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#### Mission Statement

Lutheran High School Westland is committed to providing a Christ-centered education that equips students *spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically* for the future and challenges them to a life of service for Christ Jesus.

#### Forms Included In This Issue

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# Newsletter

## March & April 2009

### REGISTRATION FORMS FOR 2009-2010

There are just a few current students who have not registered for the 2008-2009 school year.

- The registration fee is \$200 until April 30th.
- The fee will increase to \$250 on May 1st.

A new registration card must be filled out each year and accompany the registration fee. These cards are available in the school office. If you have any questions about re-enrolling your student, please contact the school office. Families that wish to apply for financial aid should do so before April 15. Financial aid forms are also available in the school office.

### CALENDAR CHANGE

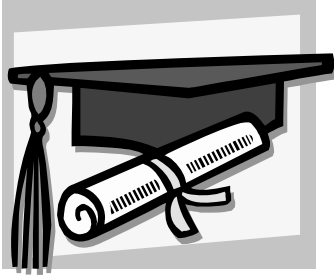
The Spring Concert is Sat May 9 @ 7:00 pm

The Spring Drama will be Fri May 15 and Sat May 16 @ 7 pm

### NEW DAILY DISMISSAL TIME starting April 20<sup>th</sup>

One of the challenges of the spring is early dismissal for various groups and teams. This challenge is amplified when several groups leave during the same day. Rescheduling events because of weather further complicates this. The quality of instruction declines when a large number of students leave early from a class.

To alleviate this problem we will dismiss students at 2:30 each day (Mon – Thur). Regular Friday dismissal time would remain at 2:30. This change will be in effect starting **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and will run until the last day of regular classes on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009.**



CLASS  
OF  
2009

## GRADUATION - Friday, June 5, 2009

7:00pm at Lutheran High Westland

Each family will receive 15 tickets (10 chair and 5 bleacher) for family, extended family, and friends to attend the service. Tickets will be given to students at graduation rehearsal in late May.

This event is a worship service thanking God for his blessings to these students which will be followed by the awarding of diplomas.

**Class Verse:** Proverbs 4:11 "I have taught you the way of wisdom; I have led you in the paths of uprightness."

## CLASS OF 2009 HONOR GRADUATES

Congratulations to Co-Valedictorians Lauren Gieschen and Craig Sanders and Co-Salutatorians Abi Gieschen and Megan Kohtz.



Lauren Gieschen  
Valedictorian



Craig Sanders  
Valedictorian



Abi Gieschen  
Salutarian



Megan Kohtz  
Salutarian

## NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

Congratulations to Senior Craig Sanders who has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program. **His SAT score and academic record place him in the top 15,000 students nationally.** He continues on in the program seeking one of the 8,200 Merit Scholarships.



## WANTED: YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Home/School communication with parents is extremely important to improve student success. Rising printing and mailing costs force us to reevaluate our current paper newsletter system and how to effectively get parents the most current information. We have been testing the use of email newsletters in recent months.

- If you HAVE received these emails, you are already on our distribution list
- If you HAVE NOT received those emails – click on the link on our homepage to subscribe to the newsletter or send an email to [mwalker@lha.com](mailto:mwalker@lha.com)
- If you would like TO ADD a work/home/spouse email to the list – click on the link on our homepage to subscribe to the newsletter



## SERVICE HOURS ARE DUE MAY 1

Our school's mission statement includes the phrase "challenging students for service to others and Jesus Christ." Because we are all called to be in service, following the example set by Jesus, school policy requires each student to complete 20 service hours each school year. **These service hours should be turned in to your student's religion teacher by May 1st.** Forms are available in the school office or can be downloaded from the FORMS section on the website.

