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Parent/Student Information ...

2010! Can you believe it?! How times flies! I can remember growing up with science fiction stories that talked about all types of fanciful advances we would have by now, yet here we are, still driving ground cars on asphalt highways!

But each new year gives us a chance to reflect back on what God has done in and through us, as well as to gaze ahead with anticipation for what He still has in store for us! I plan to do just that as I reflect on the "state of the school" in a separate publication. I hope you had a good Christmas and New Year's break, and are refreshed and ready to continue serving Him faithfully!

The month of December flew by in a blur of year-end activities. We had our first steering committee meeting for the re-accreditation process (REACH), and our sub-committees continue to work hard to get our report ready. In fact, we still have room for parents and alumni who would want to be a part of the process of assessing where our school is and where we want to go from here! If you are interested, please contact me.

The students were busy with classes, Christmas decorations, sports, Spirit Week and the Christmas concert. The building was filled with alumni, both for the Christmas concert as well as for our big Homecoming Day! What a blessing to see our former students as they continue to grow and mature, especially as they deepen their walks with the LORD.

If you have not yet paid you tech fee for this year, please do so asap. Thanks!

If your child will be out of school for scheduled absences, please send in a note to get the homework prior to leaving or absence. Thank you.

YEARBOOK

Yearbooks are still available for \$57.00 each.

If interested, please call the school office, or order through Mrs. Diana Yarnall. Her phone number is 610-820-5499;

e-mail address:
diana@shootingstarzphotography.com

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

- January 5—ACT registration deadline (Feb 6 test)
- January 8—Academic Progress Reports
- January 9—Senior Winter Banquet @ LVCHS—6:00 p.m.
- January 18—MLK Day—No school
- January 21—Board meeting (7:00 pm)
- January 22—Sanctify of Human Life Day Homecoming Day
- January 23—SAT exam
PCA Open House (9:00 am)
- January 25—Exam Review Day
- January 26—Exam Review Day
- January 27—Semester Exams (half-day 12:30 dismissal) - NO AIA's)
- January 28—Semester Exams (half-day 12:30 dismissal) - NO AIA's)
- January 29—Semester Exams (half-day 12:30 dismissal) - NO AIA's)
End of 2nd marking period
- January 29—ACSI Administrator & Board Conference—ACSI Creative Writing Festival deadline

We also had a packed house for our basketball game with Catasauqua High School during Christmas break! What a great opportunity to get to know our neighbors and to begin to have an impact on our community. Many of them toured the building with me, reliving memories of their times here (including being chased off the roof by the principal!).

Our teachers were also blessed by the outpouring of appreciation from so many of you who made their Christmas extra-special with your generous gifts. Thank you, and may God richly bless and reward you! Please do be in prayer for Coach Sackey, who ruptured his Achilles tendon in winter soccer practice and will be having surgery this Wednesday, January 6th to repair it. Please also pray for Mrs. Diana Bonaskiewich who has been in LV Hospital (Cedar Crest) for over a week with complications from the swine flu.

The board met in December as well, and after spending significant time in prayer for our students and their families, they listened to a very important presentation on the PA state program called Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) by Mr. David Hegedus from ACSI. There is a tremendous opportunity here for local businesses to invest their tax dollars in LVCHS instead of giving them to the government! Stay tuned for more details.

We are very thankful for the over \$90K that has already come in to the school in charitable donations this school year! Praise the Lord! Yet we will still need close to \$200K in fund-raising income to balance the budget for the year, so keep praying and keep giving!

The board also handled a school discipline issue, and reluctantly accepted the resignation of Mr. John Hughes, a BCS representative on the board who has served faithfully for 10 years! Then we spent quite a bit of time discussing board development issues and I am excited about the direction we are heading. The next board meeting is on January 21st, and several board members will be participating in the ACSI convention the following week as well.

If you receive the Catasauqua Press, you may have noticed the name of our school mentioned in several recent issues regarding the relocation of the Catty police department. Apparently this is an idea that has been around for several years, and I know that it was recently re-kindled when Chief Kish was here for our dedication service in September. However, the Catty City Council has nixed the idea, so we never really had the chance to study the proposal to see if it would be a good thing for our school or not. "The LORD giveth, and the LORD taketh away. Blessed be the name of the LORD." (Job 1:21)

January promises to be quite a busy month as well. The semester ends with 2 review days and 3 exam days during the week of January 25-29, followed by a teacher work day (and REACH committee meetings) on Monday, February 1st. Second semester classes begin on Tuesday, February 2nd.

This is also a big month for student recruitment for next Fall! We will be having visits from or to LCA, BCS and PCA this month. Pray for God to direct the hearts of parents in this important decision, and provide for their needs as well! Besides fund-raising, this is the key way that we can grow the school and see God provide for our ongoing needs!

