



LIFEGATE

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023



OPENING WORD



Courtney Hunsberger
SUPERINTENDENT

What an amazing first year I have had as the Superintendent of Lifegate Christian School! I have had the privilege of leading the school at a time of growth. From last year we have grown our enrollment from 385 students to 444 students. It is so exciting to be able to include even more families into the LCS family. Next year our enrollment will increase even more. That is why the current expansion of the school is so crucial.

When I think of our staff and our LCS families, the word 'dedication' comes to mind. Our staff is dedicated to honoring the Lord in all they do, and the most important thing He calls us to do is to come alongside our families to raise up future leaders who love the Lord and want to serve Him. LCS families demonstrate their dedication by prioritizing Christian education for their children.

As we grow, we will continue to seek excellence in every part of our school. Please pray for the Lord to continue to protect and guide this ministry. When you come into our building, take a good look around, and you will be encouraged by the dynamic atmosphere you experience at Lifegate Christian School. I know I speak for the whole team when I say that we are truly blessed to do what we are called to do each day. Thank you for being a part.

THE LCS TEAM

LCS LEADERSHIP TEAM

Courtney Hunsberger, Superintendent
Dr. Michelle Lundgren, Elementary Principal
Katie Frankl, Director of Operations
Amee Yost, Director of Student Services

FACULTY

Our vibrant, dedicated faculty includes new and seasoned teachers who work together to bring the highest level of excellence to our students.

Teachers at LCS have a combined average of 13 years' teaching experience.

Over 59% of our teachers have a master's degree or beyond.

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION (PTO)

The PTO worked hard all year to provide opportunities to bring our community together. They hosted dinners out, prayer meetings, and blessed our staff throughout the year. We are so thankful for their incredible effort and the support of all of the LCS parents.

LCS BOARD

Andrew Hunt (LCS grad '01)
Bill Swartzendruber ('95, '98, '18*)
Brenda Rouse ('08, '12, '17)
Cameron Thomas ('09, '11, '15, '17)
Connie Bissen
Dan Jackson ('01, '03, '06)
Eric Gayer ('18, '21, '25)
Greg Scaglione ('09, '10, '12)
Les Beauchamp ('03, '07, '28*, '29*, '35*)
Micah Eldridge ('22, '24, '25, '27)
Mike Ballard ('12, '13, '14, '16, '17)
Mike Hintz
Sean Keith ('12, '15, '17, '23)

() Year kids graduated/will graduate from LCS

(*) Year grandkids graduated/will graduate from LCS

PTO MEMBERS

Christine Gladman - Co-Chair
Mallory Rupp - Co-Chair
Kristine Houghton - LCS Liaison
KayLynne Gasiorowski - Treasurer
RaeLeigh Larson - Parent Coordinator (Elementary)
Kristine Koch - Parent Coordinator (Middle School)
Katy Butler - Family Fellowship & Fundraising
Reggan Simons - Prayer Coordinator



CHRIST-CENTERED



EXCELLENCE



UNITY



PARTNERSHIP



RELATIONSHIP

EQUIPPING STUDENTS

++ TO MAKE A ++

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IMPACT

ON THE WORLD

THROUGH

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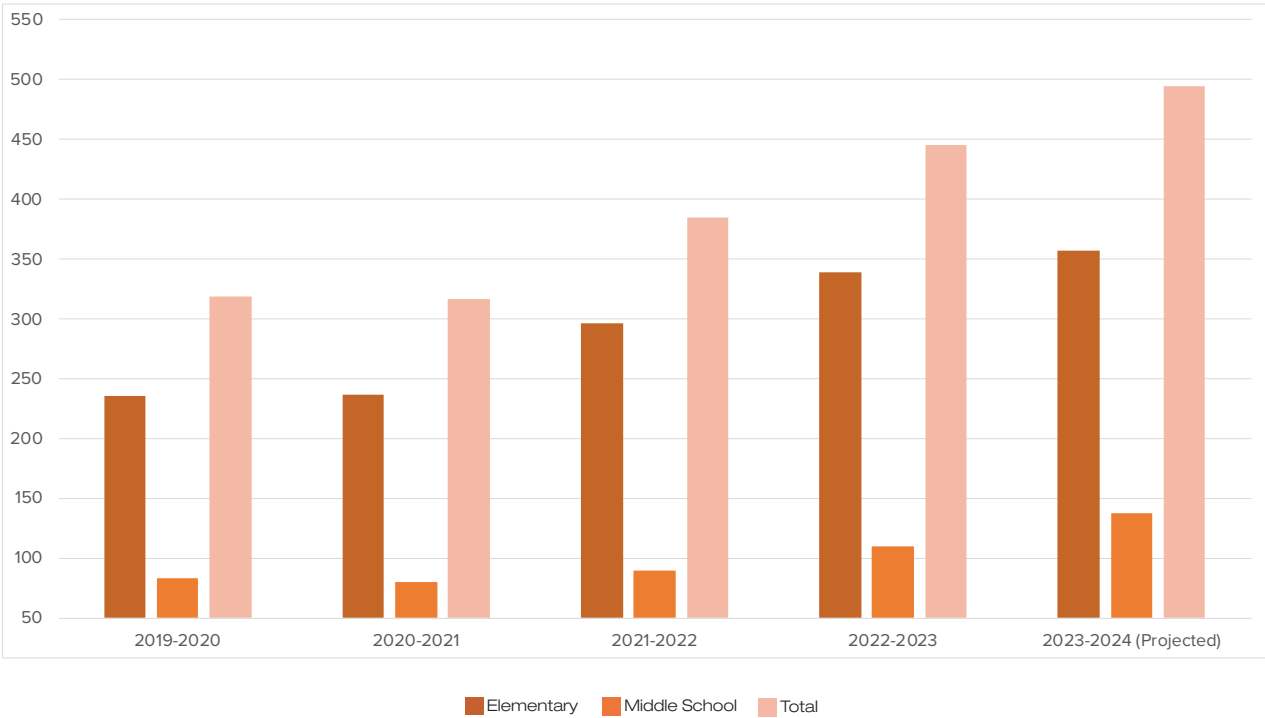
CONGRATS CLASS OF 2023!

