

History of Lake Nelson School

The Lake Nelson School first started in the Plainfield Church. In 1957 with the support of committed and faithful members a 12 acres lot was purchased to construct a new school. With the church members' unwavering and active support a total of 2,850 hours of labor were volunteered to build the school. In February 22, 1959 the Lake Nelson School officially opened its doors.

The year 1977 saw the school almost destroyed by a ravishing fire. Once again, the church members united in vision and the damaged part of the school building and gymnasium were rebuilt.

After worshipping for many months in the Lake Nelson School Gym the Plainfield Church starts construction of a new church building adjacent to the school. In 1982 the Plainfield Church relocates its place of worship next to the school changing its name to the Lake Nelson Church.

The Lake Nelson School's curricular program started with grades one through eight and through the years has offered a curricular program up to the 10th grade. In 1984 the Early Learning Center was established and welcomed students starting at two and half years of age. The following year, 1985, saw the creation of the kindergarten program.

In 2009 the Lake Nelson School celebrated its 50 year anniversary. It continues to keep alive the same burning desire to provide Christ-centered education in the Piscataway Area. In 2014, under a new vision, the constituent churches of Lake Nelson School and New Brunswick English, voted to physically expand the school to accommodate a junior academy. In the fall of 2013, after 20 years, the school once again offered a 9th grade program. The fall of 2014 welcomed the addition of the 10th grade curriculum instruction. On May 16th, 2015, the Lake Nelson SDA Church and New Brunswick English Church along with the NJ Conference blessed the ground for the expansion of four classrooms and two bathrooms.

The Lake Nelson School and constituent churches unite and actively work to see the original vision expand. Today we continue to hold up the distinctive ministry of preparing our children to serve God and their fellow man.