



Welcome Winter, Welcome Instant Alert!

We are initiating new procedures for contacting all parents and staff in the event of an emergency or school closing - the Instant Alert™ System for Schools. Within minutes of an emergency, school officials can use Instant Alert to deliver a single, clear message to the students' parents or guardians and staff members by telephone, cell phone, e-mail, pager or PDA in any combination. The system will be used to notify you of a school closing due to inclement weather. All parent and staff phone numbers currently in our school database are registered in this system.

The system is Internet based, allowing each family to maintain a secure, password protected online profile (one per family). You can log into your profile at any time to update your contact information. Maintaining the accuracy of your profile will increase the ability of the school to keep you informed.

This system provides an equally effective way to keep you informed of everyday activities, such as event times and locations as well as schedule changes. You must update your online profile to receive non-emergency information and to add additional contact information.



Your on-line profile will enable you to:

- Input your personal contact information
- Select which type of school information you would like to receive on each of your contact devices
- Send yourself a test text message to make sure your text messaging contact information is entered correctly
- Add contact information of other caretakers of your children, such as a grandparent or neighbor

In addition to receiving communication alerts on your designated contact devices, the alert messages will also appear in your online profile. You can use this feature to read any alerts that may have been

erased or deleted accidentally on your other contact devices.

The system is ready for you at <https://instantalert.honeywell.com>. The system will prompt you through the registration process. We have also posted a Parent Instruction Form on our homepage www.lfhs.org. We encourage all of you to take advantage of this opportunity, as we will be utilizing this system for important school-to-home communication.

If you need assistance with your profile, please send an e-mail to InstantAlertHelp@Honeywell.com.

Please note: Instant Alert will leave a message only if your phone answering system picks up on or before the fifth ring. Instant Alert will attempt to reach phone number contacts a maximum of five times.

More Top News!

Attention!

Library Open During Finals!

Need to meet for a group project? Need help finding resources? How about a place for some last minute studying? Well, the LFHS library is the place to go! We will be open the week before and the week of finals to accommodate your needs!

The schedule will be as follows:

Jan. 8 - Jan. 11
7:00 am - 8:00 pm

January 12
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

January 13
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm

January 14
CLOSED

January 15
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Jan. 16 - Jan. 17
1:00 pm am - 8:00 pm

January 18
CLOSED



Photographs and videos of students and staff are taken throughout the year to be used for newsletters, newspapers and other District 115 publicity purposes. We film various events for local viewing on LF Cable TV. The videotapes and photographs shall not be used by the school district for commercial purposes or for monetary gain. If you do not want your child photographed for District 115 use, you must submit, in writing, a statement to Dr. Harry Griffith, Superintendent of Schools.

Visit lfhs.org for more calendar!

Under Construction

Lake Forest High School Under Construction Communication

The Lake Forest High School Under Construction Communication plan has been developed to provide a framework for managing and coordinating communication to the high school's stakeholders who are impacted by the construction project. Communication is a critical aspect of the high school's construction project; therefore, the Communication Department will be involved in the Construction Advisory Team meetings on a weekly basis. Our goal is to ensure that the information about the work progress, achievements and benefits of the project is communicated in a relevant, accurate, consistent and timely manner.

As effective communication is a two-way process, we plan to actively solicit and respond to feedback from the stakeholder groups.

The monthly **Highlights** will include a column entitled **Under Construction** where we can keep our students, parents and staff updated on the progress and coming attractions of the construction project. Not only will we include information on current and upcoming aspects of the project but also information as to how we are keeping on schedule and on budget.

There is a link on the district's website, www.lfhs.org, that will provide timely information along with drawings and photos in a special Under Construction section. There will also be an interactive piece, similar to the referendum information, where interested parties can submit questions and a "Frequently Asked Questions" section will be posted for all to read.

Important Information

Over the Winter Break a temporary student parking lot will be constructed just south of the football field. The tennis courts in the back of the school will be converted to faculty parking and a construction fence will be erected to control the construction staging area behind the high school. The staging area will be off limits to all traffic, students, staff and the community for safety purposes.

More specific logistical information will be sent to families, staff and neighbors, and posted on the high school website, prior to return from break.



Class News

Sophomore

Busy, busy, busy...

Sophomores are providing all paper goods for the Center for Enriched Living's Teen Winter Dance. The Toys for Tots drive is in full swing and there are boxes in the front foyer of the school awaiting your donations! The second annual candy cane sale took place in December. Plans are being finalized for the marketing of a "recycling wagon" to the school community - details to follow!

Questions, comments, concerns: Sally Frese icycle8821@aol.com or call 847-735-7357

Whooping Cough (Pertussis) Update:

Concerns have recently arisen regarding this bacterial infection of the respiratory tract. This highly contagious disease can only be diagnosed by your physician. Should symptoms such as runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, red and watery eyes, mild fever and dry cough graduate to a severe coughing attacks that end with a high-pitched "whoop sound," see your physician immediately.

Approximately 80% of our freshman class is protected under this vaccine (TDaP).

Should your son or daughter be diagnosed, we ask for a note from your physician clearing your student to return to school. For more information please see the school's webpage.

Board of Education

Board of Education – Meeting Highlights

December 11, 2006

President's Report

Janet Nelson announced that a tentative 5-year agreement has been reached with the teachers. She commented that the Board holds the teaching staff in high regard and is pleased that the tentative agreement is a fiscally responsible one that supports competitive salary and benefits. She underscored that the Board is committed to being good stewards of the tax-payers' dollars and also to continuing the tradition of excellence at Lake Forest High School. Mrs. Nelson thanked all involved in negotiations for their efforts.

Janet thanked the community for support of the referendum and announced that the building project will soon be underway. She announced that the Board will need to be flexible over the next few months to accommodate special meetings to keep the project on schedule. She also asked that the public be patient as there will be many important and thoughtful decisions to be made throughout the course of the project.

Three residents have been selected to assist the Board of Education and administration with the oversight of the construction project. She noted that many qualified residents expressed interest in assisting the high school. Ross Friedman, Byron Prais and Augie Zicarelli have been appointed to serve on this committee. She welcomed them to the team. Mrs. Nelson thanked all who volunteered to serve in this capacity.

