



Dear Parent,

We are grateful for your interest in Lehigh Valley Christian High School and are pleased to present you the enclosed materials to acquaint you with our philosophy and what we have to offer.

If you desire the end result of this preparation to include a biblical world-and-life view and a readiness to go out in to the world as a faithful follower of Christ, prepared to serve and be a Light-bearer in our desperately needy society, LVCHS may be for you. We are confident that you will find LVCHS worthy of your consideration if you are looking for quality Christian education in a nurturing environment. Although we are certainly not perfect, we do seek to provide an environment where Christian nurture and rigorous academic training takes place, and we seek to do it with excellence. We like to say that we strive to be the best of everything implied by the word "Christian" and the word "school."

If you feel this type of an education is what you are seeking as you look to follow God's plan for your child's education, we look forward to working further with you as you move to the next step in the application and enrollment process. You may find an application on the school's website at [www.lvchs.org](http://www.lvchs.org) .

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan H. Russell".

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# LEHIGH VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

## ***SCHOOL PROFILE***

### **Mission Statement**

Training students to think biblically and function purposefully in society.

### **Location**

The campus is located in Catasauqua, a suburb of Allentown, Pennsylvania. Allentown is in eastern Pennsylvania, one hour north of Philadelphia and two hours west of New York City.

### **Staff**

Nine full-time and seven part-time teachers; Head of School; Guidance Counselor; Admissions Director; four office personnel.

### **School Size**

145 students in grades 9-12. 10-15% are international students.

### **Curriculum**

Biblically integrated instruction in college preparatory and general programs. Advanced placement and honors courses (see list of courses attached). Bible class is a required class and the biblical principles are also integrated into our other course offerings.

### **Academic Standards**

24.5 credits required for college preparatory program.

### **SAT scores**

Recent average SAT scores were 549 verbal, 545 math and 547 writing.

### **Students**

Students come from throughout Lehigh and Northampton counties in Pennsylvania and western New Jersey and represent a wide variety of churches. We have a number of international students, both those with J-1 and F-1 visas. Countries represented have included South Korea, China, Thailand, Germany, Italy, Brazil, and others.

### **Transportation**

The following districts provide transportation: Bethlehem, East Penn, Nazareth, Northampton, Northern Lehigh, Northwestern, Parkland, Salisbury, Saucon Valley, Southern Lehigh, Whitehall/Coplay.

LVCHS provides transportation for Easton/Wilson & Phillipsburg.

### **Housing**

LVCHS does not provide housing for international students. We work with a number of local agencies who assist us with this task. (Contact school for details)

### **Graduates**

>90 percent of graduates attend college/university. See following page for a list of schools attended.

### **Accreditation**

Dually accredited by: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; Association of Christian Schools International. Also a member of Mid-Atlantic Christian School Association.

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### ***POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED BY OUR GRADUATES***

Arcadia University  
Arizona State University  
Art Institute of Philadelphia  
Art Institute of Pittsburgh  
Baylor University  
Bethany Bible College  
Bible School of Capernwray England  
Bloomsburg University  
Broward Community College  
Calvin College  
Cedar Crest College  
Cedarville University  
Central Penn College  
Columbia International University  
Culinary Institute of America  
Delaware Valley College  
DeSales University  
Dordt College  
Drake University  
East Stroudsburg University  
Eastern University  
Elim Bible School  
Elizabethtown College  
Elon University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Geneva College  
George Washington University  
Gordon College  
Grace College  
Grove City College  
Harold Washington College  
Houghton College  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Indiana Wesleyan University  
James Madison University  
Kutztown University  
Lafayette College  
Lancaster Bible College  
Lebanon Valley College  
Lehigh Carbon Community College  
Lehigh University  
LeTourneau University  
Liberty University  
Long Island University – C.W.Post  
Louisiana State University  
Messiah College  
Millersville University  
Michigan State University  
Montgomery County Community College  
Moravian College  
Neumont University  
Northampton Community College  
Northland Baptist Bible College  
Oakland Community College  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Pennsylvania College of Technology  
Pennsylvania State University  
Philadelphia Biblical University  
Purdue University  
Rowan College  
Shippensburg State University  
St. Joseph's University  
St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing  
Slippery Rock University  
Southern Wesleyan University  
Taylor University  
Temple University  
Temple University School of Medicine  
Texas Tech University  
University of Mary Washington  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Wisconsin  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univ.  
Warren County Community College  
Waynesburg University  
West Palm Beach Atlantic University  
West Chester University  
Wheaton College  
Widener University  
Wilkes University  
Word of Life Bible Institute

