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Are you reading this
Newsletter for
the first time????

If your answer is “No – I received the October/November Newsletter by email just last week” then you are on our email list. However, if your answer is “I have not seen the Lutheran Westland current Newsletter yet this month” then the following information is for you!!!!

We are using 2 separate subscription lists for emails:

1. Students, parents, alumni and other supporters of LHW may sign-up with the Constant Contact website by **clicking the link on the school homepage**. Information will be sent twice a month.



Mission Statement

Lutheran High 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

2. Parents should enter one or several email addresses in PowerSchool. Teachers will use PS to contact parents with course or grade information. (The automatic parent weekly email feature has not been working but will be functioning soon)
 - a. Login to PowerSchool as a parent
 - b. Click the EMAIL NOTIFICATION LINK



- c. Enter email address(es) in the field (separate multiple addresses with commas)

USING POWERSCHOOL

The Powerschool logo is written in a bold, italicized, black sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right. It is contained within a simple black rectangular border.

Here at Lutheran High School Westland, every day more students and parents are using *Powerschool* to be proactive in the educational process.

Powerschool is a website that allows students and parents to be updated on a daily basis, versus having to wait for the quarterly report card. To access your *Powerschool* account simply go to our website at lhw1.lhsa.com and click on the *Powerschool - stu/parent login*.

If you have misplaced your username and password. Please contact the school office.

Powerschool Tips:

Anything that appears on Powerschool in blue can be clicked on to obtain more information.

For example, if you click on the Grade (blue) you will see a detailed grading of previous assignments.

If you click on the number of absences (blue) you will see a detailed list of those absences.

Or, if you click on the teachers name (in blue) you will be sent to the teacher's email.



WINTER ATHLETICS TO BEGIN

November begins the Winter Athletic Season!

Competition Cheerleading and Girl's Basketball try-outs will begin on Monday, November 9th. Wrestling and Boy's Basketball try-outs will begin on Monday, November 16th.

A Winter Sports Parent Meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on Monday, November 16th. The Fall Sports Recognition Assembly follows immediately after at 7:00 pm.

Just a reminder . . . if you do not have a physical/emergency contact form on file, you will not be able to participate in try-outs. You can pick up a form in the school office.



PICTURE RETAKES – MON. OCT. 19

Picture retakes will be on Monday, October 19th from 1-2 p.m. If you wish to have your school picture retaken, please return your complete package to the photographer on this day. Any student who was absent on the original picture day should have their picture taken.

FUTURE FRESHMEN DAY

There will be no school on Mon., Nov. 2nd for our students unless they are involved in the annual 8th grade visitation activities. Activities begin at 9:00 a.m. in the gym and will conclude around noon with a free lunch for our guests. Our Lutheran elementary students will be visiting the high school for this special morning. If you know of other potential students, please encourage them to make arrangements to spend the morning with us to find out more about Lutheran High Westland.



NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT

Congratulations to David Moldenhauer who was named a commended student in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program. His PSAT score placed him in the top 3% of students in Michigan.

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION

Students that require medication during the school day, prescription or nonprescription, must have on file at Lutheran Westland a physician's statement and parent/guardian authorization. These forms must be on file before any administering of medicine can occur. These requirements are State Law. Also, according to the law, students may not keep any type of medication on their person, in their locker, or in any bags/equipment they use unless specifically stated by the doctor **ON THE PHYSICIAN'S STATEMENT**. Medications **MUST** be kept in the school office.





OPEN HOUSE

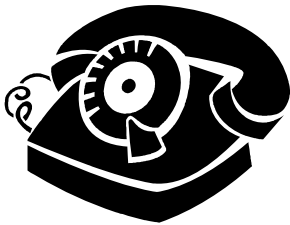
Lutheran High Westland will host a Fall Open House for prospective students and their families on Saturday, October 24th from 10am until noon. Parents and students, please "share the opportunity" by inviting a middle school student to attend this event.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS 2009-10

Entertainment 09-10 books are being sold by Juniors and Seniors to help defray Prom expenses. The students that sell the books will benefit directly with a reduction in their Prom ticket price. Our sales in past years have been successful because the book has great savings! This book values at \$40.00 but we are able to sell them for \$20.00 each. You may purchase these from any Junior or Senior student or you can purchase them in the school office. Thank you in advance for your support!

