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Parent/Student Information ...

October was Pastor Appreciation month. I hope that you expressed your gratitude to your pastor (and to God) for all he does, and that you don't stop now that we are in November! God has placed our pastors in our lives to be willing, eager servants and examples to us (I Peter 5:1-4) to equip **us** to do the work of the Church (Ephesians 4:11-13). We here at LVCHS recognize that we could not be successful in our ministry without the support of the local church, so we honored 14 different pastors in a special Chapel this month. Special thanks to Bryce Craig and P&R Publishing for providing the gift books we distributed. Thanks also to Lehigh Valley Unite, the local association of youth pastors, for their support and participation in this event. Thanks also to Scott Ott, candidate for Lehigh County Executive for bringing a great message to our students! (The school cannot advocate for any particular candidate, so I apologize for making that implication in yesterday's headline news.)

Please make the following additions/correction to our Family Directory:

**LeeAnne Fura (Audrey Lea's mother) correct home phone number:
 610-770-3431**

**NEW STUDENT: Rachael Agu—6047 Timberknoll Drive,
 Macungie, PA 18062—Phone number 610-351-6601**

SCHOOL CALENDAR:

PARENTS:

There are occasional situations where we need to find a new host family for one of the international students attending LVCHS. We already have one such situation this year. If you have any interest in hosting, or you know of someone who might, please contact Dr. Alan Russell, Director of Admissions, either by email at a.russell@lvchs.org or by calling 610-703-5545.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 5 & 6—MASCA conference—
NO CLASSES • November 7—SAT Exam • November 10—End of First Marking Period • November 16—Grade Reports Issued • November 19—Board meeting (7:00 pm) • November 20—Fall Sports Awards Night • November 24—Parent-Teacher Conferences
(5:00—8:30 pm) • November 25—Parent-Teacher Conferences
(9:00 am—4:00 pm) - No Classes
Re-accreditation in-service • November 26—Thanksgiving Break—No School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 27— Thanksgiving Break—No
School • November 30—Thanksgiving Break—No
School (snow day #1) <p style="text-align: center;">Looking Ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 4—Picture re-take day • December 5—SAT Exam • December 7—Academic Progress Reports • December 12—ACT Exam • December 17—Board meeting (7:00 pm) • December 22—Last day of school—Full day • December 23—Re-accreditation in-service— |
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Tucker Hibbs challenged our students during Spiritual Emphasis Week with 6 messages on our identity in Christ. He stirred up our thinking with some provocative statements, and prepared a 30-day devotional booklet to get our students to study what God's Word has to say about our identity. Thanks, Tucker!

The week ended with our retreat at Camp Menolan where we had a lot of fun, food and games, mixed with challenging messages, times of worship and a talent show! Not even the rain dampened our spirits, as the Seniors defeated all rivals, including the teachers, in a dodge ball tournament!

This past Friday was Community Service Day. We are very grateful to all the churches and ministries that welcome our students and teachers and give them opportunities to serve. This year our students ministered at BCS-Cherryville, Bethany Wesleyan Church, Calvary Baptist Church (BCS), CareNet (Allentown & Bethlehem), LCA, LV Grace Brethren Church, P&R Publishing, River of Life Church and Second Harvest Food Bank, as well as doing some work here on campus. Thanks also to all the parents and teachers who helped transport and oversee each group. Our prayer is that our students will be reminded that true Christianity serves others in practical ways.

We were also privileged to host the Christian Athletic Middle School Association (CAMSA) volleyball playoffs. Congratulations to the Salem Christian School Lady Eagles for winning the championship! It is a privilege to partner with other Christian schools in this vital task of training up the next generation of God's children!

I am also pleased to announce the return of our student newspaper! Renamed the Cougar Chronicle, under the direction of our Yearbook advisor, Mrs. Diana Yarnall, the first issue came out in October and I urge you to get a copy and read it! Her daughter, Athena Phillip, is also featured regularly in the Catty Press with a column about LVCHS!

Have you seen our 2nd new bus? We now have two buses in our parking lot, one awaiting final inspection and the other awaiting repairs, and both awaiting drivers!! I know that these buses will prove to be invaluable to our school, but without drivers they are just taking up space! Pray with me about this!

The big news of the day is our volleyball team! Saturday in our PIAA District XI Class A volleyball tournament where we were seeded 6th (out of six teams), our girls proceeded to defeat the 5th seed, the 4th seed and tie with the 3rd seed on their way to qualifying for the semi-final elimination games this coming week! Congratulations! The Lady Cougars play at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 3rd at Martz Hall in Pottsville. Tuesday will also be an extra Jeans Day (free) as a reward for the volleyball team making the play-offs! Students are encouraged to wear red, black or white **polos** with their jeans to show school spirit! We would love to have huge fan support at this event!

