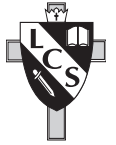


# The 2009 Annual Report



## Our Mission

**THE MISSION OF LYNDEN CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** is to be an effective instrument of God. Together with Christian parents and the church, we educate children and young people so that they may grow and mature into perceptive and caring Christians. Finally, our goal is to produce citizens who will have a transforming influence in the world.



## Introduction and Reflection

*Mr. Don Kok, Superintendent*

The 2008-2009 school year will soon be coming to an end, and we wish to provide this "Annual Report" to give you a glimpse into the various projects, goals and accomplishments that occurred throughout this particular year. In addition to this summary, Lynden Christian Schools regularly attempt to communicate with parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends via our website ([www.lyncs.org](http://www.lyncs.org)), the *Home Bulletin*, and various campus and building newsletters. You are important to us, and we want you to know what is happening in the life of Lynden Christian Schools.

The 2008-2009 academic year was blessed with many facets that contributed to its success, namely the outstanding faculty, dedicated School Board, supportive parents and non-parent volunteers, and a fine student body. Eighty two students will graduate from Lynden Christian High School on June 4, and will soon be embarking on an exciting new journey involving higher education, careers, missions, and other ventures. May our graduates be richly blessed by God as they move ahead to the next phase of their lives.

As you may know, this year's school theme was "Truth on Trial: We Have A Verdict" based on John 18:37. Where do we find truth in a confusing and complex world where people do what they believe is right in their own eyes? We find truth in the Word of God. In a Christina school, we have the privilege and opportunity of placing the Word of God next to and in each textbook, activity, and relationship. Students and staff were also reminded that ultimate Truth (with a capital "T") can never be found with-

out meeting and getting to know Jesus. Truth is a person, Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6) Through his Word we meet Jesus, we get to know him, and by the grace of God we develop an intimate and saving relationship with him. We indeed do have a verdict on Truth.

We continue to be blessed with a huge group of people who freely and continually give of their time and talents to volunteer in a variety of ways for the school. These individuals are a constant source of encouragement to us and they are *greatly* appreciated. The Friends of Lynden Christian group contributes a tremendous amount of time and energy to raise funds for LCS, and we are grateful for their remarkable efforts that significantly reduce the cost of school tuition. Lastly, I would like to express sincere appreciation for our School Board members who hold this school in "trust." They continually seek guidance from our Lord as they review and establish policies, and make many difficult decisions on behalf of the Lynden Christian School Society. Please join me in thanking our retiring board members for their faithful service over the last four years: Mr. Frank De Vries, Dr. Emily Gibson, and Mr. Jim Tjoelker.

May God richly bless you during this upcoming summer season. May you have a blessed time with family and friends. We look forward to serving you in the upcoming school year – which will be our Centennial Year! We have many wonderful activities planned whereby we will celebrate God's faithfulness - past – present - future.

## School Board Elections 2009

**Please vote for school board members with this ballot. See candidate profiles on pages 4-5.**

**BALLETS ARE PROVIDED FOR EACH SOCIETY MEMBER**

### 2008 School Board Ballot

**VOTE FOR 3** Elected for a four-year term (2009-2013)

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Unsigned ballots are invalid. If you prefer to remain anonymous, place your ballots in a sealed envelope and sign the outside of the envelope.



# Capital Campaign Report

Mr. Darren Johnson - Development Director

In November of 2000, the Lynden Christian School Society decided the time had come to update and add onto the high school building. Since its construction in 1964, there had been no major upgrades to the facilities. The life expectancy on many of the items in the building had long been surpassed. It was also decided to add a Worship and Fine Arts Center, four additional classrooms, as well as new art, choir, band and locker rooms.