Abby Beard	Charlotte Gregg	Anna Samuels	Taylor TenEyck
Moses Blacketer	Jonathan Jacobsen	Grace Samuelson	Jordyn Van Ginkel
Meghan Bohlke	Max Julch	Miya Scarpino	Pierce Wagstaff
Addi Butler	Cash Keith	Lauren Showers	Jacob Walz
Dean Carlson	Evelyn Kusleika	Lucy Smith	Keller Wiebe
Elijah Carlson	Thomas Loos	Breckynn Snyder	Sawyer Wiebe
Jaxsen Christensen	Jayden Louis	Jay Stahlecker	Sydney Wulf
Elishah Godlewski	Alyse Moulton	Addie Stater	



LCS AT-A-GLANCE

ENROLLMENT

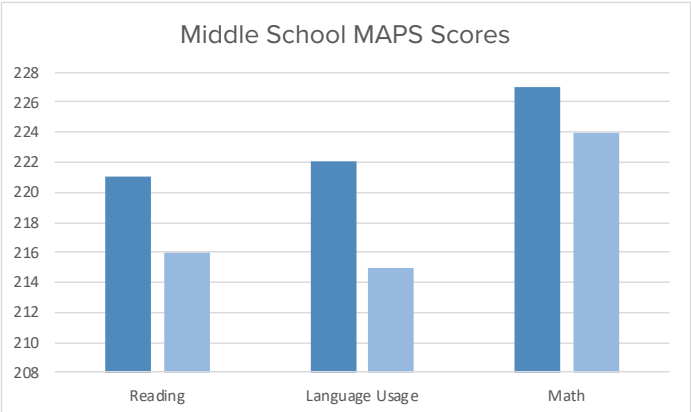
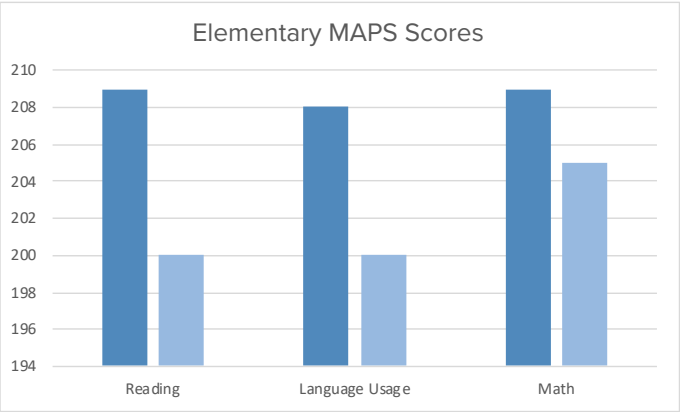


