



Kids turn pages into holiday cheer in the Connie Behr Memorial Library.

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Iron Sharpens Iron
LCHS Class of 2019 Motto

Liberty Common Sense

“A weekly account of our revolutionary journey”

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Next week at Liberty Common School is Francis Bacon week

Francis Bacon was an English scientist, philosopher, and statesman. Born in 1561, Bacon would later discover and popularize the scientific method, whereby the laws of science are discovered by gathering and analyzing data from experiments and observations, rather than by using logic-based arguments. Bacon wrote *History of Life and Death*, a long treatise on medicine. He is considered the “father of the experimental philosophy” and “the father of the scientific method,” a label first bestowed upon him by his contemporary, **Voltaire**.



Lagowski Family Update. The Lagowski boys are still recovering from last week's tragic accident (reported in last week's *Liberty Common Sense*). Phone calls and visitations are restricted. A Go Fund Me account has been created to help offset hospital costs. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to contribute.

Sincerely,
Liberty Administration

The Economics of Liberty

By: **Bob Schaffer**



Nearly one in three Colorado graduates needs remedial education in college – [READ MORE HERE](#). Liberty leads the way in reversing this disturbing public-education trend. In fact, I've never heard of a Liberty graduate needing a remedial college course.

Tonight, coincidentally, I'm attending my daughter's college graduation ceremony. **Sarah** (LCHS '15/LEGIO XIII) is graduating a semester early. She already has a good fulltime job, and will use her earned "semester off" applying to graduate schools.

There's a large wall display in the LCHS Acropolis featuring **Alauna Sutton's** (LCHS '13) college diploma. Hers was the first four-year degree earned by an LCHS grad – a double major! She did it in seven semesters.

In these, as in the cases of most Liberty Common alumni, their rigorous K-12 education armed them with cost-saving, and time-saving academic advantages that put them far ahead in college. This is another reason why making financial contributions to our charter-public-school charity makes so much sense.

Now is the time to volunteer on specific fund-development projects, to financially sponsor school activities, to help apply for grants, and to help us come up with creative ideas to supplement Liberty's ambitious budget.

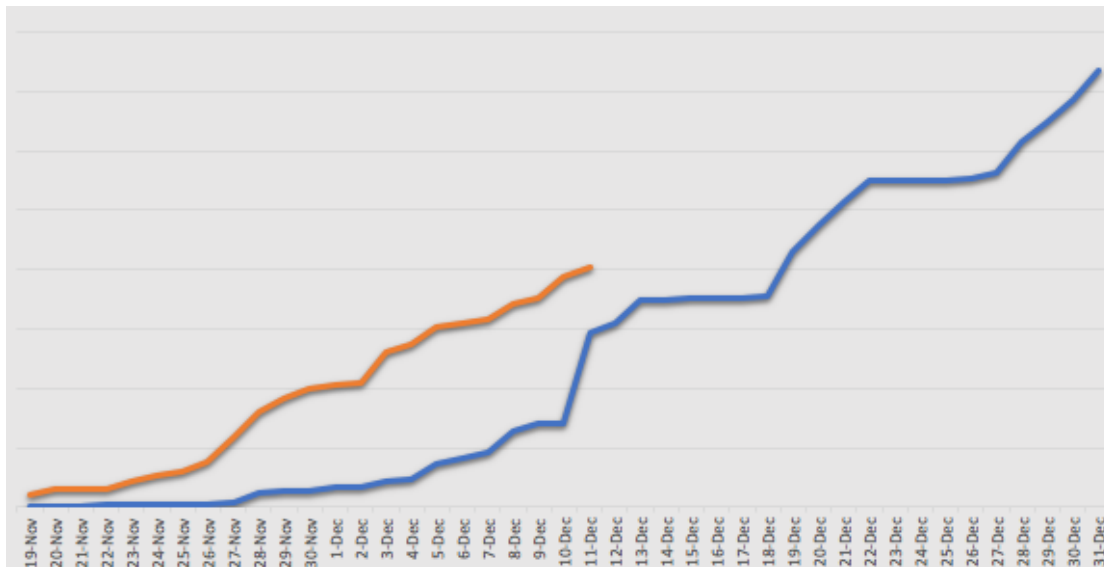
See information and links elsewhere in today's *Liberty Common Sense* to donate, to volunteer, and to support Liberty's thrilling revolution in public education.

Donate To Liberty. Liberty's end-of-year fundraising campaign is at its halfway point. Many have responded with tremendous generosity. To those thoughtful donors, we say "thank you!"

Historically, only one in every six Liberty families has donated to the end-of-year campaign. Imagine what we could accomplish if every family, grandparent, alumni, and friend gave to this remarkable community school. Your generous donations, no matter how large or small, ensure we are able to offer the finest educational experience possible. Investment in our students empowers them toward engaged citizenship, community leadership, and prosperity in their eventual professions.

See the following chart, which shows we're on track to improving donations over last year's effort.

Please, let's join together – every single one of us – to support Liberty Common School.



Donations this year (in orange) compared with last year. Help us take that orange line completely off the chart!