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## COURSE OFFERINGS

### **Bible** (Required each year attending)

Bible I – Old Testament I  
Bible II – Old Testament II  
Bible III – New Testament I (*even years*)++  
Bible IV – New Testament II (*odd years*)++

### **English** (4 credits required for graduation)

English 9  
English 10  
Honors English 10  
English 11  
English 12  
AP English Literature 12 \*\*  
AP English:Language 11/12\*\*  
Publications/Yearbook\* (*elective*)  
English as a Second Language (ESL)

### **Social Sciences** (3.5 credits required for graduation)

History 9 – PA History (1<sup>st</sup> semester); Western  
Civilization I (2<sup>nd</sup> semester)  
History 10 – Western Civilization II  
History 11 – U.S. History  
Worldview Perspectives (required)  
Leadership (1 semester)  
US Government (1 semester)  
Economics (1 semester)  
Geography (1 semester)

### **Fine Arts** (1 credit required for graduation)

Art I, II (1 semester each)  
Adv. Art (1 semester) (may be taken multiple times)  
Graphic Art\* (1 semester)  
Concert Choir (may be taken multiple times) (0.6 credit)  
Vocal Ensemble  
Musical Theater  
Drama

### **Mathematics** (3 credits required for graduation)

Pre-algebra  
Algebra I  
Geometry (prerequisite: Algebra I)  
Algebra II (prerequisite: Algebra I)  
Advanced Math\* (prerequisites: Algebra II and  
Geometry)  
AP Calculus\*\* (prerequisite: Advanced Math)  
Accounting I  
Advanced Accounting  
Consumer Math

### **Sciences** (3 credits required for graduation)

Biology  
AP Biology\*\* (prerequisites: Biology and Chemistry)  
Chemistry  
AP Chemistry\*\* (prerequisite: Chemistry)  
Physics  
AP Physics\*\* (prerequisite: Physics)  
Human Anatomy and Physiology\* (*honors course*)  
Environmental Science (*not a college prep course*)

### **World Languages** (2 years required for college prep diploma)

Spanish I, II, III, IV

### **Other**

Physical Education (must be taken each year)  
(0.4 credit)  
Health (required for graduation) (0.1 credit)  
Keyboarding (1 semester)  
Integrated Computer Applications (ICA) (0.4 credit)  
(computer literacy required for graduation)  
Advanced ICA (0.2 credit)  
Visual Basic Programming (1 semester)

Semester classes are 0.5 credits; all other courses are 1.0 credit except as noted

+ These elective classes do not count toward the English graduation requirement of 4 credits

++ Even year classes offered in 2010-11, etc.; odd year classes offered in 2011-12, etc.

\* Teacher recommendation required

\*\* Requirements for Admission to AP Courses

Any student with an average of 93-100 in the prerequisite class (for example, in Physics for AP Physics) and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or more may register for that AP course.

A student with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or more who has an average of 85-92 in the prerequisite class may register for the AP course only with the written recommendation of the prerequisite class's teacher and approval of the AP teacher.

A student with less than an 85% average in the prerequisite class and/or a cumulative GPA less than 3.0 may not register for an AP class.

*Since curriculum develops and is changed to meet the needs of our students from year to year, we reserve the right to add or delete courses and to change course content as is deemed necessary. The administration reserves the right to cancel courses for which there is insufficient enrollment.*

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***SCHEDULE OF TUITION AND FEES***

**Tuition:**

- International Student Tuition - \$9660 (includes ESL) – payable in advance

**Fees:**

- \$400 -- New International Student Registration fee
- \$1000 – International Student Services Fee (new students only in 2011-12, all in 2012-13)
- \$300 – Family Assessment Fee (maximum of \$600 per family)
- \$60 – Graduation Fee

***ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS***

- Completed application (available on our website – [www.lvchs.org](http://www.lvchs.org)). *An agency application may be substituted for this as long as it includes the essential material.*
- SLEP test (***minimum score of 50***)
- Immunization records – Pennsylvania requirements are:
  - DPT/DTap/Td – 4 (one after age 4)
  - Hepatitis B – 3
  - MMR – 2 (after age 1)
  - Polio – 3
  - Varicella (chicken pox) – 1 (or history of chicken pox)
- Recent report card or transcript
- Non-refundable registration fee
- Proof of family ability to pay (copy of bank statement or other sworn testimony)
- Introduction of student (why do you want to study in the US? Why have you chosen to apply to LVCHS? Etc.? Perhaps via recorded DVD answering the above questions, introducing the student and their family to us?)
- Most students apply in the January-April timeframe for spaces in the fall semester which starts around September 1<sup>st</sup>. There are a limited number of spaces available for students starting in the winter semester which begins at the end of January.