THIS YEAR'S HIGHLIGHTS

- LCS is the Best of Omaha Winner for Best Private Elementary School in 2022 + 2023.
- May marked the completion of our new playground after a year-long wait through supply chain complications and shipping delays.
- Our largest group of 8th graders (26 students, 10 parents, and 3 teachers/staff) participated in the annual trip to Washington DC.
- 59% of our 5th-8th graders participated in band. Our middle school band placed second at the Adventureland Festival of Bands and received all 1's for their performance.
- Our middle school students continue to enjoy competing in athletics such as football, basketball, volleyball, and track & field. The Lifegate/Concordia 8th-grade girls' basketball team qualified for the Lutheran National, a 3-day tournament in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by placing second in the Lutheran State Basketball Tournament. The 8th-grade girls' volleyball team won their regular season and were also the league champions.
- We hosted our first fundraising concert (Celebration) with the band I AM THEY and raised \$93,355 for our school-wide expansion project.
- Our school began a new partnership with uniform vendor Lands' End, implementing a fresh, modern look that aligns with the updated LCS brand guideline.
- Nearly 15% of our total student body received Tuition Assistance: 64 students from 37 families.
- We joined with the Omaha city-wide movement, City Serve, where our entire school blessed the Wycliffe neighborhood and apartments and Zorinsky Lake with cleanup.
- This year's middle school musical was The Music Man and was a great success.
- 400+ grandparents attended our special Grandparent's Day event with coffee, pastries, student performances, and classroom visits. What a beautiful day celebrating the legacy of our students and families.



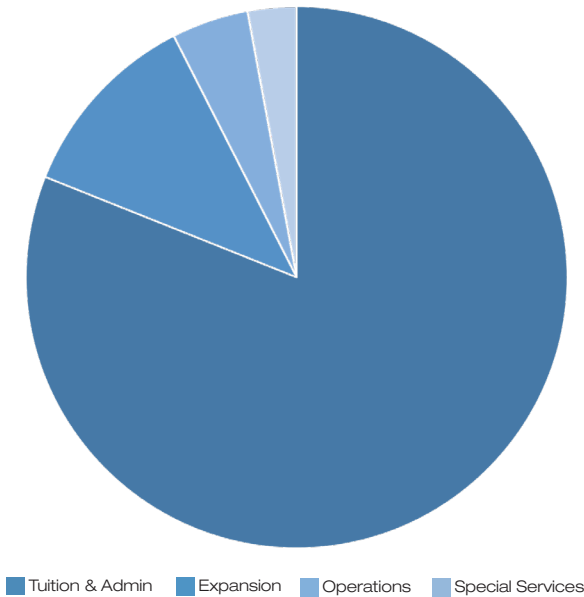
MEASURES OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (MAPS) SCORES



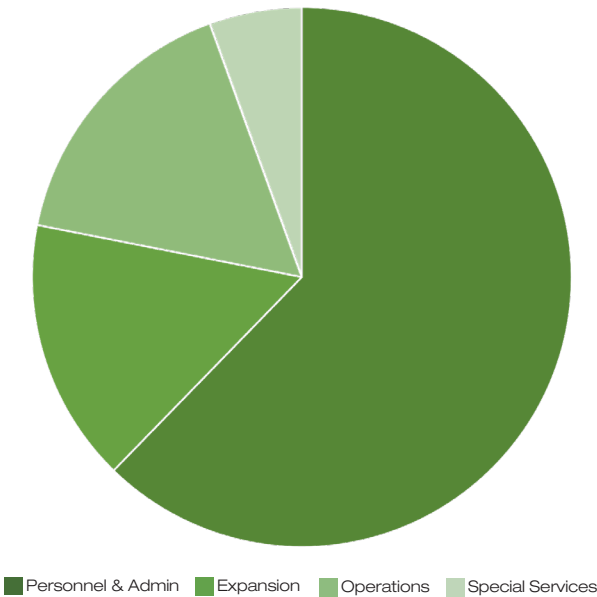
■ LCS ■ National Average

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

INCOME



EXPENSES

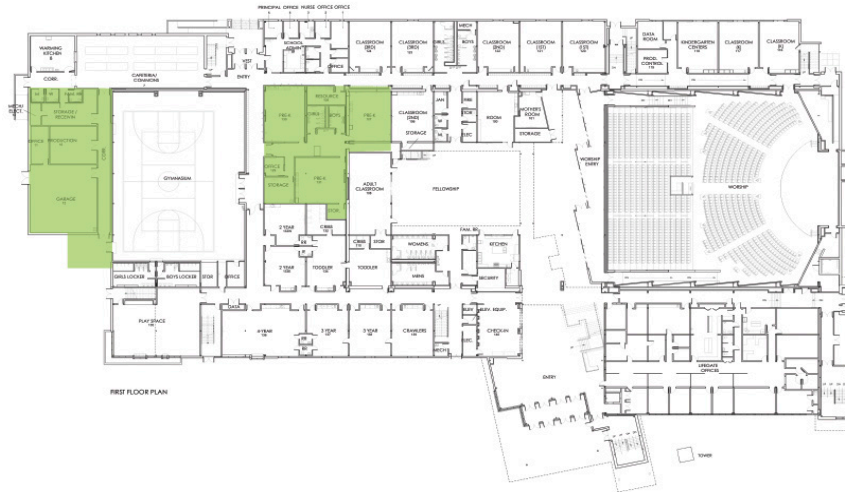


Income	
Tuition & Administration	\$ 3,114,890
Expansion	\$ 440,378
Operations	\$ 176,421
Special Services	\$ 111,900
Total	\$ 3,843,589

