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tarting Lancaster Baptist School over thirty years ago was a huge decision of faith. We had little in the way

of finances or facilities, but we had a conviction that young people need a Christian education, and we had teachers who were willing to invest themselves into helping children have a heart for God and develop the mind of Christ.

Over the years, our school has grown in the way of faculty, academics, fine arts, and sports opportunities. We have high academic standards with accreditation from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) and AP classes for juniors and seniors. Today, we have over seven hundred Lancaster Baptist School alumni who have gone on to graduate from a variety of colleges and universities, serve in the military, become successful in many different professions, and serve in the ministry.

Yet, even with our growing academics and sports programs, what still excites us more than anything else is nurturing the hearts of young people. It is seeing students conduct volunteer prayer times, watching children respond to truth with tender hearts, helping young people develop a heart for God and commit themselves to serve Him in whatever calling He places on their lives. As I look back over these many years and think of the investments our faculty, staff, and parents have made, and as I look out at our alumni serving the Lord, I can only say, "Christian education doesn't cost —it pays!"

**PASTOR PAUL CHAPPELL** is the founder of Lancaster Baptist School. Read his blog at paulchappell.com.



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### **EXCELSIOR ISSUE 7**

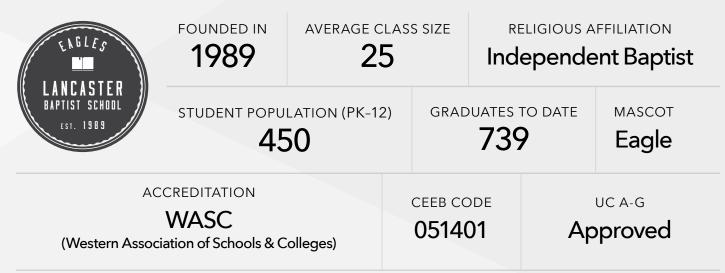
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### **School Information**

### HISTORY

Lancaster Baptist School, a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, began in 1989 as the result of a burden God laid upon the heart of Pastor Paul Chappell. After much time in prayer before the Lord, Pastor Chappell brought the vision before the church as an alternative to the humanistic-based philosophy being taught in public schools throughout our state and nation. Lancaster Baptist School opened in September of 1989 with a total enrollment of 47 students in K5-12th grade. As a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, Lancaster Baptist School has closed enrollment and is open only to the members of the church.

### SCHOOL PROFILE



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION







onnecting students with their God-given purpose and enabling them to fulfill it is what we are called to do. We know God has great things in store for Lancaster Baptist School and

that He will bless our continued strides toward our goal of developing godly, Christ-honoring servant leaders.

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### SCHOOL SITES



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EXCELSIOR MAGAZINE 3



### Parental Promises

BY ERIC LEE, VICE PRICIPAL



is estimated that a student spends around 16,000 hours of their life at school from kindergarten through high school. The stewarding

of this time is a great privilege with an even greater responsibility. Certainly these hours are filled with a variety of activities: spiritual development, educational growth, hands-on experiences, development of gifts, competitive athletics, and dozens of other opportunities. In the midst of this window of time delegated to Lancaster Baptist School lies a few foundational promises that we passionately believe in and are committed to keeping.



ERIC LEE is a secondary instructor and a Vice Principal at Lancaster Baptist School

### **PROMISE ONE**

Lancaster Baptist School is committed to knowing your child. Our teachers and staff are dedicated to a relational form of education that makes each individual child feel cared for on a personal level. Knowing them as a person allows teachers to adapt and adjust instruction to meet the needs of each student. It allows Bible lessons and chapels to be a time of focused spiritual emphasis. Through avenues like the Student Success Program our commitment is to know the academic needs of our students as well. This ensures that each child can be individually guided and reach their full potential in every aspect of their education.

#### **PROMISE TWO**

Lancaster Baptist School is committed to loving your child. The latin phrase in loco parentis, meaning "in the place of a parent" is a promise to demonstrate the love that a parent would show to their child. Love is the reason for our discipline, which is viewed as something that we do for the student not to the student. Love is the foundation of the type of culture that makes each day of school at LBS something to anticipate and enter into with a merry heart. Our commitment to loving your child manifests itself in ways that extend beyond the classroom. Whether that means a personal visit in the home, employment of technology to continue education during an extended absence, or accommodations that make learning available to every student, LBS promises to live out love in our actions and not in our words alone.

