

SAVE THE DATE!!!

- Choir singing at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 12/7
- Cheerleaders marching in Harahan Christmas Parade, 12/13
- Gryphon Gala, 3/21/2015

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THANKSGIVING BREAK

We wish all of our Lutheran High families a safe and blessed Thanksgiving. See you in December!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

On Tuesday, December 2nd, we will be taking a school photograph in front of the school. Please make sure that your child wears his regular school uniform on that day.

MISSION CLUB

The LHS Mission Club's Overnight Mission event to Camp Restore is being rescheduled for after Christmas Break. New date will be announced.

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 final day to buy candy-grams is Thursday, December 11th. Candy-grams can be purchased from Student Council Executive Officers.

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 Mr. 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. Wednesday December 3rd will be a P.M. Activity schedule to work on the decorations. All decorations should be complete by December 4th by 8:45 A.M.

LHS CHOIR

The LHS choir will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. morning worship service at Mount Olive Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 7th. Please come out and support your LHS choir.

CHEERLEADING

December 5th the LHS Cheerleaders will be performing a pep-rally (weather permitting) during the P.M. Activity time. The boys basketball team plays McMinn at 5:00 P.M. at Mount Olive. All are encouraged to join in the Gryphon spirit.

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

RUMMAGE SALE – *Many Thanks!*

Ms. Loughmiller would like to thank everyone who helped make the rummage sale a huge success! It would not have been possible without our parent volunteers and our students who helped sort beforehand and who worked the sale on Saturday! Special thanks to student, Austin Munch, 11th Grade, who worked during the week setting up and all day on Saturday. Also, a special thanks to the ladies of First English and our other supporters who helped with last minute pricing and sold some tasty treats on Saturday! This annual event is a great outreach to our community and our customers commented this year on how well organized we were! They especially appreciated our student volunteers' willingness to help carry items to their cars! I also had the chance to catch up with an LHS alum who is pursuing a degree in nutrition and another who is enjoying her job at a pre-school! After advertising expenses, we made close to \$830.00. This amount is down slightly from last year, but given the cold morning temperatures we are still pleased with the results. As a faculty we will designate these monies for a specific purchase to be discussed at our December faculty meeting. The majority of items that were not sold were donated to Bridge House. One last thanks to all of those families who donated items!

SERVICE EVENT – “A Night at the Museum”

Mallory Brown, the 2nd grade teacher at St. John, extends her thanks to our LHS volunteers who helped make her 2nd grade parents night a huge success. Each student was assigned a famous person to research. For their “Night at the Museum” they had to prepare a display and then be able to share information with the museum visitors (aka parents). Volunteers were needed to greet guests as they arrived at the museum and to serve refreshments! Four of our junior girls – Allison Garay, Kaleta Gaspard, Dawn Gautreaux and Destiny Gautreaux took their jobs seriously and did an excellent job making guests feel welcome! Thanks again girls for a job well done! Stay tuned for additional service opportunities!

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.

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. John Lutheran Church on Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in their Gym/Fellowship Center. All host families are invited and encouraged to attend the

concert. 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.

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.

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)
December 13, 2014			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.