



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2018-2019





# FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

This Annual Report for 2018-19 comes to you from a grateful heart for God's continued blessing on LCS. We enjoy strong enrollment, a beautiful campus, gifted faculty, engaged students, and a supportive parent community. We are privileged to pursue our calling to raise up the next generation to view and to live all of life in the light of God's Word. We are thankful for all who partner with us in this endeavor.

**Transparency-** Our Annual Report reflects are desire for financial transparency as we endeavor to exercise careful biblical stewardship of the resources entrusted to us. We recognize that all the funds available to us come from tuition or donations. We want to provide the information necessary to promote fiscal confidence among all our stakeholders and ministry partners.

**Integrity-** The LCS Board of Directors receives a complete audit each year as part of their fiduciary responsibilities to provide financial oversight for the school. A copy of the audit may be reviewed in the Business Office. The school budget is carefully designed to provide maximum benefit to the students in the most efficient manner possible. Donors can be assured that funds contributed to LCS are spent as promised by the school in accordance with the intent of the donor.

**Generosity-** Christian schooling is a worthy but expensive enterprise. We could not provide the high-quality instruction, well maintained campus, safe and secure environment, and broad range of academic, fine arts, and athletic opportunities for our students without the unselfish support of so many who believe in the mission of LCS. This report also recognizes many who have financially invested in the lives of not only the students of today, but also in the lives of many students who will walk our halls in the years to come. To all who continue to stand with us and invest in Christian schooling at LCS, we say a heart-felt "Thank you" on behalf of over 1000 students who are the recipients of your generosity each school day!

We trust you will find this report encouraging. If you have questions about the data presented here or any aspect of the school's financial operation, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your partnership and prayers for LCS.

With Appreciation,

Mike Sligh, Ed. D.  
Head of School



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LAKELAND  
CHRISTIAN  
SCHOOL







Lakeland Christian School is one of the nation's premier private Christian schools. We provide challenging academics, championship athletics and award-winning fine arts. The school's primary distinction, though, is the Biblical worldview that permeates every facet of school life.

The following information describes the vibrant LCS of today, a school community dedicated to higher levels of excellence with each passing year.

## THE SCHOOL

- Polk County's oldest and largest K4-12 private school - established in 1954
- Non-denominational
- Biblical worldview
- Extensive co-curricular program
- School families represent more than 200 different local churches
- Accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS)
- Member of the following associations: Florida Association of Academic Non-Public Schools (FAANS), Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), Florida Bandmasters Association (FBA), Florida Vocal Association (FVA), Florida School Music Association (FSMA)

## ACADEMICS

- Engaging and challenging curriculum
- 97% of graduates pursue college
- Test scores exceed local, state and national averages
- 61 AP, Honors and Dual-Enrollment courses offered

## FACULTY

- Teachers maintain professional certifications in their fields
- Student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1
- 42% of teachers hold master's degrees
- 35% of teachers have taught at LCS for 10 years or more

## ATHLETICS

- 43 teams in 14 sports, grades 6-12
- 23 State titles, 26 State runners-up
- Outstanding on-campus stadium, athletic center and gymnasium

