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## News News Ne **Academics**

In our new LRCA viewbook, we state, " *First and foremost a school, our mission is to relentlessly pursue truth (Christ) and excellence in challenging academics, inspiring arts and competitive athletics to the glory of God. Our aim is clear: Little Rock Christian seeks to be a pre-eminent K4-12 academic institution that offers an excellent college-preparatory education. Above all else, we must uncompromisingly teach and model the truth of the person of Christ.*" We hope as you read the pages of our Campus Connection you will sense that each day this mission is imbedded into the hearts of our students in life changing ways. **Please make sure to check out our "Warrior Communication" webpage to see our viewbook, and annual report, as well as current and past editions of Dr. Arnold's blog, the Golden Triangle and the Campus Connection. [Click here...](#)**

### [Scholarship Awards](#)

Congratulations to the following students who have moved from being semifinalists to finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition and National Achievement Scholarship competition: **Briahna Hansen, Chris Mullen, Molly Reed, Billy Stanford, Dustin Ward and Alisha Neblett.** These students now enter the competition for Merit Scholarships to be announced later this spring. April will be bursting with spring flowers, new leaves and lots of scholarship news. Stay tuned...

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## News News News Ne **Arts**

### [Art Awards](#)

More exciting news from the Art Department! Three middle school students received awards in the Arkansas Art Educator's Regional Art Competition 2008: **Peter Keltner** ( 6<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place), **Allie White** (6<sup>th</sup> grade Honorable Mention), and **Austin Reed** (7<sup>th</sup> grade 2<sup>nd</sup> place). High school award winners: **Jay Williams** (10<sup>th</sup> grade

Honorable Mention), **Anja Talbert** (11<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place), **Kristen Vaughan** (12<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> place), **Callie Buchholtz** (12<sup>th</sup> grade 3<sup>rd</sup> place). Kristen and Anja's work will go on to be exhibited at AETN as first place winners in the state.

## Drama

**Suzanne Gibbs** (6<sup>th</sup>) **Molly Russ** (6<sup>th</sup>) and **Taylor Quick** (8<sup>th</sup>) were selected from over 300 young artists to perform with the REP (Arkansas Repertory Theatre) Summer Intensive Theatre.

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The high school cheered as **Emily Parker** signed with UCA for a Track/Academic Scholarship. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Basketball All-Conference Players Named:** **Tanner Bailey, Mark Munsey, Luke Hill, Brad Horrell, Michael Dyer** with **Daniel Holmes** receiving honorable mention.

**Basketball All-State Players Named:** **Tanner Bailey** and **Mark Munsey**

**Basketball All Stars:** Only 2 in the 5A West Conference were named, one of them being our own **Mark Munsey**.

**Conference Coach of the Year:** **Dewey Pennell**. A conference championship and coach of the year title is an outstanding finish to Coach Pennell's last season with LRCA. Thanks, Coach, for your years of service to us, you will be missed!

Filling the coaching shoes of Dewey Pennell is not easily accomplished, but after an extensive search we are pleased to welcome **Coach Chuck Winkelman** to serve as the head boys' basketball coach and complement his coaching with select teaching duties. Coach Winkelman comes to us from a successful tenure of coaching basketball at Pulaski Academy. When asked "Why do you wish to teach in a Christian school?" Mr. Winkelman responded: "Like-mindedness . pursuing 'excellence' for His glory not just for ourselves . helping students grow in their faith and have a biblical perspective on life. We cannot be a Christian school in name only; we must live out our faith in a way that pleases and glorifies Him." A dedicated follower of Jesus Christ, Chuck is married to Denise and brings three children to LRCA. The Winkelman's worship God at Parkway Place Baptist Church.

## Wrestling

LRCA's wrestling team competed in the state match this past weekend. We are proud to announce that **Billy Stanford** placed **5th** in the state and made the All-State Team. Congratulations Billy!

