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2024-2025 PRESCHOOL BROCHURE

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WELCOME



Thad Highbaugh
Principal

We are thrilled that you are interested in joining the LCA Family! LCA is a school that thrives on partnerships with families to equip and nurture our students to fulfill God's calling on their lives through Christ-centered education. Our students receive a uniquely exceptional educational experience through daily exposure to God's design in core content, specials, chapel, and enrichment opportunities. Students will experience daily instruction in English/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, and Bible. Students also visit a variety of specials throughout the week including PE, Art, Music, Library, STEAM, and Spanish. All preschool students will also attend a weekly chapel service with their grade level, led by our spiritual life chaplain.



Emily Lavender
Assistant Principal

Our teachers present material with a biblical worldview, planting seeds of love, joy, and hope in the hearts of our PS-5th grade students. We review our curriculum each year to stay current with best practices in teaching, while also vetting resources that stay true to our school values. Teachers create hands-on, interactive lessons, provide opportunities for constructive classroom conversations between peers, and utilize community partnerships to frame real world applications of content they are covering. Teachers communicate through weekly newsletters with their families to share celebrations and provide updates on how families can build on classroom conversations at home. We also have afterschool enrichment opportunities including academic team, chorus, and robotics, that provide opportunities for students to build on their interests beyond the school day.

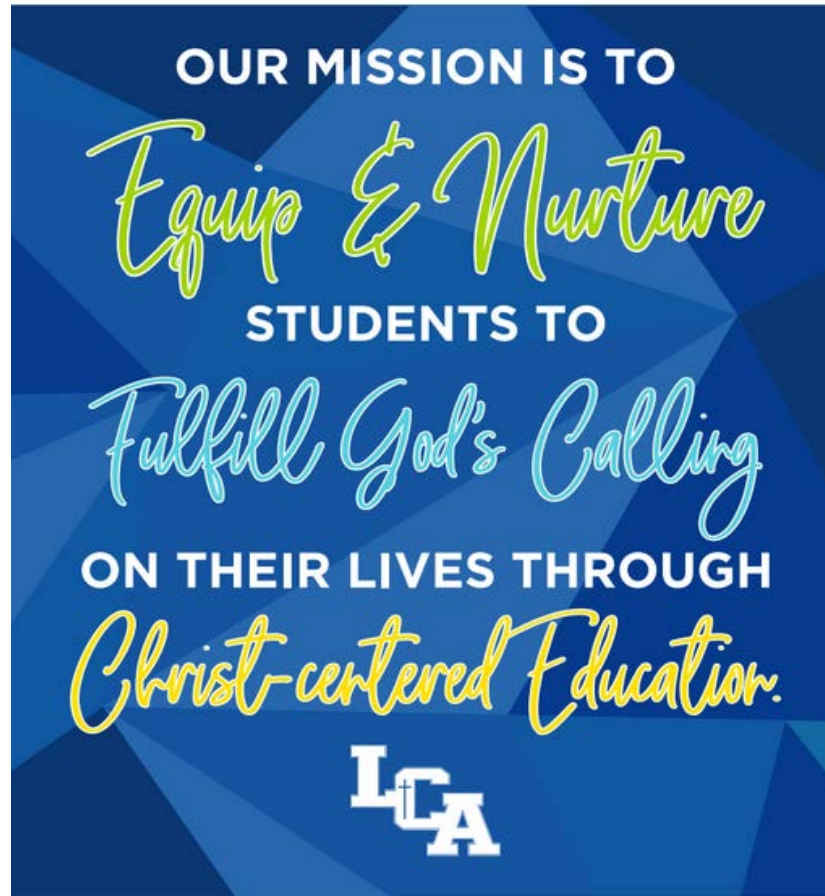
Our Parent Teacher Fellowship is very active, creating opportunities for parents to enrich the educational experience at LCA. Parents have the opportunity to volunteer in our lunchrooms, carlines, classrooms, and through various events or celebrations through the year. Our PTF also helps to create several connecting opportunities with families, new and old, through before/after school events, quarterly chapels, and outreach opportunities for moms and dads. We are always looking for new ways to bless our students and staff, and look forward to helping you get plugged into one of these opportunities.



Beth Potter
Preschool Director

We are eagerly anticipating learning more about your student, your family, and how we can partner with you here at LCA. We have been praying for you even before you arrived and know God will continue to bless our journey ahead.

OUR MISSION & CORE VALUES



CORE VALUES

TRUE EDUCATION MUST BE BUILT ON, CENTERED IN AND CONTINUALLY JUDGED BY CHRIST AND THE SCRIPTURES.

