



2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT

LAKE TAHOE SCHOOL

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND BEYOND

MISSION

Our mission at Lake Tahoe School is to nurture a lifelong love of learning in our students with the purpose of developing critical thinkers and articulate, confident leaders for the 21st century.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Proven
Academics

Creative
Expression

Critical
Thinking

Leadership &
Character

Athletics &
Adventure

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

State of the Art
Facility

Experienced
Faculty

Innovative
Teaching

Personal
Focus

MOTTO

Where disciplined minds, sound character, healthy bodies, and creative spirits thrive.



A Letter from Bob Graves, Head of School

Dear Parents and Friends,

There is a certain alchemy behind the day-to-day operations of an outstanding school such as Lake Tahoe School. A heady mixture of committed teachers and families, and ready and able students, leads to a very real and very alive undercurrent of striving for a sense of common purpose and goals. At Lake Tahoe School, we put forth all of our energies, resources, and manpower towards that key goal: the education and learning of our students. Commitment of this scale and magnitude is not so easily achieved, nor is it easily funded. As an independent school without government support, Lake Tahoe School must rely on its tuition dollars, and upon the ongoing generosity of its families and friends for each year's budget. Because we accept no tax dollars, Lake Tahoe School and other like-minded independent schools are thus free to shape their curriculum, their goals, and their purposes as they see fit. Moreover, at Lake Tahoe School we are thereby able to embrace the best and brightest in teachers, facilities, and practices.

Each year, as we continue to grow and improve, we ask our families and friends for their financial assistance to help us meet our annual operating expenses. Even a cursory walk around the campus reveals only a relatively few of the numerous merits of our fundraising efforts. From basketballs to iPads; field trips to air conditioning, from Singapore Math to our new and rising Athletic and Performing Arts Center – every step you take and every peek into a classroom reveals something paid for by previous annual fundraising efforts.

This past year, we continued to reach out to you and other members of our school community to help us achieve our main goal of filling the gap between the cost of tuition and the actual cost of a Lake Tahoe School experience – helping keep tuition costs reasonable while providing the best education in the region. Better yet, unlike tuition, your annual gifts are tax deductible.

The next time your child comes home at the end of the school day and talks about the fun they had with math manipulatives, shares the thrill of scoring the winning shot in a basketball game, or tells you how new and exciting the latest learning app is on an iPad, pause for a moment and think about how much your gift to the Annual Fund is appreciated and better yet, fully integrated into the daily learning experiences of each and every child at Lake Tahoe School.

We are each privileged to be a part of such a strong learning community as Lake Tahoe School. Even more so, we are privileged to enjoy the support of our families and generous donors as we continue to grow even stronger.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Robert E. Graves
Head of School



2017-18 School and Parent Leadership

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Head of School: Ruth Glass
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PreK: Jenna Anderson
PreK: Suzanne Batmale
PreK: Heather Zikas
Kindergarten: Sara Holm/Diana Schlaff
1st Grade: Christina Edwards
2nd Grade: Heidi Breider
3rd Grade: Catherine Rogers
4th Grade: Amory Bundy
5th Grade: Arianna Pompea

Art: Alison Lee
Music: Barbara Ellis
PE: Jon Cooper
Science: Ben Storrud
Spanish (K-1): Diana Schlaff
Spanish (2nd-8th): Eric Harssema

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Science: Rod Taylor
Humanities: Lee Waterhouse
Math: Patrick Fleming
Math & Humanities: Stephanie Mancuso

STUDENT COUNCIL

President: Kenna Bacon-Mirzayan
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Ben Rock
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Isabella Artle
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PARENT ASSOCIATION

Co-Presidents:
Gia Rauenhorst and
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ROOM PARENTS

PK3: Jessica Nordby
PK4: Corina Wagner
Kindergarten: Melissa Green
1st Grade: Maureen Toner
2nd Grade: Sarah Howard-Harwood
3rd Grade: Stephanie Jensen
4th Grade: Charlie White &
Rebecca Kassekert
5th Grade: Karen Fung
6th Grade: Melissa Green
7th Grade: Karen Fung
8th Grade: Karen Laurie & Christie Stranzl