## ARTS

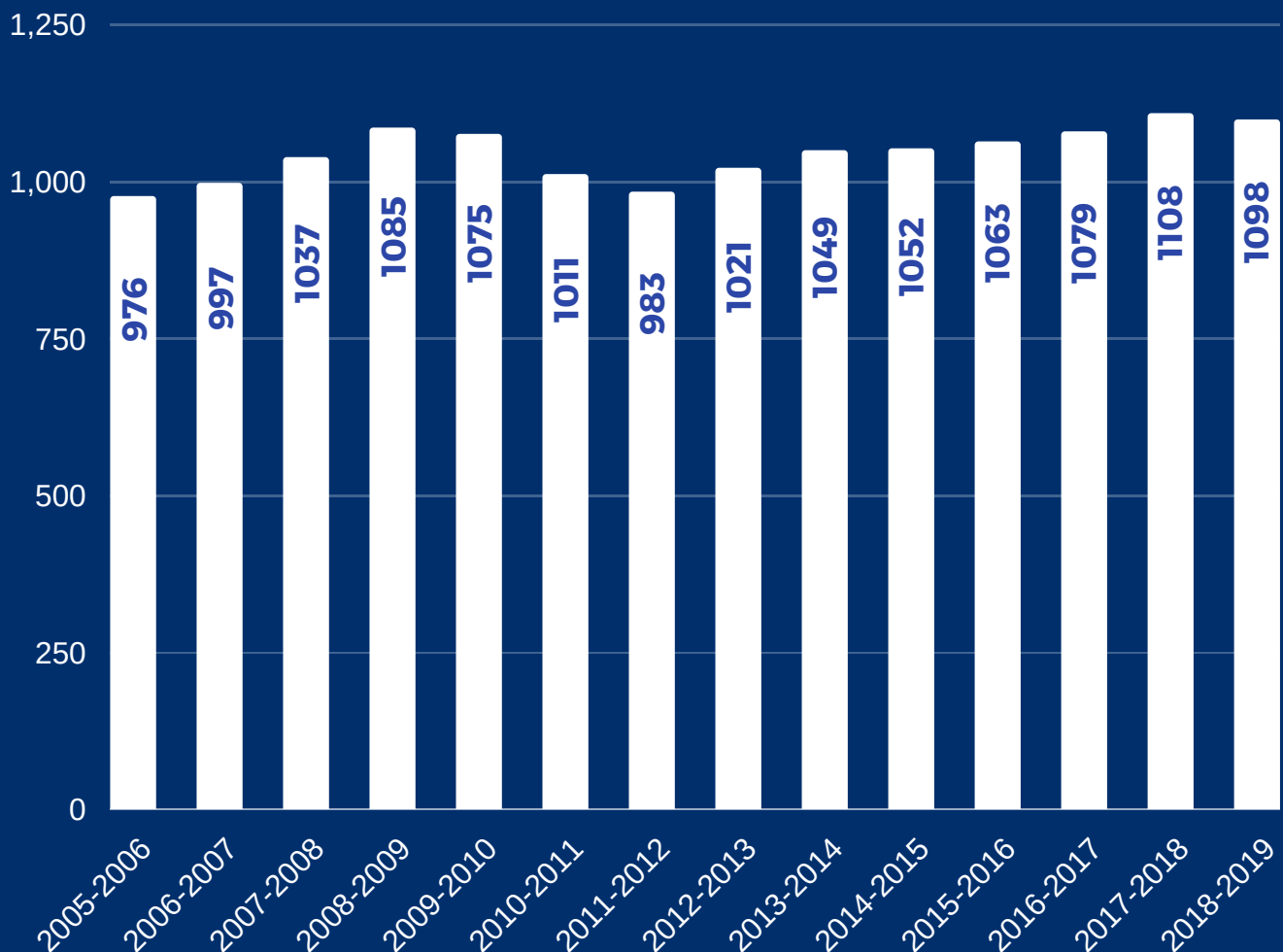
- Award-winning band and choir programs
- Musical production each year
- Private piano lessons available

# LCS ENROLLMENT HOLDS STEADY

2018-2019 Total:

**1098**

Lakeland Christian School was blessed with another year of strong enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year as families continue to desire a Christian education for their children. As new families join the LCS community, more children and young people are reached for the sake of the Gospel.



