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Mission, Purpose, & Core Values

Background

The Lutheran High School Association (LHSA) was founded in 1944 by Detroit area Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod congregations to provide a strong academic, college prep program that is distinctly Christian in its focus and purpose. Today, 58 Lutheran Churches comprise the LHSA, which own and operate three Lutheran High Schools serving over 1,000 students. Schools of the LHSA are; Lutheran North (Macomb Township), Lutheran Northwest (Rochester Hills), and Lutheran Westland (Westland).

Mission

LEARNING FOR LIFE! LEADING IN TRUTH!

Philippians 4:9 *“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”*

We offer an educational environment that strives to be a place where students and staff have the opportunity to develop their God given gifts to their fullest. That is our definition of excellence in learning and excellence in education. The learning goals in our environment go beyond college acceptance, university scholarship, or even just good grades on a transcript. Our students are learning to prepare for the next step in life. Our staff continues to learn, steadfastly committed to their professional development. All members of our school community learn so that they can put into practice what they have been taught. Our indicator of success is how well we have learned to use our God-given gifts for His purpose in our lives and the lives of all those we touch in relationships at home and in our vocation. Most importantly, we learn so that we can put into practice sharing the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all.

This is LEARNING FOR LIFE!

3 John 1:4 *“I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.”*

We must remain steadfastly committed to the truth of Holy Scripture. Our faculty, administrators, students, and everyone else connected with our organization must understand what truth is. Our goal is to walk in the truth and lead with the truth as seen through the lens of the Bible. Whether it is an administrator leading faculty, the faculty leading students, students leading students... leading will be done based on the truth of God’s Word. Ultimately, we have been created by God to lead people to the saving truth of salvation through our redemption in Jesus Christ!

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Purpose

Lutheran high schools in the Greater Detroit area are educational agencies maintained by Lutheran congregations as practical and highly desirable agencies designed to help the church and the parents carry out more effectively their responsibilities of transmitting to each rising generation the full counsel of God.

A Lutheran high school is not in competition with existing public educational agencies, but rather it is a cooperative member of the diversified system of education which recognizes the basic concept of diversity within unity as a necessary corollary in the democratic way of life.

A Lutheran high school is designed to transmit a view of life to the rising generation that is consistent with the basic tenets of Lutheran doctrine and practice. In this respect, it is a defense mechanism against the inroads of ignorance and perversion by serving as an effective vehicle for the transmission of that which is best human experience.

It should be clear that as Lutheran Christians we believe that this is God's world; that nothing is so important to man as to be in the right relation to God. We also believe that man's relation to man can only be correctly established in the light of his personal relationship to God, his Creator.

Core Values

Each of the schools seek to:

- Help students grow in faith, grace, and knowledge of their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Provide a strong educational background.
- Establish positive Christian values.
- Develop wholesome life skills, and to nurture a life of service.

The Word of God is the norm for each of the school's life and work. We believe that God's Word as revealed in the Bible (and correctly summarized by the Lutheran Confessions) is the means, along with the Holy Sacraments, by which individuals grow in the knowledge of God in both His Law and Gospel and increase in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because we are convinced that the formal educational experience should cultivate and develop the whole person – mind, body, and spirit, we strive to provide a strong educational, physical, and spiritual foundation in order to prepare our students for future educational experiences and vocations. We realize that there are differences in individual endowments, and we take these into consideration with our students. We want to motivate them to develop fully the talents that God has given them.

We recognize that the foundation for Christian values is the home and the church. We work together with parents and the churches to fulfill the responsibilities of teaching, guiding, and productively coping with change, respecting others, caring about oneself and others, and developing positive interpersonal relationships with other individuals and groups.

The understanding of God's Word ideally leads students to see their mission as one of Christian service within the school, the church, the local community, the nation, and the world. Students ideally live lives of service now in this world because of the sure hope of eternal life in heaven with Christ.