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News News Ne **Academics**

J-Term is getting underway for our high school students with offerings of 39 different classes in a wide variety of subjects and activities. We have 30 students travelling to **Great Britain**, 19 building homes in **Mississippi**, and 88 juniors and seniors on internships around the country. From tutoring in **Chicago**, medical mission work in **Kenya**, pharmaceutical training in **Korea** or theatre production in **New York City**, these internships will grow our students in unexpected ways, far beyond the normal classroom experience. From handbells to heroes, poetry to pilot school, marriage to military strategy, our students are ready to be stretched in new areas of study. We hope to share some of these experiences in our February edition of *Campus Connection*.

Congratulations to our **high school stock market teams** for a successful 10 weeks of real time competition. Three of our teams finished in the top 13 in our region, out of 103 teams. The team of Madison Peregrin, Kayla Byrum and Rachel Hill finished 3rd in regionals and 9th out of 783 teams statewide with a return on investment of 24%. They will receive awards and be honored at a luncheon at Alltel Arena in January. Way to go!!

Dr. Arnold's blog...

"I am curious about curiosity... Dr. Smiley Blanton was quoted in Forbes magazine as saying that 'a sense of curiosity is nature's original school of education.' At LRCA, the God of creation holds school for the curious. Inquisitive. Inquiring. Investigative. What is true? What is real? What works? What doesn't? Why?"

As you read these words are you curious about why we do what we do at LRCA? [Click here](#) to find the answers.

Senior **Clayton Kinley** has recently been accepted to USMA **West Point** for the fall of '08. Congratulations, Clayton! What an exciting time for all our seniors as they make their final college selection.

Current Family Re-Registration

Re-registration is currently taking place. Since interest is high from families

wanting to join the school, it is important that you complete the re-registration process before the end of the priority period, **January 25th**. [Click here](#) for a re-registration form and submit completed form to the

Admin House or Business Office with your payment. After January 28th, we will begin confirming new students to open slots.

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Our **Warrior Band** was awarded 2nd place at the Sherwood Christmas Parade from 115 entries. Congratulations to band members and leader, Christine Sullivan.

Service Projects

The Elementary classes participated in some great projects before the Christmas break. Following is a list of a few of them:

Kindergarten

In each classroom the children shopped and wrapped a toy to donate to the Little Rock Compassion Center. A spokesperson for the ministry came and explained to the children how they were helping the needy.

1st grade

Christingle monies went to the Taylor family, Go Near and The Nest.

2nd grade

The classes wrote letters to the soldiers. The letters were dispersed by the chaplain to the soldiers who aren't receiving mail from family.

3rd grade

Provided Christmas gifts for 180 children ages 6 months to 4 years old at a Developmental Preschool with low socioeconomic families. Items that were given were coloring books, crayons and stuffed animals.

4th grade

Christingle monies went to the Taylor family, Go Near and The Nest.

5th grade

The classes went to Chicot Elementary. They read to their 2nd grade buddies and presented them with a book and a bookmark they decorated. Mrs. Caywood and Mrs. Simpson's class adopted a family for the Christmas season. The students were encouraged to do jobs around the house to provide money resources for the presents they bought for a family of 5.

Middle School

The students provided care boxes for the soldiers in Iraq.

High School

The students provided gifts and money for Bethany Services, foster children, Solder's Angel and the Angel Tree Project.

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In case you didn't know. We have an athletic celebrity within our community: **Coach Johnny Watson.**

Coach Watson has received the following honors and awards from an amazingly wide range of organizations:

U. S. Army High School Leadership Award (This is given only once a year to a national leader or coach. Johnny is the only Arkansas coach to ever receive this award.)

Democrat Gazette: **All Arkansas Coach of the Year**

Arkansas Sports 360.com: **High School Coach of the Year**

Hooten's/ State Farm: **5A Coach of the Year**

Little Rock Touchdown Club: **5A Coach of the Year**

5A West Conference : **Coach of the Year** (This award is decided upon by a vote of conference coaches, fellow peers and is truly an honor to receive.)

Other awards for our outstanding **Warrior football team** include:

- Arkansas Sport 360: **LRCA ranks 6th in State** (selected from 190 schools)
- **Tyler Weddle - All Arkansas High School Team**
- **Michael Dyer - Best Amateur Athlete Finalist** by AR Sports 360, selected for the **All Arkansas High School Team** as well as the **Sophomore Player of the Year** by the Democratic Gazette

Way to go, Warriors! We send hearty congratulations to every team member and every coach. It wouldn't have happened without each and every one of you. Thanks for giving your fans such a great season!

Basketball highlights: Our Varsity Warriors have participated in two pre-season tournaments sharpening their skills for the season ahead. The boys placed **3rd** in the Pulaski Academy Holiday Tournament and won **1st place** in the Battle of the Brier at Greenbrier during Christmas break. For upcoming season games and times, please [click here](#).

Basketball season is in full swing for the 7th, 8th and 9th graders, both boys and girls teams. Come on out and support our

athletes! See current scores and team schedules on our athletic web page.

For parents and students interested in National College Athletic Association Clearinghouse Initial Eligibility (NCAA) and College Options and Recruiting information, there will be an important meeting for all 7th through 12th grade athletes on Jan 13, 2008 at 2:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

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In the Middle...from the Middle School School

- The Student Council sponsored a wonderful dance before the break. The money that was raised by selling refreshments went towards local or foreign missions.
- The Beta Club members sold braided bread with the profits of \$2000 going to support various non-profit agencies.
- The eighth graders read **32,247** pages during the holiday break!

Meet the Board: **Scott Ford**



Scott Ford, President and Chief Executive Officer of Alltel has been a LRCA board member from 1996 - 1999 and again since 2006. Scott was born in Little Rock, attended Central High School and graduated from the University of Arkansas with a BSBA in finance. He worked in the investment banking division of Merrill Lynch in New York City for two years and Stephens, Inc. in Little Rock for 10 years. Joining Alltel, Scott served as the Executive Vice President in charge of the Wireless and Wireline businesses and was named President in 1997, Chief Operating Officer in 1998 and Chief Executive Officer in 2002.

Throughout his business career Scott has been active in our community. He is a former chairman of the Little Rock Branch of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, a board member and former Chairman of the Cellular Telecommunications and Internet

Association (CTIA), and a board member of Tyson Foods, Inc. Scott and his wife, Dede, met as freshmen at U of A and married when they graduated 4 years later. They have been married 24 years. They have two sons, Joe (sophomore) and Will (8th grade) that attend Little Rock Christian. The Fords worship at Fellowship Bible Church where Scott enjoys being Emcee for the Wednesday morning Men's Fraternity. Scott is an avid history buff who also loves to fly airplanes, hunt, play golf and is a team roper on the amateur rodeo circuit. LRCA is so grateful for the commitment and time Scott invests in the mission of the school.

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