

Dear 2018-2019 Prospective Academy Family,

Welcome to another year of classes and performances with the Lancaster Academy for the Performing Arts! Whether your family has been with the Academy for years or you are brand new, we are excited to have you on board. This coming year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academy! We hope you find many exciting opportunities for your children for the coming year in the attached registration materials.

Before reading the registration materials and beginning the registration process, we would like you to be aware of some important changes as we head into the new year.

First, the Academy is returning to a choral foundation for the theatre productions. This past fall, a local theatre professional evaluated the Academy and provided his recommendations to the Board. He reminded us that for much of the life of the Academy, we were known primarily for our highly trained and well-respected choir. The core talent in the choral department helped to establish the success of our theatre productions. While our theatre department continues to grow, the Board of Directors does not want to lose the established reputation and excellence that our choral foundation provides to the theatre productions. For this reason, you will notice that *choir class enrollment is now a prerequisite for auditioning for theatre productions.*

Second, the Academy is changing from three to four class levels next year. *A Middle School level, for students in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, is now available for Choral, Theatre, and Art classes.* This change originated with our Choral Directors who believe that this separation will enable better vocal teaching of this age group. For continuity, the Board of Directors then decided to extend the change to the two other departments.

Finally, the Board of Directors desires to re-emphasize the uniquely Christian character of the Academy. *There is an expanded Student-Parent Registration Contract that details responsibilities that both student and parent are required to sign.* The contract emphasizes respect, modesty, service, Christ-centered character, and community building for both student and parent.

Christ is the foundation of the Academy. The tremendous community we share in the Academy is His gift to us. Being reminded of this, as a parent or a student, helps everyone to focus on our mission:

*To provide musical, theatrical, and fine arts instruction, and performance opportunities, with a goal of excellence, in order to honor God and be a blessing to the community.*



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The Board of Directors continually strives to ground our decisions in this mission. We hope you will embrace the changes to theatre, the addition of a Middle School level, and our re-emphasis on our Christian culture. We experienced an increase in enrollment of 25% last year and are excited for the coming year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the members of the Board of Directors.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

Dan Rogers  
Board President