



Lutheran Schools Association

An Investment for Lutheran Schools
and Early Childhood Centers

Background

- LSA serves both LCMS and ELCA schools.
- Incorporated in 1977 when 25 metropolitan area schools chose to work cooperatively with each other despite the strife within the Lutheran church.
- Membership of 70-75 schools (elementary, middle and high) and early childhood centers.
- Lutheran Schools Association has become the “glue” for Lutheran schools in the metro-New York area.

Sponsorship

- Three agencies
 - Concordia College, Bronxville NY
 - Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf, Mill Neck NY
 - Mt. Tremper Outdoor Ministries, Patterson NY
- Two judicatories
 - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
(Metropolitan New York Synod)
 - Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
(Atlantic District)

Lutheran School Statistics

- Nationally, Lutheran churches operate over 900 elementary, 75 secondary, and 3000 early childhood centers.
- More than 500,000 children are taught by 30,000 teachers in Lutheran schools across the country.
- Locally, Atlantic District congregations sponsor 16 elementary schools, two high schools and 19 early childhood centers. Congregations in the New Jersey District sponsor five elementary schools and 24 preschools.
- Metro-NY Synod congregations sponsor nine elementary, two secondary and 45 early childhood centers. New Jersey Synod has 38 ELCA schools.

Our Roots

“The philosophy of Lutheran education is deeply rooted in biblical doctrine. This gives us the wonderful job of giving your children a sound foundation in God's Word and sharing with them the great love of their Savior, Jesus Christ!”

MaryBeth Roehrig, Principal

Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Aquebogue



Lutheran Schools in Metropolitan New York



Blue = LSA members; Yellow = nonmembers

Missing member, St Paul's Christian Childhood Center, Saratoga Springs NY

Issues facing our schools...

- Declining enrollment
- Declining church membership
- Aging buildings
- Retirement by school's director or principal
- Lack of Lutheran teachers
- UPK programs or daycare centers
- Charter schools
- Shift in demographics (fewer school aged children)
- Economic woes

The Mission of the Lutheran Schools Association

is to **serve, support,** and **represent** the ministries of Lutheran schools in the metropolitan area, assisting them to provide quality, Christ-centered education.



LSA Serves through

- Regular Professional Development (50% discount for members on conferences and workshops)
- Opportunities for all our schools to celebrate their ministries together
- Coordination of Testing (state & standardized)
- Assisting churches opening new schools, UPK programs and day care licensing
- Educational Planning Process: A tool for school, church, community and parent leadership to facilitate conversation about seven focus areas and create an action plan for the future.

LSA Supports

- Coordination of local area cluster meetings with principals and directors
- Consultation: Work with individual pastors, directors/principals and school boards; conflict resolution
- Resources
 - Video and DVD Lending Library
 - An Information Center (for facts and direction)
 - Networking opportunities
 - Templates for policies, handbooks, safety plans, school boards, and more

LSA Represents

LSA's active participation in government assures equitable services to all eligible students in member Lutheran Schools.

Nationally

Council on American Private Education

New York State

New York State Coalition of Religious and Independent Schools

New York State Advisory Council

Monitors State Programs:

- Mandated Services and Comprehensive Attendance Program (CAP) Reimbursements
- NYS testing programs
- NYS loan programs
- NYS school initiatives and laws
- Academic intervention services (AIS)

Local Representation

New York City

Non-public School Standing Committee

Meets with the NYC Department of Education (DOE) to monitor programs

- Title funded programs (\$150,000 + Title I in-kind services) including Professional Development and direct services to our students
- Implement NYS loan programs
- NYC Information for non-public Schools (special education, crisis management, food services, transportation, emergency information, and health issues)

Member of the Committee of NYC Religious and Independent Schools

- Academic Intervention Services
- Collaboration on issues and policies affecting our schools

Collaborative Partnerships

- Lutheran Church:
 - Work with staffs in Atlantic District (LCMS) and Metro NY Synod (ELCA)
 - Liaison with national church offices
- National educational conferences
- Other nonpublic school groups across the country
- Lutheran Counseling Center
- Lutheran Social Services of NY
- Lutheran outdoor ministries

