

Parent Newsletter #32—May 12, 2015

BUS SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR END OF YEAR

Please note that due to Jefferson Parish bus schedules, there will be **NO** afternoon Bus service for Tuesday, May 19, Wednesday, May 20, and Thursday, May 21. There will be **NO** morning or afternoon bus service on Friday, May 22.

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), 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. Thanks you!

PTL NEWS

The PTL would like to remind parents to read the letter that was mailed out from the PTL regarding Teacher Appreciation.

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

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 20:	English and Spanish
Thursday, May 21:	Math and Religion
Friday, May 22:	Science and Social Studies

Exam schedule dismissal will be at 11:45. As a reminder, there is no afternoon bus service on these days and no morning or afternoon bus service on Friday.

CHOIR NEWS

Today, 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 at First English Lutheran Church at 6 pm. The address to First English Lutheran

Church is 3701 Cleary Ave., Metairie, LA 70002. Please come out and support your LHS choir. Hope to see you there!!!

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 a 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 11 and Wednesday, May 13 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.

FINER FILMS SOCIETY

Our last meeting will be Thursday, May 14. See Mr. Taylor if you plan to attend.

PROM ROYALTY

Congratulations to our 2015 Prom Royalty who were crowned at the "Great Gatsby" themed prom on Saturday, May 2nd – Prince Jared Austin, Princess Jenna Jensen, King Colt Schmidt and Queen Gracian Zenon. The night was enjoyed by all who attended!

TRACK – STATE RESULTS

On Thursday, May 7th seven (7) young women competed at the LHSAA Class C State Track Meet held at LSU in Baton Rouge. For six (6) of them it was a first time experience and what an experience it was. In addition to dealing with excited nervousness they also had to "weather" a two-hour lightening delay. In the end the team finished 8th out of 13 teams. One athlete medaled and another finished just outside of the medal winners in 4th place. All competitors recorded a season best throw or time and all competed in the finals! As a team they are excited about returning next year!

Javelin – Destiny Gautreaux

Discus – Allison Garay (finished 4th with a throw of 69 feet)

4x200 Meter Relay – Jessica Waddell, Talitha Degree, Hannah Cassanova & Rael Shaw
1600 Meter Run – Kaleta Gaspard (3rd place medal winner with a time of 6:33)
400 Meter Run – Hannah Cassanova
200 Meter Run – Jessica Waddell

Hope Tate and Loreal Nash served as relay alternates and Jasmine Drew, Nia Nunnery, Leah Tate, and Anasja Williams traveled with the team to cheer them on! Coach Marroccoli and Coach Loughmiller would like to thank all of their track athletes for a great season! Also, a special thanks to the parents and guardians who endured numerous schedule changes due to Mother Nature.

ATHLETIC BANQUET AWARDS

Great job to all of our athletes this year! Here are the students who received awards at our recent Athletic Banquet.

2014-2015 Volleyball Awards

Most Valuable Player – Jasmine Drew
Most Improved Player – Destiny Gautreaux
Christian Athlete – Gracian Zenon

2014-2015 Boys Basketball Awards

Most Valuable Player – Tory Griffin
Most Improved Player – Kevin Charles
Christian Athlete – Herman Gosey, III

2014-2015 Cheerleading Awards

Most Valuable Player – Hannah Cassanova
Most Improved Player – Domenica Calderon
Christian Athlete – Allison Garay

2014-2015 Soccer Awards

Most Valuable Player – Ethan Ortiz
Most Improved Player – Nick Lawson, III
Christian Athlete – Annelise Batte

2014-2015 Track Awards

Most Improved – Track – Leah Tate
Most Improved – Field – Dylan Schmidt
Christian Athlete – Jessica Waddell

ATHLETIC NEWS

- **Letter Jacket Orders** – On Thursday, May 21st after exams a NEFF representative will be at Lutheran High to take orders for letter jackets. He will have jackets available for athletes to try on to get the right size and he will also discuss personalization options. Attached to this e-mail is a price list. You must pay in full before your order will be placed. Please contact Ms. Loughmiller with any questions (mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net). Athletes earning letters at the Athletic Banquet are eligible to purchase.
- **Athletic Eligibility for 2015-2016** – Just a reminder that fall eligibility includes an academic component that is based on GPA and number of subjects passed. This evaluation will not be made until all summer school grades have been posted. Voluntary participation in summer workouts does not guarantee eligibility.
- **Uniforms Need to be Returned** – All sports uniforms need to be returned to coaches

