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Liberty Christian Academy: The Legacy

Over 40 years ago, the goal was clear—create a school dedicated to providing a Christ-centered education that would reach students for Jesus and equip them to serve God.

The goal required great sacrifice and service from Dave and LaVonne McIlrath, and their loyal team. They plowed the soil, prepared the seedbed, planted the seeds, and prayed for rain. The milestones below represent God's harvest.

The number 40 is significant on many levels throughout the pages of scripture, whether it represents 40 days or 40 years. It represents a period to complete an important spiritual challenge. Throughout scripture, you never see day 41 or year 41. When the 40 days or years is complete, the clock resets, and it is day one and year one again.

The power of the original vision is that we get to recreate it again and again for each generation. Let's celebrate the milestones below as they pave the way for the future.

KEY MILESTONES

1982 The foundation was set for an independent, non-denominational Christian school.

1983



LCA OPENED ITS DOORS IN A LEASED COLUMBUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WITH 135 STUDENTS IN GRADES PK-8.

1987 LCA celebrated its first graduating class and purchased Willis Park Elementary, securing a permanent home.

1990

BUILT A GYMNASIUM FOR ATHLETICS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.



PAST

2000 Leased additional space from two area churches and added 50 students (preschool-8th grade).

2007 LCA made a strategic decision to invest in the future by investing in a permanent home.

2008



CELEBRATED OUR GRAND OPENING IN PATASKALA, OHIO WITH 200 STUDENTS (PRE-SCHOOL – 10TH GRADE).

2010 Consolidated all school operations at the LCA East campus. The first graduating class from Pataskala received their diplomas.

2014 Built the LCA Sports and Activities Complex and added four high school classrooms.

2019 Opened a dedicated preschool building on Corylus Drive in Pataskala.

2021 Two great milestones: Enrollment exceeded 500 students for the first time in Pataskala, and Mrs. LaVonne McIlrath retired after 37 years of devoted service.

2022 Pickerington Preschool opened at 5780 Reynoldsburg Baltimore Road.

2023 Visionary leaders seized the opportunity to invest in the future again by securing 20 acres of land to expand our campus and rebranded our preschools as Early Education Centers.

2024 The future is getting bigger and brighter. LCA surpassed 700 students and purchased another 32 acres for a total of 76 continuous acres.

LCA remains unwavering in its mission: provide a quality Christian education in a Christ-centered environment to reach students for Christ, equip them to serve God, and impact the world through biblical thought and action. This mission is woven into every aspect of the school's academic and extracurricular programs, shaping students into leaders who think and act according to God's Word.

LCA's physical expansion is about *building potential*. Every classroom, gymnasium, and facility serves as a tool to reach students for Christ, equipping them with biblical knowledge, academic excellence, and the confidence to impact the world.

Building Potential, encapsulates this vision, reminding us that our structures are not just places of learning but instruments of transformation. Each brick laid and each expansion undertaken reflects our commitment to fostering a space where students can grow spiritually, intellectually, and socially, preparing them to become leaders who serve God in all areas of life. The words of Psalm 127:1a remind us of the foundation upon which the LCA stands: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

Future Now:
Growing with Our Community

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CENTRAL OHIO IS EXPECTED TO GROW AT AN ACCELERATED PACE, EXCEEDING 3.15 MILLION PEOPLE BY 2050.

