



Fact Sheet

Christ is our Center

Fast facts

- Offers Pre-k through 8th grade
- Kindergarten program consists of 3 full days of instruction per week
- Pre-kindergarten runs September through May on a 2-day or 3-day option (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
- Most classes are double streamed
- Average class size is 13 students
- 2015-2016 Enrollment was approximately 260 students
- K-8 students wear uniforms
- Designed to be an extension of the Christian home
- As part of the whole child approach students attend art, music, physical education, computer library and recess on a regular basis,
- All teachers are certified educators and 35% hold master's degrees
- 53% of the patron body attend Anabaptist congregations
- 60 different churches are represented by the patron body
- LAMS owns operates buses and vans for transportation of most students.

Overview:

For more than three decades, Lititz Area Mennonite School (LAMS) on Newport Road in Lititz, Pennsylvania, has been a partner of Christian families, providing a safe, nurturing environment for children from Pre-k through grade eight. Christian education at LAMS encourages academic freedom and personal expression through technology, research, athletics, and the arts. Students acquire and apply knowledge, developing cognitive and social skills understood from a Biblical perspective.



Academics

Excellence is our Expectation & Bible is Our Belief

Fast Facts:

- Integrates Anabaptist principles and perspectives
- Foundation of operation is based on seven core values
- Accredited by the Commission of Elementary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (CES/MSA) and the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)
- Affiliated with Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association (MACSA)
- Biblical integration is used to fuse academics with a Biblical world view
- Bible curriculum, *Journeys with God*, is used kindergarten through 5th grade
- Core curriculum is evaluated and chosen every 5 years.
- Students are assessed both formally and informally to guide instruction.
- Stanford Achievement Tests are given 2nd through 8th grade.
- Variety of instructional methods used to meet the needs of individual learners

Testimony:

LAMS has exceeded our expectations for both our daughter now in high school and our little one in second grade. High academic achievement and a strong conservative Christian stance are top priorities for educating our daughters. We began at LAMS 12 years ago and intend to be patrons of LAMS for the next 12 years. We have built strong and lasting Christian friendships and LAMS is not only our means of education for our daughters, but has become like a family to us. ~ Brian and Stephanie Carpenter



Whole Child

Christ is our Center & Serving is our Strength

Fast Facts:

- Students attend music, art, physical education, computer, and library regularly from kindergarten through 8th grade
- Recess is a vital part of the students' day
- Small classes allow for more individualized instruction and attention
- Learning support is provided
- Academic Enrichment available 5th-8th grade
- Orchestra program begins in 4th grade and continues through 8th grade
- Middle School Choir 6th-8th grade and Elementary Choir 3rd-5th grade
- A Bible Quizzing Team is formed in the winter
- An athletics program is available for boys and girls 6th-8th grade

Testimony:

We have seen how the teachers not only teach, but also pray, encourage, nurture and develop each student into the unique person that God has made. This concept was very important to us as we searched for primary Christian education. All our children are adopted and of varying ethnic heritage. We have always been accepted and treated as part of the community here at Lititz Area Mennonite School, even though our home church is other than Mennonite. LAMS is an extension of our family values and the children are surrounded by love and support.

Jim and Pam Ament



Patron-Operated School

Community is our Commitment

Fast Facts:

- Governed by a 7 member Board of Trustees
- Patrons are integrally involved in all aspects of the school
- Parents are encouraged to volunteer in a variety of areas
- All classrooms are open to parents
- Parents participate in providing a hot lunch program
- Active participation and support of LAMS' two fundraisers helps defray the cost of tuition
- A very unique community is formed
- Regular communication occurs between the school and parents

Testimony:

A rich community environment is created and experienced by serving together in the many school activities - the auction, trash-a-thon, sports, fieldtrips, track-n-field days, Bible quizzing and more.

Patti Martin, former patron



Finances

Christ is our Center & Prayer is our Posture

Fast Facts:

- Our tuition is competitive with local private schools *
- We strive to partner with all families who believe in Christian education
- A robust scholarship assistance program included awarding more than \$215,000
- Prayer is an integral part of your financial commitment

Other Fees:

CAPITAL FEE (only families with K-8 students)
 Patrons are assessed a capital fee of \$215 per year (\$100 for families with only a kindergarten child). The capital fee may be paid in full by September 1 or may be divided into eleven equal monthly payments along with tuition (Aug.-June).

TRANSPORTATION FEE: (may be adjusted before Aug. 1)
 Your payment coupon booklet (printed in July) will reflect the revised amount.

\$360.00	Kindergarten
\$485.00	1 child (1-8)
\$620.00	2 or more children (K-8)

There is no transportation available for Pre-K students.

Tuition

You will not find tuition rates listed in our enrollment information for a very specific purpose. For years, perhaps even decades, parents have thought and assumed that Christian Education is out of the financial realm for their family. This year at LAMS we want to shatter that thinking! We believe in the power of Christian education to impact young lives for Christ. We want to invite every family who is dedicated to Christian education and believes in LAMS mission, to join our community! Your family's scholarship will be determined on an individual basis. Prayerfully consider if you want to make LAMS your educational partner, then take a step of faith and see what God will do.