Superintendent's Report

Harry Griffith encouraged Board members to attend the ED-RED Legislative Dinner on January 29. He commented that this is a good opportunity to interact with local legislators, state officials, and other educational leaders. Jay Hoffmann announced that five of our teachers, **Dan Coad, Steve Forgette, Jim Gantt, Ariel Landvick, and Mary Beth Nawor**, have been nominated for Golden Apple Award. Congratulations to these fine teachers. Mr. Hoffmann noted that **Ravi Mulani** received a perfect score of 2400 on the SAT and that LFHS graduate **Elise Wang** was named a Rhodes Scholar.

Education Committee

Mary Ritter announced that the committee supported the approval of the new courses and name changes being presented to the Board this evening. Mary said that the committee discussed the Auto Shop/Transportation class as its location will be impacted due to the construction project. The committee unanimously endorsed continuation of the program and will work with the Operations Committee to determine the future location of the program. A Best Practice review of this program will also be conducted. Mrs. Ritter noted that the committee also discussed an ACT scores recap presented by Thor Benson.

Finance Committee

Jim Carey reported that the committee reviewed the 2006 tax levy and recommends Board approval. The committee discussed the budgeting process in light of the successful passage of the referendum. He welcomed the three residents to the Project Advisory Committee. He concluded his remarks by stating that the Finance Committee reviewed the architectural fees and recommends approval of the Perkins & Will contract to the Board of Education.

Joint Shared Services (JSSC) Committee

Sharon Golan reported that the committee discussed rental options for summer school to be held at District 67, as the high school campus will be closed over the summer. The committee also discussed the framework for sharing expenses at West Campus and the working relationship and future opportunities for Lake Bluff District 65.

Board of Education

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You may send a message to all Board Members at this address: boe@d115.org.

Next Board of Education Meeting

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Lake Forest Community High School District 115 will be on:

Mon., January 22, 2007

7:00 PM

Lake Forest

High School Library

Upcoming meeting dates:

Mon., Jan. 22

Mon., Feb. 12

Mon., March 12

Mon., April 9

Mon., May 14

Mon., June 11

Mon., July 9

New Laws!

Parents and Teens take note!

Please be aware of two new laws in the state of Illinois.

- 1) Any driver under age 18 may **not** use a cellular phone while driving. Hand free phones are also included in this ban. Drivers, if they must use the phone, should pull over and stop driving before using the phone. Contacting emergency services is considered an exception.
- 2) Any passenger under the age of 19 (and the driver, of course) must use a seat belt. Drivers and passengers can be ticketed if violating these laws.

Happy Holidays and Safe Driving!

Class News

Senior

Senior Commemoratives

Parents:

The time has come for you to say good-bye and good luck to your graduating senior. One way to do so is by purchasing a senior commemorative ad to go in the back of the 2007 yearbook. Dig up your favorite picture of your child and add some funny or sentimental words for your senior. Similar to the last few years, all of the ads will be one-eighth of a page and will have the same tasteful font and border. See the 2005 or 2006 yearbook for examples.

Space is limited and the ads will be printed on a first come, first served basis. So gather these things...

- A check or money order for \$75 made out to LFHS
- A picture with your child's name printed on the back
- A written message to your child (on the lines below)

*Please note that this picture will **NOT** be returned, so feel free to send us a color copy and/or digital/scanned picture if you would like to keep the original.*

...and put everything into an envelope and put it in Ms. Jacobs's school mailbox by **Friday, January 12, 2007**. We must receive your request by this date as space is limited! Late requests will not be accepted. Questions? E-mail Ms. Jacobs at jjacobs@d115.org.

Sincerely,

The Forest Trails Yearbook Staff

Yes! I/We would like to purchase a commemorative message. A check for \$75 is enclosed and made out to LFHS.

Name _____

Senior's Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Personal Message (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY) Example:
Jason, We couldn't have done the yearbook without you!
-Ms. Jacobs

Clubs & Organizations

Art Club

The Art Club painted the window fronts for the catholic charities drop off center.



Caitlin Furlong, Megan McGee and Cat Wilson



Megan McGee, Cat Wilson, Caitlin Furlong, Laura Brown, Sarah Lee, Debra Zare (advisor) and Gillian Savage (student teacher)

Clubs & Organizations

CROYA



CROYA is unique in that it is run **by** the young adults, **for** young adults - with trusted adult staff always present. CSL (CROYA Service & Leadership) is the area of CROYA that oversees our Peer Training program, retreats, service projects and leadership events. For up- to- date information visit our web site at www.CROYA.com or get on the mailing list by calling our offices at 847-615-4304.

CROYA Dates to Remember:

Wednesdays, January 10, 24 and 31

Weekly Senior High Youth Committee Meetings

7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Note meeting locations...while the CROYA facility is under construction for the new, awesome student union, Wednesday night meetings will be held at **Northcroft Park** in Lake Forest. For a map and directions go to www.CROYA.com. January 10 will most likely be broomball at West Park and the January 31 is a possible trip to a Northwestern basketball game. Check the website for current details!

No meeting January 17 due to finals

Watch for the CROYA staff ready to relieve your finals stress on Wednesday, Jan. 17 between finals on the second floor at LFHS.

Thanks to all who purchased poinsettias this year through our annual student fundraiser!



Katie Malcomson and Caroline Rogers (CROYA Fundraising Chairs) diligently making calls on poinsettia pick-up/delivery day!

**Latin students/
Environmental Club
students collecting
the book drive books**



The Red Cross Club



The Red Cross Club (lower left) consists of 40 high school students with a focus on service and community education. The club educates primary age students on first aid, water safety and disaster training. Ongoing drives provide used blankets and towels to animal shelters. Holiday bake sales and pizza drives are funding two impoverished children's cleft lip and palate repair surgeries. In November the club collected 60 units of blood in their annual blood drive. The club will also fund research for SADS (Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndrome). The club is structured so that students can help during their free periods such as study hall and lunch periods. This enables all students to be able to participate in other activities and sports.

Clubs & Organizations

LFHS Debate Team bangs the gavel for a new season

Through rain, hail, sleet, and snow, Lake Forest debaters fight on. Literally.

