

It's All In The Numbers...

21 average middle school class size **15** average lower school class size

156 students enrolled **5** legacy students with alumni parents **280** graduates since LOG opened

20 middle schoolers on the honor roll **110** families at the school

27 graduating classes **15:1** average student:teacher ratio



Third graders explore the globe with Mrs. Horne.

Wish List - Top Ten

- 1) Retire our \$1,050,000 mortgage
- 2) Carpet machine (\$4,000)
- 3) New drop ceiling and lights in 5th and small tutoring room (\$3,000)
- 4) Raise settling floors: three spots (\$10,000)
- 5) Replace old building ballasts and bulbs with high efficiency ones (\$1,600)
- 6) New carpet in gold carpet rooms in new building
- 7) Upper room sound system (\$400 -\$2,000)
- 8) Room-darkening shades for 5th grade (\$1,200)
- 9) Practice pennies for gym class (\$150)
- 10) Cordless microphone for chapel (\$400)

Items donated from last year's Wish List:

- 2 computer projectors
- Parking lot coated and striped.
- Science and history textbooks
- Repaired lunchroom A/C
- New magnetic whiteboards in old building
- New doors on old men's room stalls



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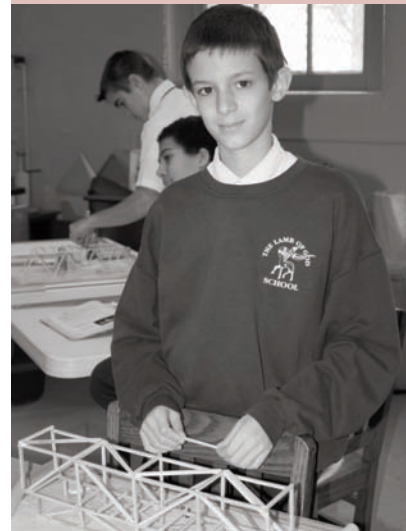
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From The Headmaster

How Is Your Anchor?

As a child I was blessed with many opportunities and experiences that have greatly enriched my life. One of those experiences was sailing. I got my start in an 8-foot dinghy. In my middle school years my older brother and I saved our money from cutting lawns and repairing lacrosse sticks and bought a beat-up 18-footer.

After several years in dry dock (the garage) and extensive repair work (thanks to Dad) we launched a scarlet Hampton we named "Eeyore." For years we sailed the Magothy River, discovering every shoal and sandbar (the hard way). More than once in my sailing years I gained an appreciation for a good anchor while riding out a squall - praying the anchor would hold and the lightning would find somewhere else to strike.

Recently this image came back to me as I viewed ads for upcoming TV shows while watching the Super Bowl. I saw waves of temptation, lightning strikes of immorality, winds of violence and currents of absurdity descending upon the hearts and minds of this generation. How I hope that the anchor line for each one of us is secure. This storm is so fierce (yet so subtle) that the anchor lines in many lives have snapped - or the anchors are dragging, exposing these souls to the rocks of moral compromise.

As I write, the upper school chapel has just completed the fifth week in the "Life In the Spirit Seminar," when we invite the children to receive, and pray over each other, for a greater infilling of the Holy Spirit. The next day Miss Clark had the 6th through 8th grades write about their experiences. I wish I had time to share with you their excitement, but suffice it to say they were really touched. This thrills me because this is what the LOG School is all about: getting kids excited about a personal relationship with the Lord. He is the ANCHOR they are going to need to be able to withstand the storm of evil that is breaking upon our culture, and to walk faithfully to the End. Keep praying for us--your prayer support is essential.

Phil Buck



Above: Mrs. Boffen works with Sam Curtin, 4th grade.

Below: Meg Thomas, 8th grade answers a question in class.



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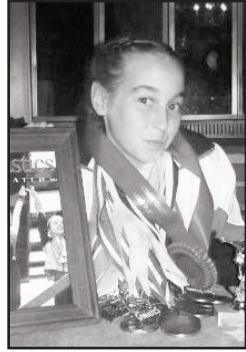
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Alumni & Student Spotlights

Patrick Gahagan ('96) has been promoted to manager at SC&H Consulting, a division of SC&H Group, which is a growing accounting firm in Sparks. A CPA, Patrick's area of specialty is supplier assurance audits which means he makes sure that the clients are billed correctly by their vendors. He gets to travel for work to places like England, France, Germany, Mexico and India. Patrick graduated from Mount Hebron High School in 2000 and majored in accounting at Towson University. He and his wife, Courtney, were married in 2005 and live in Catonsville.

Alumni **Meg Martel** ('11) is proving to be a very talented gymnast. Last year was her first year of competition and she placed first in all but one of her meets, including winning first place in the State Gymnastics Championship for level 4, age 10 participants.



In January 2008 Meg placed 3rd in all around competition at a meet in Richmond, VA, 2nd in a meet in Allentown, PA and first at the Columbia Challenge at the University of Maryland, College Park in February. While Meg shows talent on all gymnastic equipment, her favorites are the balance beam and the uneven bars.

Last summer, **Sarah** ('05) and **Ryan McAdams** ('06), both students at Chapelgate Christian Academy, were invited to compete in the Assemblies of God National Fine Arts competition in Indianapolis, IN. Both Sarah and Ryan won \$1000 scholarships to attend any Assemblies of God university of their choosing. To date, Sarah expects to take advantage of her scholarship by pursuing a career in youth ministries after she graduates.

Back at Lamb of God School this year you will find **Lara Christensen** ('00) heading up the after school homework club. Lara graduated from Mount de Sales in 2004 and is a fine arts major at the Community College of Baltimore County in Catonsville. Lara's specialty is photography. She shoots wedding celebrations among other things. She is involved in a band with other Lamb of God graduates and is engaged to marry Adam Kent this May.

