

## **Parent Newsletter #31—May 1, 2015**

### **GiveNOLA DAY**

Support LHS by participating in GiveNOLA Day on **May 5<sup>th</sup>**! Simply go to this URL: (<https://givenola.org/#npo/lutheran-high-school-of-greater-new-orleans>) and it will take you to Lutheran High School's donation page. GiveNOLA is an annual Greater New Orleans Foundation event in which participating non-profits encourage supporters to make online donations on a single day. The Foundation has raised its own pool of funds which will be shared by the participating non-profits as lagniappe to their own fundraising. Additionally, in every hour in which the non-profit receives a donation, the organization will be eligible for bonus prizes of cash. Last year, total donations on GiveNOLA Day exceeded \$2 million.

**Please share the URL with friends, family and strangers urging them to support Lutheran High on May 5<sup>th</sup>!**

### **AMAZONSMILE FOR LHS**

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](http://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](http://smile.amazon.com) (which means that you have to update your bookmark). Everything else is the exact same Amazon shopping experience. Thanks you!

### **METAIRIE BANK LOAN DEADLINES**

For the last couple of years our parents have been given the opportunity to finance the school tuition through Metairie Bank. You must send your school application and fee to the office **before** you apply to Metairie Bank. Parents who currently have a tuition loan have been sent the forms to sign and return to Metairie Bank. Please note the following deadlines to submit your Metairie Bank Tuition Loan applications:

**May 20, 2015** – 10 month loan application deadline

**June 20, 2015** – 9 month loan application deadline

**July 20, 2015** – 8 month loan application deadline

**August 20, 2015** – 7 month loan application

### **SENIOR EXAMS**

May 5 – English, Civics/Social Studies, Math

May 6 – Religion, Science, Spanish

### **ATHLETIC BANQUET**

Thank you to all of our parents and athletes for helping to make our athletic awards banquet a success! We appreciate our students and families and thank you as well for the many delicious dishes brought for all to enjoy. Attached to this e-mail is a list of all of the award recipients.

## **CHOIR NEWS**

**Tuesday, May 12** will be our annual choir concert. The theme will be "LHS Sings of Love." Selections will be from popular musicals and performing artists from the past and present. The concert will be in the gym at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church at 6 pm. Please come out and support your LHS choir. Thank you for your support!!!

We will be at Mt Olive Lutheran Church on **Sunday, May 17** in the 8:00 am morning worship service. The address is Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 315 Ridgelake Dr, Metairie, LA 70001. Please have your children there by 7:30 am. We will be finished at 9am, so you can pick your child up then. Thanks!!

## **LHS MISSION TEAM NEWS**

As the school year comes to a close, we are getting excited to serve at-risk youth with Camp Penuel, Costa Rica! To get ready, we have need to raise some support. Our first benchmark goal is \$8400 to pay for our flights to serve in Costa Rica. We are half way there! If you would like to donate \$20, \$50, \$100 or any other amount to partner with us, we can reach our goal in no time! You can send a check made out to Lutheran High School or donate online by following this link:( <http://tinyurl.com/kx5ft9x>). All together, we need to raise \$12,000.

The Mission Team members are: Jeffery Alvarez (9), Hannah Casanova (10), Jasmine Drew (10), Kristen Johnson (11), Ethan Ortiz (11), Jannely Perez (10) Harley Rihner (11), Dylan Schmidt (10), Trenton Williams (10), Ms. Loughmiller, and Mr. Taylor. We are excited to share the love of Christ in Costa Rica! Thank you!

## **BASKETBALL NEWS**

Basketball weight training will be held Monday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 6 in the weight room. We will be finished at 5:30 pm and will be able to pick up your child at the school. Anyone interested in playing basketball encouraged to attend the workouts. If you have any questions, please call the school or email Mr. Scriber at [ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net).

## **TRACK NEWS**

Congratulations to the following LHS track athletes who qualified for state at yesterday's regional track meet. What a fabulous performance by our LHS track athletes!

