



Kindergartener Gabriel Wigley enjoys sand time at Parents' Day with his parents, Deb and Nathan.



Family Skate Night with Meg Martel, Hannab Kennedy, Lindsey Chamberlain, Luke Hogaboom, and Luke Mercier

2009 - 2010 School Calendar

December 11
Christmas concert

January 31
Winter Open House

March 20
Silent Auction

April 23
Sports Day

May 12
Family Picnic

May 28
Family Pizza Day

June 4
Last Day of School

June 10
LOG's 30th Graduation



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From The Headmaster

Tomato & Jelly Sandwiches

As I write this article, summer is winding down and the tomato plant production is already waning (always a sad development). Fresh tomatoes often take me back to some fond memories of my childhood and one of the great discoveries of my life. During the summer when time was abundant and commitments were few (the good ole days), Mom would often seek to conserve her energy and foster our ability to fend for ourselves by putting sandwich makings on the table and telling us to make our own lunches. Many of these sessions became contests to see who could come up with the most outlandish sandwich. As with many amazing inventions, I discovered the greatest sandwich ever - by accident. Yup, mayonnaise on one side and jelly on the other with fresh tomatoes in the middle. A sandwich fit for a king!

Now the real question - what do tomato and jelly sandwiches have to do with The Lamb of God School? My inspiration came after reading Betsy Stein's interview with Rachel Harkins found on the next page (Betsy always gets her piece done way ahead of mine). At first The Lamb of God School was just another possibility for Rachel and her family. A year later it had become a life-changing experience, just like a tomato and jelly sandwich! While not every child has such a life-changing experience at LOG School, it does have a significant impact on most. We recently asked families that felt led to write testimonies about how the school had been a support to them. We wanted to include their thoughts and experiences on our website or future newsletters. I must confess I was close to tears as I read those pages. For what I heard, I am profoundly thankful. Not only the kids but whole families had been ministered to and their faith nurtured by the love they have experienced at LOG. While not every child will have a "Rachel Harkins experience," seeds have been planted and signs of growth are definitely the norm; alas, making The Lamb of God School an exceptional discovery - just like the tomato and jelly sandwich. Enjoy!

Phil Buck



Above: Mr. Buck greets Joshua Vidmar

Below: Fourth graders Kaela Chen and Lilly Stein



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Alumni Spotlights

Justin (Judd) Bolger ('94) and his sister, Maggie (who also attended Lamb of God through fifth grade), are living in Nashville, Tenn., where they have been pursuing music professionally for six years. They have released three albums and are currently recording a fourth. Judd describes their music as folky/poppy/rock which has been released in mainstream and Christian markets. The duo -- who go by Judd and Maggie -- had a record deal in 2005 with RCA/Victor. They recorded in Hollywood, Calif., at Cello Studios where the Beach Boys, Fleetwood Mac and others famous bands recorded, according to Judd.

They have been on tour this fall and recently played at Golden West Café in Baltimore. They have also led music on retreats at Mount De Sales with their brother Fr. Jesse Bolger, ('87) a priest who currently lives in Bel Air and is assistant pastor at St. Margaret's.



Judd and Maggie Bolger

Hannah Hamilton, Amanda Dimas and Ryan McAdams ('07) are members of the National Honor Society, Chapelgate Christian Academy Chapter in Marriottsville. Selection is based on four criteria: service, leadership, scholarship and character. Hannah is the president of the organization. "I love to serve people and the Honor Society gives us an opportunity to work with people in our community and at our school as a group," she said. Last year Hannah traveled to Guatemala for a mission trip over spring break. "I loved it. My dream is to become a doctor and follow my passion to help sick people." Amanda writes for the school newspaper and Ryan is part of the worship team. They are both involved in the student government at Chapelgate.

Lamb of God's Impact

One graduate reflects on how the school changed her life

When Rachel Harkins, campus minister and religion teacher at Mount de Sales Academy, was in seventh grade, her mother noticed a change that concerned her.

"I was bubbly when I was little, and my mom saw that I was becoming more secluded," explains Rachel, who was home schooled at the time.

Her mom felt she needed to go back to school but wasn't sure where to send her. So she took it to the Lord in prayer and distinctly heard the words "Lamb of God," Rachel says.

The family from Joppa had vaguely heard of the Lamb of God Community but had no idea if a school existed. So they looked it up in the phone book and made a call. Phil Buck was reached and an interview scheduled.

"We thought that we would give it to the Lord, and if it was were I was supposed to go, it would feel right," Rachel explains. "I went into the entrance and right there and then, it felt right for our family."

