



## CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

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The return of in-person celebrations and graduation ceremonies in 2022 motivated us to revisit who we are, what we value and what we celebrate. These events also present us with an opportunity to meet one of the goals of our strategic plan to “tell our story and advance our mission” as a school that exists to uncover students’ talents and encourage their potential for excellence and impact in the world for the Glory of God.

We have gathered input from leadership, faculty committees and some community stakeholders to inform some important changes to the way we celebrate and recognize our students’ achievements in the arts, academics and athletics.

We want to ensure that we find opportunities to celebrate students who model the mission, vision and core values of LCS. We are going to continue celebrating the outstanding work done by our Grade 9-12 students from September to June in an expanded way from past years.

At the root of our changes to recognizing student achievement are four guiding principles:

- We want the awards to be meaningful and criterion based
- We want students to understand the awards
- We want to focus on the goals of our school (mission and vision of the school)
- We want to celebrate success across various domains

At this time we are outlining changes to the **2022-23 Academic Awards** only.

**Governor General Award** (Top Academic Average to be awarded at graduation)

- Awarded to a single student at each grade level who achieves the highest academic average for the current school year.
- Must complete at least 1 Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, English, and Biblical Studies 11/12 course to be eligible for this award.
- Must complete a minimum of six total courses to be eligible for this award.
- Four awards per year - Awarded in June Awards Ceremony (Commencement for Gr. 12's).

**Honour Role, Principal's List, Head of School's List.**

- A standards-based award available to all students who meet the qualifications.
- Students must be enrolled in the minimum number of LCS courses required at their grade level to be eligible.
- All enrolled courses which are currently in-progress are included in the calculation of the student average.
  - Students achieving an average of at least 80% qualify for the Honour Roll
  - Students achieving an average of at least 90% qualify for the Principal's List
  - Students achieving an average of at least 95% qualify for the Head of School's List
- Unlimited awards per year - Awarded in December, March, June.

### Departmental Excellence Awards

- An award given to one student at each grade level within each of LCS departments (Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences, English, Social Studies, Biblical Studies, Health & Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Technology Education, Computers & Robotics).
- Given to the student within each department who exemplifies what it means to demonstrate excellence in their discipline. They demonstrate high academic achievement combined with high-level work habits.
- Department Heads prepare a list of nominees within their department, and awards are discussed and voted on by each department member.
- Awards are presented at the conclusion of each school year.
- Up to 36 awards per year are awarded at the June Awards Ceremony.

We believe that recognition awards are not the primary motivation for any student to pursue excellence. However, they are a way to acknowledge and honour students who have achieved a high standard and help us tell the story of a school committed to encouraging lives of service, persistence and discipline. Celebrating students' achievement in this way also provides opportunities to bring our community together in positive and celebratory ways. Student awards are also important evidence of achievement that our students can use in support of external applications for employment, opportunities and bursaries. The effort and dedication that students put into their studies, including those who make improvements over the course of the year contribute to a positive culture of faith, teaching, and learning at LCS.

We welcome any questions you may have and look forward to sharing further updates to our Lightning Athletics, Service and Scholarship Awards in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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