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Upcoming Dates:

- **Sept. 9 –11: SR High Leadership retreat (9th—12th grades)**
- Sept. 11: Registration for Jr. Knights soccer ends
- **Sept. 14: JV soccer game (HOME), 4 p.m.**
- Sept. 15: V soccer game (HOME), 4 p.m.; Volleyball game (HOME), 6 p.m.
- **Sept. 16: Uniform-Free Day**
- Sept. 18: Parent/ Grandparent luncheon
- **Sept. 23 –25: NCCSA Teacher Convention; NO SCHOOL**
- Sept. 29: Five Guys senior fundraiser, 5 –8 p.m.
- **Sept. 30: Diner Cards money due**



SGA welcomes new students

by David Sawyer, News Editor

The Student Government Association kicked off the 2009-10 school year with a reception for new students on Aug. 20. SGA hosted the reception to newcomers to the school and inform them about the SGA. The student reception was also a way to let students know how to get involved in SGA.

SGA members introduced themselves and gave a little insight into what each of their offices were about. They also told the new students that the SGA is there to represent the student body and to help better the school. Refreshments were also served.



KNIGHTS HOSPITALITY

From left: New students Jaeland Newson (9th) and Luke Ferrar (10th) chat with SGA president Ronald Blasini (12th) during the New Student Reception.

SGA president Ronald Blasini gave a welcoming introduction before SGA officers met with small

groups of the new students.

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Focusing on positive Christian character

by Samantha Cloud, Staff Writer

As LCA starts a new school term, the year holds some exciting things for the elementary students. Elementary vice principal, Mrs. Phyllis Houghton, has a lot planned for these young learners.

Mrs. Houghton has developed a Character Self Management Program and wants to encourage the elementary students to practice various character traits that can be applied

to their lives. The object for students is to attain three different stages of knighthood while learning Biblical character traits that can be applied in their everyday life.

"Instead of just having a demerit and star loss program that penalizes a student for bad behavior, I wanted to implement a program so students will know what is expected of them in a positive way," said Mrs. Houghton.

Since there are three stages to becoming a knight, students will receive or earn three badges as they display character traits. The Page badge is the first badge, once received that students may receive the Squire badge, after having received that students will have reached knighthood. The Knight badge will be given to students by Mrs. Houghton during Chapel. "The purpose is for students to learn lifelong charac-

Students firmly anchored in good year

by Anna Treese, Editorial Editor

A new school year, new faces, boundless opportunity, and a general excitement- these are some of the themes pervading the atmosphere at Liberty Christian this year.

Amidst all the new thoughts and feelings, however, there is even more excitement about LCA's upcoming high school retreat to the Anchorage Christian Camp on the shores of Lake Waccamaw. The prospect of spending three days and two nights with each other and God means this trip is sure to be the source for some great memories at LCA.

Because of his own experience as a teenager at Anchorage, LCA Administrator Duncan Edge has felt that a retreat of this sort makes a huge difference for students at LCA. The trip builds unity among students, builds friendships, and gives the student body a sense of spiritual unity. Not only is the retreat important for students, but teachers can benefit as well.

"It's important that teachers spend time outside the classroom with their students and really get to know them on a personal basis," Mr. Edge said. The opposite can also be said- it's good for students to realize that teachers aren't *just* teachers. They're people, and they really care.

Both Mr. Edge and high school vice principal Wayne Houghton feel strongly about the spiritual significance of the Anchorage retreat. Mr. Houghton advises participating students to take it to the next spiritual level.

Mr. Edge gives also asks students to "put aside all preconceived notions. Allow the Holy Spirit to search you, so that He can identify any areas that need to be surrendered. Get an understanding of spiritual growth."

Both administrators feel that the year has started off on the right foot and are very excited to see what God will be doing through next week's retreat.

Volleyball, soccer teams off to good start

by Katherine Smith, Sports Editor

Liberty Christian Academy's co-ed soccer and girls' volleyball teams both placed third in the Cougars Classics Invitational Tournament on Aug. 21 - 22 hosted by Cornerstone Christian Academy of Fayetteville.

Liberty's volleyball team played their first game of the season at the tournament opener against the Cornerstone girls' team. Inexperience and nerves contributed to the Lady Knights' loss by three of five sets.

The game did not take the team completely out of the standings, however. On Aug. 22, Flora MacDonald Academy of Red Springs and the Lady Knights competed for the third place title.

The Lady Knights won the first two sets. A confident Flora MacDonald team won the third set, giving the Lady Knights more motivation to the fourth set. The Lady

Knights pushed through the fourth set and won the game. The win set a positive tone for this year's season and secured the team a third place finish in the CCIT.

