

The Warrior Partner

For volunteers, donors,
alumni, family, and friends
of **Liberty Christian School**

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As you read through this issue of the Warrior Partner newsletter, my hope is that you experience the joy that fills our campus, the accomplishments of our students and staff, and the positive impact of the Liberty community. These are only possible because of you!

Your giving of service and financial gifts to Liberty Christian School provides students with the opportunity to spend their days learning and growing in a safe and supportive environment that cares deeply about their spiritual life.

As I judged the annual Chili Cookoff during our last home football game, I had the pleasure of witnessing our wonderful Liberty community coming together, new friends and old, watching our students perform, with the youngest ones admiring from the stands in anticipation for their turn.

These *Warrior Way* moments provide evidence of a flourishing community that is enhanced by your partnership. Thank you again for the gift of service and for giving to Liberty.

You are the Warrior Difference!



BLAIR MCCULLOUGH
PRESIDENT





Why Your Partnership Matters

Thank you for being a Warrior partner!

By definition, a partner is someone who shares a certain interest. It's a valued relationship, where individuals are on the same team. As a partner of Liberty Christian School, your family contributes to promoting and supporting Liberty's mission, which is to provide a holistic college preparatory education in a nurturing, Christ-centered environment. This Warrior Partner impact newsletter celebrates you – and our mission is more important than ever!

President McCullough shared, "We are in a battle to prepare our children for much more than just a college education. We are preparing them for an ever-changing world where the absence of God's truth challenges the very core of their identities, the prevalent worldviews affect their ability to see the world as God sees it, and their ability to determine their place in it. Your support helps us prepare our students to be the next generation of godly leaders."

Because of your generous partnership, Liberty recognizes and develops the unique characteristics of individual students through rich academic, co-curricular, and spiritual life programs to prepare them to fulfill God's purpose for their lives.

What's New for 21-22!

Our community is together again!

From All-School pep rallies to on campus volunteering, Fine Arts productions, lunch and birthday celebrations with visitors, and so much more, our campus is buzzing with activity again! We are grateful for the opportunity to continue gathering together while welcoming new friends to our community. It's a great year to be a Warrior!



Bring back old traditions with a Musical Fall Show, *Into the Woods*

In September, the Fine Arts Department produced the Upper School only musical *Into the Woods*. Our theatre students and creative team put this show together in six short weeks. Broadway tour sets were used and professional musicians, who have played this challenging Sondheim musical in area professional theaters, accompanied the show. Director Jennifer Freeman said of the show, "I love how each student was spotlighted in this production. It truly was an ensemble piece that showcased our talented students. God truly enabled these students to create something very special together. This makes me very excited about what's to come in the future for our Fine Arts Department." Fine Arts was thrilled to have Dallas Summer Musicals and Betty Buckley judges at all of the performances. One judge was so moved by the performance that he asked to talk to the students after the show.

Mentoring Program

Students in grades 5-12 meet twice per month with an assigned teacher, administrator, or staff member to set and review goals, ensure progress, and encourage the success of the students through the new mentoring program.





“What being a Liberty family means to me is that I have a supportive team – partners – in my son’s education, in his development as a young man, and in his growth in a relationship with God. Finding our way to Liberty after years in public school, private school, and homeschool feels like this is where the Lord intended for my son to be. My child is in an environment where he can successfully navigate the difficult years of high school and be prepared to go to college – out into the world – strengthened in his faith and Christian convictions; ready to serve God’s will as a Warrior! I know at Liberty, my son isn’t just another face in the crowd or a name in their database. Everyone has a vested interest in developing my son’s talents and ensuring his success. Liberty is a model of what schools should be and what they should be doing for our children.” – *Parent of a 9th grade student*

“We are a new family to Liberty and have felt welcomed since we began the process from the school tour to the car line every day. We are greeted with smiling, caring people who sincerely value education and community. We feel Liberty does an excellent job of balancing sports, the arts, and extracurricular activities with a fun, learning environment. But most importantly, the Kingdom education that Liberty provides so well is priceless to us.” – *Parent of a 2nd grade student*



Warrior Tailgating

Warrior fans had the opportunity to tailgate before home football games this season. RVs and tents with plenty of food, fun, and games brought our community together in a unique way in support of our Warriors!



< Grandparents Association
Grandparents gather to stay connected to the community through volunteer opportunities and other activities.