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## News News **Advancement**

### [Middle School Beta Club](#)

The Middle School **Beta Club** Valentine's Day fundraiser made \$500 for a Clinton tornado relief fund! Selling mylar heart shaped balloons, chocolate roses, and singing telegrams, members of the club worked for hours, rehearsing and practicing songs and dance routines, selling, advertising, addressing and coordinating all activities.

### [Coins For Kenya](#)

The amount collected for the week was \$9,635. All of the donations will go to "The Nest," an orphanage in Kenya. This wonderful project drew the interest of two local TV stations. If you missed seeing the smiling faces of our students on the 10 o'clock news [click here](#).

### [Peer Tutoring Program](#)

Did you know that we have a **Peer Tutoring program**? Peer tutoring is when qualified, teacher-recommended students volunteer to help students who may need an extra bit of assistance, explanation, or practice in a particular subject. They usually meet at least once a week for 30-40min. or twice if their schedules allow. Who participates? The tutors (usually junior and seniors) volunteer their time to help others. There are currently 25 students being tutored, mostly in High School but the program is expanding to the middle school with the younger students being helped by older ones.

### [Chapels](#)

Are your children telling you about chapel each week? We hope so! What IS happening in chapel these days?

**Elementary Chapel:** An integral part of the LRCA students' week, our team is working hard to make sure our chapel programs confirm Christ as the center of all education at our school. For our elementary students the chapel theme this semester is "True Love." Harry Li kicked off the series with a great chapel titled "True Love: What is it?". He used clips from a popular kids' TV show (Hannah Montana) to illustrate what true love is not. He went on to talk about God's love as true love. Each week will move the students through 1 Cor. 13:4-8.

**Middle School:** Chapels have revolved around the theme of "Service" linked with the warrior blue wristbands LUV & SRV, with the year key verse 2 Cor. 9:12. Pastors, teachers, and coaches round out the list of speakers with student leadership opportunities in speaking, acting and worship music. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are mixed into small groups with an 8<sup>th</sup> grader facilitating guided discussions. Our "rumor" sources tell us that an energy and excitement permeates in new ways on Chapel day!

**High School:** Chapel emphasis changes each week. Jason Curry (Student Pastor for The Church at Rock Creek) shared about Jesus being the "Living Water" and having God's best for our lives. Tony Mills (recovered drug/alcohol abuser), shared about taking to the cross the "one nail" (what makes us spiritually vulnerable) in our lives, giving student/teacher a nail to be a reminder of that sin that keeps us from living for Christ. Vibrant praise and worship time is student lead.

### [Parent Teacher Fellowship](#)

PTF has several positions to fill for the upcoming school year. Please prayerfully consider how your talents and gifts might contribute to the PTF. Available positions include Vice President for fundraising, Treasurer Elect, Secretary, and Committee Chairs for Great American Fundraiser, Box Tops, Domino Pizza and Kroger Kards. For further questions or to submit your name please contact, Shelley Chumley, @ 821-7765.

### [Meet the Board:](#) Pat Millwee



Pat was born in Houston, Texas and moved to Little Rock in 1967. Attending public schools, he graduated from Hall High School (along with his future bride, Bke). Pat studied business and finance at University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and Little Rock, and the University of Houston. His early business career included sales and management roles with a variety of small businesses in Texas and Arkansas. In 1982, after a chance meeting, Pat and Bke became engaged and were married in 1983. Pat joined Merrill Lynch in 1986 as a Financial Consultant in Little Rock. Today he is the managing partner of a seven person group of financial professionals within Merrill Lynch- Millwee, Greer and Associates. Bke and Pat are the parents of two children. Haleigh graduated from Little Rock Christian Academy in 2004 and is a senior at University of Arkansas, majoring in communications. Jackson is in the sixth grade at LRCA and is

involved in football, basketball, band and almost anything "warrior-like". Bke and Pat are members of Fellowship Bible Church, where they serve as mentors in the sixth grade program. Pat served as founding president of the Arkansas chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. He has been a member of the LRCA Board of Trust since 2005. He currently serves as Chairman for the Committee on Trustees and as Co-chair of the Master Plan Sub-Committee. Little Rock Christian Academy thanks Pat for his commitment and service to our students and families!

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