



LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL COMMUNITY UPDATE THIRD QUARTER 2021



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What is ACCS Accreditation and What will it do for Libertas Christian School?

Libertas Christian School is soon beginning the journey toward ACCS Accreditation. But what exactly is “accreditation?” Considering that many, if not most, successful Christian, and even classical Christian schools are not accredited, why is Libertas undergoing this process? Why weren’t we already accredited? Doesn’t a school have to be accredited for my student to get into college? These are a few of the questions that might go through the minds of parents when they hear “ACCS accreditation.” While it is true that our graduates acquire entrance into a variety of colleges and programs with ease, without our being accredited (as many schools are not), accreditation through the ACCS (Association of Classical Christian Schools) adds a “feather in our cap,” so to speak. It is an avenue through which Libertas can pursue truth, goodness and beauty to the glory of God by offering a truly superior spiritual and academic program. Once accredited through the ACCS, Libertas will be considered among the less than 20% of over 300 classical Christian ACCS member schools to receive this prestigious recognition. According to the ACCS website, “ACCS accreditation is a school-improvement program that provides an evaluation of a school and its practices to encourage stability, quality, and a measure of excellence.” Through this process we will be evaluating and updating systems already in place and creating new ones as necessary. The “Road to Accreditation” is a rigorous 5 step undertaking. We will first need to apply to become an accreditation candidate, then host a pre-visit with the ACCS Director of Accreditation, successfully complete a self-study that is approved by the Director, host an Accreditation Site Team visit and finally, wait for an

accreditation decision. The end result of this journey will include, but is not limited to, details such as a fully developed scope and sequence for each class, updated policy manuals for the Board, staff and families, a strategic plan for finances, facilities, staff development & training, etc. Many of these things we already do really well! This accreditation process will allow Libertas to grow and excel in many areas, but this is no small task.

Because of the thorough nature of this endeavor, we are confident, the school will reach a new level of excellence that will further set us apart from traditional and other classical Christian schools. Most classical Christian schools seeking this “gold standard” are ready to apply for accreditation 7-10 years after opening, so Libertas is right on par with that timeline. Stay tuned for further updates as to how we will achieve this and what the Libertas accreditation process will entail. Be encouraged at this exciting opportunity!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sept. 23 State of the School Address 7:00 pm
Oct. 28 · Grandparents Day/ Fall Band Concert
Nov. 24-26 Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 30 · Giving Tuesday
Dec. 13 Christmas Concert (Upper School)
Dec. 16 Christmas Concert (PreK-6th Grade)

Legacy Partner Update



BECKY PUSZTAI
COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

The 2021-2022 school year has begun. Students fill the hallway with laughter and diligence. Friendships and connections are growing everywhere you look.

As I reflect on this time of year and praise the Lord for his provision for not only my children, but all of the students he has sent to Libertas, He also brings to mind you, the Libertas supporters.

Last spring, at the annual Legacy Gala, you were presented with 3 giving opportunities to help our school be more effective in ministering to the students. They were bathroom renovations, internet upgrade, and new drinking fountains/water stations. Thanks to you, we have been able to fully fund two of the three projects!

As of August 2021, we now have two new water stations/drinking fountains; one set in the grammar school area, and one set in the upper school area. The students are able to easily fill water bottles with a touchless unit, or use a traditional bubbler to get a drink. This has been a fun new experience. The water is also filtered, which makes it taste much better than before. What a blessing it is to have easily accessible, clean water. Thank you!



The second project that was fully funded is the installation of fiberoptic internet services. We have been waiting all summer for the internet provider to get construction scheduled and completed. The original completion date was Sept. 9, but has now been moved to Sept. 24. Then they will schedule the final install



of the service. We hope to have the job complete by Oct. 1. The faculty, staff, and students are all ready for this upgrade to take place. Everyone is grateful for this provision.

The final project that has not been fully funded as of yet is the renovations of the grammar school bathrooms. At this point we have collected approximately \$12,000 of the \$53,000 needed to do the full remodel. We are planning to revisit this project as it is important to have clean, healthy facilities for our students and guests. Watch for more opportunities to come to support this project.

While these special projects are wonderful and enhance our school greatly, the ministry of Libertas Christian School relies on Legacy Partners on a daily basis. We are not able to charge enough in tuition to pay the cost of operating the school. Legacy Partners help fill in the gap of funding the general operations of Libertas.

Legacy Partners are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, or acquaintances who support classical Christian education and want to support you! Libertas is a 501c3 organization, which means your donations are tax deductible. Legacy Partners can give in honor of a student, in memory of a lost loved one, or just in general. We also ask that you give in preference to a teacher, program, or project. That way the money is designated where the Lord leads you.

To become a Legacy Partner, visit our website at LibertasChristianSchool.org/give, or complete the giving form in this newsletter. Contact Becky Pusztai or Marissa Berghorst if any questions arise.

Libertas Employment Opportunities

Part Time Athletic Event Coordinator: (Home soccer, volleyball and basketball games | paid position)

The Libertas Athletic department is looking for an assistant who can facilitate all home games at Libertas. If you are organized and love sports, this position is perfect for you! It would involve set up for games and concessions, greeting and taking care of all referees, being onsite during games, storage of athletic department items. There is an organized system already in place, so this position is easy to step into.

Please contact Bettie Davis (bettiedavis@libertaschristianschool.org) for more details if you're interested or know of someone who might be a good fit. Thank you!



LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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☐ YES! I would like to make this a RECURRING donation and support Libertas Christian School with my gift of:

☐ \$25/month

☐ \$50/month

☐ \$100/month

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☐ \$_____/annually

☐ YES! I would like to make a ONE TIME Gift to support Libertas Christian School with my gift of :

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Please mail this form along with gift to: Libertas Christian School 5181 64th Ave. Hudsonville, MI 49426

To make a donation via Credit Card or ACH please visit our website @ LibertasChristianSchool.org/give or call Marissa, at 616-566-5791

Libertas could not fulfill the mission that God has placed before us without people like you! You can become a recurring *Legacy Partner* by visiting our website www.LibertasChristianSchool.org/give, or completing the above form and mailing it to the school.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" Philippians 1:3-6

HONORING THE LEGACY

Gifts were given in honor of the following

Anne Brown
Barb Boersen
Becky Pusztai
Bettie Davis
Carianne Robbins
Cheryl Gordillo
Chris Feenstra
Dawn Norman
Electronics

Emily DeWind
Faith Hinken
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Jessica MacMaster
Katrina Schumaker
Legacy Gala 2021
LG21P1 - Bathrooms
Lori Bouslog
Maintenance

Marissa Berghorst
Mark Congrove
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7TH GRADERS
WORKING HARD IN
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CLASS



LEARNING TO
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WELCOME TO ANITA
FABER, OUR NEW
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ENGLISH 11
PREPARING FOR A
QUIZ

LIBERTAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

cordially invites you to

STATE OF THE SCHOOL ADDRESS

2021



Thursday, September 23

7:00 pm

First Baptist Church, Zeeland

246 W. Main Street

You are invited to the annual Libertas business meeting, 2021 State of the School Address. The meeting will take place Thursday, September 23, at 7:00 pm. Join us to get an update on life at Libertas Christian School.

- What: State of the School Address
- Date: Thursday, Sept. 23
- Time: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Location: First Baptist Church, Zeeland
246 W. Main St., Zeeland, 49464
- Who: Everyone in the community

Child care will not be provided. For a list of babysitters, contact Becky Pusztai

bpusztai@libertaschristianschool.org.

RSVP by Sept. 21 at

LibertasChristianSchool.org/events

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