On April 5, 2003, construction was started on Phase I of the high school expansion. In addition to the necessary upgrades and additions, the student gathering area was doubled in size, classrooms were added, the existing chapel became the new library and the old band/orchestra room became the new computer lab. In October 2003, the new Worship and Fine Arts Center was completed in time for the high school fall play and the sixth grade musical. The Worship and Fine Arts Center has since become a staple on our high school campus, hosting our high school chapels, music and drama events, and many other activities within our school and community. Dedication for the Worship and Fine Arts Center took place on January 15, 2004.

In 2006 we completed a remodel of the math and science wing of the high school. This renovation brought the southeast wing of the school into the 21st century and greatly increased its efficiency. The total cost for this part of the project was \$1.3 million.

In the summer of 2007 we replaced the roof over the remainder of the classrooms. This included the southwest wing, the student gathering area and the northwest

wing. The total cost of replacing this roof was \$200,000.

Last summer we completed the renovation of the southwest wing of our high school. This included moving the offices across the hall and to the south entrance, as well as updating and creating new class rooms. This project cost \$1.3 million dollars and was paid by a note that is being serviced under our existing building use fees.

Overall, our total project costs to date are \$7.0 million. Of this \$7.0 million we have raised approximately \$4.1 million. Currently, we have a note for \$2.9 million that is being serviced by our building and use fees and ongoing support from Friends of LCS. This note is scheduled to be paid off in 13 years or sooner.

Through Friends of Lynden Christian, our 2nd Chance Thrift Store also completed a major renovation. Over the last 5 years we have spent approximately \$650,000 renovating the old High School/Middle School into a fully functioning thrift store. Of this amount we currently owe less than \$85,000. We couldn't have done this without the help of many contractors, suppliers and volunteers who often times performed work or provided material at a fraction of the cost, giving our school deep discounts.

Our next project will be the renovation of our gymnasium, including a new weight room and four new locker rooms. The construction cost for our new Health, Fitness, and Athletic Complex is \$3.2 million. We currently have

\$1.35 million in pledges and gifts designated towards this project.

The next part of our campaign will have three phases: the continuance of raising capital to complete the project, the lowering of our debt, and tuition assistance to help struggling families during these difficult economic times. In the upcoming months you will be receiving more information on how you can be a part of this campaign.

We would like to ask for your continued support of this project. Lynden Christian Schools is very sensitive to the economic climate which we are currently experiencing. We also believe that we serve a God who is bigger than any situation that we face. In James 5:16 it says "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Please continue to lift up Lynden Christian Schools in your prayers as we continue to seek God's guidance in this endeavor.



## Lynden Christian Schools Enrollment

	P	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	K-8	9	10	11	12	9-12	P-12
2007-2008 Projected	119	89	86	74	70	74	78	76	77	75	<b>699</b>	90	103	113	88	<b>394</b>	<b>1212</b>
2008-2009 Actual	127	76	89	71	70	73	83	79	80	75	<b>696</b>	86	104	106	84	<b>380</b>	<b>1203</b>
2009-2010 Projected	123	75	69	83	68	66	72	84	75	77	<b>669</b>	75	85	100	104	<b>364</b>	<b>1156</b>

The figures above are based upon the projected and actual enrollment for the Bellingham and Lynden campuses for the past year. The projected figures for 2009-2010 are budgetary projections.



## Finance Committee Report

By Mr. Frank De Vries, Chair

It has been a busy and challenging year for the Finance Committee. At our monthly meetings we review the activities as well as the income/expenses of the various subcommittees i.e. Building & Grounds, Loyalty, Transportation, and the Capital Campaign Committees. We have spent many hours working with other committees and administration to develop a workable budget for next year. Needless to say the current unpredictable economic changes have affected Lynden Christian in a number of different ways. Families are dealing with job losses and business downturns which have caused reevaluation of family budgets and finances. This of course directly affects enrollment and tuition payments. We have tried to be good stewards of the tuition assistance fund to help families having difficulties in these times.