Despite the 45-minute commute, Rachel attended the Lamb of God School for her eighth grade year. But, from that one year, the direction of her life was altered.

"It was a tough year because I hadn't been around people in so long ... but thank God they were Christian peers who were welcoming and nonjudgmental," she says. "Lamb of God was the perfect transition socially and ultimately spiritually. It was a life-changing experience."

Before she came to Lamb of God, Rachel says that she thought you had to be at least 40 to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Then she attended chapel and went to Spruce Lake.

"I saw kids my age and kids younger than me stand up, give words, speak in tongues, sing songs (and mean the words), and read the Bible -- not just for their parents. They

were sharing their faith and it was astounding to me," she says. "That jump-started my spiritual life. I transferred to Mount de Sales and kept my LOG friends all four years. They are my Christian backbone."

Rachel graduated from Mount de Sales in 2004 and was voted the Mount de Sales Girl, the highest honor given to a senior. She was the first to speak at graduation and spoke on Luke 12:48 -- "To whom much is given, much is expected in return."

Rachel had always wanted to be an archeologist but on a retreat the summer before



Rachel Harkins

her senior year at Mount de Sales, a priest prayed over her and had a vision that she was "supposed to do something great for the Lord."

After that, she decided to attend Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, where she majored in religious education and theology. She graduated in three years with the hope of going back to teach at Mount de Sales.

"I saw at Mount de Sales what a positive impact a young person can have on teenagers," she says, explaining that she had

a young religion teacher who made a big impression on her.

When she returned from college the only opening at the school was teaching an apologetics class, but she took it and less than a year later -- she became campus minister. She leads class retreats, took a group of girls to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, led a group of 250 students on the March for Life last year, leads groups to a Catholic work camp each summer, began a worship team called "Angels in Chorus" and introduced a club and fashion show focused on modesty called "Project Redesign."

This summer, Rachel realized a totally different goal she set for herself -- competing in the Miss Maryland contest. Having already won the title of Miss Historic Maryland, Rachel -- who plays the harp -- was eligible for the contest which is the precursor to the Miss America contest. At the contest, Rachel received the Newcomer Talent and Overall Talent awards and finished in the top ten.

"I was very proud of myself and grateful to God for such an incredible experience," she says. She won a substantial amount of scholarship money and will be starting her masters in education administration in the fall at Johns Hopkins University.

Reflecting back, Rachel credits Lamb of God School for setting her on the path that she has taken.

"I feel like The Lamb of God taught me a true integration between academics and spirituality. ... It's filled with families who put Christ first," Rachel says. "I've kept the same friends and the same relationships for almost 10 years now. Those people are my spiritual partners, and I went to school with them for one year."

By Betsy Stein

"Daddy Pray for Me..."

We teach our children that God loves us, is kind and almighty. We teach that God answers prayer. Then we are put to the test. "Daddy, pray for my headache." "Daddy, pray, our dog is lost."

What is your reaction? What if God does not answer and the yellow lab is gone forever? Are you afraid to pray for physical healing for your child? I have been there.

Well, first you should pray despite the fact that you are not feeling particularly holy or close to God at that moment. You are a son/daughter of God and have authority to pray in Jesus' name for those you have responsibility for.

John Wimber said the prayer that is always answered is "Come Holy Spirit." After asking for the Holy Spirit I picture that it is Jesus' prayer for my child. I have faith that Jesus in me will direct my prayer.

Then, since it is Jesus praying, it is His faith not mine. The results are up to Him and His Father. I no longer worry about how it looks for my reputation or God's if the headache remains.

When prayers are not immediately answered, it is an invitation to "go deeper." Is it more intimacy the Father wants? We can teach our children that sickness may be a time to slow down to be with Him. The lost dog is not a good thing, but God brings good out of evil.

Children can startle us with revelation learned through "unanswered" prayer. God is kind and holds no good thing back. At times, it is best for us if He waits. "Yet, when He heard Lazarus was sick He stayed where He was for two more days. John 11:6. He delays for a greater revelation. Pray for that stomachache with confidence. Good things will happen.

Jack Baronas

What issues would you like Jack to discuss in his next column on practical parenting? Let him know via email at john@drbaronas.com.

Attention Alumni

We'd love to include you in future Alumni Spotlights. Please write and tell us what you are up to. Recently married? An exciting trip or job? This is a great way to keep up with fellow alums. E-mail Betsy Stein at bstein@patuxent.com.