



Lynden Christian School

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Transforming Influence

Message from the Superintendent



Transforming Influence

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Spring carries with it an unmistakable sense of renewal. The world around us offers a vivid picture of what the apostle Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 5:17; the old giving way to the new, transformation visible and real. This verse gives us a meaningful lens through which to reflect on our students and the journey they have traveled.

Our yearly theme of "transforming influence" was never simply a motto to be posted on a wall. It was an invitation; a call to allow the work of Christ to shape us from the inside out, so that we might in turn shape the world around us. Looking back across this school year, we see that invitation answered in remarkable ways.

Academically, our students have pressed deeper into curiosity and understanding. They have wrestled with difficult material, asked harder questions, and learned that the pursuit of knowledge is itself an act of faithfulness. We have watched students who once struggled to find their footing, and students who excelled take on the responsibility of encouraging others. The old patterns of passivity have given way to ownership of learning.

Physically, we have seen our students grow in strength, discipline, and an understanding that the body is a gift to be stewarded well. On the courts, the fields, and in the gym, they have learned the value of perseverance, teamwork, and competing with integrity. Character forged in competition does not stay on the field, it follows our students into every corner of their lives.

Socially, we have seen students step toward one another with greater courage and compassion. Friendships have deepened. Students have learned to navigate conflict, to apologize, to forgive, and to include. The community we are building here is not accidental; it is the fruit of young people choosing, day after day, to treat one another as image-bearers of God.

Spiritually, perhaps most profoundly, we have witnessed hearts being shaped. Students have encountered Scripture not as a relic but as a living word. They have asked sincere questions about faith, wrestled honestly with doubt, and grown in their understanding of what it means to follow Christ. In chapel, in the classroom, in quiet conversations with teachers, the old has continued to give way to the new.

None of this growth happens in isolation. It is the result of students and families trusting us with something precious, and of our faculty and staff pouring themselves out with faithfulness and love. Together, we are living proof that transformation is not a destination, it is a direction. And by God's grace, we are moving that direction together.

As summer approaches, may we carry this momentum forward. May the new things God has begun in our students continue to grow, and may Lynden Christian School remain a community where transformation is not just spoken of, but seen.

May the Lord bless us all in this journey.

Jeff Droog,
Superintendent

Staff Updates

We are grateful to celebrate the retirements of **Bob Cook, Sally Cook, Lloyd Bos, Mark Houseman, and Craig Johnson.** Their faithful service, dedication, and impact on generations of students and families will not be forgotten. We thank God for the many ways they have blessed our community and pray His continued blessings in this next chapter.



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Syltie on the birth of their baby boy, **Zidenius Jon.**

Message from the Board



2025-2026 School Board Members

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Whatcom County is especially beautiful as winter gives way to spring.
Spring carries a sense of renewal—the old has passed away and the new has come. Spring is also the school-year-homestretch as we prepare to celebrate the Class of 2026 and commission these graduates to be a transforming influence wherever God calls them.

Often, I think of *calling* too narrowly—as vocation or career choice—or I associate calling exclusively with mission or ministry work or a major life decision, like graduation. Scripture invites us to see calling much more broadly.
Paul explains "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come…Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us: be reconciled to God." (1 Corinthains 5:17,20) Paul clarifies that every Christian is called to be an ambassador for Christ.

God has placed us where we are—within our families, our churches, and the Lynden Christian community—not by accident, but by design. He has uniquely gifted each of us image bearers for this time and this place. His call is to live faithfully. As ambassadors, we celebrate and protect what is good and beautiful, fill in what is missing, resist and oppose evil, renew and restore what is broken, and we raise covenant children who understand their calling to go and live faithfully wherever He calls them. Generation to generation to the glory of God.

As we celebrate the end of the school year, we can also celebrate:

Christ is risen.
Christ is Lord.
Christ is making all things new.

-Kathryn VanWeerdhuizen

Thank You
Kelli, Shawna & Mandy
for your years of service
on the board!

The HiLite Goes Live at LCHS

HiLite Team

Jacob Dubrow
Orion Hodge
Cooper Krieg
Chloe Pabody
Avery Rutledge
Malachi Scott
Emmy VanderGiessen
Mattias Young
Silas Young

Lynden Christian High School is launching an exciting new podcast, giving students a fresh way to share their voices and connect with the LC community. The HiLite, a student-run news podcast, is available on Spotify for listeners to tune into. The podcast features a mix of topics, including student life, school events, and interviews with teachers and classmates. It's designed to be both entertaining and informative, highlighting the diverse perspectives within our school. Listeners can expect engaging conversations, fun segments, and behind-the-scenes insights they won't hear anywhere else. Whether you're looking to stay updated or just want something to listen to, The HiLite is the perfect way to stay connected to life at LCHS!