## CHOIR TOUR

This year the LHW Concert Choir will take its music ministry on tour to the greater Chicago and Milwaukee areas. The bus will be making stops at congregations in Tinley Park, IL and Grafton, WI as well as Concordia University Chicago. Choir members will also be participating in several worship services where they will use their voices to give glory to their great God in word and song. Along the way, students will also visit the Sears Tower, Navy Pier, Michigan Ave., and Museum of Science and Engineering. The tour begins on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, and concludes with a home concert at St. Matthew, Westland on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

*LOVE  
UNKNOWN*

2009  
CHOIR  
TOUR



### WINTER SPORTS RECOGNITION

Recognition for our winter sports will be made on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. We will begin in the gym and then each team will meet individually for a season wrap up. There will be ice cream afterwards in the lobby.

### SPRING ATHLETICS TO BEGIN

Track, Baseball, Softball and Girls' Soccer will begin on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Please note the spring sport policy:

In the spring, students can request to participate in two sports during the same season. (A student will not be able to participate in two contests for different sports on the same day.)

In order to take advantage of this policy, a student must obtain the following:

- 1) Permission from parents, coaches of both sports, the athletic director and the principal
- 2) An agreement, in writing, worked out between the two coaches and the student. (If an agreement can't be worked out, then the permission will not be granted.)

Copies of this agreement will go to the athletic director, both coaches, the parents, and the student. This is to be in place by the end of the first week of the scheduled MHSAA season.

**Just a reminder . . .** if you do not have a current physical/emergency contact form on file in the school office, then you **will not** be able to participate in try-outs for spring sports. Forms can be obtained in the office or on the LHWL website.



**"Best Days"  
Prom  
2009**



## PROM 2009

Hawthorne Valley Golf Club will be the site of this year's Prom on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. It is located at 7300 N. Merriman in Westland (between Ann Arbor Trail and Warren) The theme for this year's prom is "Best Days".

Special privileges will be given to seniors who will be given the day off. All other students will have a half-day of school, which will end at noon. All underclassmen that intend to attend Prom must be in school for the half-day in the morning, or they will not be allowed to attend Prom in the evening. Prom will begin at 7:00 and dinner will be served promptly at 8:00 p.m.

The cost of each ticket will be determined soon. Students who sold the Entertainment Value books last fall will have their individual earned rebates reflected in the cost of their reservations.

### PERFORMANCE DATES

Friady & Saturday  
May 15 & 16  
7:00 p.m.

### Drama Wish List

1. Latex paint (1gal size)
2. Gift cards to fabric, craft, and hardware stores
3. Set construction and tear-down

Please feel free to contact Mr. Kwapis at [nkwapis@lhwa.com](mailto:nkwapis@lhwa.com) if you would like to help in any of these areas.

**Thank you!**

## LHWL Drama Department Presents *THE MUSICAL COMEDY MURDERS OF 1940*

The LHWL Drama and Music departments will present *The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940* by John Bishop.

First combine a mansion complete with sliding doors and secret passages, a small-time comedian with an endless supply of bad jokes, the zany creative team for a new musical, and a blizzard cutting them off from the outside. Then throw in an Irish Tenor and a sinister German maid who may or may not be dead. The result is a side-splitting comedy (or is it a mystery?) with a few musical numbers thrown in for good measure!

Please plan to attend LHWL's Spring Drama Performances. The students have already begun practicing and are eager to entertain you!

# Guidance News



## Academic Awards Night Wednesday May 6 7:00 pm

Parents, extended family and students are invited to the awards night presentations. Awards will be given to seniors AND underclassmen.

- Senior scholarships
- Music and drama letters and awards
- Underclassmen department awards
- National Honor Society Inductions (Juniors)
- Senior Awards

## Juniors and Seniors: Only 2 dates remain for ACT testing

Register online @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

<b>Test date</b>	<b>Register by</b>
Sat April 4	Fri Feb 27
Sat June 13	Fri May 8



## SENIORS COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID

### STEP 1: Complete federal 2008 taxes for student AND parent

- You need financial data from your 2008 tax form to complete the FAFSA
- If you cannot complete your taxes by late Feb, you can file a FAFSA with estimated figures, but the actual figures are preferred
- Taxes do not need to be filed - just completed



### STEP 2: EARLY FEB: Apply for a FAFSA PIN

- [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
- Use PINs to electronically sign your FAFSA and make corrections and view the SAR report
- The senior AND parent must apply for a PIN before completing the FAFSA online
- Receive PINs in 1 - 3 days if you supply an E-Mail address
- Same PIN is used for all 4 years of college



