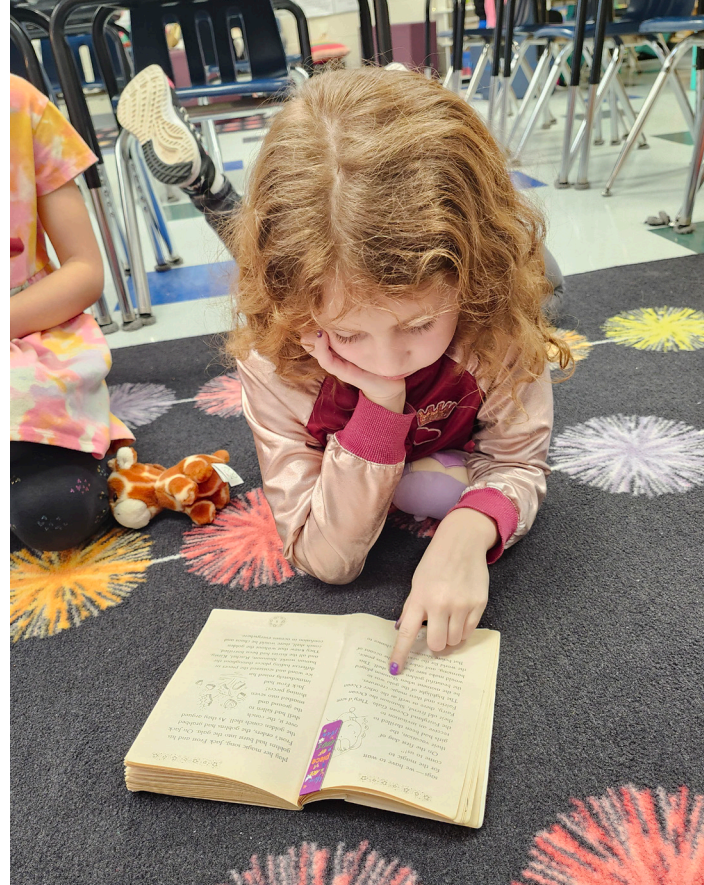


LANSING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



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DEAR LCS COMMUNITY,

Each year, we rely on generous donors from our community to support the people and programs that cultivate excellence and a thriving Christian community at LCS. As we look toward Lansing Christian School's 75th anniversary next year, we continue to be committed to offering a high-quality Christian education that equips students to put their hope in God and engage the world for Jesus Christ.

Hiring the very best Christian teachers to lead our students with faith, teach with passion and expertise, and build meaningful connections with students continues to be our priority. We are excited about investing in students through robust programming that includes the performing arts, athletics, outdoor learning, worship, and service. Each of these programs supports Lansing Christian's commitment to fostering students' God-given gifts and abilities and cultivating a sense of community and belonging.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board, we express sincere gratitude to our donors and the many other people who help make LCS a school where God's Kingdom is advanced through the transformative work of Christian education.

With hope in God,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy Hofman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Wendy Hofman
Head of School

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACY

Lansing Christian School (LCS) was established in 1951 by visionary families who sought an academically challenging and thoroughly Christian education for their children. The original class had approximately 10 students enrolled. Since then, LCS has experienced significant growth and today serves 575 students from nearly 90 churches, making it the largest private PreK-12 Christian school in the Greater Lansing area.

In 2000, the construction of the current facility unified the elementary, middle, and high school students on one campus. The strong Christian principles upon which the school was founded remain steadfast with God's continued guidance and provision leading LCS into the future.

Over the last 25 years, LCS has made significant improvements to the current campus. Outdoor structures have been added to support student learning on the expansive 66-acre campus. The athletic fields have been expanded to support the growing PreK-12th grade athletic program, and updates to the weight room, bathrooms, and lighting have further enhanced the facilities. The school remains committed to its founding mission, looking forward to what God has in store for the next 25 years.

Today, many LCS students and parents who were part of the school community during the building project have returned as parents and grandparents, now watching their own children and grandchildren benefit from a Christ-centered education at LCS.

