



# Libertas Christian School COMMUNITY UPDATE

Summer 2025

*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 2025*



Jeremiah Todd Baribeau



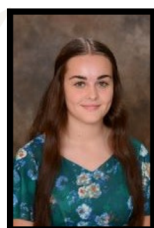
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Salutatorian & Phoenix Award



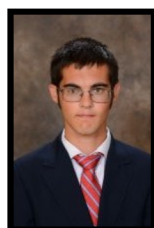
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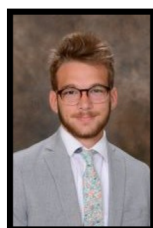
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Abigail Christine Gottschall  
Valedictorian



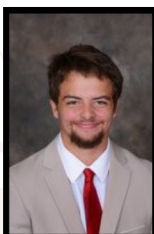
James Christopher Gottschall



Leo David Markwat



Emily Joy Norman



Aidan Douglas Norris



Jeremiah Scott Teunis



Andrew Michael Ulicny



Joel Rafael VanderBoon

*"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*

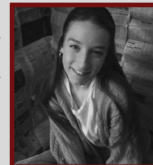
## Now Introducing...

*We are thrilled to introduce the new faces you will see around Libertas this fall by God's great grace!*



Ms. Dana Harris joins LCS with a lifelong background in music of all kinds from church organ to concert band to choir to professional recording artist! This year Ms. Harris will serve as our first full-time Music Director from JrK through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. We are thrilled to have her experience & energy continue to build our wonderful music program.

Miss Abby Roberts comes to us from Grove City College with a degree in Elementary Education & is part of a former Freedom Christian family, so in some senses, she's "coming home." Abby's gentle spirit, love of the Lord & passion for teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> grade make her a natural fit sure to bless our students. We're so thankful God led her to us!



Miss Calista Robbins is LCS's first alumni to come back to teach full-time! Calista also graduated from Grove City College but as an English major/Theater minor & is eager to teach Latin (5), Literature (7, 9, 11/12 - including the Jr and Sr Thesis), as well as serve as Event Coordinator. What a blessing that one of our own has returned to pass on the torch to the next generation!

Mrs. Kate Whipple and her family come to LCS from North Dakota where she previously taught Logic and Bible in a classical Christian school. This year Mrs. Whipple will take on Informal and Formal Logic as well as 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade Literature while Assistant Coaching for Girl's Volleyball. We are also excited to have her children Tyler (8<sup>th</sup>), Zoe (9<sup>th</sup>) and Aubrey (11<sup>th</sup>) attending LCS as students!



### A BLESSING FROM GOD!

We are humbled and grateful to share a significant financial blessing from the Lord!

More than two years ago, school leadership began a thoughtful and prayer-filled process, to evaluate and apply for the Employee Retention Credit (ERC)—a federal tax credit made available to all schools and businesses that retained staff through the pandemic. Similar to a refund from a tax return, the funds come without obligation or strings attached. The outcome was committed to the Lord, trusting in His perfect timing and provision. And now, after years of waiting and uncertainty, God has answered—we have officially received \$275,000 in net funds for our school and are awaiting a possible second disbursement!

Our priority is simple: use what God has given wisely, with integrity and vision for the future.

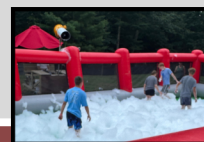
- \$175,000 has been invested in a short-term CD to support ongoing and future needs
- \$100,000 in a money market account to help bridge summer cash flow—often a challenging time for schools

We remain committed to being faithful in little and in much. As we weighed the options of high-yield savings vs. low-risk investments, due to the risks associated and high commissions we'd pay, we opted to place these gifts in funds that would still yield interest, but also remain accessible as the school needs funds throughout the year. It is the heart of the Administration to allow these funds to continue to build interest rather than depleting them. We know that when we work as if it depends on us, it really depends on the Lord to provide. We continue to trust Him for more families and students as we spread the word about

Libertas, so we can be a school functioning within a balanced budget year to year. The coming year's budget still relies on significant funding from generous partners, as well as this blessing from the Lord. Please join us in praising Him for this gift and praying for wisdom as we continue to steward what has been entrusted to us.

## Important Dates & House Leadership Retreat Photos :

- \*Aug 25: First Day of School
- \*Sept 25: Grandparent's Day
- \*Sept 27: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clay Shoot
- \*Oct 18: Chorale @ the Griffins



# The House System at LCS



Unique to Libertas Christian School is our “House System” which aims to build community, serve others & mature leaders. Organized into 4 Houses (2 male and 2 female), students in grades 7-12 enjoy fellowship, fun, mentorship, competition, and community.

Each House is officiated by student leaders who must apply & interview for the leadership positions of Prefect (similar to a “Class President”), Prefect in Training (similar to a “Vice President”) and Logic School Liaison (whose purpose is to look out for the new Logic School students transitioning to 7<sup>th</sup> grade). The students selected participate in a Leadership Retreat where they are “knighted” into service and prepared for the prestigious and important role at Libertas. Houses are overseen by an adult Housemaster who guides the leaders under the ultimate leadership of our House Director, Mr. Justin Peterson. Lockers are assigned by House with 7<sup>th</sup> graders next to 10<sup>th</sup> graders next to 8<sup>th</sup> graders to encourage the mentorship model. In addition, each student in the House System is assigned a “Grammar School Buddy” who they communicate with throughout the school year with high-fives, hugs, notes, treats and more. The Houses help throughout the year in a variety of ways in the Grammar School & around the community as well.

These student leaders have a valuable role in building the service-oriented culture that we are cultivating at Libertas. On the last Wednesday of every month, students serve others in and outside the LCS community through packing lunches, sorting items at resale shops, mucking stalls, singing in nursing homes, raking leaves, stocking food shelves & working with younger students in our school. Service doesn’t stop there as the students learn to die to themselves for the greater good of their Houses, similar to athletes on a sports team.

The Houses also engender the cultivation of healthy competition, and participate quarterly in exciting “House Games” where students compete for points through team challenges in engineering, creativity, academic, strategic and physical prowess. In addition, points are earned throughout the school year by doing BIG deeds: bold acts, initiative taken to do service and good words spoken in due season. We want to recognize that community bears fruit step by step, and we want to acknowledge the wonderful contributions that our student body makes through simple acts they do. At the end of each year, the House with the most points is rewarded the “House Cup” for the following year & an all-expense paid trip to a lake house to enjoy some time away together. The male & female with the most individual points also receive a trophy of congratulations. The Houses give students a fun & safe place to grow together in Christ, but don’t stop at service, leadership or competition.

Both male & female Houses also study a book each year directed toward growing in godliness specific to their gender in an increasingly hostile culture. What is it to be a “man of God” or a “woman of God” in today’s society? The studies are led by each House’s student leaders & Housemaster, with a goal of grappling with God’s word and applying it to our lives. Part of the vision of classical Christian education is not just to nurture children’s minds, but also their souls. Our House System is one more way we aim to fulfill our important mission here at Libertas. If you have questions about our House System, contact House Director, Justin Peterson at [jpeterson@libertaschristian.org](mailto:jpeterson@libertaschristian.org). We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve our students in this particular manner as we seek to honor and glorify God.

## 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.”



LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

# 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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