunately the other tree died.

September 21, 2011 was the first ever National Tree Planting Day in Canada and one of the members within our school community took this opportunity to re-establish a lasting memorial and provide a symbol of our purpose here at LCA. Through a generous donation from Baseline Nurseries, Pete Vanderley of Vanderley Landscaping Services planted a young pyramidal oak tree in the place of the lost memorial tree. The memory of Bruno and Ross will continue to live on through these trees.



Mr. Hesman and several students from LCA stand in front of the new memorial tree planted earlier this school year.

Pyramidal oaks grow straight and strong and tall, supported by a deep foundation of roots. This tree is a great symbol of our plans for each and every child enrolled at our school. The teaching and nurturing of London Christian Academy, in partnership with committed, loving parents, forms a deep rooted foundation for each and every student. Like the pyramidal oak, we desire to see every child grow straight and strong and tall. The growth and development of the important, foundational root system goes on every day. Watered regularly by the spirit of our great God, they will bear the fruit of their growth in body, mind and spirit. As the years pass by and students come and go, the pyramidal oak will stand as a memorial to two students called home at such a young age and also as a symbol of the work that goes on every day at our school.

*" . . . They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor."*

Ron Hesman
Principal

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV)

Christ-centred education providing a solid foundation for life.



Life at LCA



Members of LCA's cross country team enjoyed great weather on the day of the big event!



Running the Race

I hope each and every person gets to experience running. The thrill of getting exercise and having fun at the same time is like nothing else. At London Christian Academy, students in grades 3 – 8 get to choose whether they would like to run cross country or not. I decided to and had lots of fun. On October 5th, I ran in a race in the 9 and under group and placed 1st. It is also fun to race for God. I know he watches me and I am very thankful about that.

Veronica is a grade 5 student at LCA

Scaling the Heights at the Grade 7/8 Retreat

On October the 5th - 7th, the LCA grades 7 and 8 classes had the privilege of going to Fair Glen for their yearly retreat. It was an amazing experience doing all the fun activities, such as the high ropes course, rock climbing, canoeing, and games. Besides that, we also had chapel and campfire.

The high ropes course had a log, a vine-swing, and one where you had to walk across the ropes. A lot of people did the log, or 'catwalk', while those of us watching them cheered them on from the ground with words of encouragement. The highest course was about 16 feet off the ground, and a few students were nervous of walking on it, but most did at least half of the course with the help of their friends. The high ropes course is a great vehicle for developing trust and self confidence!

The retreat has many benefits for the students, like bonding with the other class, their own class, and God. Also, since the



Climbing the rock wall at Fair Glen!

Introducing Our International Students...

London Christian Academy is blessed to have four international students with us this year from Korea, and hopes to welcome a number more as we continue to grow this great program. When asked about their experiences so far at LCA, a few of these students eagerly shared:

"I like this school because it is a Christian school. The friends are kind to me. I like school because I like field trips. I already went to Rock Glen for a field trip. Also, I love math and art!!!! Math is easy and my art is creative."
Daniel, Grade 4

"I like this school because it's a Christian school. I am glad that my ESL teacher is nice and my friends are nice too."
Chang Jae, Grade 8

"What I like about LCA is the friends. I also like that there are lots of opportunities to do sports, which is my favourite thing to do. I also like to learn about God."
Yeong Jae, Grade 7

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Please pray for our international students as they make the many adjustments necessary in a new country!



LCA is thrilled to have four international students with us this term, and looks forward to welcoming two more after Christmas!

Watch our website for more information on these future events...

"Solid Foundations" Dinner and Auction
When: Saturday, March 12th, 2012

Christian Education Week
When: Monday, April 23rd – Friday, April 27th, 2012

Spring Musical
When: Thursday, April 26th, 2012

Spring Fling Fashion Thing
When: Saturday, May 5th, 2012

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retreat is at the beginning of the year, it gives the teachers a chance to get to know their class a little better. With great weather and a good spirit among all the students, the 2011 Grade 7 and 8 retreat was a complete success!

by Bethanie Wilson, grade 7

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Alumni Reflections

Hi everyone! My name is Alicia Dakins. Four years ago I graduated from LCA and I am currently in grade twelve at Central Secondary School. I spent ten of the best years of my life in Christian education and now I am grateful to have this opportunity to share with you what a profound impact that education has had on my life. My time at LCA not only provided me with an incredible foundation for my faith, but also greatly increased my academic ability, gave me access to leadership roles and provided me with great friendships, many of which still exist today. My teachers were always wise, encouraging, and Godly, and I would not be the person I am today had it not been for their mentoring. Academically, LCA helped me to prepare for all of the challenges

that come with high school education, and thanks to the leadership skills I gained from joining the variety of clubs and team offered, I have gone on to become the co-leader of my school's Christian group, Lighthouse. Even though I am a graduate you'll often find me hanging around at LCA. I am currently working in the After School Program where I am so excited to be making an impact on the students who will one day be in the same place as me. It is my hope and prayer that their lives will be touched in the same way mine was, and I am thankful that God has allowed me to be a part of the awesome community of LCA.

From the Board

Roots are an anchor, storage for energy, a passage to absorb nutrients and a producer of chemicals to promote growth. As Christian parents, we all desire that our children's lives have strong, viable roots that will withstand the winds of adversity, bear fruit honouring to God and supply strength for future growth. In order for children to flourish and grow, they need to soak in God's word every day. They require role models who exemplify the Christ-like life.

I have been involved with London Christian Academy for about twenty-five years in the capacity of parent, grandparent, committee member or board member. I am appreciative that our children were graduates of this Christian education environment. Meagan, a teacher, and her family live in London and now their oldest daughter, Brianna is privileged to be a very enthusiastic student in senior kindergarten at LCA. Our son Matt and his wife, who live in Calgary, are busy preparing to be international workers for Global Missions in Asia.

I am grateful to God for the part LCA has played, and is playing in the lives of our family members. As a retired educator and mother, I know the value of an education from a Christian perspective. I'm pleased that LCA continues to offer this

opportunity and I trust that we as a school community will be able to participate in fulfilling Colossians 2:6&7: "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

Liz Russell
Secretary, LCA Board

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