The Bible must serve as the basis upon which every course and every activity in the school is evaluated. The school's worldview—basic beliefs, assumptions, values, priorities, and biases - must be firmly established upon the principles of God's Word.

BIBLE INSTRUCTION IS INTEGRATED WITH EVERY ASPECT OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

In addition to attending daily Bible classes, LCA students encounter God's truth. The Bible is the framework for character, attitude, and value development.

PARENTS ARE THE FIRST - AND MOST IMPORTANT - TEACHERS.

One of the principal needs of children is instruction. The Bible emphasizes the important role that parents play in providing that instruction. While others may teach, fathers and mothers have the prime responsibility. The partnership between the home and school establishes a strong foundation for the student's success.

THERE IS A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION THROUGHOUT OUR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS THAT MAXIMALLY PREPARES OUR STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE AND LIFE.

LCA School System's curricular and instructional decisions are supported by research and reflective of best practices.

STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE A WIDE RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEM.

LCA believes that no student should have to take an academic penalty to receive a Christian education. As a result, LCA has made a long-term financial commitment to provide a full range of educational opportunities to its student body.

SCHOOL DAY INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Student **must be potty trained** in order to be eligible for enrollment.
- For the 3-year-old program, the student must be **3 by 8/1/2024** in order to be eligible to enroll. For the 4-year-old program, the student must be **4 by 8/1/2024** in order to be eligible to enroll.

PROGRAMS

- Tuesday/Thursday: 8AM-11:15AM
- Tuesday/Thursday: 8AM-3:00PM
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8AM-11:15AM
- Monday/Wednesday/Friday: 8AM-3PM
- Monday-Friday: 8AM-11:15AM
- Monday-Friday: 8AM-3PM

DAILY SCHEDULE

The half-day school schedule is **8AM-11:15AM**. The full-day schedule is **8AM-3PM**. In the mornings, Families drop-off their children in a designated parking lot. For dismissal, families pick-up their students via a carline.

AFTER-CARE

Our extended care program includes an after-care from 3PM to 5:30PM.

STANDARDIZED DRESS CODE

All of our students, preschool through high school have a standardized dress code. By definition, “standardized dress code” is a flexible selection of clothing from which students may choose. The dress code is designed to promote modesty, create a safe and positive climate, and ensure a distraction-free learning environment.

LUNCH & SNACKS

Families of both half-day and full-day students are asked to pack a snack each day they attend class. Families of full-day students are also asked to pack a lunch each day their children attend school.



BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW



LCA provides an environment of learning centered in a Biblical Worldview, dependent on a high-level quality curriculum, administered by caring, well-equipped, Christian educators. At LCA, we intentionally examine all subject areas through the lens of the Bible. Our educators equip students with a Biblical worldview through addressing the Biblical purpose for studying the topic, connecting and comparing assumptions in their fields of study, and evaluating worldview questions in their content area. Students come to the realization that God is present in all facets of life, and that Scripture is our ultimate source of truth.

A Christian school is not a place where a few elements such as prayer, chapel services, and Bible classes merely complement an otherwise secular education. Genuine Christian education integrates God's Word into the curriculum, co-curricular activities, and every other aspect of school life, in turn enabling students to make a difference in the world for Him. While a Christian school is not a "safe house" from the evils of the world or a guarantee against sin, it does teach students about God's commands, forgiveness, and grace. The Christian school should be the place where Christian families, the church, and the school prepare students for effective lives of service in God's kingdom.

An integral part of our preschool is the spiritual training our students receive through their Bible classes, weekly chapel programs as well as mission & outreach program. As Christians, we are called to be our Lord's "hands and feet." Our students embrace this calling and serve in a variety of ways both in the Lexington community and beyond.

CURRICULUM

PURPOSEFUL PLAY

Excellent programs are academically challenging while also being developmentally appropriate and purposeful. This premise comes from scripture in Luke 2:52, “And Jesus grew in wisdom, and stature, and in favor with God and man.” God gave Jesus the time to grow and develop before sending Him to His ministry. We, too, must provide our children with time to develop and it cannot be rushed nor left to chance.

LCA's preschool program employs purposeful learning, which is meaningful to children between the ages of three and five. It is through developmentally appropriate experiences that children begin to make connections, which grow them into life-long learners.

At LCA, we understand the unique make-up of children and focus on what children do best --play. Play is a child's best work! Play experiences capture a child's interest, engage him/her in the learning process, and encourage the appropriate development essential for a three to five year-old.

Our teachers thoughtfully design and organize their classrooms into learning centers, which assist with the intentional instruction of skills.

In addition, the school day includes opportunities for physical activity either at the playground or in the gymnasium.