The podcast is a revamp of the old school newspaper, also named The HiLite. The first episode, "Welcome to The HiLite," was released on March 18 and featured a recap of state for our basketball players and chess team, along with an interview with Casie Burt, Lynden Christian's Director of Teaching and Learning. The first two hosts, Jacob Dubrow (sophomore) and Mattias Young (junior) interviewed Burt during Plus Time, which is when the club takes place. Burt, who served on staff for the original HiLite, offered a deeper insight into how transformational the newspaper was for the student body. Dubrow and Young are hoping the podcast is just as influential. Below are students and their roles in The HiLite. Each student has a variety of roles they perform within the club, allowing them to explore and gain experience in all aspects of the process.

School Board Nominees



Becky Van Hofwegen

Spouse: Eric Van Hofwegen

Names and grades of children if in school: (LC Graduates) Mia, Holly, Lucas, Tyler, Joey

Current church affiliation: Sonlight Community Church

Education (High School/ College—name(s)and graduation date(s)): Holland Christian High School 1990, Calvin College 1994

Current and recent, prior employment experiences: Lynden Christian School, 2010 – 2022, Sonlight Church – 2022- current

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life. I was raised in a Christian home and attended Christian schools all the way through college, being immersed in Christian environments instilled a rhythm of daily learning and growing in him. There have been seasons of life where he was more at the forefront, while there have been other times when I did not prioritize my relationship with him; however, as I look back I can see in all seasons he is constant and steady and always there for me. He is the foundation on which I stand.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)? Eric and I felt it provided a strong foundation for them to grow, while reinforcing what we were teaching at home and what they were learning at church.



Julie Enfield

Spouse: Adam Enfield

Names and grades of children if in school: Peter(11th), Owen(9th), Wyatt(8th)

Current church affiliation: First Reformed Church, Lynden

Education (High School/ College—name(s)and graduation date(s)): Lynden High School 1998, Washington State University 2002

Current and recent, prior employment experiences: Enfield Farms and Northwest Plant Co. Various rolls (quality assurance, research and development) Currently General Manager for Northwest Plant Co.

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life. Jesus Christ met my greatest need by dying on the cross for my sin. He conquered death and therefore I have the hope of eternal life and can trust him in all other aspects of my life. He is my strength and comfort. Through his word and the sanctifying work of the holy spirit I continue to be humbly reminded of his grace, and daily strive to become more like him.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)? We chose Christian education for our children because following Christ is the most important thing in our lives. We want their education to match the values of our family and church, not contradict them. Our hope is that biblical truth will be the standard by which everything in their lives is centered.



Mike Vos

Spouse: Emily Vos

Names and grades of children if in school: Levi (3rd), Adalynn (1st), & Lucas (2 yrs old)

Current church affiliation: Lynden URC

Education (High School/ College—name(s)and graduation date(s)): Lynden Christian HS (2008)

Current and recent, prior employment experiences: Self Employed: Owner and General Contractor at Vos Construction

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life.

Christ is my Lord, my Savior. Apart from Him I am nothing. I understand I am saved by grace, through faith and because of that, I strive to live for Him every day. I seek his guidance through the journeys of life, and praise Him throughout the ups AND the downs.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)? My wife and I know that guiding children to love and serve the Lord begins at home, with the assistance of the Church. Christian Education is an important tool that we have in our toolbelt. Having our children surrounded during the day by teachers who desire to teach our children to see the world through a lens of Christ's grace and mercy is important to guide their hearts toward their Savior.



Mindy Vander Veen

Spouse: Tim Vander Veen

Names and grades of children if in school: Katelyn (LC Class of 2024), Ella(8th)

Current church affiliation: First Christian Reformed

Education (High School/ College—name(s)and graduation date(s)): Lynden Christian 1991, Edmonds Community College 1993, Western Washington University 1996

Current and recent, prior employment experiences: I was a CPA for Larson Gross until we started the adoption process for Ella in 2008. I have been a stay-at-home mom ever since. I do the books and taxes for our dairy farm and I have kept up on my CPA license. I also volunteer in many different capacities.