2018 AUCTION COMMITTEE

Chair: Karen Laurie
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Kate Cooper
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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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TEACHERS



Graduates and School Acceptances

2018 GRADUATES OF LAKE TAHOE SCHOOL

Isabella Joy Artle
Kenna Bacon-Mirzayan
Lukas Mark Burton
Dean Cafferata-Jenkins
David Travino Casini
Shane Bixby Green
Jack Henry Laurie
Jacob Ryan Ludviksen
Kade Matthew Martinez
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Elisabeth Nancy Stranzl
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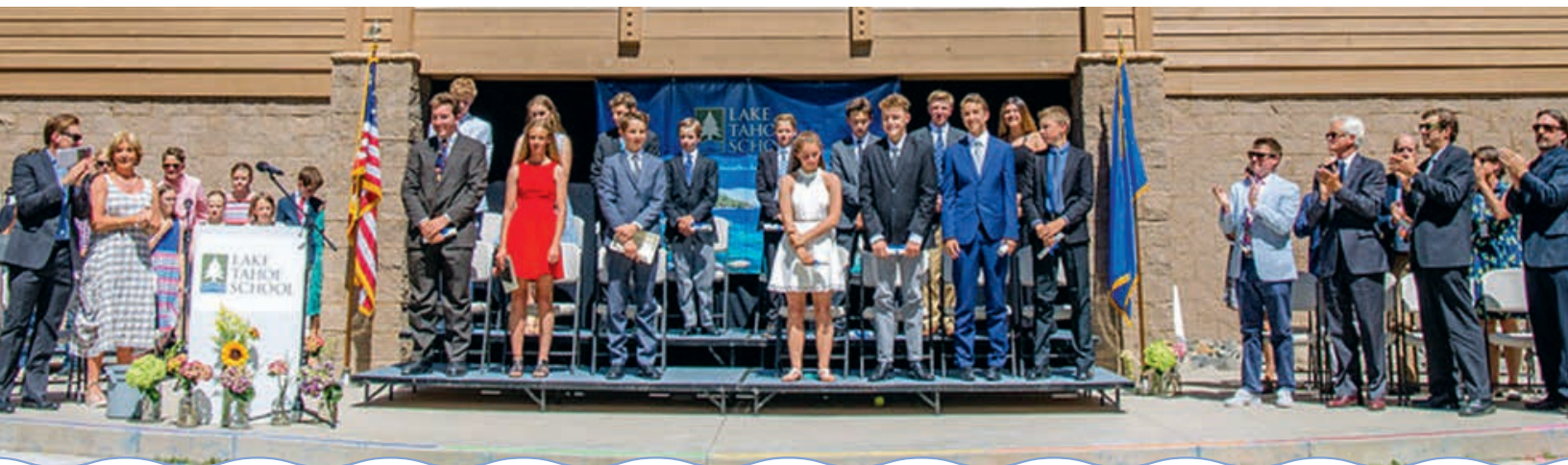
LTS GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AT THESE FINE HIGH SCHOOLS

Asheville School
Berkshire School
Bishop Manogue High School
Burke Mountain Academy
Cate School
Choate Rosemary Hall
Colorado Rocky Mountain School
Davidson Academy
Dunn School
Deerfield Academy
Gould Academy Holderness School
Incline High School
Lawrenceville Academy
Marin Catholic High School
Middlesex School Northfield
Mount Hermon School
Phillips Andover Academy
Phillips Exeter Academy
Phoenix Country Day School
Proctor Academy
Santa Catalina School Stratton Mountain Academy St. Marks School
Sage Ridge School Stevenson School
St. Paul's School
Concord Taft School
Thacher School
York School

LTS GRADUATES HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED AT THESE FINE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

