

PARENT NEWSLETTER:

October 4th

HURRICANE EVACUATION INFORMATION

In order to keep in contact with our school families if an evacuation order is given or you choose to leave the city for a hurricane, we are giving you this information to be placed in your evacuation kit.

When you arrive at your safe destination, please call Ms. Loughmiller [\(281\) 799-9883](tel:2817999883) or Martin Insurance [\(888\) 415-2006](tel:8884152006) and leave your name and a phone number where you can be reached. It is very important that we hear from each family.

If a computer is available you may email us at principal@lutheranhighschool.net. Please send us your name and a contact phone number for your family. On the website we will be posting the latest information concerning the re-opening of school.

We are truly concerned about the safety of our families and wish to keep in contact so we can restart the educational process as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

SENIOR LUNCHESES

The seniors are now selling hotdogs and/or chili dogs for lunch on Fridays. This lunch replaces the nachos. The cost is \$2.00 each. They will also be selling hotdogs for lunch next Wednesday during exams.

PTL NEWS

The PTL would like to start a phone tree. They are looking for a volunteer from each class to help coordinate. The tree would be used to share information and to offer friendly reminders between PTL events.

In years past the PTL has provided food for the teachers on parent-teacher conference nights and during semester exams. The officers would like to continue that tradition and have assigned classes as follows:

- 1st Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (Dinner) – Thursday, October 24th – Seniors
- 1st Semester Exams – Wed., Dec. 18th – Fri., Dec. 20th (Breakfast/Lunch) – Juniors

- 3rd Quarter Parent Teacher Conferences (Dinner) – Sophomores
- 2nd Semester Exams – (Breakfast/Lunch) – Freshmen

Look for additional information in upcoming parent e-mails. If you interested in volunteering, please contact the school office 455-4062.

NEWSPAPER

The Gryphons officially have a weekly newspaper. The staff plans to keep the students up to date with everything happening at LHS.

HOME COMING

Student Council's preparations for Homecoming are in full effect. We will be having our Homecoming game at Atonement Lutheran on Wednesday, October 16th the game at 4:30 p.m. Go Gryphons!!!! We had our first round of nominations for Homecoming court and the final round will take place this coming Friday so good luck to everyone. Once the court has been voted on I will be sending out an information packet about the game and the dance to all those on the court.

In celebration of Homecoming we will be having some school activities through out the next two weeks. The first activity is a hallway decorating contest. Students will be asked to help decorate a designated set of wall panels in the school. Each class will have 2 panels to decorate, based on the dance theme and on their homecoming royalty. We will be decorating the hallways on Wednesday, October 9th and Thursday, October 10th until 3:30 p.m.; and on Monday, October 14th after school until 5p.m. All walls must be done by 5p.m. on Monday to be considered for judging. Parents, if you want to see you student's hall decorations come to our Open House Tuesday evening and bring a friend or 3.

Now a little about the dance. Our Homecoming dance will take place on Saturday, October 19th at 5 Happiness on Carrollton Ave. The dance will be from 8-11 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for a single and \$25 a couple until Thursday October 17th. After the prices will be \$20 for a single and \$35 for a couple. There will be a Chinese Buffet at the dance and is included in the price of the ticket. As students arrive they will be asked to sign in and sign out as they leave. Once a student leaves the dance they will not be allowed to re-enter. If a student is bringing a guest from another school they will need to pick up a guest pass to have filled out. These passes are due back to Mr. Schalm or Ms. Fields by Friday, October 18th. If a person brings a date without a guest pass we will not be able to let the date into the dance. More information on the dress code in the next email and will also be sent home with students.

CHOIR

The LHS choir will be singing in the Sunday morning worship service at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on October 20th at 10:30 a.m. We had originally planned to sing Oct. 6, but have postponed the performance for two weeks. Please come and support your LHS choir.

BUS SERVICE

Just a reminder, there will be no “PM” bus service on Wednesday, October 9th, Thursday, October 10th, as well as Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th.

QUARTER EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 9

8:45 – 10:00 Religion

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:35 Science

11:35 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 – 1:30 Spanish

Thursday, October 10

8:45-10:00 Social Studies

10:00 – 10:20 Break

10:20 – 11:35 English

11:35 – 12:15 Lunch

12:15 – 1:30 Math

Be sure to notice that the dismissal time has changed. Please make all your arrangements for pick up ahead of time.

QUARTER EXAMS

October 9th and October 10th are the days for our quarter exams. Please make note that our dismissal time will be 1:30 p.m. on each day. Friday, October 11th will be a school holiday as this is Records Day.

OPEN HOUSE

We are preparing for our Fall Open House on Tuesday, October 15th, from 6-8 p.m. If you know someone who is looking for a high school, be sure to invite them. They will be able to walk our hall, meet our teachers and ask questions of our administrators and parents. If they are unable to come on that night but would like to tour LHS, have them call the school office to set up an appointment @ [\(504\) 455-4062](tel:5044554062). If you are interested in being a parent chaperone, please call the school office.

STANDARDIZED TESTING DAY

Wednesday, October 16th is standardized testing day. School will begin at the regular time, 8:45 a.m. but will end at noon.

SENIOR POLO SHIRT ORDERS

The seniors have voted to once again order black polo shirts. These shirts are for seniors only. Beneath the gryphon logo on the left chest it will say Class of 2014. The cost of these shirts is \$15 each (Sm – XL) and \$17 each (XXL or XXXL). Ms. Loughmiller will coordinate the order. Order forms will be sent home today with seniors and attached to next week's parent e-mail. Monies are due by Thursday, October 17th. You may pay using a check, cash or money order. Checks should be made payable to Lutheran High School with "Class of 2014 Polo" in the memo line. For the 1st semester these polos may be worn on Fridays and for special events.