See page 14 for the story of a current LCS parent and alumna who spent her senior year in portables during the building project and now sees her five children thrive at LCS.

PHOTOS:

1. Parents and Board Members praying over the construction of the first school
2. Students attended classes in portables during the construction of the current school
3. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of the current campus
4. Lansing Christian School campus today
5. Stone inscription at the current school featuring the school's founding verse





LIVING AND LEARNING WITH INTENTION

One distinctive of LCS is an academic program rooted in purpose. Students from preschool to 12th grade learn each subject through a lens of how it connects to the grand biblical narrative and how it will help them live out God's calling in their lives. Teachers are intentional about making these connections for students and providing opportunities for students to use their learning to meet real needs in the school community and beyond.

The school's vision is to equip young men and women to engage and transform the world for Jesus Christ. Learning experiences are intentionally designed to give students opportunities to practice engaging and transforming the world as part of God's restorative work. We know that what students do each day shapes who they become.

We call these practices Habits of Learning and Habits of Living. Habits of Learning, such as persistence and problem-solving, are the skills and strengths we equip students with. Habits of Living, such as servant working and creation enjoying, are discipleship practices that articulate what it looks like to engage and transform the world for Jesus Christ.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

When Lansing Christian School relocated to its 66-acre campus 25 years ago, the vision was that the expansive grounds and wooded wetlands would one day play a vital role in the distinctly Christian educational experience for LCS students.

Today, that vision has come to life. The outdoor campus has been enhanced with groomed trails, a natural playground, and dedicated structures for outdoor learning. Teachers across all grade levels are now implementing curriculum-based, outdoor learning experiences, providing students with opportunities to engage with God's creation while deepening their understanding of His world.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

At LCS, we define an academically challenging environment as one in which students are learning robust content aligned in a strong scope and sequence with faith integrated throughout the curriculum. Students live out their learning as they follow Christ in all of life. Across grades and subjects, LCS students pursue excellence in their learning and know its purpose in the advancement of God's Kingdom.



LCS HOME OF THE PILGRIMS



ATHLETICS

Lansing Christian School provides PreK-12th grade athletic opportunities designed to develop student-athletes through both education and competition. The LCS athletic program supports students' physical and faith development through a comprehensive approach to skill development beginning in the elementary grades with additional guidance from varsity coaches.

For students in grades 2 through 8, the Youth Sports program offers competitive team opportunities in soccer, basketball, baseball, volleyball, cross country, and track. More than 70% of high school students participate in at least one sport.

CREATIVE ARTS

A flourishing Creative Arts program is an important part of a Christ-centered education. LCS students are active participants in the creative process. They are given an opportunity to imitate our creative God and grow into people who contribute and connect with others in meaningful ways. Seeing art displayed in the hallways, hearing music sung daily, and participating in concerts and theater performances bring vibrancy, life, and beauty to the school community.





CHAPEL

Engaging pastors in our weekly chapels continues to cultivate valuable partnerships with local churches. Middle and high school students have the opportunity to serve on chapel leadership teams while elementary classes prepare grade-level presentations to share with their peers. Each week, praise and worship time provides opportunity for students to gather in community to worship God with singing. Delving into God's Word keeps students grounded in their faith, encouraging spiritual growth and a deeper connection with God.

SERVICE

Service to others is at the heart of Lansing Christian School's vision. Jesus' command to love God and love others calls us to live beyond ourselves, directing our focus outward toward God and those around us.

At LCS, we embrace this calling by engaging students in curriculum-based service opportunities in the local community and the broader world. Through these experiences, students learn that serving God and His people is an integral part of their education, shaping their hearts and minds for a life of service.



EXCERPT FROM THE 2024 SENIOR CHALLENGE

BY
HOPE
TEBBEN

BOTHER TO LOVE

If you are anything like me, you have heard the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 many times before. But every time I study the Bible, I learn something new. I learned that Levitical law said that priests were not to make themselves unclean for anyone except for their closest family members, so that meant they were required by law to stay away from dead bodies, and the guy on the side of the road certainly looked dead.