Elementary Schools in New York City

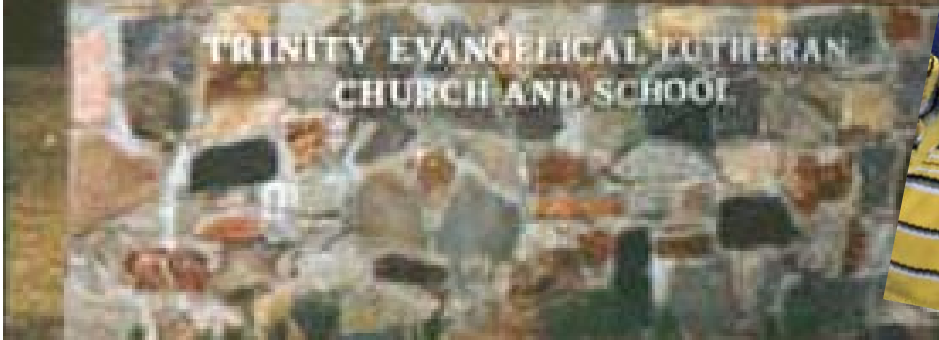


Member schools in
Queens, Brooklyn, and
Staten Island



Elementary Schools in the Suburbs

Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester Counties



The Chapel School partners with neighboring Concordia College.

High Schools

Martin Luther High School

Long Island Lutheran
MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL



Innovative Ideas



In September 2010 St. Paul's Lutheran School (East Northport) will be renamed **Lu Day School**, linking it with LuHi to make the first PreK-Grade 12 model in our Lutheran system, using two different sites.

Promise Lutheran Day School (Baldwin)

Offering an optimal educational experience for children of varying gifts and abilities, including moderate developmental disabilities to the exceptional and gifted.



Universal Pre Kindergarten (UPK)

- Funded by New York State.
- UPK programs are located at 17 Lutheran schools in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island.
- Sponsored by the NYC Department of Education.
- Sessions are 2.5 hours and free for children who turn four during current calendar year.
- All our UPK sites offer extended hours for a fee to parents who need all-day child care – an opportunity to teach children about Jesus.

Rainbow Christian School, Woodside

1st UPK program in an LSA school!



Rainbow Christian Preschool & Kindergarten



Our Saviour Preschool, Jamaica and Redeemer Nursery, Queens Village



Free-Standing Nursery/Preschools

- 64 located in Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland and Orange Counties.
- Generally half-day programs (under 3 hours) and serving 2-, 3-, and 4-year-old children.



Early Childhood Centers



Creative
Playtime,
Scarsdale
&
Little
Sprouts,
New Hyde
Park



St. Paul's Child Care Center, Rye Brook:

- New York State licensed facility offering a full-day educational program
- Full-day childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers
- Five days a week for children from six weeks until five years of age

New Jersey Schools



Lutheran Schools are Special Places

- Christ-centered
- Academic excellence
- Spiritual depth and moral integrity
- Small classes
- Build self esteem
- Warm, and caring environment
- Safe and secure
- Flexible programs
- Before and After School programs
- Work in partnership with the family
- Friendly, professional teachers and staff
- Strong reputations in the communities they serve

LSA's Budget

- Membership fees make up **only 1/3** of our annual budget.
- The cost of membership for an elementary school is about 7¢ per student per day.
- Cost for early childhood centers or preschools, 3¢ per student per day.
- Schools are encouraged to add their cost per student to registration fees or to create a budget line for total expense.

***An LSA membership is
a small investment for the future of schools
and Christian education.***

Our Challenge

- To fund the remaining 2/3 of our budget & continue to provide assistance to schools without compromising our effectiveness
- We work to bridge this gap through
 - Annual golf outing
 - Family fundraisers (Mets game, SI Yankees, Great Adventure)
 - Annual Appeal
 - Chapel Offerings
 - Grants

And by asking YOU for support

If you...

- care about Christian Education,
- have a heart for children

and/or

- delight in sharing Jesus' love with others,
- then...

Please pray for the Lutheran Schools Association and consider making a gift because your contribution *will* make a difference and allow LSA to continue to meet the needs of Lutheran schools.

LSA Staff

- Linda Mitchell, Executive Director
- Debbie Cook, Director of Communications and Development
- Corinne Di Stephan, Director of Funded Programs
- Regional Cluster Coordinators: Beth Crowe, Christine Hauge, Erinn Stampe, Carol Guthrie, Kathy Leich, MaryBeth Roehrig, Caren Vogt

LSA Board of Directors

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A quick word about “The Educational Planning Process”

- It has been used successfully by seven schools in the area.
- The Atlantic District is providing partial funding for their schools.
- LSA encourages all schools to go through the process *before* they are in crisis.
- For more information, call the office at 914.395.4787 or email lmitchell@lutheranschoolsassociation.org.



JOIN US!

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