BIBLE

The preschool Bible curriculum focuses on "Serving God's Love." Students learn about God through Bible stories, prayer, Scripture memorization and songs.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS

The preschool curriculum includes introduction to communication and pre-reading skills such as alphabet letters and sounds, phonemic and phonological awareness, and academic readiness including listening and observing. In addition, the curriculum focuses on pre-writing manipulatives and activities. Introduce students to the "Handwriting Without Tears" curriculum.

MATHEMATICS

The curriculum introduces our students to general math skills and concepts with intent for the students to recognize numbers and understand counting. Compare and contrast, patterns, geometric shapes, basic graphing, and spatial relationships are all included in the preschool years.

SCIENCE

The preschool science curriculum is designed to stimulate young children's thinking and appreciation of the world God created. Preschool STEM concepts such as magnet and prism play, ramps, basic graphing, weight and measurement and other hands-on activities are used to help demonstrate God's word in science.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The preschool social studies and history curriculum focuses on "All About Me" concepts fostering responsibility, roles and relationships with the student's family and/or community, and a basic understanding of the student's world.



SPECIALS

Art, Spanish, Music, PE, Library, and STEAM are the LCA Specials that bring energy, creativity, and perspective to our students. Specials provide a broad framework for viewing the world and engaging openly with each other as well as provide vital knowledge and awareness for the communication and technological developments of the future. Specials enhance and empower, inspire and inform, and they help students think critically and powerfully. Specials at LCA contribute to the Christian foundation we are striving to create for our students.

ART

The art curriculum focuses on creating original works of art, exploring various materials, as well as learning about colors, color changes, and shapes.

LIBRARY

The program provides an introduction of the library, authors, parts of a book, and characters.

MUSIC

Music activities are integrated in thematic curriculum. The class focuses on large motor skills and having fun with music.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The physical education curriculum focuses on health and mental wellness skills, gross and fine motor movement as well as body and spatial awareness.

SPANISH

The Spanish curriculum will review and build on basic vocabulary. In addition, the students will be exposed to the Hispanic culture.

STEAM

The STEAM program will build on the concepts taught in the classroom. Students will explore and learn about science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a variety of activities.



SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Because learning does not just take place in the classroom, LCA students have multiple opportunities to engage in special activities including:

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- Back-to-School Celebration
- Field Trips
- Trunk 'n Treat
- Veterans Day Chapels
- 50th Day of School
- Thanksgiving Parties
- Christmas Program
- Christmas Parties
- Valentines Day Parties
- Book Fair
- Grandparent Celebration
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Field Day
- Summer Day Camp



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

As we evaluate applicants, we consider the following mission compatibility, academic readiness, and the applicant's behavioral history.

APPLY ONLINE

To begin the online application process, visit <https://lx-ky.client.renweb.com/oa/?memberid=1803> and then create an account in order to enter demographic and academic information about your student.

The online application includes two recommendation forms -- one from your current church and the other from the applicant's current school or preschool. Families will be asked to submit the names and email addresses of a representative from your family's church as well as one of your student's current teachers. (This will be done in the online application.) Once the application is submitted, the recommendation forms are emailed to the applicable recipients. When the recipients complete the recommendations, the forms are electronically updated to the applicant's online file.

The process includes a \$75 application fee. Families submit payment for the fee via the online application.

SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Families can submit copies of their student's records online with the application or via email afterwards. The required student records include **birth certificate, a current Kentucky immunization form, and a current Kentucky physical examination record**. For rising preschool students, families are also asked to provide copies of their student's Kentucky dental exam form and Kentucky eye exam record.

Students who have an IEP, 504, or other educational plan are asked to submit this documentation along with any evaluations, to the Admissions Office prior to submitting the online application. This will permit the Coordinator of Support Services and the applicable Guidance Counselor to review the materials and determine whether LCA has the appropriate resources to support to the student.



PARTICIPATE IN A FAMILY INTERVIEW

The interview provides an opportunity for the family to meet the principal, assistant principal, and admissions director. This interview will be scheduled once the school has received the student's application and supporting documentation. An enrollment decision is rendered after the family interview. If accepted, the family is invited to enroll if a space is available. ***If space is not available, the family will be given an opportunity to keep the student's application active in the waiting pool.***

COMPLETION OF THE ONLINE ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT & SUBMISSION OF THE ENROLLMENT FEE

After acceptance and confirmation that a spot is available, families will be asked to complete the online enrollment agreement. The agreement secures the student's placement. The online enrollment process includes submission of an enrollment fee.

ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS

Preschool applicants are required to be potty trained by the first day of school. Pull-ups and diapers are not permitted.