So what did they do? They followed the law, played it safe, and passed by on the other side of the road. These guys were the religiously strong who knew what the law required of them. But if they had bothered to get closer, they could have saved his life. For Jesus, their failure to bother to love was a much greater sin than becoming ceremonially unclean.

On the other hand, Jesus' audience never would have thought that a Samaritan could be capable of anything good. Yet this man bothered to love. And even though he did not follow the law and was not purely Jewish, this man, not the holy men, was the one who Jesus said upheld the most important parts of the Law.

As LCS graduates, we have been surrounded by the Word of the Lord and taught what the Bible says about right and wrong. But when we leave this place and

enter our own personal mission fields, we are going to be surrounded by messy situations. My challenge to you is to bother to love in those situations. Bother to listen, bother to learn more, and bother to ask God to help you show love. In these next years, you will also be met with situations that seem like they are too far gone to save. When you see these issues, get close enough to see if there is still some life left in them.

True love bothers to care every hour of every day for an entire lifetime. True love bothers to put aside worldly concerns to care about eternal matters. True love gives up its life for the redemption of others. The one who follows God's law is the one who bothers to love.

Read more of her speech on our blog:



“ ONE THING I'VE LEARNED FROM 13 YEARS OF CHAPEL IS THAT QUOTES ARE PRETTY GREAT FOR GETTING A POINT ACROSS, BUT STORIES ARE A LOT BETTER.

– HOPE TEBBEN

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LANSHING CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

2024 GRADUATES

The following is a list of colleges and universities that the 2024 graduates were accepted to for the 2024-2025 academic year. Those in bold reflect the colleges students are attending.

Alma College	Kuyper College
Anderson University	Lansing Community College
Andrews University	Messiah University
Aquinas College	Michigan State University
Belmont University	Michigan Technological University
Butler University	New York University
Calvin University	Niagara University
Case Western University	Northern Michigan University
Cedarville University	Oakland University
Central Michigan University	Ohio State University
Concordia University Ann Arbor	Olivet Nazarene University
Concordia University Nebraska	Purdue University
Cornerstone University	Saginaw Valley State University
Davenport University	Saint Mary's College
DePaul University	Siena Heights University
Dordt University	Spring Arbor University
Ferris State University	Taylor University
Furman University	The College of Wooster
Grace Christian University	University of Michigan
Grand Valley State University	University of Michigan Flint
Hillsdale College	University of Olivet
Hope College	Valparaiso University
Houghton University	Wayne State University
Indiana Wesleyan University	Western Michigan University
Kettering University	

A PILGRIM'S JOURNEY: FROM LCS STUDENT TO LCS PARENT



For many students who attend and graduate from LCS, their relationship with the school continues into the next generation. Nicole (Provençal) Carrillo '00 is one alumna who is back at LCS as a parent with her five children, now walking the halls of a school she watched being built during her senior year.

Nicole graduated from Lansing Christian School in 2000. She remembers LCS as a safe place where teachers went above and beyond their duties to foster her gifts and interests, support her faith, and equip her for the next stage of life. Nicole also remembers an especially unique senior year as she and her classmates did not attend classes in a building but instead in portables on the recently purchased property of the new LCS campus.

In 1999, LCS began building the current consolidated campus. Nicole remembers the moment she found out just how different her senior year would look from those who came before her. "During our junior year, our class was called to a meeting, where the

school gave us cookies along with the news that we would be changing our location next year, meaning that our last year would be in portables while they constructed the new building. They softened the news a little with the cookies," she shares with a laugh. "Really though, we all knew it just had to be done. We were moving from two campuses to one, and the building needed to be built. We used the current pole barn as the multipurpose area for chapels, cafeteria, and larger gatherings, and we had portables set up on the property for classrooms."

Now, Nicole understands and appreciates what it was all for as she sees her own children enjoy many of the same experiences that she had as a student.

