

# Achievement through Teamwork

By Robert Charach, Principal

Over the last 10 months an incredible amount of learning has occurred and much has been accomplished in all areas of our school. We can celebrate the advancement of our students' understanding of important concepts that build the framework for the next year's learning and future career paths. The progress our students have achieved in the area of performing arts is something that can be celebrated. Our athletic teams have concluded this year with over 10 banners and significant growth in their skills. Students have grown in their understanding of Christian principles that will guide them throughout their lives. All this has been achieved through the dedicated efforts of our staff and their commitment to building cohesive teams throughout the school. This commitment to teamwork is also evident in how the expansion project has progressed.

I have been amazed by the steady progress in the construction of the northeast addition to our campus. For the majority of the process, I have had a direct view out of my office window! It has been a fascinating 10 months as numerous teams have worked together to complete the first phase of the expansion. The new band room, choir room and art room, as well as 10 new classrooms, will enhance the learning experience for our students. Countless hours of planning and discussion have occurred over the past two years to make this a reality. We look forward to opening the northeast wing for use by the school and church communities in September of 2011. Again, teams of dedicated people have provided the direction and energy to make all this happen with minimal disruption to our learning environment.

Pat MacMillan, in his excellent book, "The Performance Factor: Unlocking the Secrets of Teamwork", writes that, "A team is a group of people committed to a common purpose who choose to cooperate in order to achieve exceptional goals." An easy way to remember what a team is can be found in the acronym T-E-A-M-S: Together Everyone Achieves More Success.

Truly, the success experienced over the past year is supported by our many focused teams that are committed to building a Christian school dedicated to excellence. The staff members understand their roles are to serve our students, families and the larger cause. It is a joy to be part of this process and watch people use their gifts to achieve consistent results.

I want to extend my gratitude to our parents for their support of Christian education. We are thankful for all you do to build our school community and your support of this major expansion. Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to working together next year as we continue the learning journey together.

In His Service,



Robert Charach, Principal



LCS Administrators (left to right): Jeff Thiessen (Vice Principal-MY), Lorraine de Monyé (Vice Principal-EY), Robert Charach (Principal), Derek Kroecker (Vice Principal-SY).

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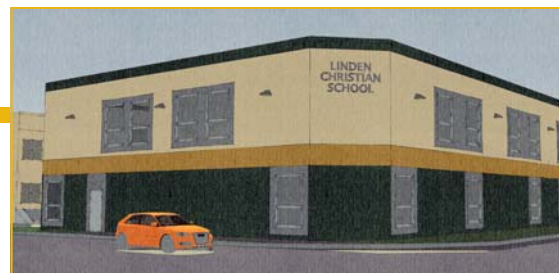


# Imagine

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Imagine...  
a place of growth  
& blessing



## ART ROOM

Lynelle Taylor, SY & Pam Gerbrandt, MY

The Art Room is three times the size of the current space. Enhancements include:

### Natural Light

Natural light provides a better ability to teach light and shadow and colour.

### Sinks

Sinks in the Art Room solve the difficulty of supervising clean-up.

### A Kiln and Ceramics Room

A kiln and ceramics room means pottery can be fired on-site, and it solves the issue of clay being stored with canvases and delicate brushes.

### Larger Electrical Capacity

Larger electrical capacity provides for several students to use electrical appliances at the same time (pottery wheels, blow dryers).

### Improved Storage

Storage space includes shelving specifically sized to fit art supplies (like large paper and canvas), secure storage and storage available to students.



*Art Room (1 & 2): natural light and interior directed light; a kiln and ceramics room; storage cabinets and closets; office space.*

*Band Room (3 & 4): Sound proof practice rooms, acoustical treatments, storage, office space.*



## BAND ROOM

Chad Pollard, Director of Performing Arts

### Semi-Permanent Set-Up

Monday to Friday use of space means less wear and tear on school instruments and less lost class time.

### Additional Storage

Storage provides for less wear and tear on student instruments and less congestion at class change.

### Sound Proof Practice Rooms

Private space for practices and testing; improved sound.



### Acoustical Treatment on Walls & Higher Ceiling

Sound treatments that provide a more rewarding musical experience for students; less damaging to ears.

### Sound Barrier

Daily instruction and rehearsals no longer a distraction to adjoining classrooms.

## NORTHEAST ADDITION FACILITY EXPANSION

- Performing Arts Space
- Fine Arts Space
- Expanded Library
- 10 Additional Classrooms

We remain committed to:

- Providing a Christ-centred education based on a biblical worldview
- Excellence and the development of godly character
- Creating a safe, caring learning environment that focuses on the whole person
- Equipping students to serve in the local and global community



# Take the Challenge BUILDING TO SHAPE LIVES

## CHOIR ROOM

Karly Epp, Choral Director

### Enhanced Space

Space benefits musical rehearsals and daily classroom interaction.