#### **PROMISE THREE**

Lancaster Baptist School is committed to preparing your child. Admittedly, there are limits to this promise. We cannot guarantee that your child will walk through every situation that they will encounter in life during their time at LBS. Honestly, no institution can guarantee that. However, we are dedicated to providing the resources necessary to ensure our graduates are ready to enter the field God calls them to with a humble confidence. We are focused on teaching timeless principles that will provide guidance in an ever-changing climate. Holistically, we are committed to preparing our students spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and intellectually for the next chapter of their story. This is a giant part of our why and has been included in our mission for the thirty plus years of our existence.

Ultimately, we cannot promise outcomes. The Scriptures are clear that each individual is free to make choices. Our Savior, the Master Teacher, had pupils who strayed from His teachings. This does not discourage us from our mission or commitment. It emboldens us to labor in our classrooms to make the truth crystal clear. To make a life lived for Jesus the highest ambition of our students. Living for God and following His will is the greatest joy one can experience in life. This compels us to uphold these three promises to our parents on a daily basis.



### **Eagle Events**

BY SARAH ANDERSON, VICE PRINCIPAL



ach year at Lancaster Baptist School, we celebrate events and milestones that shape both the history of our school and the lives of our students. We treasure these

memories that we make on our journey through the school year.

As the school year drew to a close last spring, we enjoyed our annual Color Run and graduation celebrations. Students and families raised a recordsetting \$48,000 for the Color Run fundraiser, and students enjoyed a fun day around campus.

As our kindergarten and senior students graduated, we rejoiced at their spiritual and academic accomplishments. With these classes each graduating forty or more students, we were thrilled to see so many students achieve this milestone in their lives.



SARAH ANDERSON is a secondary instructor and a Vice Principal at Lancaster Baptist School

This fall, our student body remembered the tragedy of September 11, 2001, with the Never Forget project hosted by our chapter of the Young Americans Foundation. On the football field, our team achieved a very successful season and advanced to the semifinals of the CIF playoffs.

In the elementary program, our students elevated patriotism on Great Americans Day by completing projects about great Americans, culminating with a patriotic drama and choir performance.

As the semester drew to a close, we experienced the most successful Giving Day fundraiser in the history of our school with the students, parents, alumni, and friends of our school community contributing over \$56,000.

As we journey through each school year, we pause to enjoy the moments that shape our school and thank the Lord for his blessings.

# Establishing Christ-Like Character

The hallmark of every spiritually mature believer is Christ-like character. At LBS, every child is met at their spiritual level and nurtured through salvation towards the image of Christ. Through daily Bible classes, weekly chapels, and the modeling and mentoring of godly teachers who are all members of Lancaster Baptist Church, each child grows in character toward these goals:

- Demonstrating integrity
  - Demonstrating compassion and kindness toward others
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- Demonstrating self-control
- Demonstrating growth in discretion and Biblical worldview

Demonstrating a growing relationship with the Lord



We are established spiritually by learning and demonstrating Christian values.

We achieve academically by striving to demonstrate academic excellence, mastery in all subject areas, effective communication, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

# Achieving Academically

### ACADEMIC TRACKS

LBS students may choose from two diploma tracks. Each track has a requirement of 240 credits.

### **COLLEGE PREPARATORY DIPLOMA**

Bible (40) History (A) (30) English (B) (40) Math (C) (30) Science (D) (30) LOTE (E) (20) Visual or Performing Arts (F) (10) Electives (G) (20) Physical Education (20)

### **GENERAL DIPLOMA**

Bible (40) History (A) (30) English (B) (40) Math (C) (30) Science (D) (20) LOTE (E) (10) Visual or Performing Arts (F) (10) Electives (G) (40) Physical Education (20)

\*Parentheses indicate required minimum credits

### **UPPER LEVEL AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

Lancaster Baptist School offers four upper level courses and Advanced Placement courses:

Pre-Calculus Physics Chemistry AP Courses (Select)

### ANTELOPE VALLEY MUSIC ACADEMY

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Antelope Valley Music Academy exists to teach and invest in students of all ages to further the knowledge of music and developing each person's musical talents. We believe that each student in our academy has potential for music; in fact, everyone does. Each instructor of our academy is handpicked and proficient in their area of music. We desire nothing but the best for our students, and our experienced instructors will help you discover and develop your musical abilities and talents.