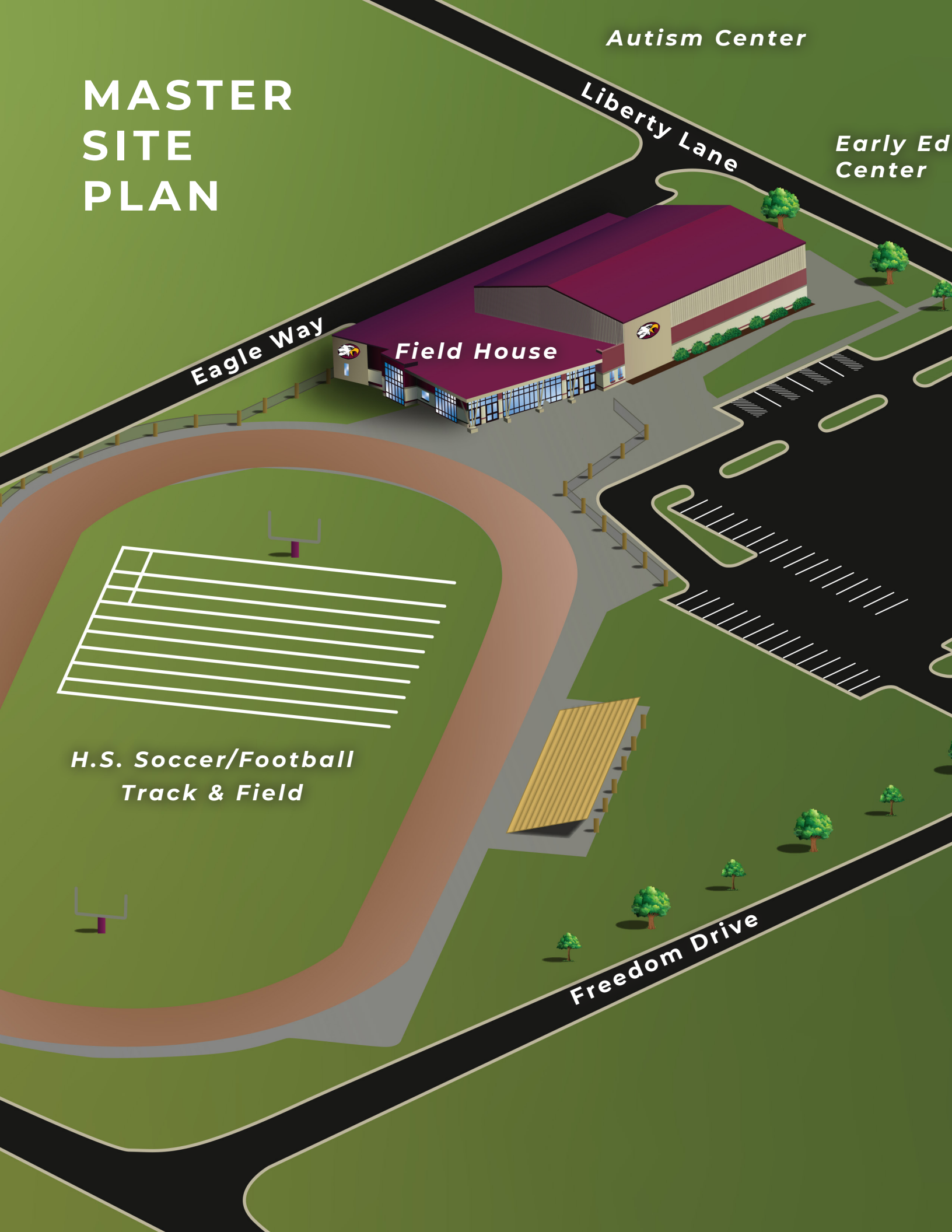
- **Next 25 Years:**
  - 726,000 people.
  - 272,000 additional households.
  - 357,000 additional jobs.
- **Growth Ranking:** Among the fastest-growing large metros in the U.S.
- **Housing Permitting Projections:** Will increase two-fold.
- **Projected Housing Need (Next Decade):** More than 100,000 new housing units needed in the central Ohio region.

2030 JOB OUTLOOK FOR OHIO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS:

- **Columbus Projected Jobs:**
  - 102,228 jobs.
  - 9.4% projected growth.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Columbus is dubbed the "Silicon Valley" of the Midwest:**
  - Tech companies are being drawn to Central Ohio at a record pace.