JUNIOR RING ORDERS

A representative from Herff Jones will be at Lutheran High on Thursday, October 17th to discuss class rings with the juniors. Each student will receive a packet of information to share with their parents/guardians. The representative will return on Thursday, October 24th to take orders.

SENIOR GRADUATION ORDERS

A representative from Herff Jones will be at Lutheran High on Thursday, October 17th to discuss graduation (i.e. announcements, gown measurements, etc.) with the seniors. Each student will receive a packet of information to share with their parents/guardians. The representative will return on Wednesday, October 23rd to take orders.

RUMMAGE SALE – Saturday, November 16th

Donations will continue to be accepted through the sale date but if at all possible please bring your items no later than Friday, November 15th. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up that Friday. The lunch room will be available throughout the day for this purpose. Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. We will also need volunteers to sell on Saturday. All unsold items will be donated to a local charity. I am working with First English Lutheran Church to finalize the times. *If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please e-mail Ms. Loughmiller at (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net).*

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

The team enjoyed last Friday's outing to Baton Rouge to watch the LSU Lady Tigers take on the Georgia Bulldogs. It was a hard fought match that LSU lost in five. The team appreciated the hustle of the Lady Tigers and were impressed with their front line attack. The Gryphons returned to action on Monday against Crescent City. The long weekend off left the team a little sluggish in the first game

but they came back to play well in the second and third games. Another letdown in the fourth game led to our defeat 3-1 (14-25, 23-25, 25-18 and 10-25). Our Faith Lutheran alumni were excited to see their former coaches in the stands Monday night.

Upcoming Matches:

- Friday, October 4th vs. Ridgewood –V only (4:30 p.m. at Atonement)
- Tuesday, October 8th @ Varnado (d) – V only
- Thursday, October 10th vs. Bishop McManus (d) – V only (4:30 p.m. at Atonement)

5th Annual “Think Pink” Coming Soon! - Mark your calendars now for Wednesday, October 30th! This will also be Senior Recognition Night.

Parents with questions should contact Coach Loughmiller at mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net.

LHS NIGHT OUT SUGGESTIONS

Last year during 2nd semester several area restaurants sponsored LHS Nights. A portion of your meal cost was donated to LHS. These monies were then applied to programs benefitting students. We would like to again coordinate some nights for this school year and are looking for restaurant suggestions. We will do the legwork if you provide the name of the restaurant. If there are multiple locations, please give us the addresses. We want to expand our choices beyond Metairie. Suggestions for New Orleans or the Westbank would be great. Please e-mail your ideas to Ms. Loughmiller.

PARENT INTEREST SURVEY

We are asking all parents to complete the Parent Interest Survey attached to this e-mail! We have listed several ways that you can get involved at LHS. Please feel free to select as many as you would like. This survey does not formally commit you but gives our organizers a place to start. Please have your child return the survey to the office. Hard copies are also available in the office.

CHEERLEADING

There will be mandatory practices on Thursday, October 10th and Thursday, October 17th. Volleyball players have been excused from volleyball practice on these days. Please note that October 10th is an early dismissal day, so we will practice after school until 4:00.

BASKETBALL

Basketball practices will be Monday, October 7th and Thursday, October 10th next week. Practice will end at 5:45 p.m. on Monday. Practice will start right after quarter exams on Thursday and end at 4 pm. You will be able to pick up your children at the school. If you have any questions, please call the school or email Coach Scriber at ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net.

SOCCER

Soccer weight training and conditioning continues! Soccer players are encouraged to attend. Sessions begin after school and end by 5:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The first official practice will be Monday, October 28th. A parent letter will be sent home as soon as we finalize the details of new uniforms required by the LHSAA. If we have enough players sign up, we will offer both junior varsity and varsity teams. As a reminder, all athletes must have the three (3) LHSAA forms on file before they can participate in a practice – the Medical History Evaluation, the Athletic Participation form, and the Substance Abuse form. The Medical History Evaluation must be completed by a doctor and can be downloaded from the LHS website. Copies of all forms are available in the office. Completed forms should be turned in to Ms. Loughmiller who is the Athletic Director. Questions concerning soccer should be directed to Coach Marroccoli at creolejoe14@yahoo.com.

ACT 2013-2014 TEST DATES

Registration must be completed online at www.act.org. Lutheran High is a test center and is available for all six (6) test dates. Students needing accommodations should contact Ms. Rost and begin the application process as soon as possible.

For more information, refer to the ACT website.

Test Date (Saturdays)	Early Registration (last day for)	Late Registration (last day for)	Standby Registration (last day for)
October 26, 2013		Fri., Oct. 11	Fri., Oct. 18
December 14, 2013	Fri., Nov. 8	Fri., Nov. 22	Fri., Dec. 6
February 8, 2014	Fri., Jan. 10	Fri., Jan. 24	Fri., Jan. 31
April 12, 2014	Fri., March 7	Fri., March 21	Fri., April 4
June 14, 2014	Fri., May 9	Fri., May 23	Mon., June 6

NOTE: Students should plan to take the ACT no later than April of their junior year. Juniors who participate in the State Scholarship Program will take the ACT on March 18 as part of the state program.