This week we do not have classes on Thursday and Friday so that our teachers can attend the annual MACSA teachers' convention and be challenged to grow professionally. We continue to urge each student to consider two options we are offering for this weekend: a trip to visit Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroom Lake, NY and a chance to participate in the Brave Generation Youth Conference happening right here in Allentown! It's not too late to sign up!

Lest all these special events give you the impression that we never have class, let me tell you that our primary focus is still to provide a quality education on a biblical foundation. We still invest the bulk of our time and energy educating our students in the classroom and preparing them for life and service for God's kingdom! Our first marking period ends this coming Tuesday, November 10, and report cards will be sent home electronically on the 16th.

Other special events on the horizon include: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church Chapel (11/11), LCA's Holly & Ivy Fair (11/14), Alumni Chapel (Brent Saba – 11/18), School Board meeting (11/19) and Thanksgiving break (11/25-30).

We are also having our first Sports Awards Night in our new facility on Friday, November 20th, and basketball & cheerleading practices begin the following Monday. Our first Parent-Teacher Conferences will be that week (Tuesday, 11/24 after school and all day Wednesday, 11/25), as well as our first Book Fair organized by our newly reborn PBS (Providers Behind the Scenes)! The 25th is also the date for our next round of REACH re-accreditation committee meetings. What a week!

Homecoming Day has officially been scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, 2009 here in our new gym! This is the last day of classes before Christmas break and we are planning on having a great day and evening, full of fun activities! Plan on being there, and spread the word!

One of the things that we want to add before basketball season begins is a **pep band**. We have a parent willing to lead this activity, and we are now looking for **students, teachers and parents** who are willing to put their musical skills to work in this exciting way! We are especially looking for anyone who plays a brass instrument to join this group.

Another way that parents can be of help to the school is proctoring one or more study halls. Study halls are 43 minutes long, except on Wednesdays, when they are 66 minutes long. If you are interested, check out the times proctors are needed and let me know if you are available to help on a regular basis.

Mon – 12:43 & 14:17

Tue – 10:45 & 14:17

Wed – 13:14

EVEN Wed – 12:03

Thu – 12:43 & 14:17

Fri – 10:45 & 14:17

“The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy!”

Psalm 126:3

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving



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.

Media Center ...



NEEDED: Think and pray this year about volunteering in the Media Center for next year. We still need volunteers for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday afternoon.

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.

Fall Sports have ended and we are proud of all of our teams for a great year. Our Volleyball team made it to District playoffs and we are so excited for them. If you are able, come to the tournament and show support. For information, call the school office.

Volleyball Update

The Volleyball team on Tuesday, October 20, finished its best volleyball season ever with a win over Catasauqua High School, 3 games to none. The JV also won 2 games to 1. This means that the team will have the opportunity to compete in district competition on Saturday, October 31. It will be a long day with an all day tournament involving eight teams at Martz Hall in Pottsville. Pray for the team that they will continue their desire to play well as a team and for the glory of God as it will be likely that we will be playing a number of teams that are not Christian schools.

From the Guidance Office:

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
December 12, 2009	November 6, 2009	November 7–20, 2009
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
November 7, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 1, 2009
December 5, 2009	SAT & Subject Tests	October 31, 2009
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

College Rep Visits

November 3—Cedarville University (8:30 am)
 November 3—Regent University (1:45 pm)

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!

Blessing Closet:

LVCHS has previously owned uniforms available at no charge to you. Many of the donated uniforms are like new. Feel free to stop in to the school and check our blessing closet before you buy new uniforms.

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.

HELP NEEDED FOR OUR FIRST ANNUAL BOOK FAIR. We are in need of help for a book fair that we will be conducting on November 24th & 25th during parent/teacher conferences. The date has been set and we are awaiting more detailed information. If this is something you would be interested in please give Colleen Marzigliano a call at 610-216-1459 or email her at cmarzigliano@rcn.com.

CALLING ALL PARENTS. We are in the process of starting up our parent organization; PBS (now known as Providers Behind the Scenes). This group of parents will be involved with many different events such as organizing fundraisers, dinners, helping with school events, and much more. If this is an area that you have an interest in and would like to be part of this group please call Colleen Marzigliano at 610-216-1459 or email her at cmarzigliano@rcn.com. Remember we are in the start up stages so there will be a time commitment needed.

PBS News.....

2009-2010 Seniors:

- It is important to schedule an appointment with Christmas City Studio. Please call (610-691-2109) to schedule a sitting for your Senior Portrait. This should be done by the end of November.

School Fund Raiser:

- The school is participating in the Entertainment Book Program again this year. Sales from this fund raiser will support each class. Some incentives include a free jeans day and pizza party. **Sale ends November 20 2009.**

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! We will start on October 6.

Jeans Days:



November:

Tuesday, November 3—FREE

Wednesday, November 4—FREE

Friday, November 13—Fund Raiser

December:

Friday, December 11—also basketball & cheerleading team jersey day, pep rally, home games, encourage black, red, white polos—FREE

Monday, December 21—Fund Raiser

January to June—to be determined