

## ALUMNI NEWS

# Interview with Josh Kutsko

*I am incredibly grateful to the very brilliant, talented and modest Josh Kutsko (Linden Waldorf School Class of 2008) He sacrificed the opportunity to unwind after his last exam at University School of Nashville and subjected himself to a thorough grilling instead.*



**SM:** Josh, thank you so much for coming in today right after your exams. Considering you just finished exams, it seems relevant to ask you. Did you feel prepared going into high school from Linden Waldorf School?

**JK:** I felt like I was totally prepared. I was really nervous going in that I wasn't going to be prepared. Once I got started I realized that whatever I didn't know, I could ask. But, I hardly had to do that. I knew everything I had to know. I didn't feel like I was behind in any way.

**SM:** What is one of the ways you feel like Linden Waldorf School prepared you?

**JK:** Well, like in Biology, so much of the DNA stuff. We haven't done that here, but it is just about illustrations and being able to analyze diagrams and here we've done that and that really helped me understand. Another example is from the exam I took today. I was able to identify the structure of the heart, even though it is convoluted, I was able to see it clearly because I had to see it clearly when I drew it in 7th grade. In geometry it's really easy to visualize platonic solids because I created them last

year and didn't just first see it as lines on a white board.

**SM:** What would you say to all your former "Manse-mates" who are going to high school next year?

**JK:** Hah freshman! No — be organized. My best suggestion is not to use loose leaf. Don't tear notes out of your notebook. You don't want to end up with stuff mixed up.

**SM:** What would you say to prospective parents who are deciding about whether or not to send their child to LWS?

**JK:** Do it. It is awesome! At a small place like this, you become really good friends with your classmates and teachers. In no way is the education inferior. In fact, I definitely consider it superior.

**SM:** I don't want to embarrass you, but I will because I suspect I know the answer. Have your grades been good so far?

**JK:** Yeah (significant pause and "look" by me) Straight A's.

**SM:** What's your favorite thing about USN?

**JK:** The teachers are required to be in their classrooms for about 30 minutes after school. So, you can get notes if you missed a day. They are willing to help and fill in.

**SM:** Is there anything you would change in your experience at LWS?

**JK:** Yes, I would start earlier. (Josh joined LWS in the 4th grade.)

**SM:** Thank you Josh.

—Sonia Merchant,  
Outreach Coordinator