



The purpose of this monthly newsletter is to share the message of **who we are and what we are doing** to fulfill our purpose. As Henry Blackaby notes: “When leaders successfully communicate vision to their people, it will be God who sets the agenda for the organization, not the leaders, *and the people will know it is God.*”

*“The Golden Triangle”*

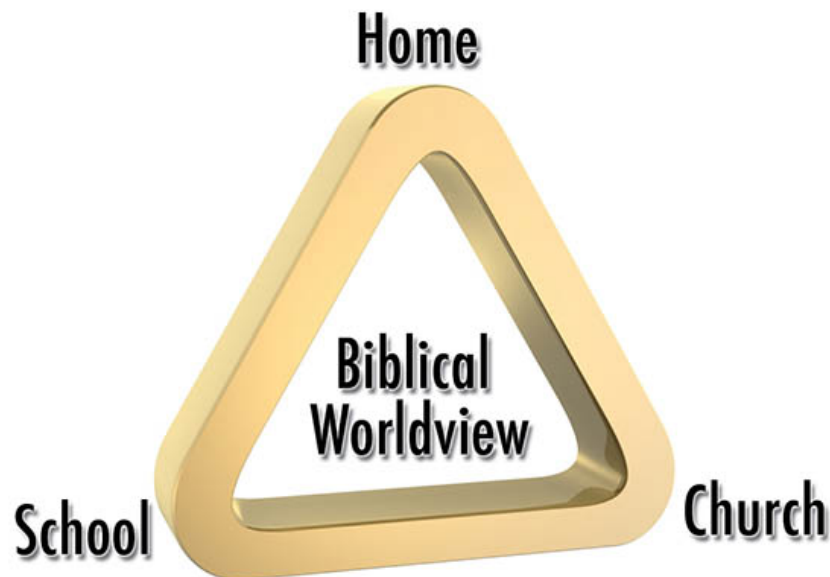
*“Why did you choose that handle for your newsletter?”*

A close friend believes that all truth is triune, reflecting the very nature of God. Philosophy aside, the triangle is an ideal symbol to capture our purposes as a Christian school, or put another way, a school that places Jesus Christ at the center of all learning and loves accordingly.

Let me share with you three **GOLDEN TRIANGLES** that best depict the Little Rock Christian Academy vision and mission:

**Golden Triangle #1:** in many ways, we are an organic extension of the Christian home and church.

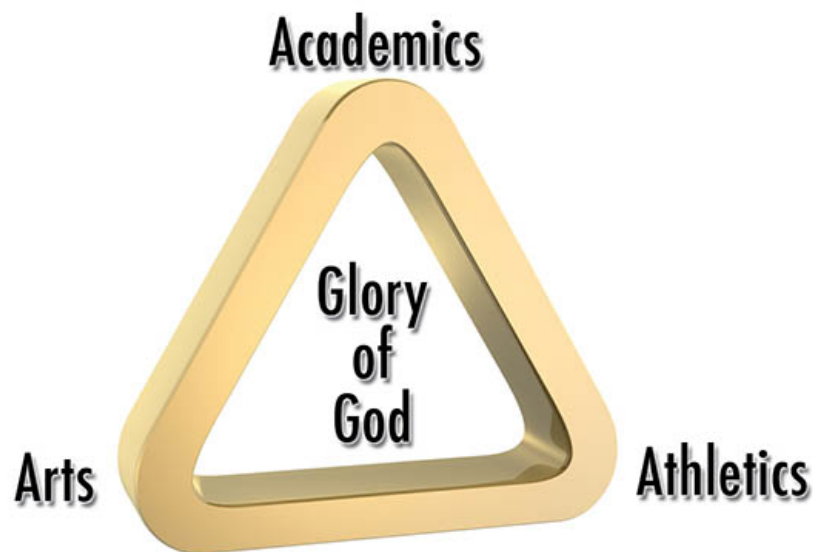
As partners, **the home, church and school** can harmoniously train up the next generation to the glory of God.



**Golden Triangle #2:** We are **Christ-centered, college preparatory and community-minded**. The Bible informs us that excellence means two things. The Greek word for excellence, “*arête*” speaks of fulfilling one’s God-given purpose or potential. Paul spoke of a “still more excellent way,” namely the love of Christ. Woven together, biblical love and professional skill create a fabric of excellence that is rare and precious.



**Golden Triangle #3:** We are, first and foremost, a school. We aim to help students fulfill their potential in the **arts, academics and athletics**. As a Christian school, we educate to the glory of God.



Commissioned to lead the school forward, THREE priorities have dominated my first 150 days:

### 1. Improve school communication

- Our website has been retooled. Check it out. [www.littlerockchristian.com](http://www.littlerockchristian.com)
- Visit our blog, “The Warrior Roundtable: thinking about why we do what we do” [http://thetable.typepad.com/the\\_table/](http://thetable.typepad.com/the_table/). Comments welcome.
- The Golden Triangle: a monthly newsletter on vision, mission and direction
- The Campus Connection: a monthly newsletter for LRCA families focusing on student programs in academics, arts and athletics
- TOUCHbase: a monthly newsletter for LRCA staff
- “Top Brass” – a monthly report for high school families
- The Annual Warrior Report: our annual statement of accountability and quality
- Rumor hotline: [ask@littlerockchristian.com](mailto:ask@littlerockchristian.com)

**2. Reinvigorate** our distinct Christian school **culture** and **community** with a healthy blend of **professionalism and the love of Christ**. Are you experiencing improvement in this area?

**3. Reset performance standards** in pursuit of excellence. And, what is excellence? Again and again, I will remind us that **excellence boils down to maximizing our God-given potential and fleshing out the love of Christ**.

During the past four months, and for the past thirty years, we have accomplished a great deal. More accurately, *“all we have accomplished, You have done for us!”* (Isaiah 26) We have been intentional and vigorous in our efforts to:

- Foster more **joy** and better **relationships**.
- Verify the school’s **core values**.
- Articulate the Biblical worldview **curriculum**, K<sup>4</sup>-12.
- Address **learner differences** through expert counsel for increased effectiveness within the scope of our mission.
- Muscle up the **college guidance** processes and gird up **admission** policies.
- Prepare for a coordinator of **student life** options beyond the arts, academics and athletics for 2008.
- Focus on quality instruction in order to optimize the **classroom experience** for our children.
- Balance the contribution of the **arts, academics and athletics** to the glory of God.
- Pursue strategic **funding** for the advancement of our mission.

All along the way of our journey together, I want to bear witness to the truth of Blackaby's timely words, "When leaders successfully communicate vision to their people, *it will be God who sets **the agenda** for the organization, not the leaders, and the people will know it is God.*"

I invite you to **join us in building** our school's future together under the direction of the Lord on sound foundations. Every day, our campus banners bear the message of our **non-negotiable foundations**. Let me highlight our BIG FIVE:

- Christ-centered – Jesus Christ is the axis of our school experience.
- Partnership – We are partners with the Christian home and church.
- Love - Without love, we are nothing, (I Cor. 13)
- Truth – "Thy Word is Truth." (John 17)
- Excellence – Biblical *excellence* means the fulfillment of one's purpose and God-given potential. (Phil 4:8)

Upon these core values, we will build our future. As the Scriptures say, "... God is the builder of everything." (Hebrews 3:4). Please join us and pray for us as we go forward into the future God has in store for us. May I count you in?

In His service, at your service,



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