



Liberty Christian School

State of the School Letter

2020/2021 School Year

**Joel Northrup—School Board
Chairman**



"He said, "Praise the name of God forever and ever, for he has all wisdom and power. He controls the course of world events; he removes kings and sets up other kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the scholars. He reveals deep and mysterious things and knows what lies hidden in darkness, though he is surrounded by light." Daniel 2:20-22.

As I survey the landscape of America, I am concerned about the direction of our country. Our deeply held Biblical beliefs and our ability to teach our children what God's Word says is under assault. Whether it is the origins of the universe, human sexuality, or gender identity, we at Liberty Christian School hold to truth as defined in God's Word. We will never back down or compromise this foundational position. We will continue to teach God's truth about how we should treat those around us, regardless of a person's race, gender or other factors. God tells us in Matthew 22:39 to "Love your neighbor as yourself." It really is that simple!

We will continue to fight the good fight and follow the admonition to "Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil." Proverbs 4:25-27

I am thankful for you as parents, grandparents, donors, and prayer partners that support the ministry of Liberty Christian School. God continues to further His Kingdom through you!



Debbie Signor—Principal



Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Liberty Christian School has been resilient and flexible through the four years on this campus. The families and faculty that pioneered the move from the old campus to this one, we applaud you. Your hard work established Liberty Christian School here at CrossPointe Community Church. I commend those who would not let it die but kept the vision going through thick and thin. The remnant of families and faculty bridged the way to today. Each year the school has pushed through changes, losses, gains, and now, COVID 19. But here we are, still moving forward and growing. We are 115 students strong. We opened face-to-face learning in August and have avoided distance-learning this whole school year. That is amazing!

The Board, Faculty, and I want to commend all of you who have stayed the course. Your flexibility, love for Christian education, support for all the teachers and staff, and adherence to the COVID 19 restrictions have kept us going. We are still on this beautiful journey because you have believed in us. Last year at this time we stepped out in faith to add our 8th grade. It happened. We will be planning our 8th grade graduation ceremony soon.

This letter is a compilation of highlights of this year with your children from the teachers' perspectives. We wish we could have met together to share with you our accomplishments, but I believe these testimonies will encourage you about where we are, and give tremendous hope for the future.

Carrie Clark—Preschool Director



Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

That is one of my favorite promises from the Bible, and it has never been more fitting than this 2020/2021 school year. We trusted in the Lord and He blessed the preschool abundantly. As school began, we did not know what our enrollment would look like because of changes we needed to make to promote a healthy campus. As we moved forward in faith, the Lord began blessing our classrooms by bringing families and children to us. We have been able to open our classrooms as we normally would with healthy protocols in place. I am pleased to say we have been COVID-19-free since our opening in August. Even with all the new changes, we were able to fill two classes with children. Praise the Lord! Thank you to all the parents who have graciously abided by our new protocols and have supported our program with as

much enthusiasm as in years past. This has been an adjustment for all. I am so proud of our children. They have all been having such a positive experience learning, playing, and building friendships with one another. I give thanks to our Lord Jesus Christ for giving us a safe place to go to school.

One endeavor that I am praying about is moving forward with our sandbox project. This project has been in the works for a few years now and I hope to form a committee of parents this Spring to bring this project to fruition for our children. We have such wonderful, talented parents that are always so willing to help with the success of our program. Thank you to all the parents for all the donations throughout the year, and for coming along-side us as teachers to support us as we teach and love your children. I honestly believe every family that is enrolled in our program was led here by God. I thank God for each one of you every day!



Cynthia Maki—Kindergarten



God has blessed our hearts in many ways. We are able to meet in person and have fun learning in Kindergarten. The children have been playing and working hard as we have ventured through this year. Behind masks, I see loving parents and grandparents who make this possible. My normal hugs are slightly reserved as we have been trying to do what is good and right; all the while Kindergarten is just a place where we do hug and laugh and cry. We are figuring out how to live with others, and how to communicate with kindness. God has given us several rooms to operate in, and for that, we could not be more grateful! At this present time, we have a large motor skill play area, an academic area, and a fine motor activity and play area. All inside!! Praise the Lord. The children are reading and writing, and building math skills every day. We sing and jump and play outside. We listen and pray and think of how blessed we are to have our families. Yes, there is joy in the journey, and I am happy to be sharing the journey with my class this year.



