



July 2020

Dear Parent,

We are eagerly looking forward to the campus coming alive once again as we welcome our students and families back for the start of the school year! I'm sure we will all have a new appreciation for the joy and excitement of face-to-face learning! We are designed for community as image bearers of the Creator. That innate desire for connection is reflected in those magic moments as teachers and students see each other's faces reflect the delight of "getting it" or the confusion of needing to hear it explained again. The relationships that are formed while walking to lunch, before class, and in those unplanned, casual moments enriches the community experience.

As we anticipate the return to campus, the safety of our students and staff remains a top priority. The **LCS Return to School Plan** has been posted on the LCS website **Parent Resources tab**. While we are planning to start the year in traditional on-campus format, we also have prepared protocols for both hybrid and remote learning models should community health circumstances warrant making those adjustments. We are well prepared to ensure that student learning will continue in any event.

Our re-enrollment continues to be strong, and we have placed over 140 new students to date. We have **waiting lists** in several grades and we have opened fourth sections of first and fifth grades. If you have friends considering LCS, please encourage them to contact Julie Rice, Director of Enrollment, for a tour and to visit the admissions tab on the website to begin their application.

We are delighted to welcome **Brittany Chambliss** as our new school nurse. She brings eleven years of nursing experience and will have two students at LCS this year. **Kristen Hamrick** will join the high school social studies department. She has taught for seven years and is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in American History. **Kristen Grafton** (LCS 2012) will teach high school English. Her teaching experience includes three years at the high school level as well as teaching composition at the University of South Florida while completing her Master of Arts degree in English. Some familiar faces will serve in different roles this year. **Kala Walls** will teach middle school English and social studies. **Carolyn Everidge** will teach our fourth section of first grade, while **Lynne McNutt** will continue to provide tech support but operate from the library. **Autumn Matthews** and **Caroline Nipper** will join the Discovery Program as paras and **Shelbie Adams** (LCS 2016) will be the Director of Supervision. **Stephanie Hicks** will be the new Administrative Assistant in the Middle School office. **Brittany Medina** will join the Student Services team. **Dr. Keith Overholt** has been appointed Associate Head of School for Academics. Over the past two years he has provided leadership for our principals as they have worked to continue to strengthen the academic program and student culture of LCS. He will continue his duties as Secondary Principal for the coming year as well.

We are grateful for God's blessing on LCS and look forward to having our family of families re-united to begin our sixty-sixth year of Education in the Light of God's Word at LCS.

Cordially,

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Head of School

P.S. Please visit www.lcsonline.org (Parent Resources tab) for information on the 2020-21 school year.

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