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The mission of the LBS Booster Club is to support and promote the growth and development of the Lancaster Baptist School Athletic Programs and its athletes. Join the LBS Athletics Booster Club! Being a booster club member gives you a voice and opportunity to raise funds for athletic needs. Membership allows input at all booster club meetings. To volunteer or if you have questions, please contact Tom Huygens at tomhuygens43@gmail.com or 319-215-4061.

To make a donation or become a member, visit lancasterbaptistschool.org/booster-club

# Growing Comprehensively

### ATHLETICS

**CIF** Sports

Football

Volleyball

Basketball

### **FINE ARTS** Annual West C

Annual West Coast Baptist Fine Arts Competition

Dynamic Music Program

### COMMUNITY

Bible Quiz Team

**Chess** Club

Woodworking Club

Fiber Arts Club

National Honor Society

### **SPIRIT**

Spirit Week

See You at the Pole

Read Across America Day

Great Americans Day

**Constitution Day** 

Pi Day

Baseball

Cheerleading

Golf

**Cross Country** 

Art, Graphic Design, Photography Home Economics

Student Government

Young Americans for Freedom Club

Washington D.C. Trip

Sacramento Trip

Youth Group

War of Special Forces

Fall and Winter Revivals

Teen Camp

Winter Camp

100th Day of School

Color Run

We grow comprehensively in the academic, social, physical, and spiritual domains.

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# ALL IN FOR LBS.

### **GO "ALL IN FOR LBS!"**

Mark your calendar for the 4th annual LBS Giving Day– November 15-16, 2023

Lancaster Baptist School has graduated over 750 students who are servant leaders for our community. The impact that LBS has had over the last 33 years has not happened alone. It has taken the support and sacrifice of our entire community. We honor this giving tradition with the All In for LBS Giving Day. Together we have 24-hours to go "all in" and make an impact for LBS.

How much impact can 24-hours really have? It's not a lot of time. But we don't need time, we need people like you to log on to givingday. lancasterbaptistschool.org and make a donation, however big or small and help us spread the word, because every donor counts towards our 450 donor goal.

One day. One purpose. One LBS. givingday.lancasterbaptistschool.org



### **PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS AND INVEST IN EDUCATION! SPONSOR LANCASTER BAPTIST SCHOOL**

LBS is a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church. With over 5,000 members, we have a huge reach in the community.

Outfitting classrooms with new

student desks and furniture

Upgrading musical

instruments and opportunities

### MISSION

Lancaster Baptist School has been an important part of the Antelope Valley for over 33 years. In this time, we've graduated over 700 students who have gone on to become engineers, pastors, teachers, law enforcement officers and much more. Every graduate is a servant leader for our community. At LBS we strive to assist parents in educating and equipping their students to develop a heart for God, to cultivate a sound biblical worldview, and to prepare students to positively impact their families, churches, communities, and country for Jesus Christ.

### **PAST VICTORIES**

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of people like you, we have made many improvements to our academic, athletics, music, extracurricular, and facility development program





Equipping teachers with classroom

technology equipment

Fielding Chromebooks in 7th-12th grade at a one-to-one ratio



Developing athletics equipment and facilities

**FUTURE GOALS** 

LBS has a bold vision for the future. You can have a part in the fulfillment of these goals by sponsoring our school.

- Improving classroom functionality by enhancing lighting and audio • environment in each classroom
- Improving classroom appearance by providing new and standardized • classroom equipment and furnishings
- Increasing the degree to which the cost of a LBS education is met by financial aid for needy families
- Installing new scoreboards in the Student Life Center and on Tony Brown Memorial Field
- Building a permanent field house for concessions and booster club activities
- Purchasing additional sets of bleachers for the football field
- Creating a music hall for choir and orchestra instruction and performance •

\*Read more about our ten-year strategic vision called 'First Choice" at firstchoice.lancasterbaptistschool.org



#### SOCIAL MEDIA AND INTERNET

We'll promote you to our followers on Instagram, Facebook, and our websites.



#### SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

We'll include you prominently in our school and church newsletters, apps, and other communication.



festival each fall with over 2,000 in attendance. Your business can be displayed prominently as a supporter of our school.

#### GIVING DAY

Giving Day is our largest fundraiser. As a sponsor you'll get promoted in special bonus funding opportunities that provide excitement and drive donations on the big day.