MASTER
SITE
PLAN
Autism Center
Liberty Lane
Early Ed
Center
Eagle Way
Field House
H.S. Soccer/Football
Track & Field
Freedom Drive

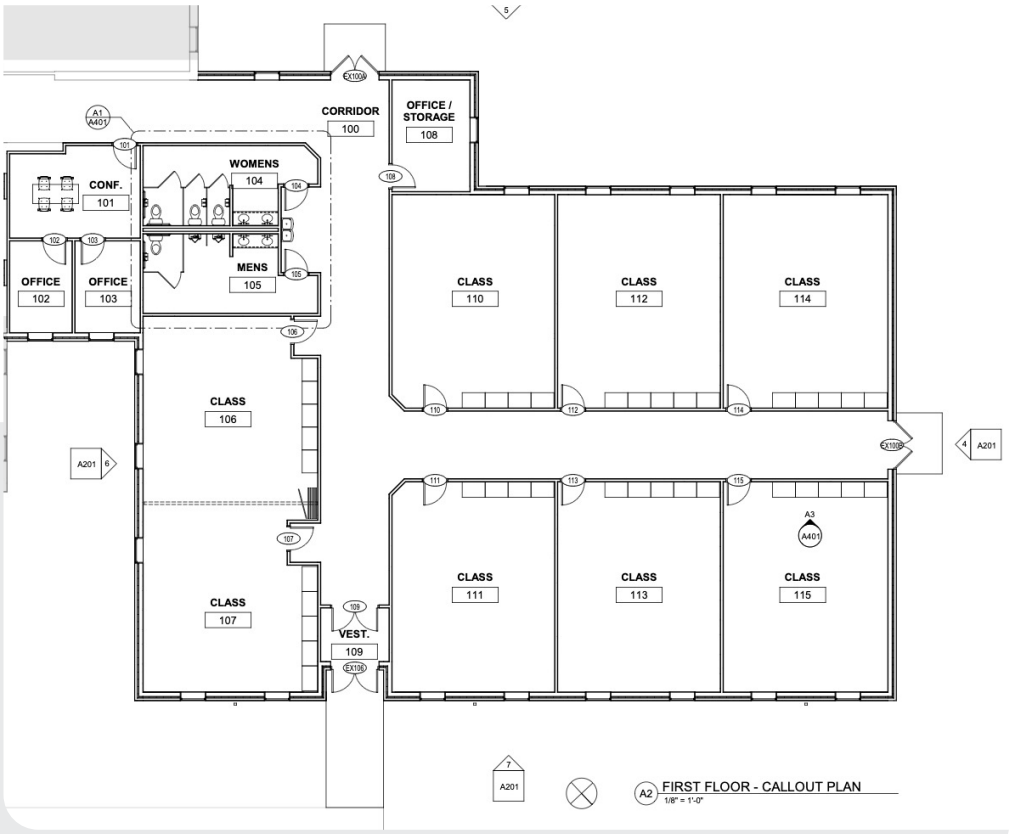

Softball Field
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Chapel/
Fine Arts
High School
Addition
Elementary
Addition
Baseball Field
Soccer Field

