

December 17, 2013 - Update from LCBI Board and Leadership Team

Dear friends of LCBI,

Christmas Greetings and Blessings to you! May you find hope and grace in renewed celebration of the Birth of the Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace, Saviour - Christ the Lord. We believe that such hope and grace enfold the 100 year old treasure perched on the banks of the South Saskatchewan River at Outlook and also living in our minds, hearts and affections – well worth preserving now and into the future. We ask you to be a part of that.

So, we have asked you for your financial support. Why should you provide it? Many of you have asked us “What is the plan? What is LCBI doing to deserve my support?”

- **LCBI continues to** “provide and improve its offering of high quality academic education and life experience within the distinctive environment of a Lutheran Christian boarding school open to students from all backgrounds and faiths.” This point cannot be emphasized enough. LCBI always has provided, and will continue to provide, its students with academic course offerings, teacher expertise, a study environment and a community life that enable its graduates to pursue virtually any post-secondary educational endeavour and career they choose.
- The recent “**Week in the Wild**” was a massive and successful whole-school undertaking (see *Beacon* article) - a demonstration of LCBI’s current ability and future potential to offer a variety of programs that successfully engage and challenge students individually and collectively. Outdoor and environmental education, regular classroom instruction, community building, healthy living activities and worship were integrated to provide profound life experiences and high quality academic education. This event built on the foundation of more modest past LCBI programs of river canoeing, mountain and prairie hiking and skiing, and camping. Where precisely it will lead in the future will be determined through follow-up collection and analysis of information and strategic reflection and assessment.
- **Application for Candidacy to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program** – Attaining an IB designation would enhance both LCBI’s academic program and community life by providing new opportunities for student and teacher challenge and excellence both within the regular classroom and through extracurricular activities, assessed through IB’s standardized, internationally recognized programs and criteria. The rarity of the IB designation in Saskatchewan (only 5 schools currently have this designation) would provide additional recruitment opportunities. LCBI already has programs, a school culture and staff expertise that make it an ideal candidate for IB certification. The volunteer component of IB is a ready fit with the potential to enhance our Take out Tuesday program. The fine arts component offers the potential to enhance our longstanding music and choral programs.
- **Recruitment Initiatives-** LCBI has launched broad recruitment initiatives to attract new students, with a particular emphasis on Saskatchewan students. Early in 2014, we will be visiting several communities in Saskatchewan to promote LCBI to potential students. We are currently seeking to hire a recruiter for this initiative. We encourage our Alumni and Friends to partner with us in support of recruitment efforts - please talk about LCBI to potential students and families in your community. Please forward names and contact information of potential students you may be aware of to the school.
- **Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation-** LCBI is being recognized as part of the SCIC’s Global Classrooms Initiative. SCIC will produce a video profile of LCBI which will be showcased at the SCIC Global Citizens Awards Galas in Regina on Thursday February 6th at 7:00pm and in Saskatoon on Saturday, February 8th at 7:30pm

Please visit the LCBI internet site regularly (www.lcbi.sk.ca) to follow news about the ongoing development of LCBI’s academic and community life programming. Our thanks to all who have provided support to LCBI this past year by sending us students, through donations of time, effort and money, and with your prayers.

A blessed Christmas and New Year to all from the LCBI Board, Leadership Team, Staff and Students.