Returning as a parent has given Nicole a broader perspective on the school and the community. "When you're a student, you don't always appreciate what you have," she shares. "Now, as a parent, I see how much has improved over the years, and what

exactly we were aiming for when we were building the new campus during my senior year. Back then, we were two campuses, and now, having PreK-12 all in the same place has been huge for developing community.”

Nicole believes deeply in the mission and vision that Lansing Christian School held when she was a student and still holds today. She sees the many ways that God has grown and improved the school in academic excellence, community involvement, and fostering a supportive environment for each student. “I wanted my children to be a part of a community that was safe and helped shape their faith,” Nicole explains. “I wanted my kids to have an education where God was part of the curriculum, and it wasn’t just one Bible

class, but was interwoven into everything that they did. We have this at LCS.”

Nicole also continues to be involved in LCS, volunteering at school events, supporting sports teams, and chaperoning many of the trips that she took as a student. Watching her kids grow up in the same environment where she once flourished is special, and she enjoys seeing the school’s traditions and legacy continue in a new and beautiful way.

Visit our blog for the full article and more photos of the Class of 2000 school experience!



Above: Nicole and Chaz Carillo, with their five daughters, Sophia, Tori, Lily, Joanna, and Charlie.

GIVING AT LCS

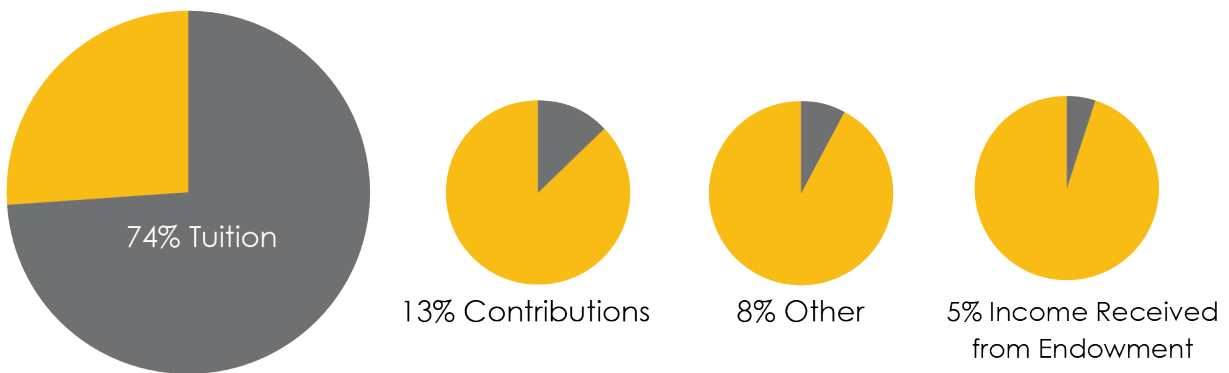


PreK 4 - 5th grade students participated in the 2023 Explore the World Fund Run. It was a great day filled with joy, excitement, and a little bit of Michigan mud! The students completed challenges, learned fun facts about other countries, and built community with one another as they made their way through the wooded trails on our school campus.