Future Facilities



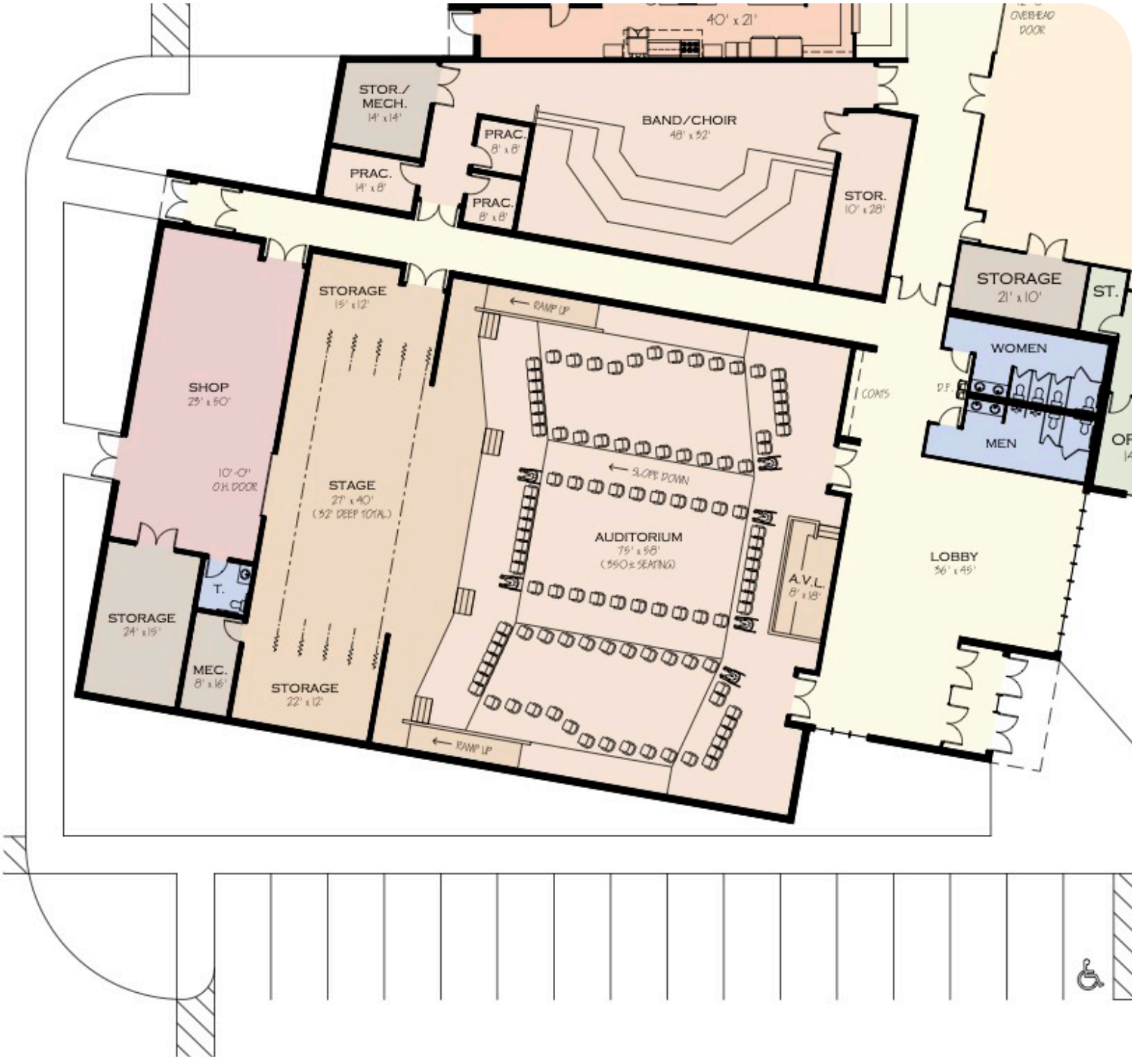
ELEMENTARY ADDITION - COMING SOON!

- Six additional elementary classrooms
- Additional restrooms
- Additional office space
- Multipurpose space
- Cafeteria overflow
- Small group rooms
- Additional classrooms
- Blocks playground view from the front for added security