A Day To Reunite And Remember

First Lamb of God School reunion held

Last Spring Amy Buck Donahue ('91) ran into an old schoolmate, Aaron Nodar, whom she hadn't seen since grade school. They were both at a playground with their kids and got to talking about their old teachers and classmates. From that chance meeting came the idea to hold the first Lamb of God School reunion.

"I wanted to reconnect with old friends that I had growing up," Amy said. "And I wanted to do something for my dad (headmaster Phil Buck) and the teachers, so they could see the fruits of their labor."

Amy spent the summer tracking down alumni and teachers from the first 15 years of the school and invited close to 100 to the event. The reunion was held Oct. 13 at the school and 39 alumni and a few teachers attended, many bringing their spouse and kids. It was a family-friendly event with a hot dog lunch, activities for kids in the gym and a chance to tour the school building to see how the school has changed since its first days in a church basement. The event culminated with a slideshow with photos dating back to the early days.

"It was great," Mr. Buck said. "It was wonderful seeing those graduates and how much they have changed. I didn't even recognize a couple of them. It was nice getting a chance to talk with folks and see what has transpired in their lives, what the Lord has done...And it was wonderful seeing their excitement to see one another and watching them reconnect."

Tim Delaney ('83) was in the second graduating senior class back when the school had a high school (phased out in 1985). He came to the reunion hoping to see some of his old classmates (there were four in his graduating class) and connect with old teachers.

"It was fun. I did get to see some of those people, though I wished there were more," he said. Tim said he still holds a special place in his heart for the school.

"The people there were genuinely relating to Christ and Our Father and each other differently than I've ever seen anywhere ever," he said. Tim now sends his own three children—Josh, Emily and Timmy—to The Lamb of God School. He says the way the teachers and stu-

dents relate to each other and the Lord is what's so important in raising children.

"It has a nice curriculum too, but that's not the primary thing," he said.

Principal Eileen Clark was thrilled to see so many people that she remembered at very young ages but hadn't seen in years. "It was an amazing day of remembering," she said. "Quite a number I had had in my first grade classes. Needless to say, a river of memories was flowing that day."

There was one graduate in particular that Eileen said she did not recognize at first and when someone told her who it was, she remembered back to the day that this young woman, Maura McCarthy, was born. Her brother was in Eileen's first grade class at the time and it was exciting for all the first graders to hear of Maura's birth. A few years later Maura was a delightful first grader, as well.

"They were an impressive group with some very well-behaved children of their own," Eileen said of those who returned to the reunion. "The amazing thing was that they were still as gracious and fun as when they were children. I suppose the essence of who we are is really formed at a very young age."

Ben Vidmar ('94) brought his wife, Bridget and their oldest son, Josh, 3.

"I enjoyed it tremendously," he said. "There was an amazing slide show that really brought back a ton of memories. The best part was just getting to see people that I haven't seen in 13 years. It was so neat to see how many people



Maura McCarthy, Melissa Mrozek Parker, and Amy Litt Decker catch up at the LOG reunion



Headmaster Phil Buck and daughter Amy

were married and had kids."

Ben said that the school has really changed over the years. When he attended there was only the old part of the building and no gym. But the school population has also changed.

"When I went there, everyone in the school was affiliated with the Lamb of God Community. I knew everyone in the entire school," he said. "Now very few are affiliated with the LOG community, so it just has a different feel. Not that it's a bad thing, it is just very different."

Back in those days, since the school was so small, they could do unique things, Amy recalled. Sometimes her class would pile into a teacher's car and find a field to play ball on or go out for donuts. It was a more nurturing and caring environment than other schools. And the prayer time and chapel time—which the school still has—were so important.

"I definitely gave my life to the Lord in school as a young kid, and whatever I went through in the rest of my life, it was there," she says. "My self-esteem was nurtured there."

Amy hopes that the reunion will be a springboard for the alumni of the school to stay in contact with each other. She hopes to put together an alumnus Web site and that reunions will become a regular thing in years to come.

"I loved watching my dad's face when a student came back that he hadn't seen for years and years," she said.

By Betsy Stein

The Ruling Force

Michael! How many times do I have to tell you "not to leave your shoes in the living room?" "Sallee! You didn't turn out the lights in the basement again!"

Many children need to be reminded over and over again to do the simple things. What is going on? Is it rebelliousness? Are they distracted? Thoughtless? Careless? So we lay down the law. "No computer time if your room is not picked up." If the parent is present, willing and has the energy to enforce the law, this works for a time.

I listened to a talk given by bible teacher Bob Mumford, and he clarified for me what is happening. There is something in us that likes to do it our way. The Law shows us our duty to do the right thing, but the power of the Law is not strong enough to make a permanent change in us. When the children are young we are able to control what they eat, watch on TV and their internet use. These controls are good but they become useless once the kids go to a friends house, college or are on their own. Laws and rules are powerless to maintain long term, desired behavior.

We need The Ruling Force of Love. Love is what compels us to do what is right when no one is watching. We must win our children's hearts with the love of Jesus. Show them Christ's love and mercy. Ask for and give forgiveness. Our children need to "taste (experience) and see that the Lord is good." He will capture their hearts. Teach them the difference of doing things out of love for family versus duty.

Children should be taught that it is out of love for family that they don't waste family resources. That they please Jesus when they obey and respect their parents. That it is out of love and respect for God's wisdom that they govern what comes into their body through their ears, eyes and mouth. As they grow in love for Jesus and others, they will be able to control what for many are ungoverned desires. "The love of Christ controls us." 2Cor 5:14. I think you will like the results.

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.