While the snowstorm of December 1 was greatly welcomed by most LFHS students, it posed some unanticipated complications for debaters from all across Illinois planning to attend the first debate tournament held at Lake Forest High School in years. Inevitably, the tournament originally scheduled for December 1 and 2 was cancelled for the first day of sessions, but LFHS coaches invited all schools back to participate on the 2nd for yet another fun filled and exciting day of debate. Over 300 students attended this tournament, and the LFHS debate team ended the day with many individual speaking awards, as well as a 2nd Place trophy.

But the year's success predates even this home tournament, beginning with the Novice tournament held at H.D. Jacobs High School in Algonquin, Illinois on September 30. This annual tournament gives new Student Congress members a chance to learn about debate and parliamentary procedure. Winning awards such as Critic's Choice, 1st and 2nd place speaking

Debate Team

awards, and finishing 3rd place overall, the team showed promising potential for a successful year.

Illinois Congressional Debate Association (ICDA) members reunited in both October and November at tournaments at Barrington and Dundee-Crown High School, respectively. Again, numerous LFHS debaters were recognized as exceptional speakers and presiding officers. At both meets, Lake Forest had impressive showings, earning 5th place out of over twenty-five schools.

While the first debates were encouraging, one of the most enjoyable debate experiences this year was Madison Fall State, a tournament organized by the Junior State of America. LF Debaters boarded a bus an early Saturday morning on November 18 for a two-day tournament complete with thought talks, debates, and quiz bowl tournaments, all held under the beautiful dome of the Wisconsin State Capitol. JSA, an organization separate from ICDA, offers debaters from all over the Midwest a chance to voice their opinions on issues facing our society today. Yet again the LFHS team dominated, with many students taking home Best Speaker gavels, as well as the First Place Quiz Bowl trophy. JSA is a student-run organization, and much of the leadership responsible for the success of the tournament came from LFHS.

The Debate Team has already shown great potential in these first months of the season. The members continue to work on speaking ability and analytical



Mike Educate, Ben Steadman, Andrew Koval, Elan Weisz, Mike Desnick, Ravi Mulani are the team officers

thinking in order to prepare for upcoming ICDA and JSA tournaments. Everyone is certainly looking forward to future tournaments, including those in Chicago and Washington, D.C. Congratulations to all participants on an amazing start!



The Theater Exchange Club

The Theater Exchange Club is looking forward to an exciting upcoming season. The last play we attended, the Lookingglass Theater Company's production of *Argonautika*, has been nominated for a Jeff Award and has been honored as a Jeff Recommended Show! We have four events on our spring schedule. First is the Goodman Theater production of *Radio Golf* on January 27. This production, part of the August Wilson Festival, features the Tony-Award-winning playwright's insights into the African-American experience in 20th-century America. Set in Pittsburgh, the play explores the true meaning of success. In March, we will be seeing the Steppenwolf production of *Huck Finn*, an adaptation of Mark Twain's timeless novel. In April, we will return to Steppenwolf to see its production of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which is director Tina Landau's adaptation of the classic story restoring deleted passages and offering a richer insight into this extraordinary life. Then, we have the opportunity to see the world premier of *J. Nicole Brooks' Black Diamond*, an artistic journey into Liberia's desperate fight for freedom in the ongoing fight for human rights in Africa. Everyone is welcome to join us in these exciting and meaningful experiences. Contact Lauren Basler at lulubasler@yahoo.com, Mr. Hawkins at dhawkin@d115.org, or Mrs. Hawkins at chawkin@d115.org.

Athletic/Community Education

Winter Break/Spring Break classes only opportunities to get certification before summer!

(due to upcoming construction)

The LFHS Aquatic Center is offering

Lifeguard Training Course Jan. 2 - Jan. 7, 2007

The cost for the course is \$300 for residents and \$360 for non-residents. The class meets twice a day Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and again from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 7 class will meet from 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm (with an hour dinner break). The participants can not miss any of the class sessions.

The participants can earn their Lifeguard Training (pool and waterfront), First Aid, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED, Oxygen Administration and Preventing Disease Transmission certifications. For more information or to register for the course contact **Linda S. Wimmer Koepke**, Aquatic Center Manager 847-582-7323.

Registration 2007-2008

For our present students, the registration process for the 2007-2008 school year will begin this month and counselors will meet with all students during the following schedule:

Juniors (Class of 2008) – January 30 - February 6

Sophomores (Class of 2009) – February 8 - 15

Freshman (Class of 2010) – February 20 - 27

The counselors will be working with their respective students on an individual basis during English periods, registering students for classes. The process should be completed during February with a confirmation of the registration mailed home.

Counseling & Student Services

Counseling Department

Class of 2011

A mailing was sent to all incoming students in the Class of 2011 with information on the registration process as well as specific dates and times of events. Counselors will visit individual feeder schools to discuss registration process, handout packets to students and meet with parents.

Parents and students will also be invited to LFHS for an evening Curriculum Orientation: counselors will provide an overview of the registration process and share a variety of patterns of courses possible for your four-year plan; and in classroom format, faculty will answer questions and present specific information about course offerings. Please note that parking is at a premium so shuttle bus service will be provided from both the Lake Bluff and Deer Path Middle Schools.

In February families will have the opportunity for consultations and adjustments to their course selections. The following dates concern the registration process for the Class of 2011 ONLY:

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 Lake Bluff Middle School
8:45am - 9:30am -Registration Overview and Packets to Students
9:45am -10:45am – Parent Session Question and Answer

Tuesday, January 9, 2007 Deer Path Middle School
11:45am -12:30pm - Registration Overview and Packets to Students
12:45pm -1:45pm – Parent Session Question and Answer

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 St. Mary's School
9:00am -9:30am – Registration Overview and Packets to Students
9:30am -10:30am – Parent Session Question and Answer

Wednesday, January 10, 2007 Lake Forest Country Day School
1:35pm - 2:25pm – Registration Overview and Packets to Students
2:30pm -3:15pm – Parent Session Question and Answer

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 Lake Forest High School
6:00pm - 9:00pm – Freshmen Orientation Night

Wednesday, February 21, 2007 Lake Forest High School Library
5:00pm - 6:30pm – Schedule Consultations/Adjustments

Juniors – Illinois State Scholars

Students interested in being designated as an Illinois State Scholar must take the ACT test on one of the remaining dates: December 9, February 10, April 14, June 9, or the Prairie State Achievement Exam which will be administered to all juniors on April 25-26, 2007 here at Lake Forest High School. The PSAE incorporates an ACT assessment. The Illinois State Scholar Program gives statewide recognition to those students who have attained outstanding scholastic achievement as determined by their academic record, ACT assessment scores and high school certification.