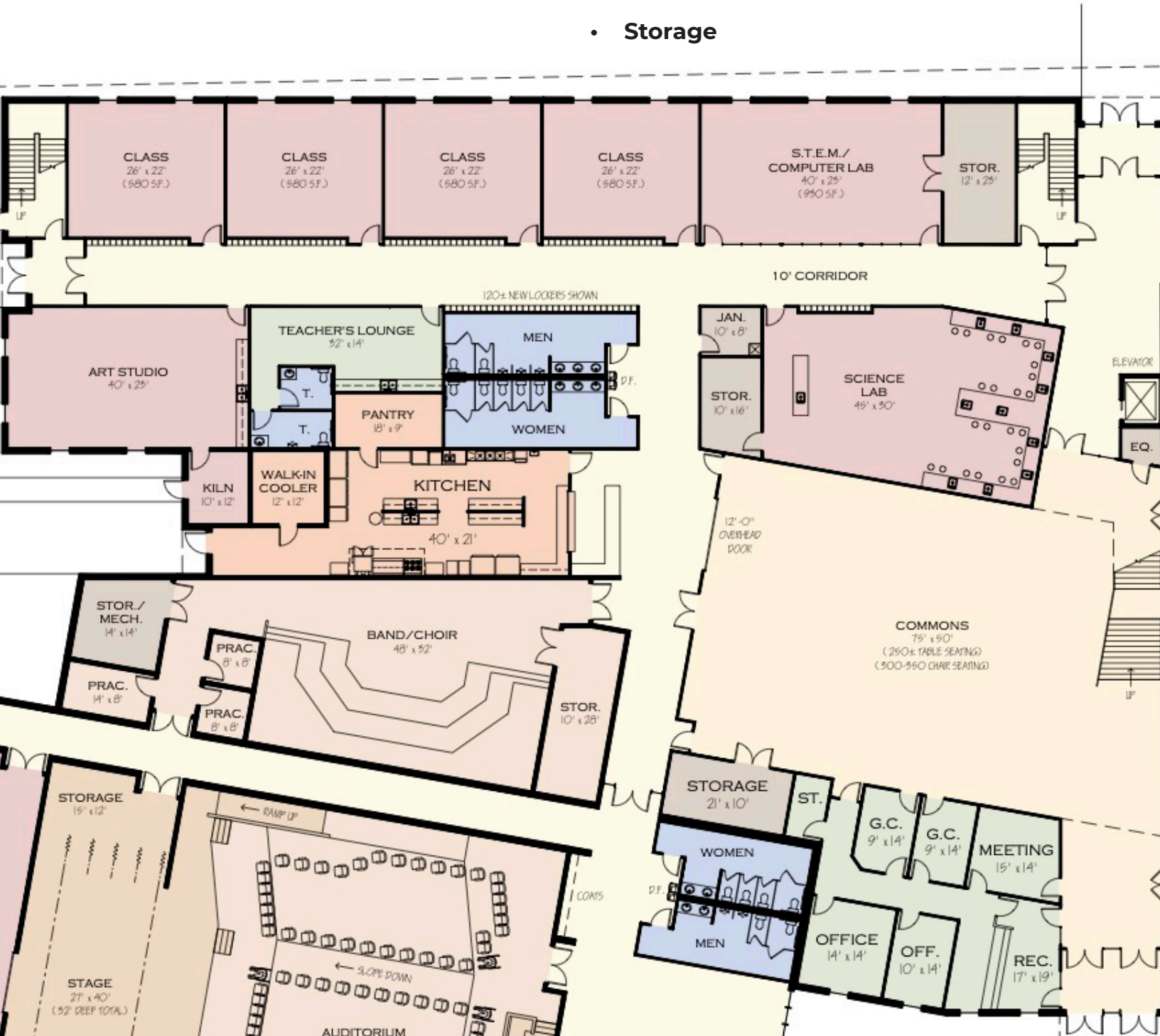
CHAPEL | FINE ARTS

- Auditorium
- Stage
- Shop - backstage
- Storage
- State of the art A/V room
- Additional restrooms



HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION (FIRST FLOOR)

- **Seven additional classrooms including art studio, STEM lab, and science lab**
- **Additional kitchen**
- **Commons**
  - Cafeteria
  - Assemblies
  - Study halls
- **Additional student restrooms**
- **Teacher's lounge with adult restrooms**
- **High school dedicated office space**
  - Reception
  - Principal
  - Guidance
  - Conference Room
- **Band and choir classroom with practice space**
- **Storage**



HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION (SECOND FLOOR)