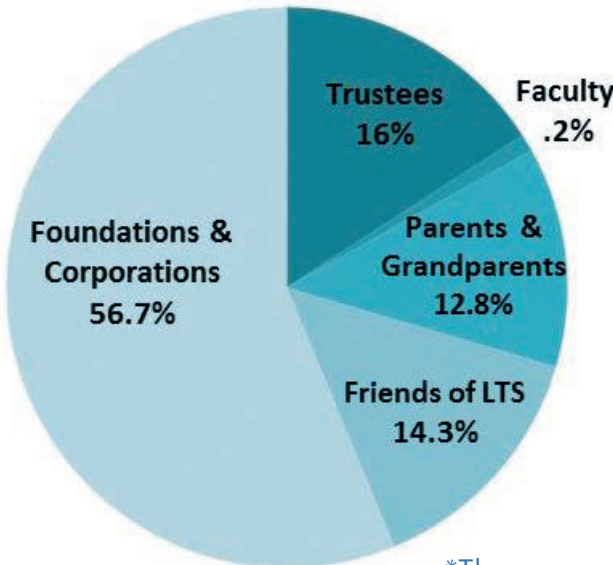
Air Force Academy
Belmont College
Brown University
California Polytechnic State University
Central Washington University
Claremont McKenna College
Cornell University
Eckert
Emerson College
Georgetown University
Gonzaga
Harvard University
Lewis and Clark University
Middlebury
Northeastern University
Oregon State University
Pepperdine University
Princeton University
Richmond
San Diego State
Santa Clara University
Stanford University
Swarthmore College
Tufts University
UCLA
UC San Diego
Union University
University of CA, Berkeley
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Denver

University of Oregon
University of Nevada, Reno
University of Pennsylvania
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Villanova
Vassar College
Williams College
Wellesley College