#### ATHLETIC EVENTS

Banners, bulletins, and shout-outs will promote your business at all of our home games throughout the year.

MUSIC EVENTS year.

Banners, bulletins, and shout-outs will promote your business at all music events throughout the



We change the lives of others through ministry involvement, community service, and outreach projects.



# Leading Through Service



# Elevating Patriotism





We elevate patriotism in the heart of every student by teaching and promoting the values of America.

ELEVATE

# ASSISTANCE

### HELPING STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL

### STUDENT SUCCESS FUND

With your donation, you could enable a child to stay at Lancaster Baptist School. You could be the difference-maker in his or her life. You could change his or her future. And you can start today.

### GIFTS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE AS ALLOWED BY LAW.

Many companies match employees' gifts to nonprofit organizations at a 1:1 ratio. This could double your gift! Simply ask your Human Resources Department for a matching gift form.

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### **Reece Alvarez**

GRADUATE 2018





began attending Lancaster Baptist School in kindergarten in 2005 and graduated in 2018. I am the first graduate of a previous LBS graduate in school history. After graduation, I attended West Coast Baptist College, majoring in Church Ministries. Today I am a youth pastor in Cortez, Colorado.

My favorite memory while attending LBS was winning the football championship game. We made it to the championship game my freshman and junior year but came up short both times. It was a wonderful feeling of accomplishment to win with my coaches and teammates!

I vividly remember the day that Mrs. Oliver, my 9th grade English teacher, spoke with me after class because I was having a bad attitude. Rather than giving me detention or brushing it off, she lovingly showed me my potential and how I could live up to that. To this day, I try to emulate Mrs. Oliver's action of showing teens what they could be and how they can get there.

Lancaster Baptist School provided a godly environment that encouraged me to live biblically. All staff and faculty work coherently to help students excel academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. My teachers and coaches not only taught me how to live, they showed me.

ALUMNI PROFILE

Visit **lancasterbaptistschool.org/parent-ambassadors** to see a complete list of parent ambassadors.



### **Alvin & Richelle Azores**

LANCASTER, CA

GRADE(S) OF CHILD(REN):

6th and 11th

#### INTERESTS/EXTRACURRICULARS OF CHILD(REN): Music Art

Student Council

#### ABOUT ME:

LBS has partnered with us in praying with and for our children, teaching them to grow strong in their faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. LBS has supported, encouraged and prayed with our family during some very difficult times. The staff not only educate our children, but model the love of Christ. Visit lancasterbaptistschool.org/parent-ambassadors to see a complete list of parent ambassadors.



### **Tom and Lisa Grier**

LANCASTER, CA

#### GRADE(S) OF CHILD(REN):

Amanda – 11th Timothy – 8th

#### INTERESTS/EXTRACURRICULARS OF CHILD(REN):

Amanda – Drawing Timothy – Reading/Piano

#### ABOUT ME:

Lancaster Baptist School has been a great foundation for our kids. They have grown in character, along with knowledge. They are learning to build spiritual character also. They have learned better study habits with the higher standards put before them.



STAFF BIO

### Stephen Voshall SECONDARY INSTRUCTOR

Mr. Stephen Voshall joined the Lancaster Baptist School staff in January of 2020. He currently teaches history, Bible, and music. As the Music Director for the school, he inspires students to participate and enjoy serving the Lord through music. Ultimately, he desires to see students serve the Lord with their abilities and enjoys the opportunity to invest in their lives. Mr. Voshall is the 2022 recipient of the "People's Choice Teacher of the Year Award."



### Lisa Harris

**ELEMENTARY INSTRUCTOR** 

### WHY DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

I chose Christian education for its superior academics and Biblical worldview.

### WHAT DEGREE(S) DO YOU POSSESS AND FROM WHERE?

Bachelor of Religious Education Degree, WCBC

### HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND HOW MANY YEARS TEACHING AT LBS?

Thirty years in Christian education and twenty-four years at LBS.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST MEMORY OF WORKING AT LBS?

It is difficult to name only one memory. I treasure the daily memories of each class I have taught and the enthusiastic students who love to learn and serve others. Some of the areas I cherish the most include: the Potluck for Patriots events hosted by my third grade classes, my students' willingness to learn from and honor the military and veterans, working together with students and families for school events such as the Harvest Festival, auction, and fundraisers. I also treasure the memories of former students visiting with fun memories of their third grade experience and relaying their success in their present adult careers and families. I am also so thankful for the memories of students accepting Christ as their Savior.