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life. Jesus is my Lord and Savior. I am a sinner, saved by grace, through his death and resurrection. I strive to spend time with him in prayer and in his word every day so that I can know him better and live for him. It is my prayer that those around me can see Jesus through me and my actions.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)? Tim and I are both thankful for the Christian Education that we were blessed with growing up and we wanted that for our children. The thing that I am

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own Christian education is the Biblical knowledge and memory verses that I learned growing up and I wanted my children to have that opportunity too. I was also not comfortable with the curriculum taught at the public school.



Tyler Bajema

Spouse: Danielle Bajema

Names and grades of children if in school: Josie(10th), Eliza(6th), Hadley(4th), Evie(2nd)

Current church affiliation: NCCTK (still have current membership at FRC)

Education (High School/College—name(s)and graduation date(s)): LCHS 2003

Current and recent, prior employment experiences:
Pacific Edge Builders

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life.
It has been the Anchor over the years to keep me grounded when the storms of life come. I am always aware that I am a sinner saved by grace.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)?
We wanted our children to have the foundation of Bible based education.



Nathan Zylstra

Spouse: Kim Zylstra

Names and grades of children if in school: Levi (LC Class of 2024), Amber(10th), Harbor(8th)

Current church affiliation: North County Christ the King

Education (High School/College—name(s)and graduation date(s)):
Lynden Christian High School, 1996, University of Washington, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering, 2001

Current and recent, prior employment experiences:
Reichhardt & Ebe Engineering (2001 to Present)

Explain your relationship with Jesus Christ and how that affects your life.
I grew up in a Christian home and at 1st CRC here in Lynden. Through my entire life, I have been surrounded by family and friends with a close relationship with Christ. I have also seen some of those around me stray away from God, or never have a relationship with Him, and I've seen how it has affected their lives. I've seen others struggle with no direction and no hope. My faith in Christ and my personal relationship with Jesus solidified in my 20's. I realized then "And so, Lord, where do I put my hope? My only hope is in you." (Psalm 39: 7).
In my work, I have Christian and non-Christian employees. The same goes with clients, contractors, and many others whom I interact with. I may not be the most outspoken person, but my goal is to stand out as different. I want my actions and conduct to reflect Jesus and I want the non-Christians I come in contact with to ask why I am different. I want them to know it is because I am a follower of Jesus.

Why did you choose Christian education for your child(ren)?
Kim and I are both graduates of Lynden Christian, as are all of our parents. We chose to send our children to Lynden Christian to ensure they would receive a high-quality, Christ centered education, and to ensure that their friends, teachers, coaches, etc. are rooted in Christ.

The Board of Directors presents a slate of nominees for your confirmation. To be an eligible school board candidate, a nominee must receive at least a 75% confirmation from voting society members. **Mail or drop off: Lynden Christian Central Office, 417 Lyncs Drive, Lynden, WA 98264, postmarked no later than June 19, 2026.**

2026 SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

I confirm ALL the nominees:

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO** *If NO, please specify the candidate to whom you have OBJECTIONS*

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Your Signature

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Print Your Name

2026 SCHOOL BOARD BALLOT

I confirm ALL the nominees:

☐ **YES**

☐ **NO** *If NO, please specify the candidate to whom you have OBJECTIONS*

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Your Signature

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Print Your Name

Vote by paper ballot or scan code to vote electronically.

The School Board has chosen to provide six names as nominees, all brought to you by the Nomination Committee.

This is consistent with Board Policy, that provides a minimum of two candidates be presented to the Society for each Board vacancy.

Ballots must be submitted by June 19, 2026, at 11:59 pm.

They may be entered electronically, mailed, or dropped off at the Central Office, 417 Lyncs Drive, Lynden, WA 98264.

Friends of Lynden Christian (F.O.L.C.) Happenings

Pancake Breakfast

The current 5th-grade students did an outstanding job selling pancake breakfast tickets to help raise money for their 6th-grade Outdoor Education trip next year.

The students raised an incredible $10,680.50 through presale tickets and donations, with an additional $829.00 raised on the day of the event! Thank you to all the families who came out to support this fun tradition. And to all the volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly — thank you so much for giving your time and energy.

As usual, we went through a LOT of food again!