*Details about tuition and financial aid can be discussed by scheduling an appointment with Enrollment Coordinator, Jennifer Samara.



Kindergarten

Fast Facts:

- Three day program, THREE classes with approximately 13-16 students
(Monday-Wednesday-Thursday OR Tuesday-Wednesday-Friday)
- Children entering kindergarten must be five years old by September 15
- Students come a full day of school (8:08am - 2:45 pm)
- Alternating weeks students participate in an Enhancement Program incorporating science, social studies, health, etc. with hands-on activities
- Students attend music, physical education, and library throughout the week
- Instructional program is a combination of whole group and small group instruction
- Students wear uniforms to support unity and simplicity
- Bus transportation is available with an additional fee
- In-coming students are assessed prior to enrollment to determine readiness

Overview:

As research supports, young children thrive with opportunities to explore, socialize, and learn through play. Our kindergarten program strives to combine those experiences with academic excellence to provide a strong foundation for each student to build upon. Creativity is abundant in kindergarten as students are offered a variety of materials for building, gluing, cutting, and constructing. Kindergartners will learn basic reading and math skills in a learning environment with Christ as the focus. Learning continues as they head off to library, music, and physical education twice a week.

Patrons enrolling children in school for the first time need to provide a record of all immunizations required, complete a dental and physical exam before entrance. Waivers are available for parents whose religious convictions prohibit them from complying with this regulation. These forms must be completed prior to enrollment in school.

Pre-Kindergarten

Fast Facts:

- A kindergarten preparation program (students must be 4 by September 15th)
- Three program options
 - Three-day (\$1,560) Monday-Wednesday-Friday
 - Three-day (\$1,560) Monday-Tuesday-Thursday
 - Two-day (\$1,225) Tuesday-Thursday
- Drop off at 9:00am and pick up at 12:00 pm
- Children entering Pre-K must be potty trained and be four years old by September 15
- Teachers greet students at your car door and return them to your car door
- Biblically integrated curriculum is used
- A plethora of academic learning through hands-on activities
- Social development fostered during free choice play
- Introduction to math and reading skills
- Gross motor activities during outdoor play and exploring in the gymnasium
- Several field trips and special events occur throughout the year
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are in mid-November and additional conferences as needed

Overview:

Welcome to the Pre-Kindergarten experience at LAMS! We are excited to offer you a high quality, Biblically based curriculum that will enhance your preschooler's natural desire to learn and discover. The Little LAMS Pre-k program is designed to promote your child's knowledge and skills in all developmental areas—spiritual, cognitive, social/emotional, physical, and aesthetic—and to establish a foundation for lifelong learning. Our program reflects the belief that children are active learners. They build meaning and understanding through full participation in their learning environments. Our child-centered program combines high expectations for each child with respect for individual development.

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Elementary School

Fast Facts:

- An accredited K-8 program
- School day runs from 8:08am - 2:45 pm
- Students attend music, physical education, art, computer and library throughout the week
- Active play is encouraged with two recess times
- Students wear uniforms to support unity and simplicity
- A variety of teaching methods and learning styles are incorporated into each classroom.
- All teachers are certified and many have or are pursuing a master's degree.
- Bible curriculum is utilized kindergarten to grade 5 and is integrated through all subjects
- Class sizes do not exceed 24 students (aides are in the larger primary classrooms)
- In-coming students are assessed prior to enrollment to determine readiness
- Bus transportation is available with an additional fee

Overview:

Our elementary teachers recognize the importance of the foundations of learning that occur in the elementary years. Teaming with parents, we strive to nurture their minds and their hearts through excellent academics taught from a Biblical worldview. Employing the whole child approach, students engage in a variety of learning styles in the classroom. They also take part in art, music, physical education, and computer under the direction of expert teachers.

Patrons enrolling their children at LAMS will need to complete a Transfer of Records form which will be sent to your child's previous school.



Middle School

Fast Facts:

- Middle school consists of grades 6th-8th
- All students wear uniforms
- Spiritual guidance through consistent interaction with dedicated teachers
- 48 minute content area periods (language arts, math, social studies, science)
- Spanish is a required course
- Bible and health throughout the week
- Art, music, physical education, and computer are attended weekly
- Flex time allows students outside socialization and physical activity
- Choir and orchestra are provide as an option
- Elective program including woodshop, home economics, book club, imovie, etc.
- Athletic and drama programs available

Overview:

Lititz Area Mennonite School maintains an academically rigorous, opportunity-rich middle school program for students in grades 6, 7 and 8. We prepare our students for high school and life by building a solid foundation of Biblical truth and understanding. In a positive climate of encouragement and affirmation, we nurture our students' spiritual growth through Bible class, homeroom devotionals, weekly chapels and mentor groups. Our students are taught the LAMS Core Values and are provided opportunities to apply them. We seek to develop young people who are firm in their faith, well-prepared for the high school experience, and ready to follow God's leading in their lives.