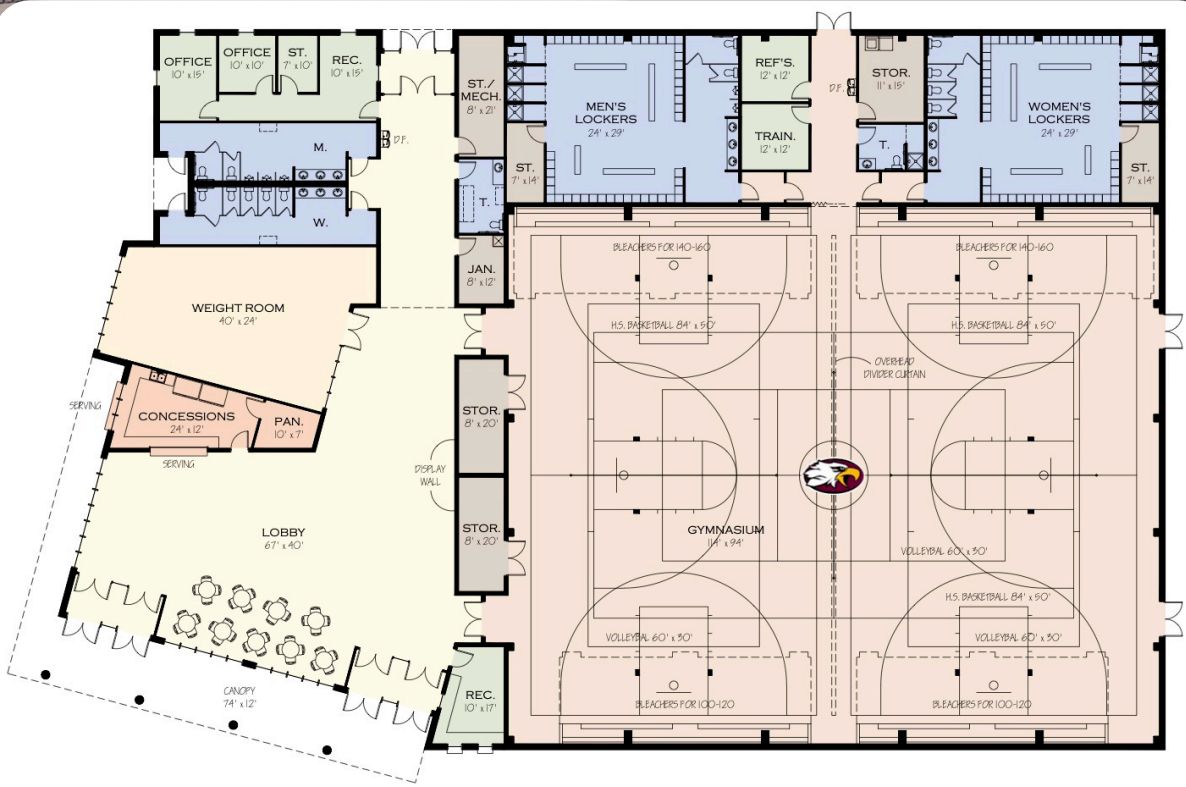
- **Ten additional classrooms including an additional science lab**
- **Elevator and stair access**
- **Additional restrooms**
- **Storage**



FIELD HOUSE

- **High school gymnasium**
  - Can be divided into two courts
  - Bleachers on both sides of the court
- **Concessions serving area**
- **Lobby to enjoy concessions**
- **Weight room**
- **Restrooms**
- **Athletic offices**
- **Locker rooms**
- **Athletic storage**
- **Track and Football field**
- **Softball field**