Sharyreen Dietrich—1st Grade



When asked to describe their class most teachers might respond by saying their students are very special. However, I want to go one step further and say this year's class is incredible. As we all know, this pandemic has changed what a "normal" school year would look like. For this, I am blessed because it has brought me students who have never heard the wonderful true stories about our loving and faithful Jesus. This pandemic has caused a big Giant in their precious lives, just like the story of David and Goliath. After learning that story and seeing God's power and faithfulness in helping David defeat the giant, it made them see with God, you don't have to worry or be afraid. In a world where things are changing constantly, they need to know God and His Word never change. No matter what they face they can know promises in Jer. 29:11 that God has a wonderful plan and purpose for their lives.



Rebecca Martin - 2/3 Grades



This is my second year here at Liberty Christian School as the 2/3rd grade Teacher. We all agree, this year has been a different school year for everyone. Yet, there are many things the same. Things like making friends, learning to work as a class, listening and respecting the teacher and others, sitting quietly during class time, working together on the playground, and continuing to learn academic content (reading, grammar, adding, subtracting, multiplying, etc.). We work on all of these things as a blended class. This year the students are excited about God. We spend devotions learning about how He loves us and how we are to show His love to others. I can see results in how willing these students are to help one another and me, even in little tasks like cleaning their personal space. They especially enjoy vacuuming. They take time to encourage me by saying things like thank you or spontaneously helping another classmate. Their willingness to help and use encouraging words show their kind hearts. When they show kindness to each other it

makes me smile.

The students' interest increases in all aspects of learning. This class has an enthusiasm for learning. They are highly creative and curious. I have recently challenged the 3rd graders to memorize their multiplication tables up to at least the 10s for a prize, and they are doing their best to accomplish this goal. Students' interest in learning is not all that is increasing. Many students, among all their other interests, are very interested in learning about and serving God. One evidence of this is that I now have several that enjoy taking turns praying before lunch. Another is that they are always full of questions during our devotional and Bible class times. As a teacher, I am always excited when students desire to learn more.

Katy Miller—4th Grade



This is my first year at Liberty Christian School. I recently moved from Oklahoma to Redding to follow the leading of the Lord and to teach fourth grade at Liberty. What an amazing school the Lord has brought me to be a part of. The staff, students, and parents have been truly a joy to be with. Even in the midst of these times, my students are learning and growing spiritually, academically, emotionally, and in every way possible. In our worship and Bible times, we are learning about the love of God and what it means to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. (Matthew 5:13-16.) My class loves to learn and the questions they ask amaze me! They are learning to be critical thinkers and go deeper in every subject. I love how kind they are to one another and willing to help each other. One of the things I have implemented this year is "peers-helping-peers." If one is struggling with a certain subject, their partners will step in and help. It has been so wonderful to watch them help each other grow! We play games, get up and move, sing our multiplication tables, dance, and sing our 50 States. I want them to have fun while learning. I am honored to teach fourth grade here at Liberty and

thankful that the Lord brought me here.



Jason Hutchison—5/6 Grades



This year has exceeded my expectations. The 5th and 6th grade students were put through a change in teachers early in the year when Mrs. Olsen needed a long-term substitute. As a graduate of Liberty Christian School, it is a privilege to return to Liberty in my first full-time teaching position.

I believe the Lord brought us together for a reason during this time. The students have pulled together and I couldn't have asked for a better class to take this journey with. We have a great bond and I look forward to seeing them progress here at Liberty.



Tom Adams—7/8 Grades



It has been a pleasure and a joy teaching the 7th and 8th grade this year. They can be a handful at times, but the times when they are just fun to be around far outweigh the other times. They are naturally inquisitive, always testing the limits, and at times their surprising insight can be inspirational. Especially when you think they're not listening. The 7th and 8th graders this year are a close knit group, very inclusive, no one gets left out, and they enjoy doing things together. One of the main skills we try to develop at this age is organizational skills and taking responsibility for keeping track of their work and getting it in on time. For some, that can be quite a challenge but the benefits of learning this now will pay big dividends as they move into the upper grades. Most of our curriculum is Bob Jones University Press, which is an outstanding Christian curriculum which teaches all subjects from a Biblical Worldview. This, along with our devotions each morning and current events have definitely provided many opportunities for interesting discussion as we seek to learn how a Christian should view the world around him. My prayer for each student is that they will seek God's plan for their life knowing that God's plan will be the most rewarding.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11