The total raised from Pancake Day, which goes toward our current 5th-graders Outdoor Ed experience next year was, $15,370.00!



Fun Facts About Pancake Day — And What It Takes to Make It Happen!

- **If you lined up all the sausage links we used, they would stretch longer than two football fields, including the end zones. It would take approx. 2–3 minutes to walk the full length of all those sausages!**
- **The 7 gallons of syrup we used weighed approximately 80 pounds.**
- **The 125 pounds of pancake mix we used is about the same weight as a full-grown snow leopard.**
- **We also served and ate 180 pounds of liquid eggs — that's about the same weight as an adult panda bear!**

6th Grade Outdoor Ed.

On Wednesday, April 29th, 92 sixth-grade students traveled to Mt. Baker Bibleway Camp for their Outdoor Education trip. It was a full house with 24 camp counselors, 15 interest group leaders, 10 LC staff members, and all the students enjoying an unforgettable few days together.

The group was blessed with beautiful sunny weather, giving students plenty of opportunities to explore and enjoy God's creation. Every student participated in four "CORE" classes and also selected four "INTEREST" group classes based on what intrigued them most. These classes ranged from First Aid, Trapping, and Marksmanship to Photography and Nature Art.

From the moment they arrived until the day they left, the students stayed busy. They spent time learning, playing games, eating what felt like nonstop meals and snacks, having quiet devotions with God, building friendships with one another and their incredible camp counselors, and making memories that will last a lifetime. By the time they returned home on Friday, they were definitely tired — but in the best way possible.

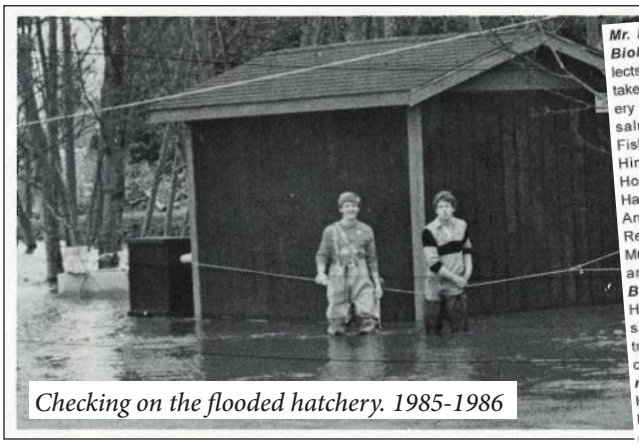
A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to teach classes, lead activities, and help serve all those hungry kids. Your willingness to invest in these students made this trip such a meaningful and successful experience.

A special thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to teach classes and serve food to those hungry children. Without you, this event would not be possible. We are so grateful!









Checking on the flooded hatchery. 1985-1986

Mr. Kredit's Senior Biology class collects salmon eggs to take to the LC hatchery in order to bring salmon back to Fishtrap Creek: Ian Hinton, Caitlin Honcoop, Kathleen Haan, Lesha Engels, Andrea Mouw, Rebecca Bratt, Ben Mullen, Bea Chi Park, and Cara Mulder. ***Bottom left***, Caitlin Honcoop measures salmon eggs for transportation to the creek. ***Bottom right***, Stephanie Hamstreet and Harlan Kredit view salmon eggs stored in trays. Photos courtesy of Harlan Kredit.



2003



Mr. Huffman's biology class showing second graders the hatchery. 2026





2003

To left: Madison Lenssen helping to release the fish. 2026

Lynden Christian Fish Hatchery: A 45-Year Legacy *by Harlan Kredit*

If you have walked the Lynden Fishtrap Creek trail behind our school property, you might have noticed a green building near the creek and wondered about its use. It is our Lynden Christian fish hatchery and has a rather long history. After returning from Michigan to teach biology at Lynden Christian in 1973, I noticed the salmon population in the Fishtrap Creek had declined significantly from my boyhood years living along the creek. I asked the high school principal, Garris Timmer, for permission to begin a salmon enhancement program at LC and the project was initiated. We started with a small kiddy pool, then built a larger incubation box and finally a 3000 gallon cement tank was constructed. Later a building was designed to enclose the holding tank. Sometimes, during extreme weather events, the hatchery doors are opened to let the Fishtrap Creek flow through the building to relieve the water pressure on the structure. Several times late at night during "flood stage", I waded through the flood waters to check on the hatchery and saw the original smaller building bobbing up and down in the current and was afraid it was going to end up in Bellingham Bay! We have installed cement anchors to the building so that possibility is quite unlikely now.