SENIOR REMINDERS

- Wed. 13 **Graduation Rehearsal (All graduates must attend!)**
10:30 a.m.
Williams Blvd. Baptist Church
3000 Williams Blvd. (I-10 & Williams Exit – located behind State Police Post Troop B)
Kenner, LA 70065
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.
- PTL Sponsored Senior Luncheon** (immediately following rehearsal)
New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood (on Veterans near Power/David)
6920 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
Metairie, LA 70003
- Wed. 13 **Baccalaureate Service**
7:00 p.m.
St. John Lutheran Church
3937 Canal Street
New Orleans, LA 70119
(Located 1 block east of Carrollton Ave.)
Graduates need to arrive no later than 6:30 p.m.
DRESS: (see below)**
- Fri. 15 **Graduation**
7:00 p.m.

Williams Blvd. Baptist Church
3000 Williams Blvd.
Kenner, LA 70065

(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!!!!

DRESS: (see below)**

**** DRESS: Students should wear the following for Senior Chapel, Baccalaureate and Graduation:**

Girls: Dress or a skirt and blouse. NO flip-flops!

Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes. Conventional hairstyle (following LHS handbook policy) and clean shaven for events.

Parents please remind your child that these are special occasions and that he/she should dress appropriately and arrive on time for all events.

The rules and regulations from the Lutheran High School Parent/Student Handbook will be followed (i.e. length of hair, clean shaven, no visible piercings, no visible tattoos, etc.)

JUNIOR CLASS RING CEREMONY

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

Family is welcome to attend, and a small reception will be held after. Juniors will be receiving a letter with more information soon. Ring ceremony participants may be out of uniform and dress up for the occasion using the following guidelines:

Girls: Dress or a skirt and blouse. NO flip-flops!

**Boys: Dress pants, dress shirt, tie, and dress shoes.
Conventional hairstyle (following LHS handbook policy) and clean shaven.**

PTL REMINDER – SEMESTER EXAM BREAKFAST

Freshman parents are being asked to bring breakfast items for the teachers on Wednesday, May 20th and Thursday, May 21st. Items can be brought that morning or sent with your child.

Suggested items include – fruit, yogurt, bagels, breakfast casseroles, pastries, microwavable items, juice, coffee, etc. The faculty and staff are very appreciative of these meals. It gives them one less thing to worry about at the end of the semester and they enjoy trying new foods. There are some excellent cooks in the LHS family. Thanks again to everyone who has brought food items throughout the year.

SCHEDULE REQUESTS

Ms. Rost will meet with each student to schedule classes next year. If you have any questions about TOPS or graduation requirements, please call or email Ms. Rost at lrrost@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 7th (13 years old by January first of this year) to 12th graders, **the deadline to register is May 8th**. 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. A flyer is attached to this email with additional information.

Another event, 4-H Capitol, is June 3rd 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 24th.

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)
June 13, 2015		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 christen@lutheranhighschool.net.

SERVICE CLUB COOKS BREAKFAST

On Wednesday, May 6th the Service Club fulfilled their obligation to cook breakfast for the food drive winners. The seniors enjoyed a breakfast of scrambled eggs with their choice of added ingredients – sausage, bacon, ham, onions, peppers, tomatoes, mushrooms and/or cheese! There were a variety of interesting combinations! They also enjoyed their choice of pancakes – plain, blueberry or chocolate chip. Coffee and orange were the beverages of choice. To celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week the Service Club also cooked breakfast for the teachers! Orders were taken and delivered to several classrooms. A special thanks to those freshmen who helped with the breakfast – Talitha Degree, Tori Dozier, Loreal Nash, Rael Shaw, Keraston Weaver, Latrell Wells, and Anasja Williams.

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 4th 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).

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 3rd and 4th 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!