



Libertas Christian School COMMUNITY UPDATE

Summer 2026

Blessed to Serve!

We are so thankful to all of you for your prayer and financial support as we completed another school year! Our community is grateful to God for His faithfulness throughout each year. What a blessing of the Lord that He is using His people to ensure this ministry can continue for generations to come!



Congratulations Senior Class of 2026



Joshua Kent Cogbill



Elizabeth Anne Gottschall
Salutatorian



Liam James Kamp
Phoenix Award



Audrey Mae Mitchell



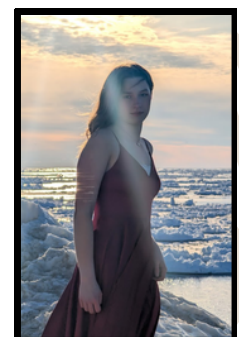
Ava Raye Norris



Annabelle Grace Robbins
Valedictorian



Eli Russell VerBeek



Eleanor Eilene
Victoria Wiersma

"As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 2:6,7

What a Great Year!

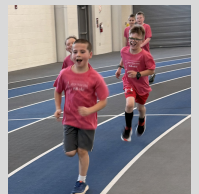
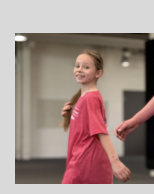
Another wonderful year is in the books! We're praising God as we look back on 2025-2026!



Upper School & Grammar School Buddies



Chapel



WALK-A-THON 2026

THANK YOU FOR RAISING \$35,000!



5th Grade - Service

1st Grade - Stone Soup



GIRLS INAUGURAL SOCCER SEASON



House Games



MS Girls Basketball - 1st Place



GRADUATION



Banquet



Fireside Reading

Roller Skating Party

Legacy Gala

Guest Speaker
Alex Newman



Thank you for
helping to raise
\$180,000!



Greece Mission Trip



Important Dates & Pics from Peter Pan

- *Aug 24: First Day of School
- *Sept 24: Grandparents' Day
- *Sept 26: 3rd Annual Clay Shoot
- *Oct 29: Pastors' Day



Portrait of an LCS Graduate

Annabelle Robbins, the 2026 Valedictorian, shared a beautiful address at this year's Commencement ceremony. Please enjoy a portion of that speech - a "portrait" of our LCS graduate.



A few years ago at a Libertas graduation the keynote speaker told us that none of us were special. Apart from the salvation through Christ, that's true. None of us are exceptionally remarkable, none of us are uniquely special – but the education that we have received IS. When I was recently asked what is one thing I am proud of, my immediate thought was “my education.” At first that answer surprised even me, but as I kept thinking about it, it struck me just how true that answer is. The longer I sat with it, the more I realized just how rare what we have is here at Libertas. It's different – special. And it's worth being proud of. Not because it's easy, in fact more often than not it is hard, but is that not where growth comes from? And what a beautiful thing it is to be able to look back & say, “I didn't just push through it, I grew through it.”

We are incredibly blessed to be able to say we did the hard things. We read the hard books, had the hard conversations & wrestled with great ideas; ones much bigger than us that challenged & forced us to question & search for truth. And through all of this our souls were being shaped. There's a popular idea that you become like the people you surround yourself with. Well, we have been surrounded with some of the greatest minds in history: Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Socrates, Luther & so many others! How beautiful it is to be able to say your soul was shaped in part by these great men. And somewhere along the way we began to see these hard things, this soul formation, not as a grueling task, but as a gift & preparation for something so much bigger than ourselves.

So now that we've done these hard things, we're finished, right? We put in the effort, earning the right to coast from here on out, haven't we? I think we all know the answers to these questions. The world we are about to enter is full of hard things, because we live in a culture that hates us as Christians & everything we stand for. A world which mocks goodness, erases & redefines beauty, and shuns God's truth. This is exactly why the education we received at Libertas is so important. This is the training that will carry us through our entire lives, give us the ability to keep our eyes fixed on truth & emerge on the other side with our souls & humanity intact.

We are fighting a war, not against people, but against the world, the flesh & the devil, and we are headed out onto the front lines. Our time here has been our training whether or not we realized it. It's the kind that builds endurance, conviction & the courage to run headlong into the fray. We have been given our armor & weapons, have been taught how to think, how to question, how to tell the truth from the lies & how to fight for Christ to our dying breath. We have received the Navy SEAL training of education & now it is our duty to use it; to enter a world not as bystanders but as warriors armed & ready to stand for God's truth, His goodness, and real beauty. This training is a gift, but it is also a calling & now it is ours.

Before I conclude, I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to every person who has taken part in this training. To our parents: We stand here today because you chose this place for us, caring more about our souls than a diploma, even when we fought you & begged for an easier way. We can never imagine all of the sacrifices you have made to get us to this point & I promise you it was not for nothing. One day soon, if it has not happened already, we will thank you for not taking the easy road & will see that you truly knew what was best. To the staff & faculty of Libertas: You are the ones who pushed us, often beyond what we thought our limits were. You challenged us & refused to let us settle for anything less than excellence. You did so much more than give us an education, you gave us a part of yourselves. You showed us what it means to live a life rooted in Christ. You gave us a home at Libertas, one that now feels impossible to leave because it became our family. And to the Libertas students: You are the community that made this place what it is. You are the ones who walked by our sides through the hard stuff, the friends who stood by us & helped us to grow in ways that we will carry for the rest of our lives. We will miss you most of all.

Possibly the clearest sign of how deeply this place has shaped us is how difficult it is to say goodbye. But now as this speech & my time here at Libertas draws to a close, I would like to leave you with a quote from the beloved children's classic Winnie The Pooh where Pooh says “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” Those words ring true. Goodbyes are never easy, but how truly blessed are we to have friends worth missing, teachers worth remembering & memories worth carrying forward. So let my final message be this: cherish the moments you have & the people you are with. Embrace the hard times & the challenges, facing them with joy & enter the future with courage: fight for the ultimate Good, God's truth & all things beautiful. Thank you.

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.”