

**What is Happening  
In November**

Nov. 10-Picture Retakes-10:45

Nov. 17- 5th and 6th Concert,  
6:30 p.m

Nov. 19- BOD Mtg.-7:00 p.m.

Nov. 25-27- Thanksgiving  
Break

Dec. 1- Upper School Concert-  
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 11-Dec. 12- Seussical The  
Musical, 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 15- Kinder & 1st Grade  
Concert- 6:30 p.m.

**Liberty Common School  
Board of Directors  
2009-2010**

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**Board of Directors Meeting:  
General Session 11/19/09  
7 p.m.**

**Academic Support Team Rpt.  
Science Dept. Report**

**BOD AGENDA**

Financial Review, Science  
Specialist Report, Adopt  
Amended 2009-10 Budget  
Academic Support Team  
Coordinator Report

**School Pictures Retake  
November 10th  
10:45-11:30**

**High-school update**

**By: Bob Schaffer, Project Manager**

The name of the new high school shall be: Liberty Common High School.

Some may find it hard to believe it could take nearly six weeks to come up with that, but there's ample reason it did. Last week's decision of the Board of Directors was unanimous.

The process was a healthy, important and necessary exercise. Asking parents, faculty and the school's leadership to think through their hopeful aspirations for a world-class high school prompted valuable circumspection about our school and how we prepare our kids for the challenges they face in a tumultuous world.

These discussions are reminiscent of Liberty's founders when they first convened eighteen years ago in Dr. and Mrs. Randy Everett's living room. Their answer to the infirmity that came to define American public education was liberty – academic liberty.

Meaningful parental leadership, market-accountable instruction, common knowledge imbued with the values of independence and the highest human virtues are some of the qualities Liberty's founders insisted would form their children. From that standpoint, others may say it took eighteen years to come up with the name Liberty Common High School.

Naming the new high school has also involved every upper-grade student at Liberty. Starting six weeks ago, student leaders participated in initial focus groups offering up ideas that to them best describe their own expectations for a thorough high-school experience.

They envisioned themselves three, four and five years from now applying for university admissions, scholarships and prestigious programs. They thought about the kind of high school required to keep them ahead of their peers.

They thought about the education they are receiving now and how to ensure their Core-Knowledge advantage isn't squandered down some long hallway of mediocrity.

They projected themselves seven, eight and nine years hence, degree in hand, facing a chaotic economy, fiercer employment competition, a nation adrift on a sea of debt. Your kids engaged these discussions with a rare maturity unimaginable in any other school.

These concepts were then weighed by the entire upper-grade student body through a two-page questionnaire culminating in an evening workshop. There, students led themselves back to the description that sums up what they believe they have obtained so far and what their high school must fortify in the future – Liberty.

The words and phrases students rated highest in describing Liberty Common High School and what an LCHS student should include: Smart. Respectful. Responsible. Very-well educated. Ready for challenges. College preparatory. "Among the most successful public schools in the nation." Excellence.

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## Honor Our Service Men and Women



Every November for Veterans Day, we honor our men and women who are currently serving our country or are veterans, with a bulletin board display. Thanks to all who have brought in photos of friends and family.

Mrs. Ronen (Front Office) is still accepting pictures of our soldiers. Please include the service man or woman's name, and where they are serving or served and turn them into the Front Office. The pictures

## Yearbook Still Available– Now \$25.00

Order Forms are available in the Front Office.

## Lunch Reminders from Mrs. Whitmore

**December lunch** calendars are due **November 10th**. **January** lunch calendars, which are coming home today, are due **Dec. 1st**. It is very important that these deadlines are met as the months are short due to two holidays. Please check PowerSchool for balances.

## Liberty Boys Basketball Schedule

Monday, Nov. 9 <sup>th</sup>	KQA at Liberty
Wednesday, Nov. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Union Colony at Liberty
Thursday, Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Titans at Liberty
Friday, Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty at Windsor
Monday, Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty at New Vision
Wednesday, Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty at HMS
Thursday, Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Rez at Liberty
Monday Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ridgeview at Liberty

*All games begin at 4:00 p.m.*

Tournament Schedule:

1st Round is on November 30th

Quarter Final is on Dec. 3rd-High Seed Hosts

Semi Finals is on Dec. 7th– Location TBD

Finals is on Dec. 10th –Location TBD

## Odyssey of the Mind Kickoff After School on Wednesday, November 11th

All students who registered to participate in Odyssey of the Mind must attend this week's Kickoff Meeting with a parent or guardian. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 3:30 pm.

At this meeting, 1) teams will be formed, 2) parent coaches, judges and volunteers finalized, and 3) a practice schedule will be established.

There may still be space available for students who have not yet registered. If you are interested in joining an Odyssey of the Mind team this year, please come to this meeting with a parent or guardian.

We remain in need of volunteer coaches to enable students to compete in Odyssey of the Mind. If you may be interested in coaching, please come to the Wednesday meeting, or contact Odyssey coordinator Wade Turner (691-3189 or wade.turner@comcast.net).

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The top three value statements upon which the student body agreed are:

"It is important for Liberty's high school to have competitive sports teams." "Liberty's high school curriculum should build upon the foundation laid by LCS." "Emphasizing math, science and engineering will make me more successful after high-school graduation."

These concepts and values will become the Liberty brand. They'll be reinforced in all we do. They'll define our graduates well beyond the words of their diplomas and herald them as competent leaders.

Observing the manner in which our young scholars are thinking seriously and earnestly about their futures is more than heartwarming. It is truly blissful.

The academic expectations of Liberty's youth have actually converged with the expectations of their parents, their teachers and the school's founders. One can't miss the fundamental Core-Knowledge objective of "mature literacy" on full display!

That this is achieved at a school invented by parents, built by parents, managed by parents and operated independently as an autonomous charter school is the surest blessing of a legitimate revolution in public education.

"Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all of the inhabitants thereof," are the words inscribed on the Liberty Bell. It stands boldly in Philadelphia as a monument to the American Revolution. The Liberty Bell is also emblematic of the monumental education revolution our school's founders had in mind.

In that same spirit, Liberty Common High School is now being cast as a resonant expression of academic excellence, of equality, of common values, of common sense, of truth, of beauty, of superb parenting, of choice, of honest hard work, of rugged individualism, of independence – of Liberty.

From that standpoint, others might say it took 233 years to come up with the name Liberty Common High School. Congratulations students, staff, parents, graduates and all who have labored to bring us to this milestone. Now upward.

It's now our time to proclaim Liberty Common High School throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.