

PARENT NEWS LETTER

October 11

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.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming is right around the corner. The festivities start on Monday with the completion of our class hall decorating competition. Decorations will be on display for the whole week, including Tuesday's open house. Bring a friend, family, or perspective parents and come see your child's class wall.

We will be having our Homecoming game at Atonement Lutheran on Wednesday, October 16th, at 4:30 p.m. Go Gryphons!!!! Members of the Court are expected to arrive by 4:15.

Friday will be a dress-down day in the spirit of Homecoming. The cost of the dress-down is \$3.00. Students may wear LHS colored shirts or create their own Homecoming shirt from a plain white tee shirt, jeans, and tennis shoes. The person voted for best homecoming shirt will win a prize. Dress-down rules are as follows:

- No skinny/tight jeans, no rips, frays, tears or holes allowed in jeans, nothing inappropriate for school (i.e. alcohol, drug, tobacco, sexual innuendos, etc.).
- Shoes must be closed toe and closed heel.

Students who do not follow these rules will be asked to change back into uniform. If you are unsure if your attire will not be acceptable bring your uniform to change into just in case.

Tickets for the dance will also go on sale Monday, \$15 for a single and \$25 for a couple (this price includes food and drinks at the dance). Buy your tickets early as prices go up on Friday to \$20 single and \$35 for a couple.

Dance dress code is as follows:

- Men: semi-formal – slacks and a polo or button down shirt and dress shoes (no jeans, shorts, tee shirts or flip flops)
- Ladies: no revealing clothing (i.e. low cut dresses, dresses should be at least knee length, no backless dresses, no cut outs, no high slits please)

Guest passes are available from Mr. Schalm and must be returned no later than 3:45 Friday afternoon. Remember: No pass and your guest will not be allowed to enter the dance.

Our Homecoming court has been elected:

Freshmen Duke and Maid: **Trent Williams and Jasmine Drew**

Sophomore Duke and Maid: **Ethan Ortiz and Destiny Gautreaux**

Junior Duke and Maid: **Michael Boleware and Linda Nguyen**

Senior Duke and Maid: **Andrew DiGiovanni and Miccah Izaguirre**

Senior King and Queen: **Andreu Ortiz and Misty Celestin**

If your child was elected to the Homecoming court, please check with them for information on the Homecoming Game and the Homecoming Dance. Those on court are required to be at both events. If there are any questions as to the responsibilities of the court, please contact Mr. Schalm as soon as possible.

LUNCH

The junior class will be selling nachos at lunch Tuesday, October 15th for \$2.

CHOIR

The LHS choir will be singing at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Sunday, October 20 in the morning worship service at 10:30 a.m. and at First English Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 27 in the morning worship service at 9:30 am. Please come out and support your LHS choir.

BUS SERVICE

Just a reminder, there will be no "PM" bus service on Wednesday, October 16th and Thursday, October 17th.

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.

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. Remember, there is not afternoon bus service that day.

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 \$18 each for XXL. Ms. Loughmiller will coordinate the order. Order forms will be sent home on Monday with seniors. There is also a copy of the order form attached to this e-mail. Monies will now be due by Tuesday, October 22nd. 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 polo shirts 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.

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITIES

"Trick or Trunk" – Friday, October 25th at St. John Lutheran Church

St. John Lutheran Church and School annually host this event as an outreach opportunity in Mid City. Children in costume and their families attend this "safe" trick-or-treating event. Church members decorate their cars and hand out candy, but volunteers are needed to help with the other activities – games, face painting, free hotdogs and more. The LHS Mission Team and Volleyball Players are already volunteering! If you are interested in volunteering or are willing to donate candy, please contact Mr. Taylor (jtaylor@lutheranhighschool.net) or Ms. Loughmiller (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net). The event is from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Set-up will begin by 4:00 p.m.

"Rummage Sale Sorting" – Week of November 11th – 15th

Ms. Loughmiller is looking for student volunteers after school to help with pre-sorting for the Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 16th. The greatest need will be on Thursday, November 14th when we set up the lunchroom. Students who are interested should see Ms. Loughmiller. Parent volunteers are also welcome.

VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

It was another exciting week of volleyball as the Gryphons added two more wins to their record. The third time was a charm as the Gryphons played some of their best ball of the season against Ridgewood last Friday night. The team had already lost two hard fought matches to Ridgewood this year, but dominated in this third meeting and won the match in three games: 25-23, 25-17 and 25-15. On Tuesday of this week, the team traveled to Angie, LA for a district game against Varnado. Varnado is new to the sport of volleyball with this being their second season. They are a young team, who hustles after the ball, but our experience won out and we took the match 3-0. Scores for the night were 25-9, 25-12 and 25-14. Due to injury on the Bishop McManus team, the game scheduled for Thursday was postponed until Wednesday, October 23rd. An updated schedule is attached to this e-mail. Our volleyball season is nearing an end, but stay tuned for some upcoming events! Each year we try to reach out to our area Lutheran elementary schools and/or their volleyball teams. On Friday, October 25th in lieu of practice the team will be volunteering at St. John's Trick or Trunk. Plans are also in the works for events/practices at St. Paul, Faith and Atonement.

Upcoming Matches:

- Tuesday, October 15th @ Ecole (d) – V only
- Wednesday, October 16th vs. Martin Luther King Charter – V only (4:30 p.m. at Atonement) – *Homecoming Game!*

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

Questions? Contact Coach Loughmiller at mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net.

CHEERLEADING

There will be a mandatory practice on Thursday, October 17th. Volleyball players have been excused from volleyball practice on this day. We will practice after school until 4:00 p.m.

BASKETBALL

Basketball practices will be Monday, October 14, Tuesday, October 15, and Thursday, October 17. Practice will end at 5:45 p.m. each day and 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.

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).***

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.

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. Volleyball players will join the following week after their volleyball season ends. The new uniforms (both home and away) have been ordered and should arrive next week. A parent letter will be sent home with players on the first day of practice. The varsity schedule is close to being finalized and a JV schedule will follow if we have enough players. Just 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		TODAY – 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.