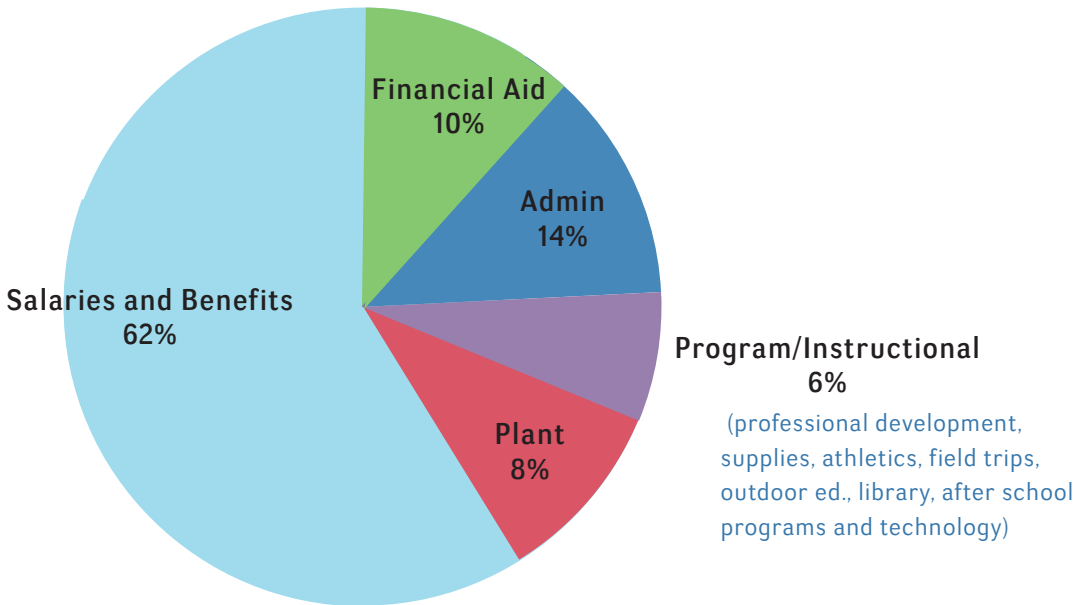
2017-18 BY THE NUMBERS

Total Giving: \$3,753,705



*These amounts were Pledged or Cash Received in FY2017-2018

Total Expenses: \$3,787,213



Financials: Sources and Purpose

		2017-2018 ACTUAL	2018-2019 PROJECTED
ASSETS	Cash and Investments	\$4,032,932	
	Property and Equipment	\$10,024,844	
	Other Assets	\$43,691	
REVENUE	Tuition and Fees	\$2,797,075	\$3,011,532
	Fundraising	\$2,602,947	\$1,000,000
	Other Income	\$76,577	\$58,820
TOTAL REVENUE		\$5,476,599	\$4,070,352
EXPENSES	Personnel	\$2,330,107	\$2,421,658
	Tuition Assistance	\$395,022	\$670,671
	Interest	\$300,000	\$300,000
	Physical Plant	\$314,669	\$254,100
	General Admin	\$228,943	\$171,535
	Instructional	\$112,498	\$175,100
	Professional Development	\$42,104	\$41,375
	Athletics, OE, FT	\$63,870	\$65,430
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$3,787,213	\$4,099,869
Number of students at start of year		134	135
Number of students at end of year		141	not yet known
Operating gap per student (based on starting students)		\$7,281.00	\$7,815.00

Because our tuition is less than the cost of educating each student, in essence EVERY CHILD at Lake Tahoe School receives a subsidized education. Even if a family pays full tuition, they are still being subsidized. If a family receives any sort of financial assistance, that subsidy grows. To balance this equation, please consider the following:

1) Consider a gift to the Annual Fund in the amount of the gap as a way to help offset the real cost of your child's education. If you don't, who will?

2) Gifts over the tuition gap support the critical resources that set a Lake Tahoe School education apart; a student-to-teacher ratio of 6:1; literacy specialists, mathematics specialists, extensive field trips, dedicated science, language, music, art, PE, and technology instructors who are experts in their respective fields; a clean, open, well-maintained and safe facility; a full range of athletic and outdoor education offerings; and the list goes on.

3) If your family receives financial assistance for your children to attend Lake Tahoe School, please make as significant a commitment to the Annual Fund as possible, support Lake Tahoe School in volunteer hours, and enrich the education of your child by being as involved as you can in the life of Lake Tahoe School. Gifts of time, talent, and treasure come in many forms, and all are welcomed and appreciated.

Lake Tahoe School Annual Fund



Proven Academics

The consistently strong historical placement of our graduates in highly regarded high schools and colleges around the country continues to confirm the quality and success of an LTS education. Cutting edge technology, including iPads and Apple TVs throughout the school, provides students with access to the world. Experienced, passionate, and dedicated teachers support every child.



Athletics & Adventure

Small and mighty, Lake Tahoe School teams continue to bring home hardware. 95% of students in 5th – 8th grades participate in interscholastic sports. Bobcats compete successfully on cross-country, basketball, volleyball, Nordic skiing, and track teams. In addition, Thursday's ski and snowboard program involves 80% of our students. Our students also explore ecosystems in the Tahoe Basin and beyond.



Creative Expression

Our students are encouraged to share their insights, perceptions, and ideas through multiple media. Specialized teachers in art, music, technology, science, Spanish, and PE work closely with core classroom teachers to integrate all aspects of the curriculum.

The Difference You Made



Critical Thinking

LTS students learn early that there is always more than one answer and more than one avenue to solutions. An emphasis on collaboration and hands-on learning inspires children to take academic risks. Teachers recognize critical thinking as one of the key components of 21st Century teaching and learning.



Leadership & Character

Bobcats are handed the responsibility of working together and learning empathy the moment they begin at LTS. Children are empowered to resolve their own conflicts and to be willing and able to distinguish between right and wrong and act accordingly. LTS graduates frequently populate leadership positions in the high schools they attend.



