Lititz Area Mennonite School

Sound Waves

Special Edition

July 18, 2025

Watch for an updated look to the newsletter - coming soon!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC!
AUGUST 18, 2025

Don't miss out on the revamped Back to School Night! We are introducing a fresh approach by combining several events into one exciting occasion. Our goal is to create a time for gathering and prepping for a successful start to the new school year, as we kick off our inaugural year as Catalyst Christian School in our updated building!

-Rain or Shine Event-

Order of Events:

- **5:15 PM – 6:30 PM:** Families are invited to enjoy a meal together. **FOOD IS PROVIDED**
- **5:30 PM – 7:30 PM:** Come inside and check out classrooms and the updates to the building
- **6:00 PM:** Prayer for the school year and the new building
- **6:15 PM – 7:00 PM:** New Family Orientation session
- **5:45 PM & 7:15 PM:** Bus orientation for kindergarteners

RSVP

What's Inside this Edition:

- Message from Head of School
- Calendar of upcoming events
- School supply list for the upcoming 2025-26 school year
- Auction 2025 update
- Sports Physical Information
- Remodel project pictures
- And more!

Our parking lot is looking a little different. Please look for these signs directing you which entrance to use during the summer.

Thoughts from the

Head of School

Savoring Summer….and Looking Ahead

Summer is a beautiful season of growth—and not just in nature. Here at Catalyst Christian School, we are in a vibrant season of change, blessing, and preparation. While there are still 33 days until students fill our classrooms once again, the campus is anything but quiet!

Construction and renovation work is progressing smoothly, and we are so grateful to the Lord for the skill, dedication, and tireless efforts of our construction team. Every beam placed, every wall painted, and every corner cleaned is part of preparing a refreshed and expanded space where students will learn, grow, and thrive.

Behind the scenes, our office staff has demonstrated extraordinary flexibility, adapting to the ever-changing rhythm of summer construction with grace and diligence. They are making sure everything is ready for a strong start to the school year.

We're also incredibly thankful for the volunteers working alongside The Timothy Group as we continue our fundraising campaign. Their time, prayers, and energy are helping to pave the way for a stronger future—one that reflects both our faith and our commitment to excellence.

And perhaps one of the most exciting parts of this summer season is the launch of our new identity. *Lititz Area Mennonite School* is now *Catalyst Christian School*! Our name has changed, but our mission remains rooted in Christ. As we *"fan into flame the gift of God"* (2 Timothy 1:6), we look forward to igniting faith, inspiring learning, and launching Christ-centered leaders into the world.

Welcome New Staff!

Jennifer Weaver: Jen will be joining us as our Instructional Aide serving alongside our elementary teaching team. Jen has worked for over 2 decades in the field of education in a variety of roles.

Emily Weaver: Emily will be joining us in the new position of Hot Lunch Coordinator. Emily will give oversight to our lunch program coming alongside our volunteers by doing the logistics. Her background in meal planning, preparation, and purchasing will continue to help us move forward.

Grant Sareyka: Grant will be joining us as Athletic Director here at Catalyst. Grant's experience as an athlete as well as a variety of coaching positions will be a blessing to our programs. His background also includes training in sports management at LBC as well as current employment at Spooky Nook Sports. He shared this with us "I am passionate about fostering environments where students grow in character and skill, reflecting the values I deeply share with LAMS."

Please continue to pray with us as we prepare for the year ahead. The Lord is doing a new thing—right here, right now—and we're humbled and blessed to be part of it.

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad." – Psalm 126:3 (ESV)

Have a blessed summer!
Mr. Garner

2025-2026
Snapshot Calendar

For your Calendar

August 16
High School Car Wash Fundraiser 9-11am

August 18
Back-to-School Celebration
5:15 PM - 7:30 PM

August 20
First day of school grades K-12

August 25
First day of school for Pre-K 3 Day

August 26
First day of school for Pre-K 2 Day

Middle School Parent Orientation
6:30 PM

August 29
No School

September 1
No School

September 4
K - 5th grade Back to School Night
6:30 PM

September 18
High School Back to School Night
6:30 PM

September 19
No School - Teacher In-Service Day

September 24
Picture Day

September 27
Yard Sale 7am - 12pm
(Benefits Serve-a-thon)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekly Prayer Guide

Join us in praying for our school!

Please be in prayer for the building and renovation process currently underway! Pray for our families and students as they finish out the summer and get excited about another great year of learning!

Chaperones

Would you like to be a chaperone on a field trip? Make sure your clearances are on file with the school office.

Need to obtain your clearances? Click HERE for directions.

Employment Opportunities

We are looking for a Volleyball Coach! If you are interested, please contact Grant Sareyka at gsareyka@lams.info

Updated Privacy Policy and COPPA Direct Notice

FACTS has updated their Privacy Policy and COPPA Direct Notice, which describes how FACTS protects your privacy and handle your data in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Watch for a Back to School electronic packet!

Be on the lookout for an email in the beginning of August with instructions on how to electronically update your student (s) information. This process will be required for all returning students with continuous enrollment.

Physical and Dental Forms

- **Dental** forms are needed for students going into grades **K, 3, and 7** .
- **Physicals** are needed for students going into grades **K, 6 and 11**.
- Sports physicals are required for all students planning on participating in Middle School and High School interscholastic sports.

All health forms should be returned to our office by August 13, 2025.

Need a Student Sports Physical?

Physicals should be filled out and completed by a doctor BEFORE participation in any sport.