The Finance Committee has prayerfully struggled with many of these issues to make decisions with the best possible results for the entire society. We are tasked with the responsibility to watch over an annual

budget of \$6,000,000. We are struggling with somewhat of a larger shortfall this year as compared to last year. Enrollment this year fell short of projections, resulting in decreased receipts coupled with ongoing expenses for staffing hired based on those projections. The committee has worked diligently to anticipate the upcoming year in order to formulate a budget for 2009-2010. Working to provide for staff and facilities as well as trying to keep tuition increases for families manageable, has been a weighty task.

Tuition receipts are still coming in timely, although a bit slower than the previous year. On the expense side, fuel costs have decreased but heating costs have risen. Overall, the budget has been pretty much in line; some line items over budget and others under budget.

The fundraising done by Friends of LC continues to be a huge benefit to the school. The completion of the Second Chance remodel and strong sales has truly been a

blessing. Fundraising is a crucial part of the effort to keep tuition costs down. We really appreciate all the volunteers and encourage others in the society to become involved as they are able in these ongoing efforts. We are also grateful to individuals and businesses who donate materials and expertise to keep our facilities and grounds maintained. The Endowment fund will once again provide \$375,000 to the General Fund this year. This fund is directly affected by the current economic situation and it remains to be seen what the future holds for these investments.

Once again, we can say God has truly provided for us. Even in the current economic environment, we rest in the knowledge that He is in control and pray that He will continue to direct us in all things. By God's grace Lynden Christian has weathered tough times before, going back as far as the Great Depression, and as we enter the centennial of the school we hold fast to the belief He will guide us in the future.



## Promotions Committee Report

By Mr. Darren Johnson, Chair

The Promotions Committee of Lynden Christian School is responsible for communicating the mission and vision of Christian education not only to the LCS Society but also to the larger community. Toward that end, the committee meets regularly to discuss ways in which we can help others recognize the value of teaching children from a biblical worldview.

The Lynden Christian website: [www.lyncs.org](http://www.lyncs.org), is an important tool in promoting the school. Updated frequently, the site is visited by increasing numbers of internet users. Members of the Promotions Committee diligently monitor the website, providing feedback and suggestions for improvement.

An important aspect of the Promotions Committee is promoting Christian education

in throughout all of Whatcom County. This year we have focused on radio and cable television advertising. Our cable and radio advertising ran from February through May. We are currently reviewing the effectiveness of our campaign but early feedback shows that it was highly successful.

Materials are published to provide information about LCS to prospective families and are continuously reviewed and updated by the Promotions Committee. Our theme focusing on "When It Gets to the Heart of the Matter - What Do You Really Want for Your Child?" incorporated into our literature, has been especially effective. We have used this theme in our cable television advertising as well as our radio campaign.

As a creative and energetic group

of individuals, the promotions committee continues to serve Lynden Christian School with a passionate zeal to share the blessing of Christian Education with others. In all aspects of promotions, members strive to convey the message that lives are being transformed at Lynden Christian Schools as the truth of God's Word is planted in the fertile hearts and minds of our students.

### PROMOTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Kim Vlas, Bridget Zoerink, Emily Gibson, Clark Wiese, Larry Farr, Don Aupperlee, and Darren Johnson

# 2009 Candidate Profiles

The Nomination Committee submits the following people as nominees for the LCS School Board to be selected by ballot. The ballot is on the front page of this Annual Report and can be sent to or dropped off at the Central Office, 417 Lyncs Drive, Lynden, WA 98264. Each person was asked to give brief biographical information and to answer two questions: "Why did you choose Christian education for your children?" and "How has this choice impacted your life?"

## Cheryl Bratt

**Family:** Husband, Jim and children: Peter (19), Cristi (17), Jonny (13)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** 1st grade teacher at LC (4 years), Missionary in Bolivia (17 years), Church planting and 5 years teaching in Carachipampa Christian School, and currently: Spanish Interpreter for medical and social services.