Book Fair in the Library >
Parent volunteers help make the book fair a success by providing extra hands at this popular weeklong library event.



Every year we are grateful for the support we receive from our Liberty families. The generosity shown through volunteering, serving, and financial giving makes a lasting impact for our community. Our families continue to create the Warrior Difference by organizing community gatherings, Bible studies, and prayer times over our campus and students. We truly love our Liberty families!



< Staff Soup Social
On this well-loved day, Liberty families provide an assortment of homemade soups, salads, breads, and desserts to serve the teachers and staff.

Prayer with the President >
Every first Wednesday of the month, parents gather with Pres. McCullough to pray for the students and staff of LCS.



< Warrior Club Chili Cookoff
The Cookoff is a tradition and friendly food competition that raises money for tuition assistance for first responders.

Snack Moms >
Junior class moms serve every day by selling snacks to MS and US students to raise money for their upcoming senior year activities.





Heart of Liberty Gala

AN EVENING WITH DR. BEN CARSON

What an incredible evening! A night highlighted by fun games, a spirited live auction, and fellowship between the Liberty Christian community was capped off with a spoken message from Dr. Ben Carson. He discussed how to prepare the next generation on how to make the right choices to impact the rest of their lives. Proceeds from the evening went towards our Warrior Difference Annual Fund and Teacher Sustainability Initiative.

We are grateful to share that the amount raised from this year's event, including our donor match challenge, was more than \$817,000!

Thank you to all our donors, participants, and volunteers!

The gift that keeps on giving:

How our community changed the lives of one Liberty family

There are two main components to change. The first: how it's handled is relative, fluctuating from person to person due to a myriad of variables. The second is universally the same for everyone: it's inevitable. For the Glover family, more specifically Jackie and Allen, change, through discovering and getting plugged into the Liberty Christian community, has rendered their lives nearly unrecognizable (in a good way!) from just 10 years ago.



Both were building successful careers, she in real estate and he in the auto industry, while traveling the world with no intentions of starting a family.

“Then,” as Jackie says, “God whispered.”

Enter their two children: Jack, now a second grader, who is a prayerful, sweet soul and good friend to all, who loves nachos, football, and movies (in that order); and Kori, a spunky, energetic, and downright wild preschooler whose joyfulness is contagious. Climbing the corporate ladder and seeing the sights weren’t a top priority anymore. That shifted to their children. And in the process, the passions and priorities for Jackie and Allen changed – volunteering and giving have become core family attributes.

“If you want to be close to God, He’s here [at Liberty Christian]. God is the heart of the community at LCS,” Jackie said. “He’s in the smiles of the staff; He is in the little voices that sing His praises; in the relationships that begin on campus. God is everywhere in this school.”

When the Glover parents first came to Liberty Christian, they “immediately” felt God’s presence. The thing about change, though, is it can often be accompanied by apprehension. In the Glover’s case, that came in the form of a “bundle of nerves” on Jack’s first day of preschool.

That bundle of nerves, however, quickly dissipated when Jack’s teacher and the Primary School principal prayed with the Glovers in the hallway outside of Jack’s classroom.

“That meant the world to us,” Jackie said.

They haven’t looked back ever since. Now their lives revolve around church, their children, and charities – by giving financially and volunteering at Liberty Christian and other organizations, such as God Cares School Uganda, The Salvation Army, and Just Because, Inc., to name a few.

Why the change of heart to volunteer?

“I just wanted a friend,” Jackie said. “We were new to LCS and in the midst of praying for Jack to make a friend, I realized I needed one, too. It was a purely selfish act that’s led to some of the greatest friends I could ever hope to have and it’s just proof that God is in the details.”

Volunteering and giving, once seen as inviting unknown change into their lives, are now a staple in the Glover household. They give because it fills their cup, they believe in Liberty Christian’s mission and core values, but most importantly, because the act glorifies God, as Colossians 3:17 says.

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father.”

Jackie says giving has been life changing, altering their family’s perspective “in the most profound way.” Leading by example for her children is the motivation behind her servant’s heart (Matthew 5:16). And the results have been abundantly fruitful, she says.

“Giving to LCS has the greatest return of any investment you’ll ever make,” she said. “Every gift, be it time or money, contributes to the overall success of your child.”