- There is a FREE evening offered by UMPC in Lititz coming up on July 28th. The information flyer for it is **HERE**
- UMPC also offers $25 physicals if you can't make the free event.
- Wellspan urgent cares & the sports medicine in Brownstown offer walk-in physicals for $40
- Penn Medicine offers physicals for $60 (without insurance), but also needs to schedule.
- PIAA CIPPE form to provide to doctor

LAMS Office Summer Hours

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday
8 AM - 2 PM

2025-2026 School Year Bus Route Information

Watch your email for a Bus List being sent out the beginning of August!

Class lists will be sent via email in the next few weeks!

2025-2026 School Supply List by Grade

CLICK HERE

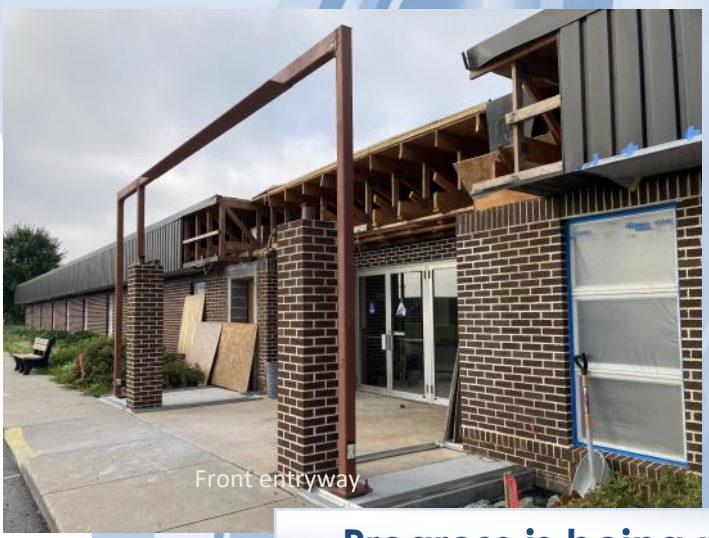
Auction 2025 Update

The Lord blessed our annual auction fundraiser! The net income from this year's auction was $155,653. Although we did not meet our goal, we are praising the Lord for his provision! As always, we are thankful for you, our patron body, as well as the staff members who have worked hard to make the event happen!

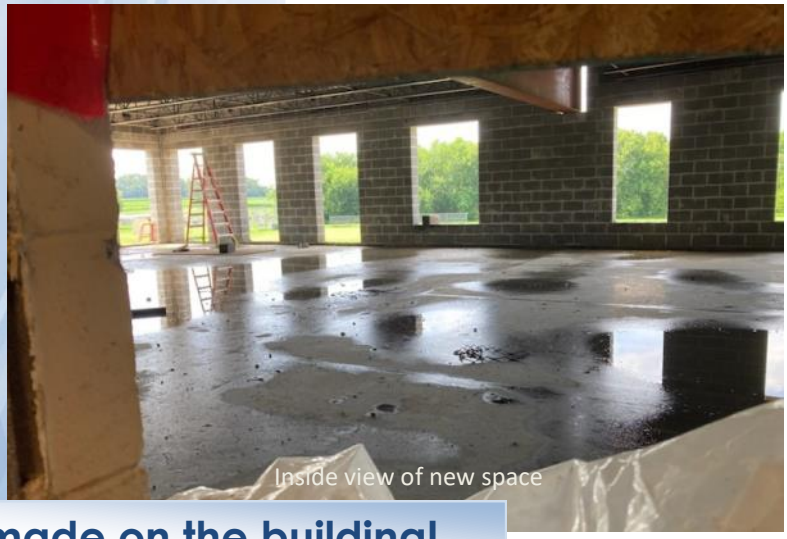
Renovation Project

Back view of new addition

Side view from parking lot



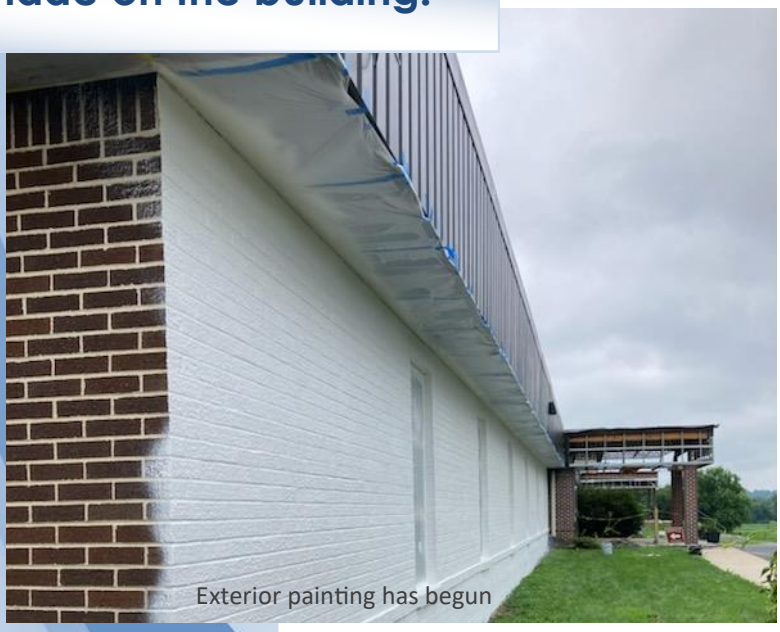
Front entryway



Inside view of new space

Progress is being made on the building!

Preparing for the roof of new addition



Exterior painting has begun