### Dedicated Storage

Storage specific to choirs provides for sound equipment, cables and instruments to be stored in an organized and accessible fashion, and keeps expensive and fragile equipment locked up safely when not in use.

### Acoustical Treatments and Open Ceiling

Acoustical treatment on walls and an open ceiling give a better sound in rehearsal. LCS is one of a few schools with an environment whose function and design targets Performing Arts.

### Practical Set-up

Daily classroom needs provided; no need to adapt space to accommodate requirements (everything from white board placement, to permanent projectors and location of outlets).



*Choir Room (5): Sound proof practice rooms, acoustical treatments, open ceiling, storage, office space.*

## 10 Additional Classrooms



2nd Floor Hallway

Anticipated occupancy of the new space is September 2011.



Classroom



1st Floor Hallway

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Expanding and upgrading the campus will allow Linden Christian School to:

- advance growing programs in the sciences, performing arts and athletics;
- retain and attract top teaching staff;
- provide social spaces critical to the educational development of students;
- improve operational efficiencies;
- support our vision for excellence in education.

## WHAT IT WILL COST

Total Project:

▶\$4,500,000 (estimated total)

Fundraising Goal:

▶\$2,500,000

Financing, as needed:

▶\$2,000,000

## PLEDGES & CASH RECEIVED

▶\$1,185,750 (pledges to date)

▶\$564,428 (cash to date)

## HOW TO GIVE

- One time gift
- Monthly gift for 3 years
- Annual gift for 3 years
- Gift of stocks or other securities

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# Reflections On a Year Gone By

By Cam Stephens, Director of Spiritual Care & Campus Life

My father always said that life is like a roll of toilet paper – the closer you get to the end of the roll, the faster it goes. Well, I'm not sure if this is just old age talking, or if it's a sign of the reality that is Linden Christian School life, but this year really did fly by in a heartbeat. Even the request of writing this article – by very nature reflecting on a year gone by – set me back, as my mental calendar has not yet caught up with the agenda book on my desk. I can't believe this year is already coming to a close.

Upon closer inspection of all that was accomplished at Linden this school year, however, it is not difficult to be convinced that it is, indeed, time to turn the page on the 2010-2011 school year. Sporting events, musical performances, academic pursuits and numerous other extra-curricular activities aside, the spiritual development component of campus life at Linden alone leaves much to remember and celebrate.

As a high school, we spent chapel time each week worshipping and walking through Scripture's call for our lives. We began the year by asking how the Ten Commandments were relevant to the lives of teenagers, and finished it by walking through the gospel of John, to see a righteous life exemplified in the person of Christ. Each week I looked forward to exploring our weekly passage, and the conversations that would be sure to follow.

It was a pleasure for me to watch the students at Linden exercise their generosity and compassion, raising well over \$20,000 for World Vision, serving in various capacities (sandbagging, student work day, etc.), and for some, participating in a missions experience to Guatemala.

These things, along with weekly prayer meetings, spiritual-focused retreats, and daily connections with students, sped the days and weeks along to this point, where I reflect on a year that was. It has been an absolute pleasure to walk with the students of LCS, engaging in many conversations, challenging students to a Christ-centred life, and providing an ear to talk to when needed. I consider myself blessed to serve in this role, and I look forward to seeing God's continued work in the lives of His children, as we prepare for another year of growth. And if this year is any indication, we will be reflecting on another year before we know it.



Image #1) Team Guatemala: In February, 14 students and three staff members travelled to Guatemala; they helped in the construction of a school, ran a VBS program, ministered in homes, and visited patients at a local hospital; Image #2) Spring 2011 flood watch: LCS students assisted a school family in sandbagging efforts.

  
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## Grandparents Chapel A Spiritual Heritage

By Lorraine de Monyé, Vice Principal-Early Years

As this school year comes to a close, I look back over the year and thank God for the mighty things He has done in the lives of our students and school families.

A highlight for me each year is our Grandparents Chapel. Maybe it is because my children's grandparents live so far away and we miss the joy and daily impact of a grandparent in a child's life. My children's grandparents have been a special part of our lives, not on a daily or weekly basis, but rather a few times a year. Each time we visit, we long for more time together and wish the miles between us were less. Now I look forward to being a grandparent someday, and pray that I have the joy of watching my grandchildren grow up and passing along the stories of Jesus so that they come to know Him as their Lord and Saviour.

On April 27 we hosted our Grandparents Chapel, a new annual tradition. A delighted group of students and grandparents worshipped God together. Students shared tributes to the grandparents of our school community. Following chapel, students took their grandparents to their classrooms. After this

time of exploration and celebration, a reception was held where grandparents shared a time of fellowship.

Grandparents have an overwhelming influence on the lives of their grandchildren. What a legacy it is to have grandparents who instill a biblical worldview and the hope of Christ to the next generation.