Being part of the Liberty Christian community that is focused on furthering the Kingdom of Christ is powerful, Jackie says, and joyful as well. Knowing that volunteering and giving make a difference in the lives of faculty and students is a blessing.

“God is at the center of every pursuit,” Jackie said.

“In a world of so much uncertainty, LCS is encouraging and equipping our children to become principled leaders who stand firm on the teachings of Christ.”

For the Glover parents, like everyone else, change was inevitable. But what they did with that change, and continue to do so now, has impacted more than just themselves.

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It might not be tangible to see how many lives have been impacted by their volunteering and giving, but one thing is certain: the way they embraced that change in their lives a decade ago has fundamentally changed who they are, the lives of their children, and countless others at Liberty Christian.

“The community at LCS is unparalleled,” Jackie said. “The teachers, staff, and parents come together to support the children as a whole. It’s not just an education; it’s an investment in their future. We believe in the Warrior Way.”

Now you know!

Your voice is critical for recruiting and retaining outstanding students and building our network of Warriors everywhere. Enjoy a few Spiritual Life highlights to share about our community. Let's celebrate these qualities that make **Liberty Christian School** the place to be!



Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Bridge students get a special Praise and Worship time with fun songs and dances to **celebrate Jesus** and learn more about God.

Primary School students learn 10 different monthly **Spiritual Disciplines** throughout the school year in Spiritual Life class and chapels.



Primary School has a construction theme this year called "Warrior City," and it's all about working together to **"build Christlike community."** Students compete to earn Spirit Points for servant-hearted actions and Christlike behavior. The winning grade is awarded a special trophy (the Spirit Hammer!) at the quarterly K-5th grade assemblies. A boy and girl student in K-5th grade are also chosen by teachers to get the special honor of being the "Builders of the Month" for exemplifying the monthly Spiritual Discipline.



Primary School
"Warrior City" Chapel
with Pastor "Worker" Sam

6th and 7th grade retreats were a huge success! **Amazing memories** were made on the 6th grade trip to Glen Lake Camp. This retreat was all about being welcomed into the jungle of Middle School. Through games, lessons, and team bonding, this retreat is designed for 6th graders to enter into Middle School with confidence.

7th graders went to Sky Ranch for a retreat called Kardia. The focus of this retreat was on **relationships with God, parents, friends, technology, and dating**. Multiple sessions and discussion groups were held to dive deep into what God made us for. There was also an epic guys versus girls competition throughout the retreat, which the girls won!

Middle and Upper School Chapel is focusing on the book of John this year and specifically asking the questions, **“Who is Jesus?”** and **“What does He want from me?”** Local youth pastors are coming in to speak throughout the year with the hope and prayer that students will recognize the person of Jesus Christ, develop a desire to follow Him, and become plugged into a local church.

7th and 8th grade students were matched up with 11th and 12th grade leaders who have completed Leadership Academy to become **Impact Leaders**. These students meet together every other week during school to have meaningful discussions and build relationships that will encourage Middle School students to seek after the Lord and live life well.

11th and 12th grade Impact Leaders went on a retreat in Broken Bow, Okla., with the Spiritual Life Team before the school year started. The purpose of the trip was to **have fun and create community**, while having intentional sessions to equip the leaders as they prepared to pour into Middle School students during the school year.

Youth Pastors Courtney Crenshaw and Taylor Morgan have jumped into the classroom to co-teach their dream elective – **Discipleship!** They are loving the opportunity to develop a culture in their classroom of vulnerability, accountability, and community. The class recently completed a unit on Spiritual Disciplines!

The Spiritual Life Team launched the 2022 Mission Trip and are looking forward to leading Liberty students as they **serve** through hurricane relief work in New Orleans. Within five minutes of launching, there were more than 100 students signed up for the trip!

Seniors kicked off the school year with a retreat at Camp Cho-Yeh! It was a great weekend for community, fun competition, and reminders to **keep their eyes fixed upon Jesus** throughout their senior year.

The Spiritual Life Team has kicked off this year’s SLT podcast, which will cover multiple topics that will **equip and encourage our families** to pursue Christ together and build His Kingdom.



Upper School Chapel



The **2021-2022 Warrior Difference Annual Fund** highlights multiple areas within the school for growth that will provide opportunities to advance the passions and interests of each student and family.

Thank you Warrior Partners for making the difference!

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