### STEP 3: Complete a FAFSA on the web worksheet (optional)

- May download from <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/before012.htm>
- **Assets included:** Education IRA, 529 Plans, Trusts, Prepaid Tuition Plan, CDs, Stocks, Cash, Mutual Funds, Savings Bonds
- **Assets NOT included:** 401K, Retirement IRA, Primary home value, consumer credit debt, cars, boats, trailers, assets of siblings



## STEP 4: File your FAFSA online

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) Do not use [fafsa.com](http://fafsa.com) websites - you should NOT pay to file FAFSA
- Before March 1 (ideally mid Feb) to qualify for state aid
- Choose the 2009-2010 FAFSA - the year the student will be in college
- Complete one FAFSA for each college student in the family



## STEP 5: Receive SAR (Student Aid Report) by email

- Note your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) - the amount (in dollars) your family is expected to pay for college
- An estimated EFC appears immediately after filing
- Families should receive their official SAR in 3-5 days
- Review your SAR data - if necessary, make changes or corrections and submit your SAR for reprocessing.

**How is EFC calculated?** Your EFC is determined by a formula called the Congressional Methodology. It varies with the age of the parent and family size.

### Sample: Family of 4 with 1 college student

#### Parent's contribution:

30% \* (Income - \$23,660)

12% \* (Assets - \$43,400)

#### + Student's contribution:

50% \* (Income - \$3080)

20% \* (Assets) **No asset protection**

= Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

## STEP 6: Additional forms for some schools

- Some private colleges require an extra institutional aid form
- Some schools (U of M, some private) use an additional PROFILE form  
<https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>
- Assets are evaluated using a different formula - examines Mortgage Balance of house and previous 2 yrs income tax returns

## STEP 7: Verification (for some)

- 1/3 of all applications are selected for the verification process
- Applicants submit copies of tax forms to the college if requested by the college

## STEP 8: Award letters

- Students should receive an Award Letter from each college listed on your FAFSA based on the SAR data.
- Many students do not make their final college choice until after the award letters are sent in March/April.
- Award letters usually have deadlines for acceptance. You should be able to ask college to wait until May 1 for your decision, BUT YOU NEED TO ASK FOR THE EXTENSION.
- After you have decided on a school, write to the school(s) you did not select and decline admission and award offers.
- Make your final decision with colleges by decision Day- May 1
- Contact college financial aid office with questions about the aid being offered
- Decide which college to attend based on a combination of
  - (a) how well the college suits your needs
  - (b) its affordability after all aid is considered

### Professional Judgment

#### If you have special circumstances

- Death or divorce of a parent
- High medical expenses
- Parochial Tuition for elem. or High School
- Change in income through layoff, retirement, or less overtime
- Disability

**Michigan Merit Exam (MME) - Juniors.....**

All Lutheran High Westland juniors will take the MME. There is no cost to the student.  
The MME is made up 5 tests given over 3 days.

<p><b>Pre-Test Feb 26-27</b> Takes 90 min</p> <p>Demographics and Interest Inventory.</p> <p>Completed in English classes over 2 days.</p>	<p><b>Tue March 10 7:55-12:20pm</b> Miss: Periods 1 - 5</p> <p>ACT plus Writing English 45 min Math 60 min Reading 35 min Science Reasoning 35 min Writing 30 min</p>	<p><b>Wed March 11 7:55 - 10:30</b> Miss: Periods 1 - 3</p> <p>WorkKeys #1 Reading 45 min #2 Math 45 min #3 Locating Info 45 min</p>	<p><b>Thur March 12 7:55 - 10:45</b> Miss: Periods 6 - 8</p> <p>MI Math 40 min MI Science 40 min MI Social Studies 40 min</p>
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**Michigan Promise Scholarship**

Students who pass the MME will be eligible for the \$4000 Michigan Promise Scholarship \$1000 1st year, \$1000 2nd year, and additional \$2000 if 2.5 college GPA  
As of December 2008, there are no retakes allowed to qualify for the scholarship.

