

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- Choir performing 11/9 @ Atonement Lutheran
- Mid-Quarter #2, 11/11
- Rummage Sale, 11/15
- Thanksgiving holidays, 11/24-11/28
- Gryphon Gala, 3/21/2015

HIGHLIGHTS

- Parent Volunteers Needed
- Sports
- Service Hour Opportunities
- ACT Test Dates

LHS RECOGNITIONS

Lutheran High School of Greater New Orleans is into its third year as a part of the Louisiana Scholarship Program. The program provides thousands of low-income families the financial resources to send their children to the participating school of their choice. In its annual report, the Louisiana Department of Education highlighted Lutheran High School as a school of excellence with a proficiency rating higher than the state average. The Scholarship Program gives parents and students of failing schools the opportunity to achieve success in a higher ranking school. Lutheran High School is such a school.

NOLA.com issued a report recently put out by Niche.com, a twelve year old website, ranking the best private schools in Louisiana. Niche examines academics, student diversity, and parent/student surveys before ranking the schools. In the New Orleans area, Niche concluded that Lutheran High School ranked 7th in a very prestigious list of local high schools, including Jesuit, Newman, and Country Day. Statewide, Lutheran High School, ranks 13th in this list. This high ranking indicates that the school is an exceptional academic institution with a diverse set of high-achieving students who rate their experience very highly. Administrators, faculty, and students can be commended for this honor.

LHS CHOIR

The LHS choir will be performing in the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service at Atonement Lutheran Church, 6500 Riverside Drive, Metairie on Sunday, November 9th. Please come out and support your LHS choir.

ARE YOU READY FOR ANOTHER RUMMAGE SALE?

Our storage room is filling up with rummage sale items! Keep cleaning out those closets and attics! The date has been set for Saturday, November 15th from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to sort the week of and volunteers will be needed on sale day. Items that are not sold will be boxed up and donated to Bridge House. Donated items may be dropped off during school hours.

Please try to have all of your items dropped off at LHS by Thursday, November 13th!

I know that several parents have volunteered to help. If you could please e-mail me the times you are available that will allow me to make sure that we have enough coverage. Our plan for set-up and selling is as follows:

- Thurs., Nov. 13th – the lunch room will be available for set-up after 1:15 p.m.
- Fri., Nov. 14th – set-up can occur all day (and into the evening if necessary)
- Sat., Nov. 15th – we will open the doors promptly at 8:00 a.m. (but it would be helpful if volunteers could arrive by 7:30 a.m.)

We will begin sorting after school on Mon., Nov 10th – using the Library and a lab.

LHS students will earn service hours for any sorting time after school and any hours worked during the sale on Saturday. Thanks! Ms. Loughmiller
(mloughmiller@lutheranhighschool.net)

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY – RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP

Students in need of service hours are encouraged to see Ms. Loughmiller for an opportunity to help with rummage sale sorting and set-up. Hours will be available after school Monday, November 10th – Friday, November 14th. Students will also be needed the day of the rummage sale to help carry items to vehicles. There will be a sign-up list posted outside of Ms. Loughmiller's room. ***This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for LHS and has been very successful in the past because of great student volunteers!***

SERVICE HOUR OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

In the coming weeks we hope to have set-up a service hour posting/bulletin board in the first building. This will be a great resource for students (and even for parents). We frequently get requests from organizations in need of assistance. Below is one such opportunity from one of our bus drivers:

- Abiding Temple Ministries – needs greeters on Friday, November 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Students would need to dress in black and white and are encouraged to come with a smile. The address is 2501 Urquhart Street, New Orleans, LA, 70117.

Please e-mail Ms. Loughmiller if you have any questions or need additional information.

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.

HELP – HOUSING NEEDED FOR AUSTRALIAN BAND IN DECEMBER

Lutheran High has been asked to house a number of students from Australia in December. We would like to find places for 14-15 students that will be performing at area churches. If you are available to do this, it is requested that you take two or three students, and let us know if you prefer girls or boys.

Students will arrive to Atonement at lunchtime on Sunday, December 7 (approximately 12:30). All host families from the participating churches and Lutheran High are invited to lunch at Atonement, to mix and mingle with the students. After lunch, the individual families will be free to take their students and do whatever they would like for the rest of the day (spend family time at home, visiting relatives, sightseeing, etc.). Students will need to be brought back to Atonement on Monday morning (exact time TBD).

The band will have a couple of group activities on Monday, and they will perform a concert at St. Paul on Monday evening at 7:00. All host families are invited and encouraged to attend the concert. (St. Paul is located at 2624 Burgundy Street in New Orleans). After the concert, the families will take their students home. Some may wish to take their students out for coffee / beignets, etc. On Tuesday, families will bring their students back to Atonement at 8:00 a.m. From that point forward, the band has additional group activities planned, as well as a concert at Lamb of God in Slidell.

BASKETBALL

Thanks for your support at the basketball jamboree. It was a great experience for the basketball team and the fans. We lost the first scrimmage to Grand Isle by a score of 7-14, but won the second scrimmage 25-14 against First Baptist Christian. Totals for the night were: Tory Griffin with 18 points, Herman Gosey with 4 points, Tariq Griffin with 4 points, Jacob Stevens with 2 points, Kevin Charles with 2 points, and Richard Payne with 2 points. Our season officially starts this week, so please come out and enjoy the fun. Attached to this newsletter is a practice and game schedule for November. Thank you for your continued support! Go Gryphons!!

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)
December 13, 2014	Fri., Nov. 7	Fri., Nov. 21	Fri., Dec. 5
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.