**2011-2012 Total: 983**

Elementary: 368  
Middle School: 255  
High School: 347  
Discovery: 13

**2012-2013 Total: 1021**

Elementary: 377  
Middle School: 274  
High School: 356  
Discovery: 14

**2013-2014 Total: 1049**

Elementary: 395  
Middle School: 277  
High School: 359  
Discovery: 18

**2014-2015 Total: 1052**

Elementary: 409  
Middle School: 263  
High School: 366  
Discovery: 14

**2015-2016 Total: 1063**

Elementary: 425  
Middle School: 255  
High School: 369  
Discovery: 14

**2016-2017 Total: 1079**

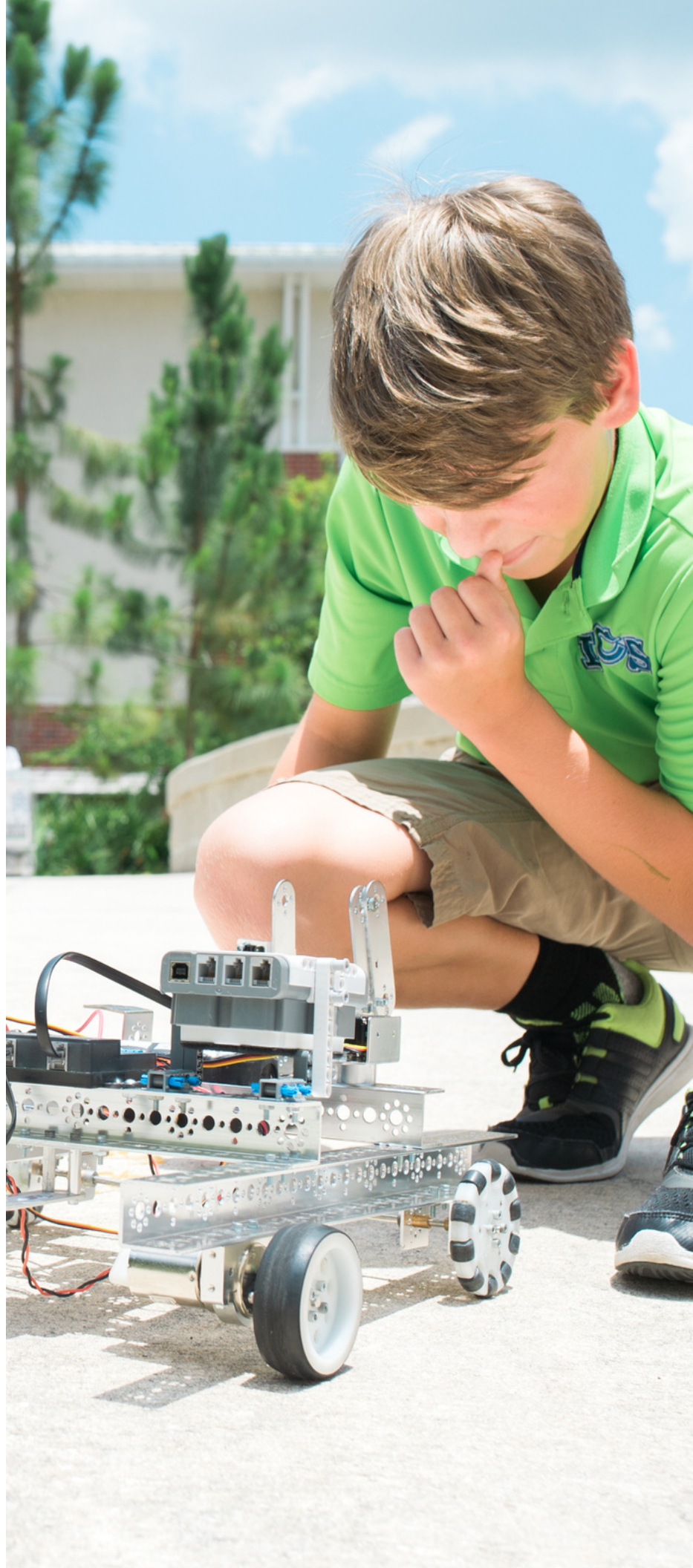
Elementary: 419  
Middle School: 269  
High School: 379  
Discovery: 12

**2017-2018 Total: 1108**

Elementary: 455  
Middle School: 252  
High School: 386  
Discovery: 15

**2018-2019 Total: 1098**

Elementary: 445  
Middle School: 275  
High School: 378

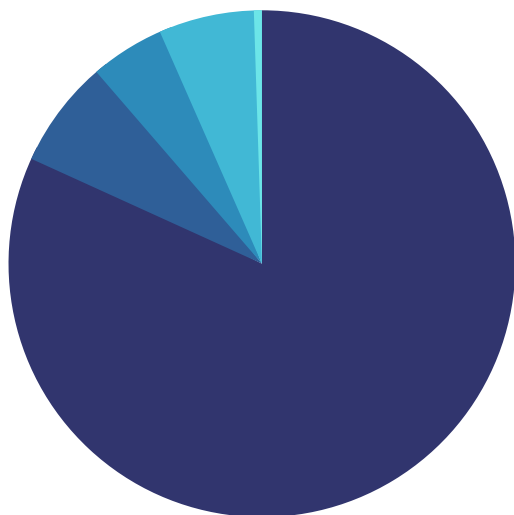




# LCS BLESSED BY SOUND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

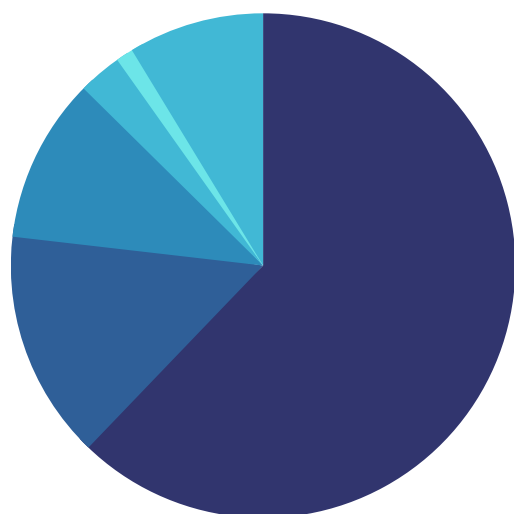
Lakeland Christian School always desires to reflect careful, conscientious stewardship of the resources necessary to manage the operations of a robust school. LCS is blessed to – once again – present a solid statement of operations for the 2018-2019 school year.