Lake County Tech Campus Visit

Attention All Students! Are you interested in finding out what the Lake County Tech Campus is all about? Come and find out during the lunch periods on

Monday, January 29 Student Cafeteria

Representatives will be there from the Tech Campus to answer questions about the wide variety of offerings available there through the high school.

Department News

Consumer Education Test

Those students wishing to take the State Proficiency Test in Consumer Ed must sign up in advance. Consumer Education is a graduation requirement fulfilled by taking selected courses as indicated in our Student Guide to Courses or by passing the State Proficiency Test. Students NOT currently enrolled in a consumer education course may be included in this administration. The date is set for Tuesday, January 30, 2007. It will be held in the Library Classroom at 1:20 pm at LFHS. There is no charge to take this test but you need to sign up in advance with Mrs. Strainis in the Counselor Office by Monday, January 29.

Counseling & Student Services

Counseling Department

External Credit Applications

Reminder – if you are considering taking a class this coming Spring and/or Summer that is not offered at Lake Forest High School, you MUST apply in advance to receive proper credit. Prior approval for acceptance of the credit by Lake Forest High School is a necessity. Information and forms are available on our web site (www.lfhs.org, click on Counseling and Student Services, then Counseling, then External Credit Application or in the Counseling offices.

College Resource Center

On the Road to College - Juniors and their Parents

**Thursday, January 25
7:00 pm
RMA**

This program is to prepare students and parents for the process of college selection. College Planning Guidebooks will be distributed.

Hosted by Jacquie Berkshire, College Counselor

Featured Speakers - Carol Lunkenheimer, Dean of Admissions, Northwestern University, IL Pamela Horne, Vice Provost for Enrollment, Purdue University, IN and Mary Lou Bates, Dean of Admissions, Skidmore College, NY.

Health Services

LFHS Medication Regulations

To clarify any confusion concerning medication usage at school, the following are LFHS Medication Regulations:

No school personnel shall administer to any student, nor shall any student possess or consume any prescription or non-prescription medication except after the filing of a completed Medication Authorization Form with the school district. This form must be signed by both the parent and physician and renewed on an annual basis. Extra forms are available in the Health Office.

All student prescription and non-prescription medication shall be left with the Nurse during the school day. Those students carrying medications on them personally could face disciplinary action.

The parent or guardian will be responsible for bringing and removing all prescription and non-prescription medication in its original labeled pharmacy container.

Thank you for your understanding that these regulations are for the safety of all of the students while they attend school.

Blood Drive!

There will be a Blood Drive
**March 15, 2007
Lake Forest High School
8:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Students must be 16 years of age and older to donate. All donors will need a picture ID. Students who are 16 years of age need written parent permission. This must be done on the Red Cross Parent Permission slip which can be obtained in the Health Office. Students who are 17 and 18 years old may donate without parent permission. If you do not wish your student to donate blood, please contact Nurse Diane Bower at 847-582-7335 as soon as possible. This Blood Drive is sponsored by the Red Cross Club and American Red Cross of Greater Chicagoland.



Testing Calendar for ACT/SAT can be found on-line at www.lfhs.org

Art Department

The 6th annual Egg Harbor Winners have been announced!

Two rounds of pre-selected photographs featuring egg compositions from Debra Zare's Photography 2 classes hung at the Lake Forest Egg Harbor in an annual show during October and November. Patrons of the restaurant voted for their favorites and when the votes were tallied:

Sammi Kiesel - 1st place
Teddy Burns - 2nd place
for round one.

For the second grouping,
Courtney Seymour - 1st
Catherine Carstens - 2nd

Each of the winners were awarded certificates for breakfast or lunch for two from Egg Harbor. Congratulations to all the participants!



Catherine Carstens - 2nd place



Teddy Burns - 2nd place

Library Services

The Lake Forest High School Library Legacy Project

A project sponsored by LFHS APT to support updating the library, and to give honorees a permanent place in LFHS history.

This is an opportunity to give someone special a place in high school history, and to support updating the library. With a \$50 donation, you may choose a book from the online list. A tasteful, permanent plate will be affixed to the inside face page with the honoree's name, year of graduation from LFHS if applicable, and the name of the donor if desired.

Please go to lfhs.org, and click on "Library Resources," for details and to download the form for completion.



The American Academy of Art in Chicago hosted students from LFHS art classes on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. Students learned about the degree programs offered, took a tour of the school and were given a presentation on careers in the arts. In the afternoon, students then viewed painting/photography exhibits at the Art Institute of Chicago that related to what they are studying in class.



Sammi Kiesel- 1st place



Courtney Seymour - 1st place

Attention! Read all about it!

The LFHS B&B (books and breakfast that is!) is meeting for its inaugural meeting on

**January 31, 2007
7:15 am**

to eat, discuss, and debate our literary selection of the month:

"Looking for Alaska"
by John Green.

Join the library staff and come be a part of our new book club. All readers are welcome . . . come one, come all and help us make the LFHS B&B the hottest new club to hit LFHS in decades. Did we mention breakfast?

Library Food Drive will help students to decrease library fines!

The library will be sponsoring a food drive with a special offer for students.

Through the end of first semester, the library is offering students a 50% reduction of library fines if they donate 2 cans of food for the Shields Township Food Pantry.

Canned food donations will be collected at the circulation desk where remaining fines can be paid.

Department News

Music Department

IMEA

The Music Department would like to congratulate the following students who will be participating in the IMEA State Festival. These students went through a rigorous audition process and were selected as the best students from the North Shore schools.

This year's IMEA participants:

Christine Deeter,
Orchestra
Molly Geldermann,
Choir
Susie Lape, Choir
Kira Manzo, Orchestra

Citrus Thank You!

