

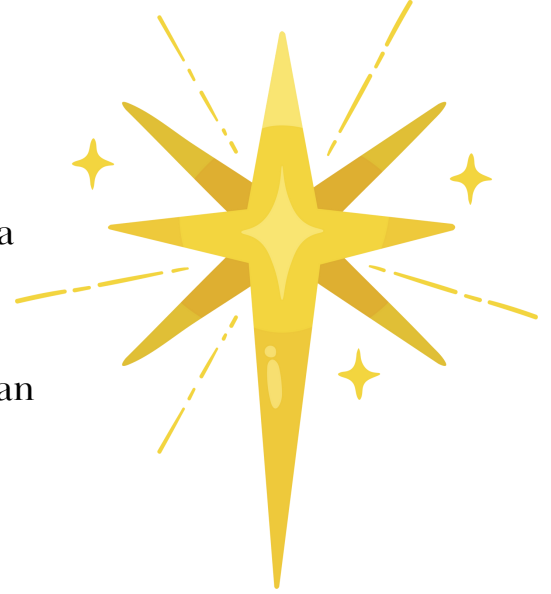


Libertas Christian School COMMUNITY UPDATE

Winter 2025

Immanuel, God with us!

We are so thankful to all of you for your prayer and financial support during our year-end fundraising campaign! We had a generous donor offer a \$50,000 match and our community came around and far surpassed that goal! What a blessing of the Lord that He is using His people to ensure this ministry can continue for generations to come. We continue to have need as we look to next school year, so be sure to join us for the Legacy Gala coming up on March 27!



Senior Thesis Presentations 2025



Thesis Defense is a culminating experience for our Seniors here at Libertas. With prayer, purpose, and passion they have chosen & researched a topic, refined their thought into strong thesis statements, and constructed essays & speeches in classical rhetorical form including offering refutation. The students presented those speeches and answered questions extemporaneously from a panel of judges. This extensive process completes the student's formal classical Christian education, but it is our prayer that they would continue to be thoughtful communicators as they follow Christ in their future pursuits.



Principal's Perspective

God has been so kind this school year! We are celebrating His sovereignty and provision in so many ways, big and small. He has allowed us to steward well the facility we rent from Beaverdam CRC, who has been so generous to LCS these last 10 years. So far during the 24-25 school year, we have enjoyed a new gym roof, new sinks, countertops and bathroom stalls in the Grammar School restrooms, a much-needed fence repair on the south side of the building and paint in various places, just to name a few improvements!

Facilities are not the only area we see God's favor this year. As already mentioned, the year-end giving campaign surpassed our expectations. The Senior class completed a challenging capstone to their education here through their Thesis Presentations. Strong bonds are growing between our Logic & Rhetoric students and their "Grammar School Buddies," as they write encouraging notes to each other and give high fives in the halls. He has also blessed our students with the gift of song! Our Phoenix Chorale is set to be featured at the Grand Rapids Griffins hockey game on February 21, where they will sing the American and Canadian National Anthems in four-part harmony and acapella. We also look forward to seeing them at the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game on April 15. Our 5th through 12th Grade Christmas concert had to be rescheduled due to a snowstorm, but in His sovereignty, He gave us a beautiful venue on Epiphany instead! It is such a joy to see our students using their musical gifts to glorify our King!

There is wisdom from Cicero who said, "Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but is the parent of all others." We at Libertas continue to be filled with grateful hearts to the faithful triune God who continues to supply all of our needs!

Join Us on Thursday, March 27 as we welcome
N.D. Wilson to our annual Legacy Gala!

Please Join Us For The

LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

3.27.2025 5 - 9pm

LEGACY GALA

THE MIDTOWN CENTER
96 W 15th St.
Holland, MI 49423

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Formal Attire

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Discover why support of a school like this is ESSENTIAL!