Expenses	
Personnel & Administration	\$ 2,374,327
Expansion	\$ 602,490
Operations	\$ 623,750
Special Services	\$ 211,450
Total	\$ 3,812,017

A LOOK AHEAD FOR LCS

AREAS FOR 2023 EXPANSION



Expand Our School

LCS has experienced great growth the last couple of years and is so thankful to partner with some amazing families. Our hope is to ensure that families can send their kids to school here without waiting lists for each grade. Thus we are working towards 3 classrooms/grade for K-5. This would allow LCS to serve nearly 50% more students!

We have already added additional classrooms to make room in Kindergarten and First Grade. We are currently working on making more room for Second-Fifth Grade.

Our estimated budget for this expansion is \$1.4M. We are continuing to fundraise for the remaining \$500K and trusting the Lord to provide.

If you are interested in partnering with LCS to make room for more young world changers, to help with tuition assistance, or to set up a recurring gift, scan the QR code below!





We are so excited to have **Unspoken** joining us for our Celebration Concert on Friday, November 10th. Not only is this going to be a fun family event, it is also our largest fundraising effort of the year. Watch for tickets coming soon and invite your friends to come too!

Due to the generosity of our sponsors, this event is fully paid for and all ticket, concession and raffle ticket sales, as well as donations, that come in the night of the event will go directly towards the school's expansion project.



***Unspoken** is a Christian rock band who blend worship music with complex vocals and contemporary pop, soul, and Latin elements. Some of their most popular songs include Start a Fire, Higher, Call it Grace, Reason and so many more!*

If you are interested in being a corporate sponsor, providing a donation to auction off during the event, or just learning more about how you can partner with us, please reach out to Katie Frankl: kfrankl@lifegate.school.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Meet Rajeev Anchan, M.D., Interventional Cardiologist at Bryan Heart in Lincoln, NE.

Rajeev is married to Elisa and is the father of Gus (age 2) and twins, Tom & Lois (8 months). In his spare time, he enjoys sports, cooking, refining his home barista skills, and bird watching with Gus.

We asked Rajeev a few questions about his time at TCS and how it prepared him to be the person he is today. Here's what he said:

"TCS/LCS taught me critical thinking skills and the importance of taking on challenges. I'm reminded daily that at the foundation, my job is a way to love others and glorify the Lord.

The school provided the opportunity to build strong friendships that would continue beyond TCS. It even included getting to know the father of a classmate who would later provide encouragement and mentorship as I went through medical training, faced difficult life circumstances, and made big decisions. Ultimately, TCS provided gospel truths during a formative period with peers and parents that helped me learn how to process failures, forgive others, and realize my need for Jesus.

I think it [not attending TCS] would have changed the friendships I built and choices I made. It likely saved me from making some bad decisions and helped me develop a deeper foundation of what truth is."



Rajeev Anchan
TCS Class of 2002

Meet JP Ladd, M.D., Interventional Spine Care & Musculoskeletal Medicine Physician at Nebraska Spine + Pain Center in Omaha, NE.

JP is married to Nicole and is the father of current LCS students Annabelle (age 9), Jonas Paul (age 7), and Jack Theodore (age 4). Outside of work, he enjoys exercise and fitness, mountain biking, skiing, water-sports, home improvement projects, music, travel, BBQ & grilling, Husker football, and Bluejay basketball.

We asked JP a few questions about his time at TCS and how it prepared him to be the person he is today. Here's what he said:

"TCS provided a solid foundation in all of the major academic subjects via exemplary teachers committed to developing students. I learned the value of critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork, sharp listening skills, speaking well, and taking ownership of my own education. These continue to be vital skills in my daily practice as a physician.

Through TCS and the Z.E.R.O.S. youth group, I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior (thank you Pastor Ty Schenzel and Pastor Eric Gayer!). It is this foundation fostered through daily reinforcement from Christian teachers, parents, and fellow students during my time at TCS that I continue to look to everyday, both in success and failure, to meet the daily challenges and privileges of being a husband and father.

I am forever grateful to my parents for their investment they made to send me to TCS. Their value was not in just sending me to a great academic school, but in giving me the opportunity to build character, develop Christian values/convictions, and to both learn to serve and lead in society. In that same way I am so thankful and proud to be able to send my kids to Lifegate Christian School.

It is priceless [to have children attending LCS]. It is with utmost confidence that I know each of my kids will be well equipped for any endeavor they should choose in their life and able to approach their hopes/dreams/career aspirations with a Christian worldview, as well as a saving faith in Jesus Christ. It's truly a gift."



JP Ladd
TCS Class of 1993

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