Give Online. It's the easiest way to donate. We've made it fast, easy, and safe. To give today, [CLICK HERE](#).

Help Raise More. Please volunteer to help organize fundraising projects, apply for grants, and boost the school's income. [CLICK HERE](#) to turn your time, energies, and great ideas into cash for the school.

2018 Liberty Common School Calendar

- December 14** | Free-Dress Day
- December 14** | Chessmates
- December 17** | Character-Education Assembly
- December 17** | 5th-Grade Concert, 5:30 pm., 6th-Grade Concert, 6:30 pm.
- December 19** | Audition Meeting for Treasure Island Musical, 5th and 6th Graders, 3:15 in the Choir Room.
- December 20** | BOD Meeting, 6:00 pm., LCS Breakroom
- December 21** | Liberty T-shirt Day
- December 21** | 2nd Quarter Ends
- December 24-Jan. 4** | Winter Break, NO SCHOOL
- January 7** | Public-Information Night, 6:30PM, LCHS Great Hall
- January 10** | Legio XIII Induction, 6:00PM, LCHS Great Hall
- January 8** | Spelling Bee, LCS Connie Behr Memorial Library, after school
- January 15** | Geography Bee, LCS Connie Behr Memorial Library, after school
- January 25** | Liberty T-shirt Day
- January 28** | Public-Information Night, 6:30PM, LCS Gymnasium
- January 31** | BOD Meeting, 6:00PM, LCS Breakroom

BOD Update

Board Of Directors (BOD) Meeting Highlights

November 28, 2018

By: **Tricia Diehl**

Student leadership - During our monthly BOD meeting we had the distinct pleasure of

having students attend to share their comments to the members of the BOD and administration. It is impressive to hear directly from these students as to what is important to them about their experience at Liberty and for them to articulate it to us in a professional way. Leadership and volunteerism is a firm attribute of Liberty Common and we work to offer opportunities to all students and parents at varying levels. There is much to be learned through serving and giving to others. Building confidence, providing a needed service to others and the satisfying feeling of a job well done. At the recent Grandparent's Day, many students generously gave their time, energy, and weren't afraid to take on a task they may have never done before. Education doesn't always happen in the classroom and isn't always from a book or a lecture. The valuable tools that these students can develop or test out for the first time will stay with them all their lives. We are proud of the all the ways students can contribute. They will take away far more than an academic diploma when they leave Liberty.

Morality Talks - Last month the students at the high school participated in our annual morality talks. The BOD fully supports this as a unique experience that could only take place at a charter or private school. The talks reinforce strong character. It is a time for students to sit down in a group, with a teacher they respect, to discuss issues that arise as they mature. Nothing supersedes the involvement of parents and shouldn't. These talks create a place where they can hear, from someone outside their family, expectations of respecting yourself and your development into an adult. Parenting has its challenges for sure and as a parent I am grateful that my children hear similar messages in different places and from different people. We always have a conversation at home after the talk to touch on some of the items and get their feedback on the event. We have received positive feedback from both students and parents regarding the content and delivery and hope you can use this as a catalyst with your own kids to further those important discussions.



Liberty Sports by Dan Knab, Liberty Common Athletic Director

'Stay Together, Play Together, Win Together!'

This Week In Jr.-High Sports:

7th- 8th-grade boys basketball uniforms need to be returned in to Mr. Knab. Please have them clean and in a zip-lock bag identifying the athlete.

7th- & 8th-grade girl's basketball season begins Monday, January 7th, 3:30pm in the elementary gym. Click [HERE](#) to register now.

Contact Jr.-High Coaches:

Boys Basketball - Contact **Coach Arend** (8th); Contact **Coach Matthews** (7th)

Girls Basketball - Contact **Coach Arend** (7th); Contact **Coach Hart** (8th)

Cross Country - Contact **Coach Kissane**

Soccer - Contact **Coach Reeves**

Track - Contact **Coach Reeves** or **Coach Wilcox**

Volleyball - Contact **Coach Krueger** (8th); **Coach Busick** or **Coach Lanciotti** (7th)

This Week In High-School Sports:

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Men's Basketball

Sat, 12/15, 1pm/4pm, Home, vs Highland (C/JV Only)

Women's Basketball

Fri, 12/14, 4pm/5:30pm/7pm, Home, vs Eagle Ridge (JV/V) (C Game vs Rez)

Sat, 12/15, 2:30pm/5:30pm, Home, vs Highland (C/JV Only)

Contact High-School Coaches Directly:

Baseball - [Coach Bissell](#)

Basketball - Men's Basketball [Coach Altergott](#); Women's Basketball [Coach Ukasick](#)

Cross Country - [Coach Schulte](#)

Soccer - Men and Women [Coach Salehi](#)

Track & Field - TBD - Currently looking for qualified candidate - Click [HERE](#)

Volleyball - [Coach Camp](#)



For jr.-high and high-school athletic-score updates throughout the week, check out Liberty Common Athletic Booster Club's Facebook page by clicking [HERE](#).