## REVENUE



● Tuition & Fees	\$ 11,143,566
● Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 936,219
● Ancillary Income	\$ 645,188
● Operating Contributions	\$ 829,637
● Other Income	\$ 69,566
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<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 13,624,176</b>

## EXPENSES



● Salaries & Benefits	\$ 8,384,486
● School Instruction	\$ 1,976,406
● Athletics	\$ 1,424,576
● Ancillary	\$ 367,031
● Fine Arts	\$ 150,017
● General Operations	\$ 1,174,291
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,476,807</b>

## NET SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS

**\$147,369**

*The numbers presented represent the operations of the school. Non-operating activity (investment returns, campaign activity, permanently restricted donations, etc.) is not reflected above.  
A complete copy of the auditors' report and corresponding financials are available for review in the school office.*



## THE VIKING FUND

The Viking Fund is the annual giving initiative of Lakeland Christian School. We are blessed to have a multi-generational family of faithful supporters.

This group includes current parents, graduates, alumni families, grandparents, friends from the community, as well as past and present faculty, staff, and administrators. We depend on and are grateful for their generous contributions which help to provide a vibrant educational experience for our students.

**During the 2018-2019 school year, total giving was \$262,172.71.**

Viking Fund gifts provided support to the following school initiative:

**Cafeteria Expansion**



**Campus Safety**



## VOYAGES & VICTORIES GALA



The Voyages & Victories Gala is the primary school-wide special event to raise funds for the LCS Financial Aid Fund. The theme for the 4th annual event was *Illuminate*. Proceeds from this event provided needed tuition assistance to families with a demonstrated financial need. Nearly 400 guests gathered at Haus820 in Lakeland's Mass Market for an evening of testimonies, dinner, musical entertainment and a lively auction. The real winners each year are the children and young people who can be at LCS through the generosity of sponsors and attendees.

**More than \$365,000 was raised through this event.**





# STEWARDSHIP GIVING REFLECTS A GENEROUS COMMUNITY

Operating a thriving Christian school like LCS is expensive. Our needs will always exceed revenue from tuition and fees — especially when it is a priority here to make a concerted effort to maintain modest tuition increases. That means LCS counts on the giving of a community of ministry partners — those who provide faithful support to the school year after year. The following information reflects heartfelt generosity to keep LCS on the forefront of educational distinction:

## GIVEN/PLEDGED BY CONSTITUENCY

School Parents:  
208 gifts | \$123,479.66

Grandparents:  
104 gifts | \$81,318.82

Alumni:  
25 gifts | \$13,064.00

Alumni Parents:  
60 gifts | \$22,318.00

Employees:  
1,069 gifts | \$45,603.00

Other:  
351 gifts | \$754,310.76

## GIVEN/PLEDGED BY FUNDS

Financial Aid:  
214 gifts | \$450,903.00

Families in Crisis:  
3 gifts | \$1,100.00

Viking Fund:  
1,246 gifts | \$262,172.71

Roger Evans Athletic Center:  
28 gifts | \$206,693.33

RISE Expansion:  
43 gifts | \$33,631.32

Forging a Firm Foundation:  
3 gifts | \$12,700.00

Other:  
280 gifts | \$72,893.88



2018-2019  
TOTAL NUMBER  
OF GIFTS

1,817



2018-2019  
TOTAL GIVING

\$1,040,094.24



# HOW TO GIVE TO LCS

Good financial planning honors God. It may also help you avoid unnecessary taxes and make a larger gift.

**CASH GIFTS AND PLEDGES** may be made as a single gift or a pledge. Online giving is available.

**GIFTS IN KIND** possibilities are limitless. LCS uses and needs many goods and services.

**APPRECIATED ASSETS** (appreciated stock or real estate you have owned for more than one year) will generate a tax deduction based upon fair market value.

**TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY** giving will enjoy certain tax advantages.

**MATCHING GIFTS** for current or retired employees are offered by many corporations.

**PLANNED GIFTS** allow you to maximize your giving and/or minimize the impact of your estate.

For more information, contact: MattE Diaz, Director of Advancement | 863-688-2771 | [mdiaz@lcsonline.org](mailto:mdiaz@lcsonline.org)





## Estate Planning Made Easy

With will and estate planning help from our partners at PhilanthroCorp, you can ensure that the legacy you leave behind benefits the ones you love with 100% certainty. Starting with a phone interview, they will guide you through a simple process resulting in wills and estate documents that reflect your values and leave a lasting impact on loved ones and charities you hold dear.

**Their services are provided to you, by Lakeland Christian School, free of charge.** The plan that PhilanthroCorp helps you create can then be implemented by your own personal adviser, or PhilanthroCorp can refer you to an attorney who will draft documents at greatly reduced rates.



PhilanthroCorp will help you discern the important relationships and resources you have and recommend the tools that are most effective to ensure your family is cared for and that you leave the legacy you desire.

Scan the QR code and submit the form or call Susan Wylie at 1-800-876-7958 ext. 2125 to have a PhilanthroCorp representative call you to schedule your first confidential phone appointment.







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