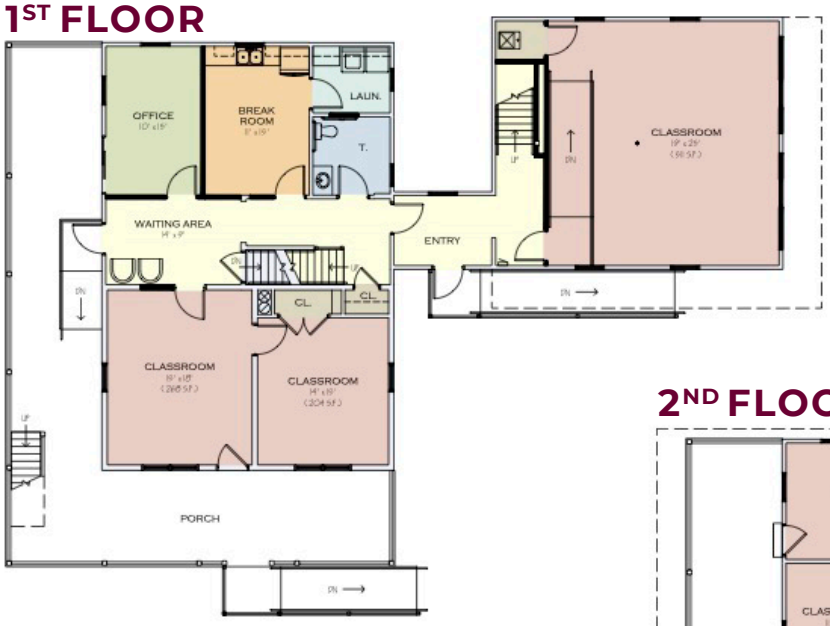


AUTISM CENTER

- Eight classrooms designed for students with special needs in mind
- Office spaces for intervention personnel
- Remodeled restrooms
- Staff break room



1ST FLOOR



2ND FLOOR



ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

- Early Education Center
- Concessions and Restrooms for existing soccer and baseball fields

EQUIPPING FUTURE LEADERS:
The Next Decade at LCA



At Liberty Christian Academy, we are not just educating students—we are equipping them to fully follow the calling God has for their lives. Over the next decade, we are making bold investments in our staff, students, parents, and community to make His name great and prepare the next generation of leaders to walk in faith, wisdom, and purpose.

INVESTING IN STAFF:
Strengthening the Heart of LCA

Our teachers and staff are the heartbeat of our mission. We are committed to developing, supporting, and equipping them to excel professionally, grow spiritually, and thrive personally—because when our staff flourishes, our students do too.

- **Spiritual Growth –** Investing in the faith journey of our educators through mentorship, retreats, and Biblical training.
- **Professional Development –** Equipping teachers with cutting-edge instructional strategies, advanced degrees, and leadership training to elevate student learning.
- **Personal Support –** Creating a culture of care that encourages work-life rhythms, well-being, and a Christ-centered community for our staff.





INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

BEYOND ACADEMICS: Equipping Students for Life

At LCA, education is more than academics—it's about spiritual, intellectual, and personal growth. We are committed to shaping faith-filled leaders by providing challenging academics, dynamic extracurriculars, and an unwavering Biblical foundation. Through intervention services, special needs support, enrichment programs, and fine arts, every student is given the tools to grow in confidence, faith, and leadership.

Smaller Class Sizes, Bigger Possibilities

We believe that personalized education unlocks potential. By intentionally reducing class sizes, we create space for deeper learning, stronger mentorship, and greater student engagement—all leading to academic excellence and spiritual growth.

Developing a Robust Student Intervention Program

In pursuit of academic excellence and spiritual growth, Liberty Christian Academy is committed to meeting students where they are. We are actively developing a more robust intervention program that will provide targeted academic support, early identification of learning challenges, and individualized strategies to help every student thrive. Through this initiative, we aim to equip all learners to reach their God-given potential and succeed in a Christ-centered environment.

We are committed in the coming years to establishing a building dedicated to special needs students, featuring 7 classrooms tailored to support diverse learning needs.Through this initiative, we aim to equip all learners to reach their God-given potential and succeed in a Christ-centered environment.

HELPING STUDENTS NAVIGATE CULTURE:
Truth in a changing world



In a world that constantly shifts, LCA remains grounded in timeless Biblical truths, equipping students to stand firm in their faith while engaging the culture with wisdom, grace, and discernment.