**Current church relationship:** 3rd Christian Reformed Church, Lynden

**Community involvement:** Mostly with the Hispanic community in Whatcom Co. We work with the Amor Viviente church in Lynden, Prayer Team: 3rd Christian Reformed Church

**Education:** Denver Christian High School 1977, Dordt College 1981

*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

We see the Christian school as a training ground for kids, forming their way of thinking and shaping the practical ways they live out their Christian faith. I believe it is so important for kids to spend their days with teachers who model what it means to be a Christian in every area of life: in the way we look at the subjects but also in discipline, values, sports, conflict resolution and cultural issues.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

The longer I am involved in Christian education the more I see and appreciate the value and potential there is in a Christian school. It is a fantastic opportunity to raise up kids who know what they believe and how to put their Christian faith into practice in the world.

## Joel Hoekema

**Family:** Wife, Karin and children Kristin (6), Sarah (4), Andrew (4)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** Mechanical



Engineer; Boeing 1987-1989, orthopedic surgeon; Pacific Rim Orthopedic Surgeons 2001-present

**Current church relationship:** attending 3rd Christian Reformed Church

**Education:** Lynden Christian, 1983 Calvin College 1983-1985, University of Washington 1985-1987, University of Washington School of Medicine 1991-1995, University of Washington Department of Orthopedic Surgery 1995-2000, University of British Columbia- Spine Surgical Fellowship 2000-2001

*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

I attended Christian schools, including Lynden Christian during my early educational. My father dedicated his working life to Christian school education, and both my parents believed in the importance of Christian school education. My wife and I desire that our children be educated in a Christ Centered environment where the school's teaching perspective and the teacher's Christian belief coincide with our Christian belief.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

I have been able to observe our children (even at their young age) developing from the Christ Centered education they are receiving. It has also given me the opportunity to become more involved with the Lynden Christian School Community.

## Ted Huizenga

**Family:** Wife, Vicki and children Lea (11), Tim (9), Katelyn (8), Bethany (5), Olivia (19 months)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** Self employed: We own a Right of Way Maintenance & Brush Cutting Corporation.

**Current church relationship:** Mt. View Christian Reformed Church

**Community involvement:** I've been a youth group leader and an elder at my church. I participated in various other activities.

**Education:** Lynden Christian High 1986 and I continue my education in the school



of Hard Knocks.

*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

We did not feel right having the state educate our children. The idea of having our children spend every hour of their school day apart from prayer, Bible reading, and worshiping God wasn't something we wanted to do. We wanted everything they learn to come from a Biblical perspective and wanted them to have a quality education.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

School was something I had a hard time with and did not enjoy much. Being able to send our kids here I have been able to see what a dedicated staff the school has and their desire for excellence and it has changed the way I look at school.

## Keith Korthuis

**Family:** Wife, Pam and children Aaron (19), Jayson (17), Stephanie (13)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** Sales manager at Ferndale Ready Mix and Gravel, Inc.

**Current church relationship:** Bethel Christian Reformed Church,

**Community involvement:** Have served as deacon and elder in the past

**Education:** Lynden Christian 1982, Dordt College 1986

*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

Our family is committed to Christian education because Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior of all parts of our lives. I feel it is very important to have Him in my children's classroom every day. Christian education reflects and continues what we try to teach our children at home, and we need to strive to glorify God in our work, our home, and school and at play.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

We have been blessed both spiritually and physically. Again, Christian education is an



extension of what we try to teach at home, thereby establishing a solid foundation for our children to build their lives upon.

## Eric Van Hofwegen

**Family:** Wife Rebecca, children Mia (10), Holly (7), Lucas (5), Tyler (5), Joseph (5)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** Van's Cabinets LLC

**Current church relationship:** Sonlight Christian Reformed Church

**Education:** Lynden Christian High 1989, Calvin College 1993



*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

Christian education has always been a part of our lives; starting from Kindergarten and graduating from a Christian college. From the beginning, Becky and I have made Christian education a priority in our lives.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

Becky and I must remind ourselves of God's faithfulness and we lean on Him in our daily walk with our children.