Each year, for the past 45 years or so, we have raised between 50,000 to 100,000 coho salmon in that building. The coho or silver salmon is one of the native fish of the Fishtrap and was already noted by Phoebe Judson in the late 1800's when she established the townsite of Lynden…that is the origin of the name, Fishtrap, because the native people had a fish trap downstream from our school property. We estimate we have released over 4 million young coho into the creek over the past 40 years.

Over the years, our biology students have been responsible for taking care of the fish by feeding them five times per day. We receive the day old fish from the Lummi tribe fish hatchery off the South Fork of the Nooksack River and our goal is to have them increase their size by approximately five times before we release them. The students have taken great pride in taking care of the fish and there is a friendly competition between classes to see which year can release the biggest fish.

Currently, Paul Huffman, biology teacher, has taken over much of the responsibility of running the hatchery and his classes are continuing our salmon enhancement program. The community has rallied behind this project and all of the funding for it has come from local service organizations such as the Morning Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club and several other interested individuals. We believe it has been a wonderful learning experience for our high school students and certainly fits into God's command for being stewards of his world.

Alumni Spotlight



Justin Meenderinck, Class of 1994

A summary of Galatians 2:20 best describes my relationship with Christ and how I aim to live my life: my faith lives in me. I'm forever grateful to my parents—Curt and Darlene Meenderinck—siblings, and all my family and friends, for the Christian education, community, love, and friendship provided to and instilled in me from Lynden Christian School (LCS), First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden, WA, and as a proud son of Lynden and Everson, Washington. It's who I am, and it's who I will always be. My faith and Christian education and time at LCS helped shape who I am today, and eventually placed me on the pathway of service before self that God chose for me—best described by Johnny Cash in the Song of the Patriot: "I'm a flag waving patriotic nephew of my Uncle Sam."

As a student at Lynden Christian High School (LCHS) from 1990-1994, Mr. Gary Van Hulzen had a profound impact throughout a Bible and Religion course he taught me and others. Mr. Van Hulzen was passionate the "real world" needs Christians in all walks of life—Christian farmers, coaches, homemakers, doctors, nurses, politicians, and so on and so forth—and encouraged everyone to go out and discover God's calling outside of LCS in the real world, as a bold and humble Christian acting with purpose. Gary Van Hulzen was a true Soldier of Christ, and although he entered eternal glory in 2022 (God rest his soul), his legacy and words of wisdom to embrace our faith and God's calling lives on.

For all of you future LCHS graduates—God's calling for what your purpose and role in the world may not necessarily appear immediately; and I encourage all of you to practice patience. Some discover God's calling immediately and embrace it. Others, like me, sometimes take a longer and more protracted journey to act on God's calling for their lives; but eventually, we get there. Don't be discouraged if it takes time for you to discover God's calling for your life. The important thing is, once you do recognize God's calling and your purpose in life, you act on it—as a bold and humble Christian acting with purpose.

After graduating from LCHS in 1994, I unfortunately embraced mediocrity as a collegiate student, rarely applied myself, and came nowhere remotely close to realizing my potential in life. But God is good, and thankfully opened my heart, and just as important, my ears, by way of wisdom and guidance provided through Michael (Mike) Ruble. Mike is a former accounting professor, beloved friend, coach and educator to the LCS family—and a true friend and mentor to me. Because of God working through Mike, I returned to school and advanced my studies to complete my bachelor's degree—which would eventually 'unlock' all future education, learning and work experiences to aid my professional development, to advance in my calling and perform as a national security professional in the service of the United States. Pursuing additional studies was critical in my journey, earning multiple master's degrees in National Security Affairs, a Graduate Certificate from National Intelligence University, and Joint Professional Military Education studies at Naval Command and Staff College, and Air War College; to perform in succeeding positions of greater responsibility. Don't forget that everyone's journey to discover their calling is unique.

I currently serve as the International Activities Specialist for Advanced Programs at the Department of the Air Force (DAF). In this role, I provide technical expertise for high-impact air and space forces support to global military operations. This includes formulation, review and execution of plans and assessments, and synchronization and oversight of sensitive activities and special access programs to increase the DAF's competitive posture. I routinely advise DAF and Department of War (DOW) senior leadership to priority international matters affecting the DAF and DOW, and work with U.S. international partners and Allies to optimize joint Total Force capabilities and posture. I am honored to be a part of the team and help protect our country with unwavering commitment, quiet professionalism, and duty to



serve; with aims to develop into a DOW senior leader (in the Senior Executive Service). Throughout it all, rest assured: I am a bold and humble Christian acting with purpose.