### IN YOUR OPINION, WHAT IS THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

The value of Christian education is its ability to change lives. The Bible will guide the student with biblical principles for life. True contentment and happiness is having faith and trust in Christ to guide us, comfort us, and give us courage to face all situations in our lives.

#### WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT BEING ON STAFF AT LBS?

The best thing about being on staff at LBS is not only belonging to LBS, but being a part of a loving church and school family. As a teacher at LBS, I receive great support from Pastor Chappell, the LBC/LBS staff and the school families. We have the same mission and mindset to love and serve Christ and train the students together.

#### WHY SHOULD PARENTS ENROLL THEIR STUDENTS AT LBS?

LBS provides a high quality academic program. LBS teachers love and pray for their students and their families. LBS is a ministry of Lancaster Baptist Church, therefore we work together to love and train our students. LBS comes alongside the families to teach their children with a biblical worldview, strong academics, fine arts, music and sports programs. We work together to serve the students to succeed in their LBS years and adult lives.



STUDENT BIO

### Zach Guzman

<u>CLASS OF 2023</u>

#### WHAT PART DOES LBS HAVE IN CULTIVATING A DESIRE TO CONTINUE YOUR PERSONAL WALK WITH GOD AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

I believe that LBS's constant emphasis of God in chapel and in academic studies cultivates a desire to continue my personal walk with God after high school.

#### HOW DO YOU BELIEVE LBS IS PREPARING YOU For College and Beyond?

One way I believe LBS prepares us for college is through hosting SATs. Unlike most schools, LBS schedules and hosts a mandatory SAT for seniors. LBS also does not only host one mandatory SAT session, but also hosts an optional second SAT session during the fall. Many seniors, such as myself, use this as an opportunity to get a better score on the SAT.

### WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR SCHOOL TEACHERS, WHAT ARE YOU MOST THANKFUL FOR?

One thing I am most thankful for about the teachers at LBS is that they are very easy to work with and are supportive of not only your academic status but also your relationship with God.

### WHEN YOU THINK OF YOUR TIME AT LBS, WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES?

One of my favorite memories at LBS is the WorldStrides Competition. Competing in orchestra and choir with other schools and taking trips to different theme parks has been a highlight of my high school years.

#### WHAT IS YOUR PLAN FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

After high school, I plan to attend the one year Bible program at WCBC. I believe that this one year Bible program will allow me to become rooted in the Biblical worldview. I also pray that through this one year Bible program I will be able to discover God's plan for my life. STUDENT BIO

### **Troy Santos** CLASS OF 2023

I will be graduating in fall of 2023. I have attended LBS since kindergarten and it has taught me so much. The curriculum here builds a good biblical base in the younger grades that has stayed with me the whole way. My experience at LBS has taught me valuable lessons not only for academic purposes but for life as well. I have also discovered my God given talents through the opportunities provided here at LBS and I am praying I will find a way and opening to use them for God's glory.





STUDENT BIO

# Sophia Gebala

CLASS OF 2023

I currently attend Lancaster Baptist School as a high school junior, and I will be graduating in the spring of 2024. I have attended Lancaster Baptist School since the first grade. In my time here, I have developed many relationships and friendships with my peers and teachers. This school has provided many opportunities such as community service and music classes that are limited in an outside environment, and has set a high, biblically-based standard of education for each student. Through the opportunities that LBS provides, I have learned to develop the talents in music and public speaking that God has given me, and apply them in church ministry and serving my student body. After many years of praying for God to open doors and guide me in His path for my life, following my graduation, I will be studying to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. After finishing nursing, I plan to continue with further studies in the medical field.

STUDENT BIO

### Savannah Barrilleaux

### <u>CLASS OF 2023</u>

Hi, my name is Savannah Barrilleaux, and I have been attending LBS since kindergarten and will be graduating this coming spring. My time at LBS will always be memorable as I have had many great experiences here, from the amazing teachers who have encouraged me to keep working hard even when I wanted to give up, to my friends who have helped me make great memories, to the Holy Spirit who has also been with me through every trial and every blessing in my life. When I graduate, I plan to take one year off to save up money for college. I hope in that time that God will also continue to show me what to do with my life.





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