Hannah Cassanova – 400m

Allison Garay – Discus

Kaleta Gaspard – 1600m

Destiny Gautreaux – Javelin

Jessica Waddell – 200m

Talitha Degree, Rael Shaw, Hannah Cassanova & Jessica Waddell - 4 x 200 m Relay

The State track meet will be on **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. The track coaches are Coach Marroccoli (running events) ([creolejoe14@yahoo.com](mailto:creolejoe14@yahoo.com)) and Coach Loughmiller (field events) ([mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net)). Please feel free to contact us with any questions that you may have.

## **PROM COURT**

Congratulations to our 2015 Prom Court – Hope Alfano, Ann Jenevein, Jenna Jensen, Gracian Zenon, Jared Austin, Adam Blazio, Richard Payne and Colt Schmidt. The King, Queen, Prince and Princess will be crowned at the prom.

## **LUTHERAN HIGH PROM – “The Great Gatsby”**

**When:** Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (8:00 – 11:00 p.m.)

**Where:** Hilton Riverside – Port/Starboard Rooms (Poydras at the River)

**Cost:** \$30 per person (Includes a food buffet the night of prom and a party favor.) Parking is available in the attached garage at a discounted rate of \$10 for the night. An NOPD officer will be present in addition to LHS faculty chaperones. **Students must arrive at prom no later than 9:00 p.m.**

## **PROM DRESS CODE**

Dress for the evening is formal! Guys are expected to wear tuxes or nice two piece suits with a dress shirt and tie. Girls are expected to wear formal dresses that should be modest - no swooping necklines, no backless gowns, no cut-outs, no high slits and the dress must be mid-thigh or longer. If there are any questions about whether or not a dress is acceptable, please contact Ms. Loughmiller at [mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net). Ms. Loughmiller has available \$25 off prom tuxedo rental coupons for John's (3200 Houma Blvd., Metairie, LA).

A copy of the letter mailed to senior parents with information about important dates between now and graduation is attached.

## **SENIOR CHAPEL**

**Friday, May 8, at 10:30 a.m.** at First English Church. Parents, family members and friends are invited and encouraged to attend. **Students need to arrive no later than 10:00 a.m.**

## **GRADUATION REHEARSAL (ALL GRADUATES MUST ATTEND)**

**Wednesday, May 13, at 10:30 a.m.** Williams Blvd. Baptist Church, located at 3000 Williams Blvd. (I-10 & Williams Exit – located behind State Police Post Troop B).

**DRESS: Students may wear jeans and t-shirts. NO Tank tops or flip flops! Girls are encouraged to bring the shoes they plan to wear for graduation so that they may practice going up and down the stairs.**

Immediately following rehearsal the Seniors will be treated to a **PTL sponsored Senior Lunch** at New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood on Veterans near Power and David Drive. (6920 Veterans Blvd in Metairie)

## **BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

Baccalaureate Service will also be on **Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. John Lutheran Church located at 3937 Canal Street in New Orleans (one block East of Carrollton Ave.).

**Graduates need to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.**

### **SENIOR GRADUATION**

Please join us in honoring our Seniors as they walk the stage on **Friday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.** at Williams Blvd. Baptist Church (I-10 & Williams Exit – located behind State Police Post Troop B) Graduates need to arrive no later than 6:00 p.m. **The Senior Graduation Photo will be taken before the ceremony begins. Remember to allow time for Friday evening traffic!!!**

### **JUNIOR CLASS RING CEREMONY**

The ring ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, May 19** at Chapel which begins at 1:00p.m. Parents are welcome to attend.

### **GEOMETRY FIELD TRIP TO CITY PARK**

On **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**, Ms. Loughmiller's geometry classes will spend the day at City Park exploring geometry. The morning will be spent at the New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). The students will go on a scavenger hunt in the sculpture garden and will then take a self-guided Visual Art tour through the museum led by Ms. Loughmiller. Students will need to bring a sack lunch to enjoy in the park. (Coolers will be provided.) Following lunch, students will participate in a Common Core angle measurement activity while enjoying a round of miniature golf at City Putt. Students will be expected to wear their school uniform to school but may change into appropriate shorts (mid-thigh or longer) and a school appropriate t-shirt. Tennis shoes may be worn to school. The cost of the trip will be \$9.00 per student for the round of miniature golf. Students will leave from school no later than 9:30 a.m. and will return by 3:30 p.m. This field trip is part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester math project and there will be follow-up activities to be completed after the field trip. Permission slips have been sent home and will be accepted through Monday. Any parents with questions should contact Ms. Loughmiller ([mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net)).

