

January 2012

LIBERTY

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Vacation time is here: a time to relax from the stresses of the school year and reflect on what the new year might hold. 2011 was a very difficult one for the Liberty Christian family. We suffered some serious injuries and losses, most notably the recent passing of Mrs. Carol Boswith, who had taught a third of our current students as 4th graders. These difficulties brought us together and made us rely in a fresh way on God and His faithfulness. No matter what comes our way, God is there for us in all circumstances. He will continue to bless us as we are faithful to Him in the new year.

2012 holds great promise for us. Despite economic difficulties all around us, Liberty is stable. We are in the planning process for the new school year. Registration will begin in February. Thanks to all of you who are already talking to friends and family members about bringing their children to Liberty next year. Our school will have a visit by a WASC accrediting team in March. In preparation for that, parent input will be sought and student groups will gather to make suggestions as soon as school resumes. If you would like to share your opinion or help Liberty in some way, please call the office and let us know. Some new activities have started recently just because students or parents were interested. Let us know how we can help your family and what your family would like to do to help make Liberty better.

Mrs. Teri Yates, Principal

School resumes on **Thursday, January 5, 2012.**

Cold Weather Wear: Winter days bring much colder weather. Please remember that students still need to observe the LCS dress code. They must wear an LCS logo shirt every day. The only *approved* exceptions are an LCS team shirt or jersey **on game day for team members only** and Spirit Wear shirts/sweatshirts. Seasonal outerwear, such as heavy jackets or raincoats that do not have the LCS logo, may be worn over an LCS shirt in inclement weather.

Fresh and Easy Receipts: Please continue to save receipts of over \$20 through December 31. We have a few weeks to get them sent in for our funding, but they must be dated 2011. If you collect your holiday shopping receipts they can be sent to the school office in January.

Liberty Christian Playhouse

Second semester will bring the 2012 theater season to our campus. Nearly 50 cast members have been working hard to present "*The Music Man*" in February, under the direction of Mrs. Stacy Wilkerson. This year we will have two dinner theater performances, February 3rd and 4th, and a matinee on Sunday, February 5. Tickets are now on sale from Mrs. Wilkerson, the theater students and LCS office. Watch for details on Sycamore.

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5 - School resumes - Happy New Year!

9 - Booster Club Meeting, 6:30pm, Rm. 102

11 - Seniors order caps/gowns/announcements

12 - Juniors to Museum of Tolerance

13 - Teacher In-Service, Half Day

16 - MLK Jr. Day - No School, No Daycare

17 - Senior Exit Committee Mtg., 3:15-4:45, Rm. 201

23-26 - Finals

26-27 - 4th/5th Grade brig Pilgrim Overnighter

27 - Half Day - End of 1st Semester

Elementary Student Council

The elementary school offers a student council opportunity where students can learn the basics of leadership. This year's student council consists of: Ryan Rector (President), Chelsea Stokes (Vice President), Katrina Petrovich (Chaplain), Lily Stokes (Secretary) and Dylan Stokes (Treasurer). Additionally, Jaidyn Gonzales and Valerie Reed are the third grade class representatives for the first semester, with Talia Estrada and Nathan Suzuki for the second semester; Dakota Whitmire and Danny Minney are fourth grade representatives; Dillon Zamora will serve as the fifth grade representative. The council meets weekly to discuss ideas that can be implemented in the elementary school. The elementary students wanted a council so they could try to make the school a better place; some of those ways being: picking up the trash and planning more fun activities. This year's student council hopes to make this the best year yet for the elementary school!



THE JUNIORS' ODE TO POETRY

On only one occasion does nearly the entire high school pack into one classroom—the annual Café Coffeé Poetry Reading! This year marked the fifth Café Coffeé, and as usual consisted of tasty baked goods, interesting poetry readings (to say the least), and—of course— freshly brewed coffee. Dimly lit with flickering candles set on all the makeshift tables, the atmosphere was very close to that of an actual café! There were twinkling lights strung up all over an improvised stage, which displayed a single microphone. The mood was perfect for a tranquil and relaxed period of poetry and delicious treats. Having worked hard over the past few weeks to come up with their own original poems, the Juniors were eager (and nervous) to share their creations. Students crowded into the café to listen, which was held in Mrs. Coffee's classroom, during second period, on November 9th. This event was intended as a way for students to learn, practice and appreciate poetry in a fun and engaging way.

Poems recited this year consisted of humorous odes to love, friends, family—and even food! There were also some more serious and sobering poems, such as Jeremiah Middendorf's "That Night" and Carlee Hackett's "The Cliché of Love." The themes of the junior's poetry ranged from hardship, to war, to emotions, to football. The odd and varied topics surprised and amused the patrons, such as Mrs. Hadley, who commented: "Niccolo Di Lilla's poem ["The Use of Words"] was in depth and struck me as being insightful knowledge. And the courtly love language between Kyle Belanger and Arin Mearig was reminiscent of Elizabethan England!" Though the topics were all diverse, the most common theme in the juniors' poetry was on the topic of their fellow classmates—namely their close friends. Overall, the 2011 Café Coffee was an enjoyable and laid back break from regular school activities that will be remembered by all! If you missed the poetry reading or would like another look, all of the juniors' original poems are on display in room 201 for a limited time.

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