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Guest Speaker:
N.D. Wilson
"Stories are Soul Food" Podcast Host
Best-Selling Author
Netflix Filmmaker/Producer

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Special presentation by the Libertas Chorale

Silent Auction

\$50/Silver guest
\$100/Gold guest
\$150/VIP guest

Upcoming Dates:

- *Feb 21: Phoenix Chorale at the Grand Rapids Griffins Game
- *Feb 27: 5th-12th Grade Band Concert
- *Feb 28: JrK & K Teddy Bear Picnic Open House
- *Mar 20: Phoenix Chorale Concert
- *Mar 27: Legacy Gala



If you ever do any reading on the topic of classical Christian education, or listen to classical educators speaking on the topic, you may encounter a use of the phrase "The Great Conversation." Basically, we use this term in reference to the exchange of ideas among the great minds of Western Christian Civilization down through the last 20 centuries or so. This exchange is ongoing, even to this day, and is experienced primarily through reading and discussing the Great Books of Western Civilization. When students in a cCe school are given these books to read and discuss, they themselves now enter this century-spanning conversation, and effectively take a seat at the table with the likes of Cicero, Plato, Aristotle, and Augustine, to name just a few. Of course, in a classical Christian school, all of these ideas are sifted through the filter of the Scriptures. Engaging in this Conversation tends to greatly expand the mind, vocabulary, and awareness of cultural worldviews in a student, and it is amazing to witness it happening in a school such as Libertas.

I have mentioned to my junior Apologetics students on more than one occasion how much intellectually further ahead of me they are than when I was their age and educated in a rural public school. The conversations they engage in on a regular basis, the concepts and ideas they banter back and forth with, would have mystified me when I was 17. I simply did not possess their breadth of knowledge or vocabulary at that age, and neither did any of my classmates.

Recently, I used a quote by Eusebius in class, and one of my students raised her hand and asked, "Mr. Davis, is that Eusebius the Greek philosopher, or Eusebius the church father?" I was stunned. How does a 17-year-old, in 21st century America even know to ask such a question? Eusebius the Greek was a Neoplatonist philosopher who lived around 400 A.D., the other Eusebius was an early Christian Apologist and rhetorician living in Caesarea around 250 A.D. My point is, in order to ask that question, this young lady would have had to know something about each man, and subsequently understand the big difference between the two. This requires an engagement with the Great Conversation! But wait, there's more! Below is an excerpt from an assignment recently turned in to me that further illustrates my point regarding the ability of our older students to "join the Conversation":

"You asked if reality and truth can be explained by non-naturalism, and the answer is absolutely yes. Reality and truth can both be explained quite well by non-naturalism. Non-Naturalism states that there are more than just the physical realities in the cosmos, non-physical realities exist as well, such as the spiritual and supernatural or metaphysical realities. If nothing outside of nature exists, it would not be possible for things such as a moral law, and morally self-conscious personalities to exist, let alone numbers, the rules of logic, and moral absolutes. Non-Naturalism however, implies that these things are real, as we know them to be. Our souls and personalities are clearly seen, and because they are non-natural, they can only be explained through non-natural origins. Additionally, without a metaphysical element, man has no real purpose, and therefore, no meaning in life."

Who talks like this? Well, our students can, and they do. Brothers and sisters, something profoundly significant and powerful is happening at Libertas, and those of us who have the great honor and privilege to serve here bless God for calling us to this amazing adventure, which is classical Christian education.

For Him,
Bob Davis, Chancellor, Libertas Christian School

Mission Statement

Do you know the mission of Libertas Christian School? Our staff, students, & Board are encouraged to memorize it!

"Libertas Christian School, in alignment with like-minded families, exists to cultivate wisdom & virtue in the souls of our students in order that they will love what is true, good & beautiful through a distinctively classical & unapologetically Christian paideia."



RECLAIMING CULTURE FOR CHRIST

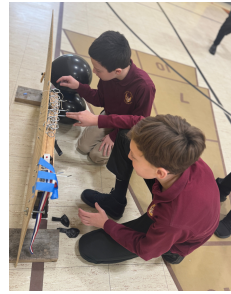
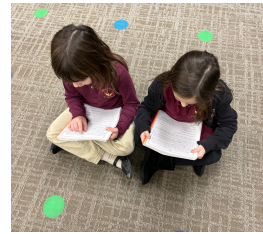
Christian

Classical

Conservative

*"Do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of
your mind, that by testing you may
discern what is the will of God, what is
good and acceptable and perfect."*

-Romans 12:2



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