### **4-H CLUB NEWS**

This summer, 4-H of Louisiana will be hosting 4-H University at the LSU campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For 7<sup>th</sup> (13 years old by January first of this year) to 12<sup>th</sup> graders, **the deadline to register is May 8<sup>th</sup>**. It will be held Tuesday, June 23 to Friday, June 26, 2015. If you have any questions, or are interested in attending this event, please call the school or email Mr. Scriber at [ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:ascriber@lutheranhighschool.net). A flyer is attached to this email with additional information.

Another event, 4-H Capitol, is June 3<sup>rd</sup> for all 4-H members and it is free to attend. It is a great event to show our legislators the impact that 4-H has on Louisiana, especially with the impending budget cuts. Deadline to register is today, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **ACT 2014-2015 TEST DATES**

Registration must be completed online at [www.act.org](http://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.

<b>Test Date (Saturdays)</b>	<b>Early Registration (last day for)</b>	<b>Late Fee Required (last day for)</b>	<b>Standby Registration (last day for)</b>
<b>June 13, 2015</b>	Fri., May 8	Fri., May 22	Fri., June 5

### **ACT PREP CLASS**

For all in-coming Juniors for the 2015-2016 School Year we will be offering a free 4-hour ACT Prep Course on Saturdays. The prep class will run three Saturdays a month from September 2015 to March 2016. Students will receive a hand out regarding this free and valuable test prep program.

### **EOC TESTING FOR STATE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS**

End of Course Testing (EOC) will begin Monday, May 11 with tests in English III and English II. Tuesday, May 12, students will test in American History and Biology. Thursday, May 14, students will test in Algebra I (period 4) and Geometry. Friday, May 15, Algebra I period 8 will test. If you have any questions about the tests or testing, please contact the school or e-mail Ms. Christen at [cchristen@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:cchristen@lutheranhighschool.net).

### **SERVICE CLUB FOOD DRIVE - updated**

The Seniors will get to enjoy the breakfast they earned by placing first in our recent food drive during their first period class on **Tuesday, May 5th**.

### **SERVICE HOUR REMINDER**

Service hour forms should be turned into the office. You will receive an updated report of your child's service hours with his/her 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report card. As a reminder, LHS students are required to earn 40 service hours per year beginning with their sophomore year (for a total of a 120 by graduation). See page 4 of the Parent – Student Handbook for additional information. Service hours should be obtained by volunteering at a non-profit organization. You are encouraged to get the location pre-approved if your child will be earning a significant number of service hours from one organization. If you have any questions, please contact the office (504) 455-4062 or e-mail Ms. Loughmiller ([mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net](mailto:mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net)).

### **SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY – TUTORING AT MONTE DE LOS OLIVOS**

Pastor Gonzales of Monte de los Olivos Lutheran Church in Metairie is looking for volunteers to help with their afterschool tutoring program. They offer tutoring Monday – Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. The majority of students being tutored are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Monte de los Olivos is located at 4105 David Dr. (just north of the Rouses as you exit I-10 at Power – the church is on the west side of David Dr.) For more information, contact Pastor Gonzales (504) 451-9172. Volunteers are not expected to commit to every day. He is willing to accept whatever time can be given to help benefit these children!

**SERVICE HOUR OPPROTUNITY - MUSCULAR DISTROPHY ASSOCIATION**

MDA is looking for volunteers from 7:30am-2pm to help set up, work booths and pack up. To RSVP or for more information please contact Torie at 504-455-4460 or [tchristen@mdausa.org](mailto:tchristen@mdausa.org):

New Orleans MDA Muscle Walk, May 9, 2015. Event time is 10a.m. – 1p.m. Volunteer time: 7:30a.m. – 2p.m. Location: Zephyr Field.