Media Center ...



NEEDED: Think and pray this year about volunteering in the Media Center for this year. We need help Mondays and last minute substitutions.

This is a great opportunity for you to meet a significant need while you interact with the students and get to know our kids a little bit better.

Please call Jackie Kulp 610-403-1000, extension 36 if you are able to help out.

Sports Information..... “Excellence is a Habit!”

“And whatever you do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father.” Colossians 3:17

Parents of Athletes: Please be aware of the *new modified school policy regarding the transport of students to athletic practices*. Form is available on ParentsWeb under Resources.

BOOSTER CLUB: Anyone interested in being a part of the booster club that is starting up please contact Mrs. Colleen Marzigliano at 610-216-1459. We are trying to decide on a good time to have our first meeting. If you are interested in helping out please let Colleen know what days work best for you.

Basketball Home Game Schedule (sports schedule available through ParentsWeb Resources):

January 7— Coventry, girls 6:00 pm, boys 7:30 pm
 January 22—Faith Christian Academy, girls 6:00 pm, boys 7:30 pm
 January 25—Salem Christian, girls 6:00 pm, boys 7:30 pm
 January 29—Notre Dame E.S., boys 4:00 pm
 February 4—Calvary Baptist, girls 6:00 pm, boys 7:30 pm
 February 8—High Point, Girls 6:00 pm, boys 7:30

Season Pass Tickets for sale—\$20.00 adult, \$7.00 student
 Individual Tickets—\$3.00 adult, \$1.00 student

From the Guidance Office:

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
February 6, 2010	January 5, 2010	January 6–15, 2010
April 10, 2010	March 5, 2010	March 6–19, 2010
June 12, 2010	May 7, 2010	May 8–21, 2010

SAT Test Date	Tests	Registration Deadline
January 23, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	December 15, 2009
March 13, 2010	SAT only	February 4, 2010
May 1, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	March 25, 2010
June 5, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	April 29, 2010

For several months now we have been testing out another fund-raising idea, and now we are ready to launch it for the community. It is really very simple. Every time you go onto the internet to search for something, instead of using your default search engine, go to www.goodsearch.com and type in "Lehigh Valley Christian High School" in the second box. They will donate a penny to us every time you use it (please, legitimate searches only). I use it all the time!

Christmas Concert DVDs:

If you are interested in purchasing a Christmas Concert DVD, they are available for \$15.00. Please call the school office to purchase one. Thanks!

Technology Fee was billed via e-mail this year. It is due on November 30. The technology fee is \$75.00 per student, \$135.00 per family. Thank you.

LVCHS Dinner and Talent Show—Friday, March 5—Sponsored by the Junior class

Come enjoy a pasta dinner and stay for the talent show. Tickets will be available beginning in January. More information will be forth coming. Great fun for the whole family.

RENWEB Information

For information on school announcements, your child's grades, homework and school forms, check our Parents Web. Each family has been issued a password, which should have been e-mailed to you. Just log onto www.renweb.com, Click on ParentsWeb, District code is LHV-PA. Then enter your e-mail address and password. This will bring you to the information pages. If you have any questions, please e-mail: k.lesperance@lvchs.org or call 610-403-1000, extension 20.

PBS:

The committee would like to thank all of those parents that came out and supported the 1st Annual Book Fair. Our profits were not high but we were grateful for the profits that were made. Please make a note that we will be having a book fair during parent teacher conferences next year as well.

Our next PBS Meeting will be held on January 14th at 6:30PM at Wegman's off of 512. Anyone interested in helping with PBS should try to make it. Also if you are interested in working on the Gala this year we will begin preliminary planning at this meeting. Any questions please feel free to give Colleen Marzigliano a call at 610-216-1459.

Prayer Groups:

All LVCHS moms are invited to come and pray with our LVCHS's Moms In Touch prayer group. We meet every Wednesday at 9:00 am (after chapel) to pray for LVCHS, the staff, the Board, and our kids.

For more information, please contact Heide Sagliani, phone number 908-235-6840.

The monthly men's prayer meeting for the school meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 am at LVCHS to pray for the school. If you are interested, you may contact Bob Brennan, or just show up!

Jeans Days:

January:

Friday, January 8—Fund Raiser

Friday, January 22—FREE

February:

Monday, February 8—FREE

Friday, February 19—Fund Raiser

March:

Friday, March 19—Fund Raiser

*extra free one if make basketball playoffs (pep rally, too)

April:

Date of 1st home baseball & girls' soccer games (pep rally) - FREE

Friday, April 16—Fund Raiser