The Music Department had another successful year selling citrus to fund-raise for their tour to Spain this spring. The group sold over \$25,000 of citrus. Thank you to everyone who supported us! The Music Department would especially like to thank **Kate Klein** (mother of Peter and Mark) and **Lorraine Condic** (mother of Sarah) for their endless hours they volunteered helping us with the sale! Kate and Lorraine are the co-chairs of the citrus sale on the LFHS Applause Board.

Social Studies Department

20th Century Western World Classes Learn about NAGPRA from the Field Museum

On Friday, December 8, Will Pestle, cultural anthropologist and collections manager at the Field Museum, spoke to students in 20th Century Western World classes. The 20th Century classes engage in a unit of study about indigenous peoples of the Americas with particular emphasis on the Haida First Nation from the Queen Charlotte Islands (Haida Gwaii) of British Columbia, Canada. Will discussed his role at the Field Museum in relation to NAGPRA, North American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act. NAGPRA is US legislation passed in 1990 designed to repatriate certain artifacts and body remains from federally funded museums to Native Americans in the United States. Students found this presentation to be fascinating, gaining a new sense of awareness of building bridges of understanding among museums of natural history and indigenous peoples today.



Pictured above is Will Pestle (center standing) with Ms. McKee's 4th period 20th Century Western World Class.

Understanding Multiple Perspectives of North Korea Today

On December 2, Asian Studies teacher Kelly McKee, presented at the 2006 National Council on the Social Studies (NCSS) in Washington DC. Ms. McKee received a Freeman Foundation grant to travel to South Korea and Japan during the summer of 2005. During her travels she created a documentary film titled *Korean Haze: Multiple Perspectives of North Korea*. The film consists of various interviews conducted by McKee in both South Korea and Japan to share global attitudes and perspectives of Kim Jong Il and North Korea. Issues such as reunification of the Korean peninsula, the nuclear weapons program in North Korea, and the role of the United States in East Asia today are discussed in this film.



The above photo was taken at the conference is of McKee and Yong Jin Choi, director of the Korea Society in New York City.

Student Service Opportunities

SOS(Students for Service)

•30 high school students from Ms. Wise's Spanish classes and 8 chaperones will be going to Mexico this Spring to build two houses for two families. This project is called "Homes for Hope." The students raised money for building materials by wrapping gifts at Barnes & Noble and Borders bookstore during the holiday season.

•The Graphic Design I home room of Carolyn Bielski raised over \$700.00 in candy and gum sales to buy holiday gifts for a family provide by the Catholic Charities family project program. Leftover funds were donated to St. Jude's Hospital.

•Deb Zare's and Janie Jerch's homerooms' sponsored two families through Catholic Charities by raising funds to purchase holiday gifts for their families.

•SADD sponsored a family and several children through the Church of the Holy Spirit and supplied them with holiday gifts.

•The Environmental Club collected thousands of books for the children at Oak Terrace Elementary School in Highwood and also for Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

•The Sophomore Class is sponsored a "Toys for Tots" program. Toys were collected in bins in the front foyer and given to the local "Toys for Tots" in time for the holidays.

•The Women's Club sold holiday ornaments to support a Habitat for Humanity, "Youth Build" project. All the ornaments were handmade by the club members who had been working on them since last summer.

•National Honor Society collected clothing and food items for residents of Cabrini Green in Chicago.

•Mrs. Nelson's freshman and sophomore study hall collected over 3,000 cans of food for Shields Township.

•Cultures for Youth club sold holiday cards to benefit the Maranatha School & orphanage in Uganda.

The Rotary clubs of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff are offering scholarships...

...for their Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conferences to be held March 8-11, 2007 and April 12-15, 2007. This scholarship awards high school students who have displayed leadership skills, or the potential, as shown by their active participation in groups or services. Participants will be involved in a three day program held at Edwards Camp and Conference Center in east Troy, Wisconsin. The three day program includes motivational and educational speakers from around the United States. The program will greatly enhance leadership skills through discussions, hands on activities and recreational activities and interaction with other student leaders.

Applications are due by January 26 and may be picked up in the Service Department office in room 2A. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy O'Hara, Service & Community Coordinator at 847-582-7424 or e-mail kohara@d115.org.

Habitat for Humanity Consortium formed to build local house

Lake Forest High School has formed, with several other high schools, the Lake County Schools Consortium for Habitat for Humanity with the purpose to raise enough funds to build a house in Waukegan in 2007. Students from the Men's Club and Women's club are organizing our high school's participation in this project. Working with students from Stevenson High School, Mundelein High School and Lake Zurich High School, the goal is to raise the \$100,000 needed by Habitat to place a needy family in their own new home. The group will be actively fundraising, along with the other schools and are seeking sponsors to help them reach their goal. The students will also play an active role in building the house.

Parents! Please volunteer for Job Shadowing opportunities

April 25, 26, and 27 are the dates set aside for the second annual career exploration through job shadowing and service opportunities. Last year over 100 students participated in the program designed to offer both volunteer service and job shadowing during the three days that comprise the Prairie State Exams for juniors and a teacher inservice day. A brochure describing the opportunities will be mailed home in January. We are looking for interested people as job mentors, willing to provide a day or half day for students to "shadow" them in their chosen occupation.

If you are willing to be a mentor, please fill out the and return the form found on page 16.

Department News

Wellness Students Visit Drug Awareness Exhibit

On Thursday, November 30, the Health Department took 210 students to view the Target America Drug Awareness Exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry. The exhibit, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency, illustrates the negative effects that illicit drugs have on individuals, families, cultures, and the environment. Eight teachers and 12 parents attended as chaperones. The trip coincided with the class unit on drugs/alcohol/tobacco.



Wellness Department

Attention Drivers Education for Second Semester:

If your child is already enrolled in Driver Education for second semester and has elected to take Driver Education privately or at a different time (summer school or next year), please contact **Tony Filipp** at 847-582-7437 or tfilipp@d115.org as soon as possible. This is imperative because it will allow the Registrar's office to place the next student in line. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

For those who are taking Driver Education starting this January, the first two weeks will be classroom only despite their printed schedule. These two weeks are utilized in starting the permit process.* The permit application and a letter to the parents/legal guardians will be given to your son/daughter at the beginning of the semester by the classroom teacher. The permit must be obtained within those two weeks, or they will not be able to drive in their "Behind the Wheel" class. All students must obtain their permit by the first drive, which will be the week of Monday February 5, 2007.