SCRIP

Just a reminder that SCRIP orders must be received by noon on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Orders will be sent home with your student on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.



BUZZ BOOKS

The 2009-2010 Buzz Books were distributed at Back to School Night. An additional copy was given to each student the next day. There are also a few extra copies of the Buzz Book available in the school office.

CALENDAR NOTES

The school calendar includes the following :

Oct. 29-30 – No School

Michigan Assoc. of Non-Public Schools Conference

Nov. 2 – No School

Future Freshmen Day

Tue. Nov. 10 – No School

Lamplighter Breakfast and

Parent –Teacher Conferences

FALL DRAMA

The Lutheran Westland Drama Department presents
"The Curious Savage"

Show times are **Friday, November 13th at 7:00 pm.**
and Saturday, November 14th at 2:00 pm.

England/Scotland Trip 2010



Students and parents (even grandparents and aunts) of LHWL are traveling to England and Scotland June 16 - June 23, 2010, and we'd like you to be a part of this exciting adventure. Signing up is relatively simple. You can access our tour through the school website or by going to eftours.com directly. Our tour number is 737189; once you insert that number into the present tour box, you will be directed to the sign up information. The cost is \$2,598 for students and \$2,933 for adults.

Students will receive credit for taking this trip after fulfilling tour assignments.

We will be visiting London, Oxford, Stratford, York, and Edinburgh. There are a few optional excursions you may sign up for, but there are additional costs for those as well.

If you have any questions, please contact me at gusroy@yahoo.com or call (313) 720-2718.

Donna Strang

WARRIOR DAYS

Every Friday is Warrior Day. Students may wear blue jeans (no holes or frays) and Warrior T-shirts or sweatshirts. Dismissal on Fridays will be at 2:30 p.m.

WARRIOR SPORTS BAGS

The Boosters are selling Warrior Sports Bags as part of Warrior Wear. Fall orders are due by Oct. 19th. These bags can be personalized with the student's name, graduating year, and any sport or organization in which they participate.

Also, be sure to check out our new online ordering for Warrior Wear – just go to our website at www.lhwl.lhsa.com and click on the link to *Spirit Wear Website*.



PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Tuesday, November 10

2:00 - 4:00pm

and

5:00- 7:00pm

- Students will have no school on Nov.10.
- Parents should review grades weekly on Powerschool.
- Parents may pick up report cards at parent-teacher conferences and meet with individual teachers. Report cards for parents who cannot attend will be mailed after November 10.
- Teachers will be at separate tables in the gymnasium. Parents move from table to table and may meet with all or some of the teachers. Appointments are NOT necessary.
- Conferences should last no longer than 5 minutes. If you need a longer period of time to discuss student progress, you may schedule another time to meet.

H1N1 information for our Families

Do you have questions about the flu? Are you wondering what you can do to protect your family?

Here are some very simple but effective ways we can all work to decrease the spread of communicable illness, such as:

- ❖ Wash hands frequently with warm, soapy water or hand sanitizer
- ❖ Cover your cough and sneezes with tissue then throw it away.
- ❖ Stay home if you are ill with symptoms of flu, such as fever, sore throat, cough, body aches, vomiting or diarrhea.
- ❖ Should your children become ill at school, have arrangements in place to pick them up as quickly as possible. Keep your ill student home until he/she has been free of fever for 24 hours without medication.
- ❖ Talk with your health care provider regarding vaccination against flu.
- ❖ Visit reliable websites such as www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu

ACT Test (Juniors and Seniors)
Register online at www.actstudent.org
Students may take just ACT or ACT plus Writing

Test dates

Sat Dec 12 @ LHW (Senior retakes)
 Sat Feb 6 @ LHW (Senior retakes)
 Tue March 9-Thur March 11 (All Juniors take MME @ LHW)
 Sat April 10 (Junior retakes)
 Sat June 12 @ LHWL (Junior retakes)

Registration deadlines

Fri Nov 6
 Tue Jan 5
 Mr G registers students
 Fri Mar 5
 Fri May 7

**COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHT - MON.
 JAN 11 @ 7 PM**

This informational meeting is targeted at parents of SENIORS – but *all* are welcome. The FAFSA application process, student loans, and scholarships will be explained. The presentation is updated every year past attendees may attend again.

