Opening Thought:

During the month of November, we are studying the belt of truth which is the first piece of armor mentioned by Paul in the book of Ephesians. To a Roman soldier, the belt would help keep his sword in place as well as keep the rest of his gear from slipping or falling down. Of course, this would be vitally important in battle. For us today, it seems as though the belt of Truth is listed first because without truth we are lost and truth is at the core of our beliefs. In fact it was Jesus who said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life in John 14:6 and in John 17:17 the Bible says, “Your Word is Truth”. What amazing statements those were and are for today. What a privilege it is to speak about the Truth everyday to the next generation.

Spanish:

We are saddened to share that Desiree Garcia is no longer our Spanish teacher. However, we are excited to share that Erin Rittler will be filling this role for the rest of this school year. This will be a big job teaching Spanish from pre/k all the way through 12th grade, so please make sure to pray for her as she makes this transition taking on these additional teaching responsibilities. Please make sure to reach out to her to say thank you.

November 23 and 24:

- Carline on early release days - Both Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24 are early release days and so students get dismissed at 11:45. We ask that if you plan to park to pick up your child, please make sure you arrive well before 11:45 and wait outside the gym. We will release those students first. However, once we start the car line, all other parents looking to park to pick up their students will need to wait until we finish going through the carline. Hopefully, this will help make a smoother and safer process.

- Parent Teacher Conferences: Please make sure to show up early for your child’s conference(s) so that all meetings can take place at their scheduled times. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Any questions, please contact the front office.

Events:

- November 25th - November 30th - No School - Happy Thanksgiving

- Friday, December 11th - Christmas Program
    - 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM (More details to come)

Intruder Drill:
"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." – Psalm 46:1

At Lititz Christian School, we are deeply committed to nurturing your children academically, spiritually, and physically. While we pray daily for God's hand of protection over our campus, Scripture also calls us to be wise stewards of the lives entrusted to our care.

To ensure our staff and students are prepared for any situation, our school will conduct a routine lockdown drill on Monday, November 23rd, at 9:35 AM

Our Approach: Preparation, Not Fear

We recognize that safety drills can sometimes cause anxiety. Our goal will be to approach this drill not with a spirit of fear, but with a focus on order and peace.

What to Expect During the Drill

The drill will last approximately 10 minutes. During this window:

- All interior and exterior doors will be secured.
- Students will practice moving quietly to designated safe areas within their classrooms.
- Standard campus operations and check-ins will be temporarily paused.

How You Can Partner With Us

We encourage you to talk with your child before and after the drill. Here are a few ways to guide the conversation at home:

- Discuss Wise Preparation: Remind them that just as God had Noah build an ark to prepare for the storm, we practice safety rules to be ready and wise.
- Focus on the Protectors: Remind them that teachers, administrators, and local first responders are trained to keep them safe.

Thank you for your continued partnership, prayers, and trust as we work together to keep our school a safe, Christ-centered environment. Please reach out to the main office if you have any questions.

Student/Staff of the Month:

I want to congratulate our students and staff of the month for September and October:

Elementary: (September) Rylie Klaips (4th grade) - Rylie has such a caring heart for our younger students! She intentionally takes time to connect with our Pre-K and Kindergarten students, making sure they feel included and loved. Her kindness toward others is a beautiful reflection of Christ's love. We are so proud of you, Rylie!

(October) Josie Fox (4th grade) - Josie is so encouraging towards students and teachers (encouraging words, cards), and always offering to help teachers.

Middle School: (September) Evelyn Tabora (5th grade) Evie is a bright light in the hallways of LC! She works diligently in the classroom, shows kindness to her classmates, and is always willing to try something new, including volleyball this year! Keep up the great work, Evie!

(October) Evie Kriebel (8th grade)- She's been very inclusive. She is the hype woman for all middle school, and she is kind to everyone that she interacts with. She works hard to do things, even those things that require her more effort. She takes the initiative to get things done and help out the community.

High School: (September) Kwyn Stout (12th grade) Kwyn is a wonderful example of servant leadership! He works hard in the classroom and encourages those around him. From helping lead See You at the Pole to using his gifts during morning announcements, Kwyn continues to make a positive impact on our school community. We are so proud of you, Kwyn!

(October) Aliya Harmon (10th grade) - Aliya is an engaged learner, always seeking feedback and to learn from her mistakes. She is an active participant in the classroom, often asking questions and using time wisely. Aliya displays intentionality with her schoolwork, and she exhibits a growth mindset in attitude. She is a stellar example with the younger students in our school; she is nurturing, kind and respectful to everyone. Aliya is a positive leader, and she looks out for all those around her. Christ's love radiates out of her!

Staff: (September) Beth Hoover, one of our middle and high school math teachers, consistently demonstrates exceptional preparation, organization, and a willingness to serve wherever she is needed. As a matter of fact, Mrs. Hoover has stepped up this year to lead our seniors on their service trip to Guatemala. She approaches every task with a genuine desire to do what is best for the team. She is a wonderful model of service, reflecting Christ in the way she cares for others, supports her colleagues, and faithfully carries out her responsibilities. To top it all off, she's an exceptional math teacher!

(October) Chelsea Malin (ELC - Lititz Campus) Chelsea is kind, professional, and deeply dedicated to the children in her care. She brings such intentionality to both their learning and their social-emotional development, creating a classroom where children feel known, loved, and encouraged to grow.

Her students absolutely love her, and it's easy to see why! Chelsea has a warm, nurturing presence that helps children feel safe and confident, and she builds genuine, trusting relationships with families. Parents know that Chelsea truly loves their children and is invested in helping them thrive.

Chelsea, thank you for the heart, dedication, and professionalism you bring to your classroom each day. We are so grateful for the way you love and serve our children and families! We are blessed to have you on our team!

Please reach out and congratulate these students and staff when you see them.

Final Thoughts: As we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am thankful for each of you for believing in the mission and vision of this school to help train up the next generation to reach a lost and dying world.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jeremy Copenhaver
Pre-K-12 Principal