Here is the information you will need to aid them in obtaining their permit during those two weeks:

- 1) The application should be filled out in **BLACK INK ONLY** and signed by parent/legal guardian.
- 2) At any Secretary of State Office, your son/daughter must take the eye test and the written test based on the Rules of the Road booklet.
- 3) A check or money order made out to "The Secretary of State," or cash in the amount of \$20.00 must be paid at the time of the written test.
- 4) The following documentation is needed to obtain the permit (one from each category):

Student Signature: valid passport, bankcard, credit card, cancelled check within 90 days, or a signed homework assignment.

Proof of Date of Birth: Certified Birth Certificate (NO copies)

Social Security Card: issued by the social security administration (NO copies)

It will be helpful to have when applying for the permit, but it is **REQUIRED** to receive their license.

Residency: post marked mail or magazines within the last 90 days

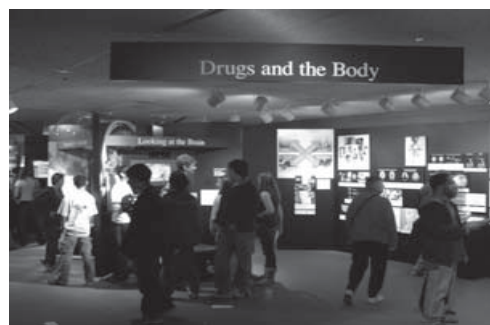
For further questions regarding identification, please read your Rules of the Road handbook, which will save you time when at the facility.

Medical Conditions: If your son/daughter has a special medical condition requiring a Doctor's note to drive, there is a required State form that can be picked up from the classroom teacher or Tiffany Reagan at 847-582-7427 tregan@d115.org.

*Reminder: **ALL** students must obtain permit application from the classroom teacher (during the first week of class) to obtain a permit.

Save the Date

Parent Night
Thurs., Feb. 1, 2007
David Miller Theater
7:00 p.m.



Congratulations to Jane Eccleston...

who was chosen to be “**Teacher of the Month**” for November by student council. Each class nominates a teacher and turns in an essay about that teacher. The student council executive board then reads the essays and votes on the teacher of the month. The teacher is honored at a student council meeting where they hear the essay that was written about them. The teacher is also given a certificate and a small token of appreciation.



Jane Eccleston

**Project Safe Prom 2007
Prom Rocks when Buses Roll!**



What is Project Safe Prom?

In the interest of safety, all Lake Forest High School students and their guests are required to travel by bus to and from the prom. The buses are costly but well worth the expense in view of staggering national statistics. Annually, 5200 teenagers are injured in automobile accidents on prom night.

Through the efforts of **Project Safe Prom**, LFHS is able to lease the 18-20 coaches required to transport over 800 prom attendees. Each year, the junior class is responsible for raising the funds necessary to obtain these buses.

LFHS considers bus transportation to be a critical part of making prom night both safe and enjoyable. Project Safe Prom eliminates the need for driving downtown or hiring limousines and promotes an atmosphere of community and responsibility to this annual event.

Please support **Project Safe Prom** and ensure our students’ safety. The junior class needs your support!

Safety is Priceless...Please consider the following ways to contribute to this worthy cause:

Donation

- King and Queen of the Road \$100
- First Class \$50
- Other

For every donation of \$50, you will be entered into a raffle for 2 free tickets to Prom. \$100 =2 chances, etc.

Sponsorship

- Adopt a Bus \$500

Sponsors will be prominently recognized in the prom invitation, in the LFHS “Highlights” publication, and in signage on prom night.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Phone: _____

I prefer to make an anonymous donation

Checks payable to **LFHS, note Project Safe Prom in memo**. Send to Ms. Jennifer Knight, LFHS, 1285 N. McKinley, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

Questions? Contact Donna LaVitola (Junior Class Parent Rep) at DABL6@aol.com or 847-283-0840.

LFHS Winter Pom/Dance Clinic



The LFHS Pom Pon Dance Team will be hosting their annual Winter Pom/Dance Clinic for students in grades 3-8 on:

**January, 20, 2007
3:45 pm - 8:00 pm
East Campus**

Participants will be dancing at the half-time performance of the Boys’ Varsity Basketball game.

Please find the registration form at www.lfhs.org under “**Support Fundraisers,**” on the homepage.

Fundraiser information can be found at lfhs.org under “Daily Announcements” then under “Fundraisers”

Fundraisers

Thank You!

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Be True to your School... more thank-yous!

The BTTYs committee wishes to thank all LFHS families and other individuals who generously and creatively donated to our event. The success in supplementing our students class treasuries could not have been possible without your support.

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Kelsey '07 & Connor '10
Moutvic Family
Alex '07 Munoz Family
Kelly '08 Nicastro Family
Elizabeth '08 & Caroline '10
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BTTYs Thank-Yous (cont..)

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And...

**The Deer Path Inn for
their gracious
generosity in making
the night special for
our LFHS families.**

HUGS to All

On behalf of senior student, Kristen Hughes, coordinator of the HUGS Project, many thanks to everyone who donated to help provide Thanksgiving Dinners to local families in need. This was the third year HUGS delivered dinners to needy families. In the first year, 127 families received dinners, last year 200 dinners were provided and this year, with the amazing support of our community, HUGS raised \$9,000 providing Thanksgiving dinners to 516 families!

The dinners were packaged on Friday, November 17 and were delivered to four local food pantries on Saturday, November 18. The students were able to distribute the dinners to the families at several food pantries including: Community Christian Church in Waukegan, Mt. Sinai in North Chicago, Mt. Mariah in North Chicago, and Abiding Love in Zion.

A heartfelt thank you to all the Lake Forest High School students who helped on this project, especially **Matt Hill, Mark Magnus, Hollis McPeck, Greta Nudel, and Felix Richter** who helped through all phases of the project, from collecting food and money in the cold, to packaging and loading the food in the truck and finally distributing the dinners to the families. A special thanks to the **LFHS Varsity Pom Pon Dance Team**, who generously provided HUGS with 40 Turkeys from their fundraiser.