My cousin, Mrs. Jill Kocourek, teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor at LCHS, recently connected me with four of her former LCHS students, now studying at Calvin University (Dylan Bishop, Alec DeYoung, Michael DeYoung, and Collin Rast; aka the "Calvin Four") for a Pentagon tour and mentorship session in mid-March 2026. I'm grateful to Jill and the Calvin Four for the opportunity to show them around, discuss our shared faith, and offer life lessons learned that may aid them in their personal and professional journeys. Just as my wife (Bobbi), parents, friends and family, and others have always been and were always there for me—I will always pay it forward, and be there for the Calvin Four, and everyone from the LCS family seeking aid, to help discover their purpose and God's calling for their lives; and I encourage everyone in the LCS family to join me to provide guidance and encouragement when called upon.

Listen and learn as much as possible and be unafraid when the time comes to act. When the time comes and you accept your purpose and God's calling for your life, understand there will always be successes and failures throughout the course of your journey—but the most important thing, is you remain In the Arena. (Credit to President Teddy Roosevelt.) All I ask of you when you are In the Arena: be a bold and humble Christian, and act with purpose. Godspeed, LCS Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

(Disclaimer: The views of Mr. Meenderinck are his own and do not reflect the views of the Department of War or Department of the Air Force.)





Harlan Kredit

WIAA Executive Board, Lynden Christian
INDUCTED INTO THE WIAA HALL OF FAME, MAY 6, 2026

Harlan Kredit has dedicated a lifetime to advancing high school athletics in Northwest Washington, leaving an enduring legacy defined by leadership, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to student-athletes. Over decades of service as a teacher, coach, athletic director, WIAA Executive Board member, Harlan has shaped programs, mentored colleagues, and positively influenced countless students in and out of his community.

Harlan is best known for his distinguished tenure as Athletic Director at Lynden Christian High School, where he built a culture centered on excellence, character, and opportunity. During his time at Lynden Christian, he worked tirelessly to enhance athletic programs and facilities, helping to bring community-supported improvements such as upgraded track and field venues, gymnasium enhancements, uniforms, and student-athlete support systems. His ability to unite parents, alumni, and local businesses created lasting benefits for students both on and off the field.

A hallmark of Harlan's career has been his unwavering belief in the potential of every student. He consistently sought ways to help students succeed, celebrating their achievements and encouraging them to grow not only as athletes but as individuals. His "student-first" philosophy guided every decision, ensuring that educational values and personal development remained at the forefront of athletics.

Beyond his school, he has played a pivotal role in shaping athletic programs throughout the region. He was instrumental in the development and evolution of local athletic conferences, including the transition from the Whatcom County League to the North Cascade Conference and eventually the Northwest Conference. His leadership and collaborative approach helped create stronger, more sustainable opportunities for student-athletes across Northwest Washington.

Harlan's impact extends statewide through his extensive service with the WIAA, within each role he has held, he has been a thoughtful and principled voice, advocating for fairness, integrity, and policies that serve the best interests of all student-athletes. Known for his ability to see the "big picture," Harlan brings a balanced perspective to complex issues, always prioritizing what is right for students.

Equally significant is Harlan's role as a mentor. For many athletic directors and coaches, he has been a trusted advisor and teacher, generously sharing his knowledge and experience. He has led clinics, provided guidance to new administrators, and remained a steady source of support long after his formal tenure as an athletic director. His mentorship has helped shape the next generation of educational leaders, amplifying his impact far beyond his own career.