Giving Circles

Lake Tahoe School Donor Circles

Founder's Circle \$25,000 and above

Leadership Circle \$15,000 - \$24,999

LTS Family Circle \$5,000 - \$14,999

Mt. Rose Circle \$2,000 - \$4,999

Bobcat Circle up to \$1,999

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Lake Tahoe School's 2018 Annual Gala

Development efforts are supported in multiple ways by many generous members of our community. We are deeply grateful to the following for their donations of time, talent, and good humor. Count Me In! Parties provide marvelously diverse opportunities to celebrate LTS and each other.

COUNT ME IN! PARTIES & HOSTS

- Lobster and Clam Bake at Burnt Cedar Beach – the Bergstrom/Derhali and Rau families
- Let the Good Times Roll! Sushi Party – the Kassekert family and Hanasu Sushi
- Texas Hold-Em Poker Party – the Rauenhorst and Bergstrom/Derhalli families
- Wine Tasting Dinner – the O'Donnell and Bergstrom/Derhalli families and Free Range Kitchen with Chef Eric Steinberg
- Family Movie Night Under the Stars – the Kassekert family
- Holiday Cookie Decorating Party – the Rauenhorst family
- Homewood Ladies Ski and Lunch – Amy Berry, West Shore Café and Homewood Mountain Resort
- Stand Up Paddle Board Pilates Party – Mary Berns

PREMIER COUNT ME IN! EVENTS:

- Opulent Tour of Champagne Tasting and Gourmet Dinner – the Pretti family, Moët Hennessey USA, Free Range Kitchen with Chef Eric Steinberg and the Bergstrom/Derhalli family
- Cycling & Wine Week in Tuscany – the O'Donnell family

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS & DONORS

- *The Dark Star Crush – the Hankla Family*
- *7 Nights, Jackson Hole Rocking H Ranch – Ruth Huyler Glass and Family*
- *Head of School for a Day – Mr. Bob Graves*
- *Tesla Tour and Model S Radio Flyer – the Kassekert Family and the Tesla Gigafactory*
- *Scrub Up: Surgeon for a Day – Dr. Robert Rupp and Kate Cooper*
- *Bay Area Sports Package – the Artle/Fung Family, the Bergstrom/Derhalli Family and Robert and Kara Green*
- *Front Row Seats to the Holiday Show – Lake Tahoe School*
- *Exotic Indonesian Paradise*
- *Las Vegas Weekend– the Bergstrom/Derhalli Family*
- *Skip School-Ski/Board Day – LTS, Mr. Jon Cooper and Mr. Kris Nugent*

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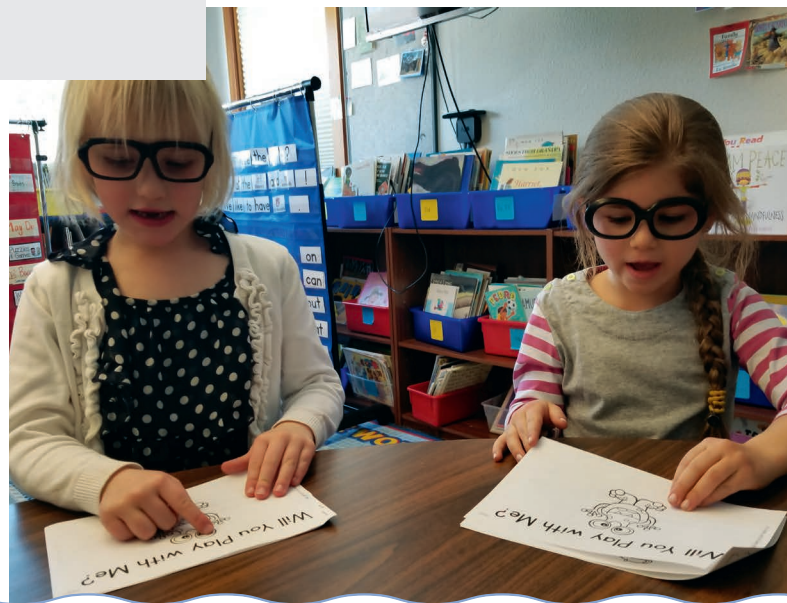
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