How lucky we all are to be a part of this wonderful community!



Dad's Club

Our Mission

The Lake Forest High School Dads' Club is a support group formed specifically for LFHS fathers to offer a meeting forum once a month during the school semester. The group will share the experiences and challenges of guiding high school teenagers, learn about LFHS plans and activities, and gain a better understanding of relevant issues concerning teenagers as they approach adulthood.

January Meeting

Northern Trust Bank
Lower Ground Floor
959 S. Waukegan Road
Lake Forest

**January 13, 2007
8:00 am - 9:30 am
Planning for College**

Speakers will include recent graduates from LFHS who tell all about the good, the bad, and the pressures of attending LFHS. This is an excellent opportunity to find out first hand what your teen's life is like at LFHS.

To find out more, contact **Michael Klawitter** at e-mail michael_klawitter@sbcglobal.net

or

Kevin Neville at e-mail Kevinneville@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Parent Opportunities

APT Meetings

APT meetings will be held at 9:00 am in the Public Room on the second floor of LFHS on the following dates:

January 10

February 14

March 14

April 11

May 9 (offsite)

Please join us for these informative meetings.

APT

LFHS Student Job Shadowing Adult Volunteer Participation Form

Sponsored by the APT in conjunction with the Counseling Dept.

LFHS seeks to offer students an opportunity to see firsthand what a day in the career of their interest is like. Join us and become part of this valuable experience by allowing yourself to be "shadowed" for a day. The program targets Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Guidelines will be provided.

Questions? Contact APT volunteers **Sarah Glynn** at slglynn2@comcast.net, **Laura Cox** at lauracox1@sbcglobal.net, or **Kathy O'Hara** at kohara@d115.org or call 847-582-7424, or fax 847-582-7423.

YES! I would like to participate in providing an opportunity for an LFHS student. My career/job is:

Specifically, I would be available for:

all day job shadowing

partial day job shadowing

coming to LFHS to speak to students

being part of a Career Day Program for LFHS

offering a mentor role to an LFHS student

NO, I cannot participate at this time but you may wish to contact the following to see if they are interested:

Name _____

Home phone _____

Home address _____

E-mail _____

LEAD

Upcoming Events for Parents from LEAD

LEAD is a community organization dedicated to parents and their role in promoting healthy family relationships, the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drug use and other risky behavior by youth. The organization provides a new and innovative approach to educational opportunities for parents to assist in raising children who can make good decisions.

What's Normal, What's Not

For parents of children in grades 6-12

Tuesday, January 9, 2007
9:45 am - 11:00 am
Gorton Community
Center 1861 Room

Speakers: Dr. Heather Hale, Psychologist; Todd Nahigian, Assistant Director, CROYA; John Maher, Social Worker, LFHS

How can we as parents better understand the things teenagers struggle with today? Attend this panel discussion where a range of typical adolescent behaviors will be discussed. Leave with useful tips to help adolescents through this stage as well as to identify when additional help might be needed.

For information regarding our programs please contact Lydia Backer, Program Director, LEAD, at 847-295-9075, LEAD9075@aol.com, or visit our website at www.LEADweb.org.



Parent Opportunities

LFHS Foundation

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SHOP AND SHARE CALENDAR						
Monday Jan. 15	Tuesday Jan. 16	Wed. Jan. 17	Thursday Jan. 18	Friday Jan. 19	Saturday Jan. 20	Sunday Jan. 21
Monday Jan. 22	Tuesday Jan. 23	Wed. Jan. 24	Thursday Jan. 25	Friday Jan. 26	Saturday Jan. 27	Sunday Jan. 28

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
Today's total purchase _____ Cashier approval _____

5% of the above purchase will be donated from Don's Finest Foods to the Lake Forest High School Foundation on your behalf. Thank you for taking this opportunity to help our community.

Coming Soon!

Be on the lookout for the new LFHS Foundation website that is currently being updated and redesigned! More to follow...

Understanding the Proposed IDEA Rules and Regulations

Northern Suburban Special Education District's Association of Parents and Staff presents "Understanding the Proposed IDEA Rules and Regulations" on Tuesday, January 16, 2007 from 9:30 – 11:30 am at the New Trier Northfield Campus in Building C – Board Room C234, on the second floor, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois.

Dr. Tim Thomas, NSSED Superintendent, and Susan Hans, NSSED/APS Parent Mentor, will be discussing the proposed changes to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA), the federal law that ensures services to children with disabilities.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Karen Noonan, NSSED Director of Programs at 847-831-5100 extension 210 by January 12, 2007.

We depend on you!

If you would like to promote any school related news regarding an event, activity, fundraiser or student "kudos," please contact **Joy B. Murawski** at 847-582-7376 or e-mail jmuraws@d115.org to submit your information. Pictures are also welcome and encouraged!

Parent Opportunities

Parent Networking Meeting

There will be three Parent Networking Meetings second semester. All parents are welcome to participate! This is a great opportunity to share ideas, learn new parenting strategies, and become more aware of issues that your teens are facing!

All meetings are in the **Public Room from 10:00 am - 11:30 am.**

Dates:

February 26

Bullying & Harassment

April 23

May 21

Bus Reimbursement

NOTICE TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Parents(s) or legal guardian(s) who must provide transportation to and from school **because free transportation is not available for their children** may be eligible to receive money from the state to help offset some of the cost, for example, bus fares, or mileage reimbursement from private automobiles at .36 per mile.

If you can answer yes to the following questions for the 2005-2006 school year, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for providing such transportation.

- 1) Will the pupil be under the age of 21 at the close of the school year?
- 2) Is the pupil a full-time student in grades kindergarten through 12?
- 3) Does the pupil either live 1 1/2 miles or more from school or live less than 1 1/2 miles from school but **must be transported** due to a serious safety hazard approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation (see following paragraphs)
- 4) Does the pupil attend a school within Illinois which meets Illinois compulsory attendance laws?
- 5) Did the parent/guardian incur transportation expenses resulting from transporting the pupil to and from school?