## Science Fair A Marquee Event

By Jeff Thiessen, Vice Principal-Middle Years

There are numerous occasions to celebrate as we look back over the course of the school year; one event that stands out is the Science Fair held in March. 2011 marked our 18th annual fair; it proved to be a thought-provoking, wonderful success.

Back in the fall, many students from grade five and seven got a jump-start on their projects by working through their ideas and beginning their research. With guidance from teachers and support from parents, students began tracking and recording their experiment results. All of this culminated with a carefully constructed showcase of their new-found knowledge – presented first to their teacher and classmates and then to the judges who would later participate in the school's Science Fair.

Every year, several students who have been successful with their project at the school fair, go on to represent LCS at the provincial Manitoba Schools Science Symposium. This year 10 of our students represented our school at this event. Five of them won silver medals while the other five won gold. A few were also winners of special awards handed out by various corporations.

I believe this success is a reflection of a great team effort involving the home, school, and student. Congratulations to all of you for working together to keep the Science Fair a marquee event at LCS!



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Christian School will be a biblically-based learning community where all students grow to be **devoted** followers of Christ, **insightful** thinkers, **discerning** decision-makers, and **compassionate** community members.

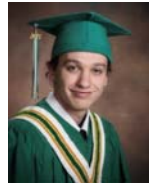
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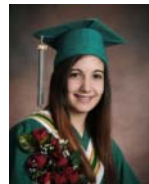
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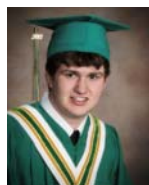
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Christian K.



Kyle K-M.



Kate L.



Brock L.



Jaimie L.



Becky M.



Lizzie M.



Amber M.



Kenton M.



David M.



Blaise M.

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,  
continue to live in Him.  
Colossians 2:6*



Larissa N.



Nicolas N.



Lisa O.



Cole P.



Rylie P.



Daniel P.



Aaron P.



Chad P.



Aaron P.



Naomi P.



Ryan P.



Spencer P.



Amanda P.



Brandon Q.



Janelle R.



Jessica R.



Dominique S.



Karl S.



Timothy S.



Luke S.



Levi T.



Alea U.



Christelle V.



Demelza W.



Rebecca W.



Sarah W.



Kyle W.



Sade W.



Carly W.



Lana W.



Katrina Z.

Please keep our graduates in prayer as they complete their secondary education. The students will be celebrating this milestone at a banquet on Friday, June 24 which will be followed by a number of after-banquet activities. Convocation will be held Wednesday, June 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

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# Why Serve?

By Derek Kroeker, Vice Principal-Senior Years



In May, approximately 150 grade 11-12 students and staff spent the day helping a number of community organizations within Winnipeg. Tasks included leading activities with the grade 1-5 students at the LCS Transitional Classroom, cleaning up inner city neighbourhoods, and delivering furniture to needy families.

We can talk all we want about helping others, but by actively sharing our gifts of time, expertise, and money we truly make a difference. One of the core values of Linden is to “serve the local and global community”. We believe it is vital that students experience the joy of serving others.

Here’s why:

***To aid organizations that rely on the help of volunteers and donations.***

Hands of Hope receives more offers of gently used furniture than they can pick up and deliver. Part of the reason is that they lack regular volunteers to help with moving. They, along with many other organizations, need our help. We desire that our students grow to become those helpers.

***To become personally involved in the lives of others.***

The challenges of poverty, economic disparity, and other social issues come alive as they move beyond the tidy words on a page or in a class discussion to a context of real people facing real problems. Our often superficial notions of what is fair or what can be done to address a problem are challenged as we rub shoulders with those who are on the front lines and live surrounded by these issues every day.

***To help us to look beyond ourselves.***

In a world that repeatedly tells us that life is all about us and our desires, we run the risk of being suffocated by self-gratification and self-reflection. Through serving, students

practice putting others first and find purpose by spending their time helping others. We have so much to give; we need to learn how to give it away.

***To follow the example of Christ.***

Ultimately the Christian community is called to serve as Christ served. Jesus, addressing an argument among the disciples about who will get the place of honour in heaven, turns their perspective upside down. “Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant... just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:26-28).

Most of us will not be asked to give our lives literally as Christ did, but as Christ followers we are called to die to our own desires and seek to live to benefit the people around us.

We trust and pray that the Day of Service experience will nudge students towards a life committed to serving others.

## Alumni Honours

### Celebrating Excellence

***Matthew Pierce, LCS Class of 2004***

University of Winnipeg: 2011 University Gold Medal in Biopsychology (4-year course).

***Derek Neufeld, LCS Class of 2005***

University of Manitoba Engineer of the Year.

***Colin Rumbolt, LCS Class of 2006***

University of Manitoba: Highest Academic Standing in 4-year Science.

***Brian Dueck, LCS Class of 2011***

World Vision Youth Ambassador.



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**MISSION**