## Trevor Veltkamp

**Family:** Wife Jody, children Jude (6), Simone (5), Johann (3)

**Current and prior occupation and business affiliation:** Orthodontist

**Current church relationship:** 3rd Christian Reformed Church

**Community involvement:** 8th grade football coach for Lynden Christian. Peer review committee member for the Washington State Society of Orthodontists. I recently completed 3-year term as Elder. I recently completed 3-year school board term for Ellensburg Christian School. Co-founder of Smile Alliance International (an international agency dedicated to improving oral health and general living conditions in 2nd and 3rd world orphanages).

**Education:** Lynden Christian 1990, Calvin College 1994, University of Washington 1999, Baylor university 2001, Texas A and M Health Sciences university 2001.

*Why did you choose Christian education for your children?*

Having been blessed with the opportunity to experience both Christian and secular education, I understand how important it is to possess a world-life view that is devel-



oped through the eyes of faith. There is no substitute for an educational system which enables children and young adults to learn about their Savior, not only through didactic work, but also via the example that fine Christian teachers and mentors provide. A personal relationship with Jesus Christ, the comfort knowing He is their savior, and an appreciation and enjoyment for God's created world is my prayer and hope for my children. Christian education provides the framework for this hope, and will lay the foundation for their journey through this transient life secure in their knowledge of Christ's love for them.

*How has this choice impacted your life?*

Currently the most profound impact choosing to send my children to a Christian School has made in my life is the daily reminder of the simple, yet profound truths, of the Christian faith. A few days ago I worked with my son on his memory verse assignment of the 23rd psalm. As we talked through the verses I was struck by the poignancy of David's words, and their timeless message. As I have gotten older, more involved in secular society, and jaded to the twisted morals of our vacillating culture, the opportunity to rejoin those original truths—to witness the beauty of God's word through the eyes of my children—has been one of life's blessings. I look forward to continue this educational journey alongside my children.

## ANNUAL 2009 REPORT

# Building & Grounds Committee Report

By Mr. Steve Vanden Bos, Chair

The Buildings and Grounds Committee's role is to ensure that our buildings and grounds are safe, are adequately maintained (both on an annual as well as long-term basis), and are operated efficiently and effectively. Membership of this Committee consists of Frank De Vries, Carl Haan, Jeff Handerson, Don Kok, Ron Van Loo, Alvin Van Weerdhuizen, Steve Vanden Bos (Chair), and John Vree. Some of the projects for this year include: complete renovation of the SW wing of the high school during the summer, constructing a wall to make one large room into two classrooms at the Evergreen Campus, the addition of a storage area in the elementary school building, installing new backboards (donated) in the elementary school gym, repairing the stadium roof, adding lighting to the storage areas of the Thrift

Store (south side of the building), replacing a heater in the Vo-Tech. building, installing a generator for the high school facility, upgrading elementary play areas, improving the bus garage parking lot, and so much more. Each month a member of the Committee is assigned an area of the campus, and performs a "walk-through" along with maintenance personnel in order to inspect each building and surrounding areas. Other responsibilities of the Committee include the encouragement of recycling in each building, finding ways to operate our facilities with as much energy efficiency as possible, inspecting playground equipment, monitoring maintenance agreements (i.e.; furnaces, fire suppression devices, etc.), purchasing of new equipment, reviewing and developing policy and procedures for community use of

our facilities, and budgeting. With multiple buildings on two campuses, there is much to do. The Building and Grounds Committee also wishes to give a **special thanks to everyone that helped at the "Spring Clean-up" this year. Much was accomplished, and we are most grateful for the assistance.** We are also so thankful for the way members of our community help out with a variety of projects each an every year. There are amazing donations of both labor, materials, and use of equipment each year (i.e., snow removal, care of waterfall, parking lot grading, care of grounds, etc.). Our greatest duty as a Committee is to carefully hold in trust the resources of property, buildings, and equipment that God has provided as tools for the Christian educational program at Lynden Christian Schools.