Liberty's soccer team also opened their season at the tournament. The Knights did pretty well in the first half of the game, leaving the score at 0-0. The Knights entered the second half confident and excited about playing soccer. The first goal of the game and the season was scored by junior Katherine Smith with the assist by sophomore Austin Bunch.

But Liberty's lead was short-lived. The Cougars roared back to tie up the score. CCA capitalized on the Knights' fatigue, scoring four more goals for a final score of 5-1.

The Knights were slated to face Flora MacDonald on Day Two of the tournament, but an insufficient number of FMA players gave the Knights the third place prize.



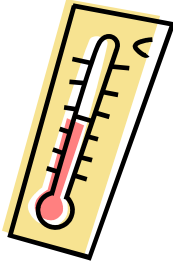
LCA sophomore Austin Bunch (23) readies for the ball during the Cougars Classic Tournament.

Congratulations to both the volleyball and soccer teams on a successful beginning to their 2009 seasons.

Fundraiser powers effort for new bus

by *Guy Silva, Staff Writer*

The Power Card fundraiser kicked off the second day of school in hopes of raising enough money to purchase a new travel bus for Liberty Christian Academy. These “diner cards” are being sold for \$10 each and offer discounts at a number of restaurants throughout Cumberland County. and are being sold through Sept 30.



The goal is to sell at least 3,000 cards, said LCA secretary Erin Reynolds. This is the school’s fourth year selling power cards.

As of Sept. 3, Mrs. Reynolds said more than \$4,500 had been collected from card sales. The hope is to bring in approximately \$30,000.

Each student who sells 10 cards will receive a Uniform Free Day and a homework pass. There are also prizes

for selling the most cards. Third place is \$50, second place is \$100, first place is \$150, and the grand prize is \$300 dollars and the title of “Principal for a Day.”

Parents and students who are not selling their Power Cards are asked to turn them in to the school office as

soon as possible so others may sell them before the fundraiser ends. Mrs. Reynolds says she receives requests for new cards every day.

Last year’s Power Card fundraiser brought in enough money to buy a playground for the elementary students, said Mrs. Reynolds.

Older students must share in fundraising

by *Sarah Snapp, Staff Writer*

Fundraisers are necessary and should be done; however, it can be much harder for the high school students to sell their cards than for those in elementary grades. Little kids are *cuter*. And let’s face it — we all would think it’s adorable to have a little cutie trying to sell us something. How could we say no; unless, of course, you don’t have any money?

That being said, we still should sell the cards even though it’s hard. We could still have the high school start baking and selling cakes and cookies. In addition, maybe we could also have more lunch specials.

I definitely want a new bus since we surely need one. I just think that there are many other ways to raise money for our school that the older kids are more suited to do.

Students looking forward to leadership retreat

by *Veronica Cruz, Staff Writer*

Look out, high school — Camp Anchorage is just around the corner! Be prepared for a whole lot of fun. Campers will be participating in activities such as roller skating, rock climbing, water activities, and testimony time on the pier.

Students, also be ready to receive something wonderful from God. The program director of this leadership retreat, Aaron Burk, has said, “We, as a camp, customize our outreach to each school that comes to our camp for their purposes. Our overreaching goal is to encourage our campers to take that next spiritual

step in their lives.”

Parents can expect the best care for their children. Camp Anchorage will be chaperoned by our very own Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Mr. Cox, Mr. Bowstring, Mrs. Nalls, Mrs. Boudreau, and Mr. Edge. All faculty and chaperones for

the retreat have undergone a “background check” of some sort to assure the complete safety of your child.

High school students, this could be a life changing experience for you so be prepared for three days of fun!

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LCA enrollment grows

by Joey Snapp, Staff Writer

Well, the school year has started, and for some this is a completely new experience — new students, new teachers, and a bigger student body. It is important for the future of the school that the school continues to receive new students. Although some of us may be graduating soon, we would all like to see God continue to work in and through this school.

LCA has 82 new students this year: 5 in the high

school grades and 77 in grades K-3 through eighth. The biggest growth in the school has been in the kindergarten programs. There are now a total of three K-5 classes. LCA also has an additional second grade class and another new fourth grade class.

Principal Mr. Edge said the increase in enrollment will "first we will have to take care of the budget. Any other money will go towards a new school bus." New students help our school grow, and help us make new friends.

SGA hosts welcome reception

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Also at the reception, the SGA announced its members will soon will be wearing

blazers during extracurricular activities as well as school hours, so that they can be easily identified throughout the year.

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