**What if a student is absent on one or both dates?**

Make-up testing is March 24 for ACT, March 25 for Workkeys, March 26 for MEAP. A student must complete all the tests to be considered for the MI Promise Scholarship.

**TIPS TO DO YOUR BEST**

- Complete practice tests weeks before- Free Practice ACT Booklet
- Be well rested. Get a good night's sleep. Eat a healthy breakfast each morning.
- Arrive on time. Students will not be admitted once the test booklets have been distributed.
- Pace yourself during the test. **Answer every question.**

**What to bring**

1. Bring an approved calculator (Not a TI 89 or TI 92)
2. Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
3. A watch (if you wish to pace yourself)

**What NOT to bring**

1. Cell phone- All electronic devices must be turned off from the time you check in until you are dismissed after testing. A student will be dismissed from the test and the test will not be scored if an electronic device is used - during testing or during the breaks.
2. Water, food or drinks are NOT allowed in the testing room.

**Saturday ACT Retake**

Juniors seeking a competitive college or scholarships should plan on retaking the ACT spring of Junior Year or Fall of Senior year (or both) at their own cost.

- Register online [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- Students should login with the account they created on testing day in October
- Student can choose ACT (\$31) or ACT plus Writing (\$46)

<p><b>ACT Re-Test Dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Sat April 4, 2009 (Reg. by Feb 27)</li> <li>▪ Sat June 13, 2009 (Register by May 8) <b>RECOMMENDED</b></li> <li>▪ Sat Sept 12, 2009 (Could be Football, Soccer, Cheer Conflict)</li> <li>▪ Sat Oct 24, 2009</li> <li>▪ Sat Dec 12, 2009</li> </ul>
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**1st Semester Honor Roll 2008-09**  
**3.50 or higher Semester GPA (Not the cumulative GPA)**

9	Edward Abranovich	10	Sarah Maynard
12	Samuel Ahlersmeyer	12	Jonathan Mazzei
11	Austin Baglow	10	Danielle Meyer
12	Cameron Banks	12	Hannah Mielke
9	Mitchell Boehm	9	Robert Miller
11	Alec Bos	11	David Moldenhauer
10	Randi Charters	12	Jonathan Neuendorf
9	Hannah Conley	10	Glenn Oppenlander
9	Ellen Doerfer	11	Justin Palka
9	Ryan Drife	11	Amber Pniewski
9	Micaela Even	11	Ashley Pniewski
9	Jacob Fairbairn	12	Miriam Pranschke
11	Gage Flanery	12	Katey Ramthun
11	Emilie Freeman	10	Micah Reum
12	Abigail Gieschen	9	Jessica Rice
12	Lauren Gieschen	9	Leah Richter
11	Richard Guinn	11	Rebecca Rockrohr
9	Marisa Hahn	12	Craig Sanders
11	Ethan Haller	10	Jacquelyn Schwartz
12	Micah Hausch	12	Violet Serra
11	Miranda Kasprowiczc	10	Andrew Smith
12	Alexander Kemp	10	Savannah Smith
10	Micah Kempf	10	Merritt Solomon
9	Joshua Kirk	11	Rachel Storck
11	Felicia Koch	10	Trevor Sultana
10	Jeremy Kohtz	11	Lauren Switzer
12	Megan Kohtz	9	Matthew Sylvester
12	Joshua Kruger	9	Stewart Tarp
9	Kelsey Kruger	9	Amanda Terranella
12	Carla Krzyske	12	Danielle Voetberg
10	Kent Krzyske	9	Phillip Welte
11	Gregory LaRose	12	Emily Whitaker
10	Edward Lee	9	Taylor Wiemer
9	Megan Lohn	9	Thomas Winterstein
9	Erin Lyle	12	Allyson Yankee
12	Spencer Lyle	12	Samantha York
10	Mary MacKenzie	11	Nicole Zehel
12	Sarah Macomber		

# Booster News

The boosters are still looking for a couple people interested in helping in one of two very different areas. We currently have a vacancy in the Director of Growth and Development position. This person is responsible for assisting in the promotion of the high school through one of many areas. It is also offers the individual a lot of flexibility in how that can be accomplished. The boosters are also looking for someone to help as parking lot coordinator. This job involves coordinating volunteers and setting up for events where manpower is needed in the parking lot. These events include homecoming, the winter and spring craft show, and graduation. We've seen many people willing to help but we need someone willing to be in charge. If you have any interest in either of these positions please call Jack Schwartz at 248-756-2200 for more information.

