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This spring we asked for your feedback on how well we are accomplishing our mission as a Christian school. Propelled by the momentum of our successful 2007 (three year) strategic plan, the board of trust and I have been **gathering input** in various ways in **preparation for thinking strategically** about 2010 and beyond. Thank you for contributing to our planning process.

As we enter 2009-2010, the **pulse of the school's mission is strong**. Upon close review of inputs and indicators, the board of trust and I rejoice in the gains, knowing full well that there is always more to do within the boundaries of our longstanding mission. Mindful of our strategic pursuit to provide a preeminent education, "**full of grace and truth**" (John 1:14), we press on toward the goal.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to give us feedback. The encouragement and commendations were good fuel for us. So, too, were the constructive insights you provided on how we can serve you even better and advance the mission even more.

To that end, the following **focus points** will dominate the coming school year:

Curriculum and Instruction

Together, Ann Chami, Joe Neff, Margo Turner and I will be building into our faculty in ways that underscore the excellence to which we all aspire. For example, we aim to:

- Implement the approved priority recommendations of our Science Task Force for K-12.
- Evaluate our math program, K-12, *vis-à-vis* achievement data and best practices.
- Implement phase one of our three-year plan for more technology in the classroom.
- Continue our [learner services](#) path based on a keen understanding how kids learn and how curriculum can be designed to optimize learning. (See Warrior Round Table Post: [From Learner Differences to Learner Services](#))
- Hone high school "[J-term](#)" course content and communicate course descriptions to parents earlier in the school year. (See Warrior Round Table Post: [Difference-makers](#))
- Reinforce biblical worldview as the axis of learning for all ages.

Communications

Relationships and enterprises grow healthy through good communication. Based on that abiding conviction, we aim to:

- Keep you as informed as possible in timely, accurate and appropriate ways.
- Continue to enhance the impact and usefulness of our website.
- Tell the LRCA story in more ways to more people.
- Deepen relationships with local churches.
- Quicken the response time between school and families.

Safety / Security

The safety and security of our children is our first and ultimate concern. Our new Director of Campus Facilities will lead our concerted efforts to ensure our students' safety and campus security.

Stewardship

God has entrusted Kingdom resources to us to train the next generation of Kingdom warriors. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to:

- Complete our \$9,000,000 capital campaign. [We are nearing the finish line.]
- Strengthen the school even more through the sustained giving of those who value the mission.

Speaking of stewardship . . .

I am pleased to introduce our new Director of Campus Facilities, Mr. Eric Schmidt, to you. As stewards of our full and overflowing campus, the task of managing, securing and safeguarding our children and properties is paramount. Father of five, Eric is up to the challenge. Eric offers LRCA both expertise and experience in property management. Through a three-tier interview process, Eric was selected from a competitive pool of strong candidates. We welcome him to Little Rock Christian.

Mark your calendar!

<http://www.littlerockchristian.com/calendar/>

August 16 - **New** family orientation, 2:00p

August 17 - Campus ribbon-cutting and all-school open house, 5:30p

August 19 - First day of school

October 2-3 - WarriorFest 2009

October 16 - New high school dedication, 5:30p

Prayer

At the threshold of a new school year we welcome four new board members, over sixty new families, ten new faculty members and five new staff members. Please pray for our new warriors. And, while you're at it, **pray for:**

- The safety and security of our children - all 1,300 of them.
- Our biblical worldview classes, that our children's hearts and minds will be fully engaged and nourished to withstand and challenge a culture of rapid change and humanism.
- An attitude of gratitude to cover all of us - every day.
- The deep wisdom of Christ to permeate the leadership of the school.
- The deep love of Christ to permeate every Warrior, child and adult, among us.

See you in a month, if not sooner.

Faithfully, yours,



Gary B. Arnold
Head of School