# LCS Endowment Fund Report

Mr. Don Van Maanen, Development Director



The vision statement of our Endowment Fund is "Ensuring Christian Education for Generations to Come." Gifts to the Lynden Christian Endowment Fund are permanently held in trust with only the invested income used to aid the school. One of the main goals of the Endowment Fund is to supplement the annual operating budget of the school and hold tuition down to an affordable level for all parents who sincerely desire a Christian education for their children. This past year, the general fund of Lynden Christian School received a \$405,000 gift from the Endowment Fund. This gift will save our parents approximately \$400 per child in tuition costs!

During this past year, the Planned Giving Committee has been busy promoting the Endowment Fund in our community. In October, with the help of our local attorneys, we hosted our 11th annual "Plan Your Will" seminar. We had around 50 people participate in this seminar. As a member of the Barnabas Foundation, the constituents of Lynden Christian Schools receive free consultation on estate planning. This past year, Bob Zeilenga, our Barnabas representative, visited our community in October and May. During these visits, he helped around 40 couples and families with their estate plans. If you need help with your estate plan, please don't hesitate to give any member of the Planned Giving Committee or the LCS Central Office a call. We want to thank everyone who has remembered the Lynden Christian Endowment Fund in your estate plan. We believe the future of affordable Christian education lies in the hands of this fund.

gifts. We are very appreciative and thankful for the wonderful support the Endowment Fund is receiving from the Christian school community.

We encourage all of our constituents to keep the Endowment Fund in mind as you do your financial planning. It's through planning that our future is placed in perspective. Estate planning involves caring for the possessions the Lord has entrusted to you plus proper planning for its distribution after your death. For Christians, this planning should have a high priority so we are able to provide for our families plus continue to support the charitable causes that are dear to us.

## ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT

SEPT. 1, 2007 THROUGH AUG. 31, 2008

### BEGINNING BALANCE SEPT 1

Cash.....	492,839.02	255,166.33
Investments.....	6,307,838.73	7,471,521.19
Notes .....	525,518.44	1,501,000.95
Stock.....	5,404.80	5,404.80
Land.....	0	0
Cash Value, Life Ins. ....	90,586.67	95,262.57
Prepaid Interest .....	0	0
	<b>\$7,422,187.66</b>	<b>\$9,328,355.84</b>

### RECEIPTS

Gifts.....	623,399.54	67,866.13
Interest & Dividends (Net) .....	493,769.55	584,147.72
Inc. in Cash Value-Life Ins. ....	4,834.03	5,133.3
Stock.....	0	0
Annuities & Notes .....	1,038,455.90	0
Land.....	0	0
Gain(Loss) on Investments.....	115,235.39	(624,439.49)
	<b>\$2,275,694.41</b>	<b>\$32,707.66</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS

To General Fund.....	310,000.00	405,000.00
Scholarships Paid.....	15,770.00	33,225.00
Annuities & Notes Paid.....	5,615.32	11,119.60
Miscellaneous Expense .....	38,140.91	19,077.13
	<b>\$369,526.23</b>	<b>\$468,421.73</b>

### ENDING BALANCE AUGUST 31

Cash.....	255,166.33	230,949.31
Investments.....	7,471,521.19	7,125,895.17
Notes .....	1,501,000.95	1,429,996.62
Stock.....	5,404.80	5,404.80
Land.....	0	0
Cash Value, Life Ins. ....	95,262.57	100,395.87
	<b>\$9,328,355.84</b>	<b>\$8,892,641.77</b>

### TOTAL ASSETS

\*Land is listed at cost and does not necessarily reflect true market value.

## ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

### Trust & Investment Committee

Sid Baron, Ivan Groen, Curly Hoksbergen, Herb Korhuis, Howard Vande Kieft, Sherwin Van Mersbergen, Jim Tjoelker and Don Van Maanen

### Planned Giving Committee

Diane Shelton, Keith Bode, Jim Erickson, Joel Kok, Troy Muljat, Ken Stremmer, Frank De Vries and Don Van Maanen

# ANNUAL 2009 REPORT

# Friends of Lynden Christian Schools

By Mrs. Jeany Aupperlee, Board President

Friends of Lynden Christian (FOLC) exists to provide fundraising activities and other events to support Lynden Christian School. Alumni, parents and friends of the school volunteer hundreds of hours each year to support the mission and activities of Lynden Christian School. Twelve individuals serve on the FOLC Board of Directors to coordinate and oversee the collective efforts of these volunteers and events.

As we look back on the year, we are witness to God's faithfulness in helping us achieve another year of successful fundraising and events. This year, Friends of Lynden Christian committed to funding over \$224,000 in requests from the School Board and administrators. Each year Don Kok presents requests to the FOLC Board to help with items that were excluded from the school budget. At our recent Board meeting Don Kok requested an additional \$31,750 which we were able to grant. (Please review the Allocation Budget included with this article.) With all the financial assistance raised by the various FOLC fundraising efforts, we can partner with the school to keep the costs of tuition increases to a minimum.

With almost nine months under our belt, we have been experiencing a steady increase in monthly income. Second Chance Thrift store earned over \$31,000 in gross income last month alone! Cash for Trash and the Recycle Center continue to provide a steady source of income. The price of cardboard reached an all time low but in the last month has become a viable fundraiser once again. Our TRIP program is also growing and a

valuable avenue to cut the tuition for many of our families.

In addition to our usual fund-raising events (pancake breakfast, fair food booth, and golf tournament), this year we were excited to again put on the LCS Auction. This event that occurs once every two years draws both LCS families and the community together. With the combined efforts of Evergreen Campus families, this year had record attendance and provided immeasurable support to the LCS families. Our auction raised well over our goal of \$200,000 and our Fund an Item went to LCS Tuition Assistance generating \$38,000.

Each year Friends of Lynden Christian is privileged to support our hard-working staff and teachers by contributing to needed classroom supplies and equipment. Designating funds for staff appreciation and the annual staff retreat is one way FOLC demonstrates our thankfulness for their service to LCS and our children.

As we close another school year, we are thankful to God for blessing us in so many ways. We would also

like to express our gratitude to the parents, students, staff, friends, and community members for their faithful support and hours of volunteer work which allow Friends of Lynden Christian to walk alongside and support our school.

## Friends of Lynden Christian Schools 2008-2009 Allocation Budget

High School Expansion Project Payment.....	\$100,000
Friends of LC Scholarship .....	750
Creative Arts Week Funding.....	800
Staff Appreciation.....	5,000
Staff Request List.....	20,000
P-8 Technology Equipment.....	26,000
9-12 Technology .....	24,000
6th Grade Outdoor Ed.....	8,000
Generator (final payment).....	3,000
Copier lease / Purchase.....	22,000
Shop Equipment.....	1,500
Custodial Equipment.....	4,000
Chess Club.....	1,500
Fiber Optic Lines .....	8,000
	<b>\$224,500</b>
Auction Fund an Item-Tuition Assistance .....	38,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$262,500</b>
Additional Requests Granted:	
New Bus .....	10,000
FFA Trip/Subsidy .....	3,000
Music Tour Subsidy .....	3,000
All-State Choral Band Fees .....	2,000
Athletic Tournaments.....	6,000
Pep Band @ State (bi-annual).....	2,750
Band/Orchestra Instruments .....	5,000
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 31,750</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$294, 250</b>





## Transportation Committee Report

By Mrs. Stephanie Harvey, Chair

How quickly a school year passes! We are filled with praise and thanksgiving to God for His divine protection through the year. We were called to endure a number of unusual weather challenges, road conditions and detours this year! LC is clearly blessed by servant hearted Bus Drivers who daily stepped out in faith to transport our children to school. How thankful we are for each and every one of them and their Foreman; Albert Starckenburg!