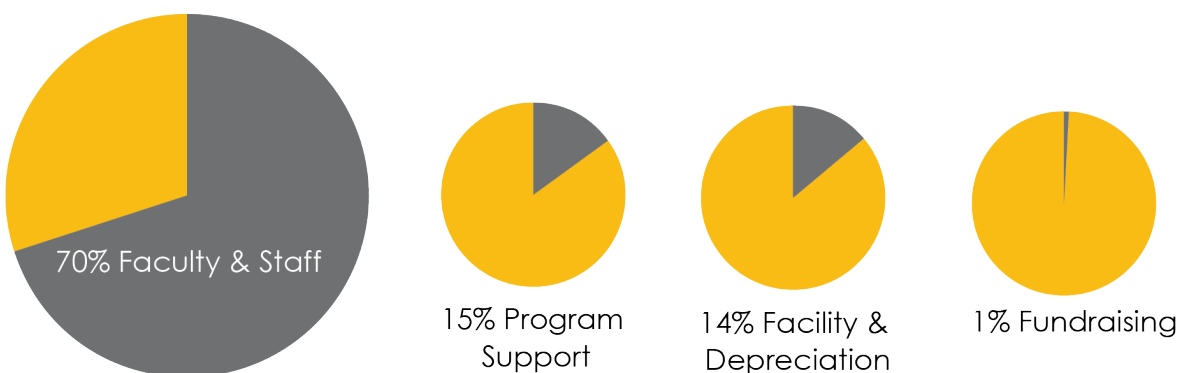
GIVING AT A GLANCE

ANNUAL FUND	2023-2024	2022-2023
Contributions	\$447,000	\$538,000
Black & Gold	\$233,000	\$182,000
Fund Run	\$37,000	\$38,000
ANNUAL FUND TOTAL	\$717,000	\$758,000
Restricted Gifts	\$165,000	\$58,000
Third Party Tuition Assistance	\$97,000	\$53,000
Gifts to the Endowment	\$1,000	\$2,000
TOTAL RESTRICTED GIVING	\$263,000	\$113,000
TOTAL INCOME FROM GIVING	\$980,000	\$871,000
INCOME FROM ENDOWMENT	\$357,000	\$363,000

INCOME: \$6,636,000



EXPENSES: \$6,528,000



WANT TO IMPACT A STUDENT'S LIFE? SO DO WE!

Providing an authentic and integral Christian education is about helping each student understand that they are a part of God's story and equipping them with the knowledge and tools they need to live out their purpose. Your contribution to Lansing Christian School supports an education where students develop a passion for learning through rich and diverse experiences that give them the opportunity to understand how their own gifts and abilities can be used to engage and transform the world for Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL FUND

Contributions to the Annual Fund directly support the transformational education at Lansing Christian School and help make a Christ-centered education accessible to more families in the Greater Lansing area. No one at LCS pays the full cost of educating a student. Each year, we rely on generous gifts to the Annual Fund from members of our community to offset the cost of tuition for every student. This year, we need to raise approximately \$580,000 to support the ongoing work of the school.

Your financial support of the Annual Fund is an expression of faith and support in God's work at the school. Your gift, big or small, makes a difference and is an investment in our students.

LCS ENDOWMENT FUND

Since 1951, Lansing Christian School has been a bedrock for Christ-centered education in the Greater Lansing area. A gift to the LCS Endowment helps to ensure Lansing Christian School can continue their tradition of quality Christian education and remain accessible for generations of students to come.

The LCS Endowment currently holds just over \$10,900,000. Gifts made to the endowment are invested in a restricted fund that is overseen by the Foundation Board, allowing

future growth to be used as dependable income for the school. Contributions to the LCS Endowment provide the school with long-term financial sustainability, ensuring a lasting legacy of quality Christian education in the Lansing area.

PLANNED GIVING

Making a planned gift to Lansing Christian School during your lifetime, or naming LCS in your will or trust, is an investment in the mission of the school and our students. Gifts received from an individual's estate, unless otherwise designated, will be placed in the LCS Endowment. Receiving a planned gift is a huge blessing to LCS and will provide long-term financial sustainability for the school.

In addition to naming LCS in your will or trust, you can designate Lansing Christian School as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy, or you can create a charitable gift annuity which provides immediate support to the school during your lifetime.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Providing a gift to Lansing Christian School in memory of a friend or relative is a wonderful way to honor their life and commitment to LCS while supporting an exceptional and accessible Christ-centered education. When an honoree or family has requested that gifts be given to Lansing Christian School in lieu of flowers, the donations are made to the Annual Fund unless otherwise specified. In recognition of the individual in whose name a memorial gift was made, a brick is placed outside the main entrance to commemorate their legacy at Lansing Christian School.

Please contact Director of Development John Jones (jjones@lansingchristianschool.org) with any questions about how to make a charitable contribution to the school.





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