## GRADE SCHOOL TOURNAMENTS

Every year LHWL sponsors a number of special sports tournaments for both our athletic teams and the area Lutheran grade schools. These are excellent opportunities to show off what we have at LHWL to the attendees – many of which may someday be Warriors. We always need your help with concessions for these events. It's sometimes a challenge to get volunteers to help out because our LHWL students aren't participating in the grade school events. How about making it a team effort this year and try volunteering to work with your high school son or daughter? It's a great time to work with them and show your support to their high school.

If you are willing to help, please call Chris Bos at 248-960-9304.

<b>WLAL Grade School Wrestling Tournament</b>	<b>March 28</b>
<b>WLAL Grade School Girls' Volleyball Tournament</b>	<b>April 3 &amp; 4</b>
<b>WLAL Grade School Track Meet</b>	<b>May 8</b>

## 2009 BOOSTER MEETING DATES

<b>Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>

All are welcome to attend!  
Please park in either the front or faculty (east) parking lot.

# Upcoming Events

March 2-6	Lutheran Schools Week
March 7	"Spring Celebration" Arts & Craft Show
March 9	Spring Sports Begin Winter Sports Recognition Night - 6:30 pm
March 19-23	NO SCHOOL- Winter Break Choir Tour
March 22	Choir Tour Final Concert St. Matthew Westland 7 pm
March 24	School Resumes 7:55 am
April 3 & 4	Grade School Girl's Volleyball Tournament
April 4	ACT at Lutheran Westland 8:00 am
April 8	Half day - school dismissed at noon
April 9-19	NO SCHOOL- Easter Break
April 20	School Resumes 7:55 am EARLY DISMISSAL (2:30 pm) BEGINS
May 1	Service Hours Due Junior/Senior Prom <u>No School for seniors</u> <u>Grades 9 - 11 dismissed at noon</u>
May 6	Academic Awards Night 7:00 pm
May 8	Grade School Track Meet
May 9	Spring Concert
May 15-16	Spring Play 7:00 pm

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 27 - 29	Final Exams for Seniors
June 3 -5	Final Exams for grades 9 - 11
June 5	Graduation - 7:00 pm
June 18	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Lutheran Westland Open Golf Outing

# Lunch menus

## MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
Nachos Spanish Rice	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Chef's Choice	Spaghetti Breadstick	Chili Cheese Fries
<b>LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK</b>				
10	11	12	13	14
Baked Ham Au gratin Potato	Corn Dog/ Twice Baked Potato	Pizza	French toast sticks Hash Browns	Bosco Sticks
17	18	19	20	21
Chicken Patty Chicken rice	Scrambled Egg Hash Brown Sausage	HALF DAY Easter break begins	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL
24	25	26	27	28
NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

## APRIL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
31	1	2	3	4
Hamburger Hashbrowns	Nachos	Pizza	Chicken patty Rice	Hamburger Stroganoff
7	8	9	10	11
Chick. Nuggets Mac & Cheese	Bosco Sticks	Turkey, corn, Mashed potato	Ravioli Bread Stick	Tacos Spanish Rice
14	15	16	17	18
Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup	BBQ Meatballs Buttered noodles	Chef's Choice	Corn Dog AuGratin potato	Chimichangas
21	22	23	24	25
Chicken patty Twice baked potato	Chicken nuggets, Tater tots	Pizza	Lasagna Bread Stick	Chili Cheese Fries
28	29	30		
Spaghetti Bread Stick	Hamburger Rice	Chef's Choice	Bosco Sticks	Nachos