Bellingham Technical College - Alexa Isom, Kyndell Bouma, Mia Mellema, Coledon Nielsen, Isaiah Smith, Clayton VanWerven

Whatcom Community College - Paetyn Cowden, Madison Shinn, Kellen Toland, Blayden VanderMeulen

Western Washington University - Nicky Luce, Marcos Rasmussen, Kayla Yun

Skagit Valley College - Taylor Craig, Eli Maberry

Northwest University - Noelle Heatwole, Savannah Joostens, Sadie Muljat

Seattle Pacific University - Addie Arnold, Hailey Heilborn

Seattle University - Amneet Khunkhun

Trinity Western University, Canada - Eden Samora

Millar College of the Bible, Canada
Kade Urban

University of WA - Becca Vander Pol

Eastern WA University - Hannah Stremler

YWAM Montana - Gwen Lohrer

Workforce
Jaxson Burgess, Judah Calvin, James Creydt, Gunner DeKoster, Tanner Swinburnson, Jess Van Boven

Washington State University - Taryn Blankers, Jacob Grande, Sadie Houston, Esther Irvine

Whitman College
Iggy Frost

Montana State University
Gavin Haskell, Owen Visser

Montana Tech University
Blake Justice

Undecided
Faith Diephuis, Hudson Ewing, Azarela Gutierrez, Ivan Ralston

Northwest Nazarene University
Madison Lenssen, Jenny Stober

US Air Force
Mason Reinke

Utah Tech University
Morgan Bos, Hayden Herwerden, Ellie Meyer, Boyce Robertson, Isaac Scott, Estela Segel, Hannah Terpstra

St. John's College
Bea Frost, Eliza Frost

Westmont College - Ariel Veltkamp

The Masters - Bethany Tabert

Biola University - Ella Fritts, Lauren Ogle

Point Loma Nazarene University - Logan Van Dalen

Arizona Christian University
Logan Davis, Sophie Hoksbergen, Neveah Long

Grand Canyon University
Trey Blair, Jaxon Huleatt, Treyson Johnson, Sam Kok, Alex Wubben

University of Hawai'i at Hilo
Allison Wright

Class of 2026



Senior Plans

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."
Colossians 3:17

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Kaelden King

Dordt University
Jake Cramer, Lucy Decker, Tyler Hamilton, Katie Heimstra, Olivia Huizenga, Abee Koning, Brandon Korthuis

Northwestern College
Luke Van Rooyen

Mercyhurst University - James Bruce

University of Notre Dame -Fiona Hamai

St. John's College
Kate Krieg

Belmont University - Lucy Faber

Tennessee Tech University - Estela Hernandez

Oklahoma State University - Sara Van Loo

Anderson University - Etta DeJong

Texas Tech - Olivia VanderHoek

Pensacola Christian College - Ian Peng

Texas A&M- Mark Matzel

YWAM Orlando - Jacob Penner

Southeastern University - Tiana Arneson

Southern Technical College
Maryn Ryan



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YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE CALENDAR

JUNE

2 ..... 8th Grade Celebration 6:00 pm
4 .....Last day of school - Early Release 12:00 pm
4 ..... HS Graduation 7:00 pm
19 ..... School Board ballots due

JULY

24 ..... Annual Golf Tournament at Loomis Trail Golf Course

AUGUST

24 ..... 12th grade registration 9:30 am-11:30 am
24 ..... 11th grade registration 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
25 ..... 10th grade registration 9:30 am- 11:30 am
25 ..... 9th grade registration 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm
26 ..... All staff retreat - All offices closed
31 .....K-8 Open house 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
31 .....P4/AM Open house 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
31 .....P4/PM Open house 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

SEPTEMBER

Sep 1 .....First day of school (grades 1-12) 8:30 am
Sep 1 ..... Convocation (HS Stadium) 9:00 am
Sep 1 .....Early release - 1:30 pm
Sep 1 ..... P3 Open House 10:30 am-12:00 pm
Sep 2.....1st day of Preschool 4 & Kindergarten
Sep 3 .....1st day of Preschool 3
Sep 7.....Labor Day No School

Gifts have been given to Lynden Christian

In Memory Of

Marshall Zoerink '52
Joyce (Mellema) Zylstra '57
Johanna (Van Zanten) Van Vuuren '64
Kay Likkel
Larry Stegink
Kathy (Hoksbergen) Vander Leest '66
Ivan Buma
Eileen (Hoekema) Sterk '60

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Class Reunions

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Class of 1959 – August 15, 2026
Class of 1966 – August 15, 2026
Class of 1976 – August 1, 2026
Class of 1981 – August 28, 2026
Class of 1986 – August 8, 2026
Class of 1996 - July 24, 2026
Class of 2016 – June 20, 2026

If you graduated in 2006, please contact Karen at the LC Central Office for help planning your reunion. 360-318-9525 or Kvanboven@lyncs.org.