SENIOR NEWS

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

- COLLEGE VISITS Juniors and Seniors may miss up to 2 school days to complete college visits.
- FORMS Colleges prefer you to apply online. **If you apply online, you must request (in writing) that Mr. Gieschen send your transcript directly to the college.** Apply during September, October, or November. Some schools have early decision deadlines as early as October 15.
- FEES Students may spend \$30-\$60 for every application submitted. Narrow the list to no more than 3 colleges.
- COUNSELOR RECOMMENDATIONS Students finish their portion of the application and bring the completed application with any applicable fee to the Guidance Office. Application will be completed by the Guidance counselor and mailed along with a student transcript . Applications are processed on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- ESSAYS Only some colleges require an essay. Have someone else proofread your work.
- LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM MR. GIESCHEN/TEACHERS If your college requires letters of recommendation, choose teacher(s) or a coach that knows you well. Give teachers at least 2 weeks notice (if you want it done well), give them

a stamped addressed envelop and any specific guidelines or an explanation of what you are applying for.

WANTED:

Your senior's baby photo!

The yearbook staff would like to give you a chance to publish your senior's baby picture for all to see! We will include the baby pictures in the 2009-10 yearbook. All pictures will be resized so that they are all the same size.

In order to include your picture, the yearbook staff needs to receive it by November 25

To have your senior's baby picture included, please return the form below with the picture and \$15.00. (Make checks payable to Lutheran High Westland).

All pictures will be returned when the yearbook is published next year.

Senior's name _____

Parent's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

***PLEASE NOTE:**

**The yearbook staff cannot be responsible for lost or damaged photos.
If the picture is very precious to you, please submit a photographic copy.**

Upcoming Events

Oct. 19	Monday	Picture Re-Takes	1:00-2:00 pm
Oct. 24	Saturday	Open House	10:00 – Noon
Oct. 28	Wednesday	Zap-A-Snack Delivery	3:10-4:00 p.m.
Oct. 29 – 30	Thur-Fri	NO SCHOOL for LHWL students Michigan Assoc. of Non-Public Schools Conference	
Nov. 2	Monday	Future Freshmen Day NO SCHOOL for LHWL students	9:00-Noon
Nov. 9	Monday	Blood Drive	9 am-1:30 pm
Nov. 10	Tuesday	Lamplighter Breakfast @ Schoolcraft College NO SCHOOL for LHWL students Parent Teacher Conferences	7:30 am 2:00-4:00 pm 5:00-7:00 pm
Nov. 13	Friday	Fall Drama	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Saturday	Fall Drama	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Monday	Winter Sports Parent Meeting Fall Sports Recognition	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
Nov. 18	Wednesday	Magazine Sale begins	
Nov. 21	Saturday	High School Placement Test Middle School Mania	4:00 – 6:00pm 6:00 – 8:00pm
Nov. 25	Wednesday	School Dismissed at Noon	
Nov. 26-27	Thur-Fri	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL	
Dec. 4	Friday	“Winter Wonderland” Arts & Craft Show	9am – 4pm
Dec. 5	Saturday	“Winter Wonderland” Arts & Craft Show	9am – 4pm
Dec. 12	Saturday	Christmas Concert	7:00 pm

***"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness.
But will have the light of life." John 8:12***

Can you see the darkness that threatens to extinguish the flames of faith in young people today? Everyday LHWL stands as a bright light in the community. Our mission is to equip students academically, physically and spiritually so they will never walk in darkness.

LAMPLIGHTER BREAKFAST

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7:30AM

Schoolcraft College – Vista Tech Center
18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152

(North Parking lot, Haggerty between 6 & 7 Mile, West of 275)

The Lamplighter Breakfast is a one-hour inspiring event that showcases how LHWL is accomplishing our mission. If you or someone you know has been touched by our work this is an event you will not want to miss. There is no cost to attend the breakfast and no obligation to make a financial gift. You will, however, have an opportunity to donate to student tuition assistance if you wish. Please come to the Lamplighter Breakfast to learn more and consider how you can join our mission as we continue to light the way for Faith, Hope and Love in the lives of the students we serve.

Please reserve your space today!

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