If you answered yes to the above questions, live in Illinois and wish to file a claim, you must go to the Administration Center where your children are enrolled. Claims are to be submitted February 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

In addition, parent(s)/guardian(s) who have pupils living **less than 1 1/2 miles** from the school attended must verify that a safety hazard due to vehicular traffic exists by completing an Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards. Parents can obtain a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the county in which they reside except parents residing within the City of Chicago. Chicago residents can receive a copy of the Application for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards from the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Funding and Disbursement Services, 100 North First Street, Springfield, IL 62777. **All applications for Determination of Serious Safety Hazards must be received no later than February 1, 2007** at the office from which the application was requested. Example: ISBE (Chicago residents), ROE (Illinois residents other than those residing in Chicago). The Regional Superintendent of Schools is required to send the application to the Illinois Department of Transportation within 15 days. The Illinois Department of Transportation reviews and approves or denies the application and returns it to the Regional Superintendent of Schools within 30 days. Upon receipt of the reviewed application, the Regional Superintendent of Schools will mail it to the parent/guardian who requested the safety hazard be verified. **If the safety hazard is approved, the parent/guardian must go to the school the pupil attends to submit claim information.** Parents who received verification of a safety hazard during and after the 2000-2001 school year, whose children attend the same school and live at the same address do not have to reapply for safety hazard verification.

If your claim information is approved, you should receive a check directly from the state for the lesser of the cost of transporting your child/children or the average per pupil reimbursement paid to public schools for transporting regular education pupils. If insufficient funds are appropriated by the General Assembly, all claims will be prorated.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Cahill at 847-582-7306. Claims will not be accepted prior to February 1, 2007. Parents must come to Lake Forest High School **Room 106** to sign the forms. The deadline is June 3, 2007.

Performances

Talent Show 2007

Show Dates
March 7, 8, 9 & 10

Join Talent Show MC's...

Noel Brennan
Graham Hoke
Mike Kopsick
Matt Lavitola
Kevin McKechney
Matt Russell
David Saginur

...as they move through time to discover which time period in history knew how to throw the best birthday party.

Audition Dates

Saturday & Sunday
January 27 & 28

Audition Sign-Up Deadline

Monday, January 22

Get your acts together and pick up an Audition Form at the Telecom desk or download a form from the LFHS website. Forms must be returned to **Brad Balonik** at Telecom at which time you will be assigned a time to audition.

Please contact Producer **Susie Lape** or Director **Matt Lavitola** if you have any questions. Musical Directors **Mark Miller** and **David Blowers** are available to assist any student with finding musicians to accompany their acts for auditions. Live music is preferred for Talent Show so please talk with David or Mark if you need help finding a musician or if you would like pit band to play for your act. Do not wait....please contact them as soon as you know what you are going to perform.



Logo Design by Danny Chapman

Act Selection

Judges for Talent Show are chosen from a variety of backgrounds but none of them may have children or siblings in the school. There are approximately 20-30 judges who donate a great deal of their time as they must be present for each act in order for their scores to be included in the final tally. Acts are scored from 1-10 and compared with other acts in their specific category. Vocal Solo, Vocal small group, Instrumentals, bands and dance numbers are each grouped separately and the final selection is based on the highest scores in each category. To ensure a variety of types of talent in the show 3 to 4 groups in each category are selected. This means that a band may have a higher number from the judges than a solo artist but if there are 10 excellent bands we can only take the top 3. This also means if your talent is particularly unique you may be alone in your category and your chances of being selected may improve.

Auditions are closed to everyone except the judges and parent committee members. The student director and producer are also allowed to watch auditions but only the judges final scores are used to select the final acts. Scores are calculated by the adult committee members. Once those acts with the highest scores are identified the students committee members are invited to join the adult committee members and work together to set the show line up the Sunday evening when audition have been completed. Those acts that are selected will be posted on the Talent Show page on the LFHS website that same evening Sunday, January 28.

The talent at LFHS is exceptional and we often have as many as 60 acts audition from which only 20-23 acts may be chosen.

Parent Volunteers

Any parent who would like to volunteer to help with Talent Show, please call Producer **Cathy McKechney** at 847-602-6366 or Director **Lee Gantz** at 847-295-9684.

Senior Act

Senior Act sign-up will begin in December. Please join your classmates for a final bow during a Talent Show performance. Contact **Sarah Quon** or **Paige Ryder** our Senior Act Coordinators for more information on how to join the fun.

An Invitation from Sheridan School

Save the Date

Sheridan is turning 50! Please join us for a Reunion and Rededication on

Sunday, February 11
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Sheridan School

All current and former students, staff, and families as well as families and staff district-wide are invited as we celebrate Sheridan School's 50th Birthday!

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January, February, March Calendar 2007

January	February	March
8 Reconvene from Winter Break	1 Driver Education Parent Night 7:00p.m.	1 Talent Show Rehearsal, 6:00pm - 9:00pm/RMA
9- 10 Class of 2011 Registration	5-7 Talent Show Rehearsals, 6:00pm - 9:30pm/RMA	5-6 Talent Show Rehearsal, 6:00pm - 9:00pm/RMA
10 APT Meeting	8 Jazz Festival, 7:30pm//RMA	7 Talent Show Dress Rehearsal, 4:30pm/RMA
15 MLK Day No School	12-14 Musical Auditions, 3:15pm - 6:00pm/RMA	8 - 10 Talent Show Performance/RMA
16 Finals, English/Math	14 APT Meeting	11 Senior Citizens Party
17 Finals, Foreign Lang./Science	15 Musical Callbacks, 3:15pm - 6:00pm/RMA	13 Band Concert, 7:30pm/RMA Sophomore Parent Mtg, 10 am
18 Finals, Social Studies/ Makeups	16 Tri-District Institute Day No School	14 APT Meeting
19 Faculty Work Day, No School End of 1st Semester	19 President's Day No School	15 Orchestra Concert, 7:30pm Blood Drive
20 Pom Pon Dance Clinic	21 Freshman (class of 2011) Course Changes, 5:00pm	18 Room to Read Fashion Show
24 8th Grade Orientation	26 Spring Sports Begin	20 Choir Concert, 7:30pm/RMA
25 On the Road to College, 7:00 pm/RMA		23 End of 3rd Quarter, Spring Break Begins at 3:10 pm
27-28 Talent Show Auditions		
29-30 Honors Comp. Auditions		
29 Auditions for "Peter Pan"		



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