

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- Cheerleaders marching in Harahan Christmas Parade, 12/13
- Semester Exams, 12/17 – 12/19
- Choir singing at Kenner's Rivertown, 12/21
- Christmas Holidays, 12/22 – 1/2
- Classes resume, 1/5
- Gryphon Gala, 3/21/2015



HIGHLIGHTS

- PTL News
- LHS Choir
- LHS Cheerleaders
- Student Council News
- Sports
- ACT Test Dates

BUS RIDERS

On **Friday, December 12th** after the Christmas Luncheon there will be NO bus service. We will have early dismissal at 1 p.m., please make arrangements for your child to be picked up as soon as possible.

December 17 – 19 will be our semester exams and dismissal will be at 11:45 a.m. each day. There will be NO bus transportation at this dismissal time. There will only be a.m. pick up. Please make arrangements for your child's transportation on each of exam days at dismissal time.

January 5th, when classes resume there will be NO bus service on that day.

CHEERLEADING

The LHS Cheerleaders will be marching in the Harahan Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 13th. The parade starts at 12:00 p.m., with lineup at 10:30 a.m. The route along Jefferson Highway is approximately 2.7 miles long. It will start at 6601 Jefferson Highway.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Student Council is once again selling candy-grams for students to send to their LHS friends. For \$1 they can send a bag of candy. All candy-grams will be delivered by Santa on Friday, December 12th.

The Student Council Christmas Lunch will be Friday December 12th. Students and Faculty will indulge in a feast with an assortment of food. The cost of the lunch is \$5, which includes a drink and dress down. Money for the lunch can be given to Ms. Fields.

Student Council is looking for parents who are willing to donate a dish, or know someone who would be willing to donate a dish for the Christmas Lunch. If you or anyone you know would like to help out please contact Ms.Fields at the school by phone or by email kfields@lutheranhighschool.net

Friday, Dec. 12th is also a dress down day. You may wear appropriate Christmas themed shirts or other colors of the holiday season (red, white, or green) with jeans or other slacks (without holes or frays). Students may wear tennis shoes or their uniform shoes. Students may also choose to participate in our “ugliest Christmas sweater” contest. The rules are simple: wear an ugly Christmas sweater to school. The person deemed wearing the ugliest sweater will win a gift card.

Our annual door decorating contest is here! All 8th period classes will have the opportunity to decorate their classroom door with their own Christmas Hymn. The door judged the best will win a “dessert party” sometime after the New Year.

SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE

The schedule for semester exams is as follows:

	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
8:45-10:05 a.m.	English	Religion	Social Studies
10:05-10:25 a.m.	Break	Break	Break
10:25-11:45 a.m.	Spanish	Math	Science

Students not having a Spanish exam must be picked up by a parent by 10:10 a.m. Remember that once a student leaves the campus, he/she may not return that day. All students must be picked up by parents before 12 p.m.

PTL NEWS

Junior parents are asked to bring breakfast items for the teachers during 1st Semester exam week on Wednesday, December 17th & Thursday, December 18th. Items can be sent with your child or dropped off in the school office. Suggestions include bagels, yogurt, fruit, breakfast sandwiches, breakfast casseroles, etc.

AMAZON PROGRAM

As you begin your Christmas shopping on line, Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile, which will automatically donate 0.5% of your purchases to the charity you select. It costs you (and us) nothing, and it's just like shopping on Amazon normally, but you get to do a world of good. To sign up, go to www.smile.amazon.com, and search for Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans. Once you add us as your chosen charity, Amazon will do the rest! The only real catch is that you have to start your shopping at smile.amazon.com (which means that you have to update your bookmark). Everything else is the exact same Amazon shopping experience.

CHOIR

The Christmas season is here and the choir has been working on many familiar Christmas songs. We will be performing an evening concert on Sunday, December 21st at 5:30 p.m. in Kenner's magical Christmas village in Rivertown. So, please come out and support your LHS choir and enjoy the Christmas festivities.

SAVE THE DATE!!!! Mark your calendars!!!!