**Every time you
purchase a ticket
to a game**



**or visit the concession stand,
the proceeds go to the team.**

Go Eagles!



Miss a game?

Check Facebook for scores and photos.

[LibertyCommonSchoolsAthleticBoosterClub](#)

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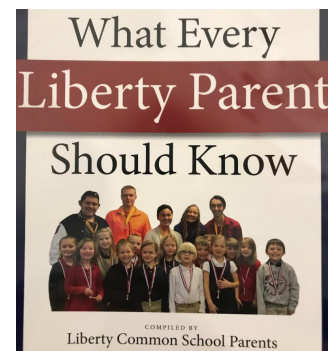
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What Every Parent Should Know

Why Does Liberty Have Great Books Reading Lists?
Dr. Maureen Schaffer, parent and founder

"I don't care what my child eats, just so long as he's eating!"
How many times have we heard this familiar statement uttered by a parent? Probably never. But change *eat* to *read*, and perhaps you've considered the thought yourself.

So why does Liberty require students to select books from approved Great Books lists for required "outside" reading?...([CLICK HERE](#) to continue reading).



Classical Manners for the Modern Youth



From the 1934 high-school textbook "Good Manners" used in "Household Science" class of that day:

"Rule No. 56. Welcoming the Newcomer. When a new girl comes to town or to your neighborhood in a city, a friendly call does much to make her like her new home. Two girls may call together, but more than two makes too much confusion.

"The best hours to call are from three to four-thirty.

Although older people seldom call on Saturday or Sunday, young folk in school will find those two days most convenient."

News Worth Repeating

Audition Meeting for Treasure Island Musical. There will be a mandatory informational meeting for all 5th-grade and 6th-grade students interested in auditioning for this year's musical – "Treasure Island" – on Wednesday, December 19th, at 3:15 in the Choir Room. Students must attend this meeting with a parent in order to audition for the show in January.

Cotillion Registration Now Open. The Fort Collins Cotillion is celebrating its 28th Anniversary in teaching young people social skills, sense and civility – through the art of ballroom dance.

The 4th-5th and 6th-7th program is directed by JDW Cotillions, an organization that instructs programs across the United States.



Not only will students learn to dance — which breaks down inhibitions, develops mutual respect between the genders, and instills confidence — they will learn about first impressions, communication skills, leadership, dining etiquette, codes of conduct, and character.

Classes are held at the Fort Collins Country Club. Members and non-members are welcome. Online registration is now open at <https://www.cotillion.com/jdw/registrationstep1>

Donate New or Gently-Used Shoes. The 30th Annual Shoes for The Holidays campaign has begun and runs through December 25th. Shoes and socks for those in need will be distributed throughout Northern Colorado. Support this worthy cause and bring your donations to the drop-off barrel located in entrance of LCS.

Kindergarten Sibling List. If your kindergarten-bound child is a sibling of a student currently enrolled in Liberty, please make sure they are on the Sibling List. We will begin running the Kindergarten lottery in January. Please contact **Julie Russell**, LCS Registrar, at (970)482-9800, ext. 1114, to add your student to the list.



Parenting With Love and Logic in 2019. Dr. Clarke, Love and Logic instructor is returning to Liberty on 1/23, 2/13, and 3/6 to teach Love and Logic for \$98 per person. This price includes a workbook designed to work hand-in-hand with the Love and Logic curricula. These workshops give parents the opportunity to have an interactive discussion with Dr. Clarke and one another on Love and Logic. If you are interested in attending, please sign up in the front office.



Volunteering At LCS. Please volunteer at Liberty Common School for any extracurricular activities and special events(Graduation, Teacher-Appreciation Week, etc.), or assisting staff members on a regular basis. If you have not previously registered as a volunteer, [CLICK HERE](#). If you are already a registered volunteer in the Liberty Common School Volunteer System, please [CLICK HERE](#) to login. Locate the volunteer tab on the left, update your preferences, update preferred opportunity type, and note a classroom volunteer preference has been added.

Liberty D.O.G.S., Needs Dads. Attention all Liberty Common dads, granddads, uncles, etc: Please get on the list to volunteer (at least one time this year) with the Liberty WatchD.O.G.S. team. Volunteer coordinator/Liberty dad **Mr. Wes Cardenas** has stepped up to organize all the adult men in the LCS family to spend some time in the school during the school day helping out and assisting with the ebb and flow of 540 youngsters. It's a great experience, and makes a big positive difference in the life of our excellent school. [CLICK HERE](#) to read a short note from Wes about his experience as a WatchD.O.G. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the WatchD.O.G. program. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up and get a date or two (or more) on the calendar, and to let all LCS students know they can count on you this year to be a WatchD.O.G.



2018-2019 Calendar



Dec. 24-Jan. 4 | Winter Break
Jan. 21 | Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 15 | Professional-Development Day | No school
Feb 18 | Presidents' Day | No school
March 18-22 | Spring Break
April 19 | Good Friday
May 24 | Last Day of Classes-1/2 day, dismissal at 11:00

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Next BOD mtg. is December 20, 2018, 6 pm. at LCS Breakroom.

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