



## **Cross-Curricular Jesus**

Ephesians 3:10, "so that the multifaceted wisdom of God might now be made known through the church." NASB

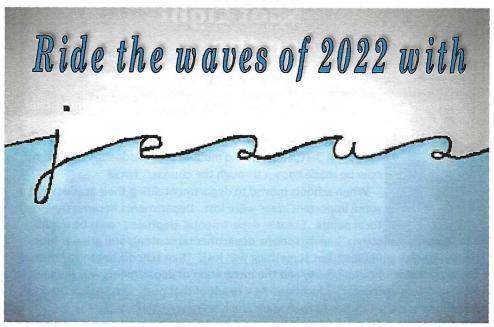
When schools moved to departmentalizing their academic plan, some important ideas were lost. Departments became their own focal points. Greater departmental emphases could be made, strengthening specific departmental content, and greater inde-

pendence was generated, but something was lost. Then schools began to "re-find" the importance of connectivity, and the integration of departments was pursued in form of "cross-curricular" education. As a result of that push, the English teacher forced the science teacher to read Mary Shelly's <u>Frankenstein</u>. Whereas <u>Frankenstein</u> was not one of my faves, reading the book certainly demonstrated the idea that individual academic disciplines are not islands unto themselves. In fact knowledge, understanding, and wisdom are only best implemented when the diversity of all the disciplines (departments) are considered. If any of the disciplines/variables are left out of the equation, one cannot expect sound decisions to be the end result.

As we plan out what our school should look like, we strongly consider this interdisciplinary approach. Martin Luther High School has a massive advantage in this arena as we have the freedom to teach the discipline of Biblical Truth, the Wisdom of God and the Means by which "all things hold together" – Col 1. If the discipline of The Glue that "holds all things together" is left out, what does that do to one's overall understanding, preparation, and decision making????? According to Ephesians 3:10, this preparation is clearly a role of the Church. The LCMS schools are a direct result of taking this responsibility to heart. There is always room for improvement, but, in very way, the schools of the LCMS are going to continue to share the "multifaceted Wisdom of God" in order to give our students every advantage possible. It is this Wisdom that will afford us the ability to make sound decisions in every aspect of our life and the lives of our neighbors. May God continue to bless our steps! Your help and involvement are highly encouraged!

Amen - Come Lord Jesus!!!

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