The Lutheran High School Gryphon Gala will be held on **Saturday, March 21, 2015**. Leading up to the Gala, there will be two gift gathering parties in 2015 - an Alumni Party on **Saturday, February 28th** and a Ladies' Tea on **Sunday, March 8th**. More information to follow as the events get closer!! We would love to see you there!! Thank you in advance for your support of Lutheran High School.

SOCCER

Attached to this e-mail is the tentative soccer schedule. We are still in the process of confirming fields for our home games due to conflicts at LaSalle Park. We will keep you posted. Coach Marroccoli is also looking to add a few more games. Please contact Coach Marroccoli with any questions at creolejoe14@yahoo.com.

BASKETBALL

We have had some exciting basketball games and are playing tough. We are getting better every game. We are dealing with a few injuries right now, so please keep Richard Payne, A. J. Roman, and Kevin Charles in your prayers. They all are dealing with knee injuries and will hopefully be back with the team very soon. Our JV game this Thursday, December 11th against Haynes Academy is being rescheduled to a later date after the Christmas break. Our last game before the Christmas break is Friday, December 12th at Ecole Classique at 6:00 pm, which is located at 5236 Glendale Street, Metairie, 70006. So, please come out and show your support and help cheer us to our first win of the season!!

On Thursday, December 4th, we faced New Orleans Charter Science and Math (Sci High) and played very hard to the last minute. We lost 38-51. Kevin Charles had 14 points, Tory Griffin had 13 points, Tariq Griffin had 4 points, Herman Gosey had 4 points, and Richard Payne had 3 points for the night.

We played Eleanor McMinn Secondary School on Friday, December 5th. This was our first home game in several weeks, so we were excited to return home and play a game. The pep rally at the end of school on Friday was what we needed to get everyone pumped up and ready for the game. The LHS cheerleaders are doing an exceptional job of cheering for us and keeping the fans involved in the game, so I want to send a special thanks to the cheerleaders and the fans!!! We lost to McMinn 41-63, but it was a really good game for us. On the night, Tory Griffin had 11 points, Tariq Griffin had 10 points, Jacob Stevens had 8 points, A. J. Roman had 5 points, Herman Gosey had 3 points, Ethan Ortiz had 2 points, and Kevin Charles had 2 points.

Our most recent game was Tuesday, December 9th against Family Christian Academy. This was another home game for us. We had a slow start at the beginning of the game and were much more energetic in the second half, but still fell short 45-64. The scorers for the night were Tory Griffin with 25 points, Jacob Stevens with 12 points, and Herman Gosey and Tariq Griffin each with 4 points.

ADMISSION PRICES FOR LHS ATHLETIC CONTESTS

To help defray the cost of officials and to help fund athletic programs, schools typically charge admission to athletic contests. We made an exception for LHS volleyball this year due to our gym situation and having to play many of our home games at our opponent's gym. Admission will be charged for our home basketball games, all of which will be played at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church (315 Ridgelake Dr, Metairie, LA 70001).

Below are the admission prices:

- Adults - \$5.00
- Students - \$3.00
- Children 5 and Under – Free
- LHS Students – Free

ADMISSION PASS

The LHS Athletic Department is offering admission passes for the upcoming basketball season. The prices are as follows:

- Individual Pass - \$35
- Family Pass - \$50 (would cover three family members)

To help you determine if this would be beneficial for your family, we have fourteen (14) home contests scheduled. Payment can be made by cash, check or money order. Checks should be made payable to Lutheran High (with Admission Pass noted in the memo). Your name will be added to a master pass list. There will not be any card that you have to present at games. NOTE: Admission is typically not charged for soccer matches, unless they are played at a field on a school's campus. LHS will play the majority of our home games at LaSalle Field on Airline Drive and we will not charge admission. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Loughmiller (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net)

ACT 2014-2015 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 Fee Required (last day for)	Standby Registration (last day for)
February 7, 2015	Fri., Jan. 9	Fri., Jan. 16	Fri., Jan. 30
April 18, 2015	Fri., March 13	Fri., March 27	Fri., April 10
June 13, 2015	Fri., May 8	Fri., May 22	Fri., June 5

NOTE: Juniors should plan on taking the ACT for the first time in April of their junior year. Juniors who participate in the State Scholarship Program will take the ACT on March 17, 2015 as part of the state program.