The last of the manual transmission busses will be leaving the fleet this summer. The improved balance of equipment across our fleet will increase flexibility for equipment service, drivers and extracurricular activities.

During the past year, the Committee completed work to clarify and communicate

Lynden Christian School's mission and purpose for transportation. You can find rider-ship rules, goals and mission posted at [www.lyncs.org/trans](http://www.lyncs.org/trans). Transportation policies affect our ability to reach a diverse student body. At the same time, they continue to have a larger impact on our School Budget.

Route assessments were completed and many changes were employed at the beginning of the school year. We feel blessed that the implementation of these changes resulted in a 10,000 mile reduction annually and significant cost savings.

Refinement of routing will occur over summer again as we evaluate impacts due to the change of our Bellingham Campus location and the status of student enrollment population. Any bus service changes

will be provided with classroom letters sent out over the summer.

Community based transportation requires compromise and teamwork from all who benefit from its service. Your thoughtful perspective and personal patience with service is always appreciated. Society input in response to rising costs of transportation and complexity of our student population base is appreciated as we look to a sustaining future at LC.

Again, "Thank you", to our loyal Transportation staff and substitutes for the faithful service provided to us.

Substitute drivers are always needed. If you can help in this way, contact Superintendent Don Kok at (360) 318-9525.



## Education Committee Report

By Mr. Butch Kamena, Chair

Part of the Lynden Christian Schools' mission statement is that "we seek to educate children and young people so that they may grow and mature into perceptive and caring Christians." It is the task of the Education Committee to ensure that this mission is being carried out properly through review and oversight of the academic program. The mandate of the committee includes such areas as:

- Providing leadership in establishing educational policies
- Working with administration and faculty in curriculum planning and evaluation
- Promoting the professional growth of staff
- Advising the administration in ensuring high standards and quality of Christian education
- Filling staff needs through appointments and reappointments
- Approving substantive educational program changes
- Studying matters specifically referred by the Board

The Committee consists of five LCS

Board members as voting members – Don Aupperlee, Larry Farr, Emily Gibson, Butch Kamena (Chair), Alvin Van Weerdhuizen; and four faculty representatives as voting members – Kim Hendricks, Christie Kamena, Jennie Meenderinck and Jon Van Hulzen. Non-voting members of the Committee are Superintendent Don Kok; Principals Jeff Boersma, Aaron Bishop, Mary Enfield and Keith Lambert; and LCS Board President Jeff Jansen.

During the 2008-2009 school year, some of the work of the Education Committee included developing a new two-year school calendar that allows for more professional development and collaboration opportunities especially for elementary and middle school staff, providing oversight for the use of the new administrative software (RenWeb) that has components for student assessment and reenrollment, evaluating such curricular areas as Bible and middle school math, and reviewing the role of the Education Committee in extraordinary student discipline cases. The Committee also periodically asks faculty members to give presentations related to new

curricular materials, instructional techniques, or professional development opportunities. There are written monthly reports by each building principal as well verbal reports by faculty representatives. These reports provide a P-12 perspective and system-wide program coordination.

One of the greatest joys of serving on the Board are the site visits to both the Lynden and Evergreen campuses. It becomes apparent on these visits that we have a highly trained, innovative and dedicated teaching staff who continue to teach not just knowledge and information, but thinking and analytical skills grounded in a Christian worldview that enables our graduates to go out and have, as another piece of the mission statement says, "a transforming influence on the world." It is truly a blessing to have such teachers and administrators, people who model a Christian walk to LCS students each day. We are grateful to God for His provision to LCS this past year, and for each year for nearly a century, and ask that you continue your prayerful support for LCS and for Christian education in Whatcom County.