- **Teaching Timeless Truths in a Timely Way –** Helping students apply God's Word to real-world challenges so they can make decisions based on Biblical conviction, not cultural trends.
- **Biblical Worldview Training –** Instilling a Christ-centered perspective on current issues, so students graduate prepared to defend their faith, stand for truth, and lead with integrity.
- **Technology & Social Media Responsibility –** Teaching students how to use technology wisely, ethically, and biblically, promoting digital discernment, healthy boundaries, and Christ-honoring online behavior.
- **Critical Thinking & Discernment –** Encouraging students to think deeply, ask hard questions, and seek Biblical answers, equipping them to navigate challenging conversations with confidence and grace.

MULTIPLE GRADUATION PATHWAYS:
A Future with Purpose

Every student's journey is unique, and this should be reflected in their education. Whether pursuing college, vocational training, or ministry, LCA is committed to equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and faith foundation they need to thrive.

- **Career & Vocational Training –** Hands-on learning and real-world preparation.
- **College Readiness & Mentorship –** Early exposure to career paths, dual enrollment opportunities, and personalized guidance.

At LCA, we don't just teach students what to believe—we equip them to understand why they believe it and how to live it out in today's world.







INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

BUILD THE FOUNDATION

Our highest calling is to partner with parents to lay the foundation for students to become disciples. The word disciple means learners, and followers of Christ. Education is much more than information; it is the combination of principles and people. We build the foundation by providing the following building blocks:

- A safe and loving environment.
- A commitment to discipleship through Bible classes, chapel services, and godly leaders, coaches, and even friends.
- The goal is for the students to increase in wisdom and stature and grow in favor of God and man.

NAVIGATE THE DEVELOPMENT

Academic Excellence

As a school, our first priority is development through academic excellence. We recognize that all truth is God's truth; therefore, we specialize in teaching our students how to think. It is learning how to apply timeless truths in a timely way. This will enable the students to become Joshuas and Calebs, who courageously follow fully in a world that's full of compromise.

Ultimately, we achieve academic excellence by understanding each student's God-given design and phases of development. Education must be curated and customized to develop one's heart, mind, and strength.

When this happens, we cultivate good soil, plant the seeds, nurture the process, and set the trajectory for the future.





Student Life | *Athletics*

As adults, sports should be about entertainment, but as kids and teenagers, sports are an opportunity to have fun, create lifelong memories, and learn life lessons.

Athletics is an invaluable tool to develop a young man or woman's character, competency, and chemistry. In many respects, sports are one of the few ways to develop a work ethic early in life. Ultimately, we teach our students to play for an audience of One. 1 Corinthians 10:31 says it this way, "Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God.

Competition is important, but character development is more important. Good coaches change games, but great coaches change lives; our coaches do both.







LCA FINE ARTS

Student Life | *Fine Arts*

At LCA, our Fine Arts program operates from the belief that God is the creator of creativity. Since we're created in the image of God, every student is designed and even gifted to glorify God through creativity and artistic expression.

Whether through music, visual arts, or drama, students refine their talents as an expression of beauty and, ultimately, worship. For many students, the arts will become a lifelong passion, ministry expression, or even a career.



SET THE TRAJECTORY

Our greatest success stories don't happen at Liberty Christian Academy; they happen beyond graduation. Yes, our students are prepared to excel academically, but more importantly, our students are prepared to excel in life. Our goal is for their teens to set the trajectory for their twenties.

The teenage years are pivotal decision-making years. Parents are always important, but during these years it is especially important to be surrounded by the right friends, teachers, and coaches.

Our God is a God of sequence; what He does today is preparation for tomorrow. That's why students need a safe place and safe people to wrestle with five trajectory essentials:

1. **Learn timeless truths in a timely way.**
2. **Grow in biblical manhood and womanhood.**
3. **Offer people compassion without compromise.**
4. **Engage the culture, not escape the culture.**
5. **Replace problems with solutions.**

Our mission extends beyond education—we are committed to preparing students to be difference-makers.

As we look toward the future, Liberty Christian Academy remains steadfast in *Building Potential*—in the lives of our students, the strength of our faculty, and the growth of our facilities.



The mission is simple and straightforward:
We want our students to follow
the Lord fully.

Ultimately, we build everything from God's
definition of success found in Joshua 1:7-9.



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