



LFHS Students Showcase Their Many Talents!



Pictured is the 2008 Student Committee and MC's who are working hard for Talent Show 2008 - "Pardon our Dust."

LFHS Talent Show 2008 - "Pardon Our Dust"

The show must go on...and you won't want to miss it!

Return your 2008 Talent Show ticket order forms right away.

The deadline is February 13!

Ticket information/order forms will be mailed to your house the first week of February. At that time you will also be able to access your Edline account to print a ticket order form. Tickets sell out quickly! See page 19 for more info.

More Top News!

Spring Musical - South Pacific

In the depths of winter picture the lush palm trees and turquoise waters of the South Pacific. Audition materials are available from Directors Kelly MacBlane and Barbara Papp or David Miller, Technical Advisor, or Timothy Haskett, Choral Director.

In the most gorgeous of settings and the most frightening of political events (a world at war), character is tested, life is redefined, and, of course, love blooms. So think Bloody Mary, Joe Cable, Liat, Emile de Becque, Nellie Forbush, and Luther Billis plus a hundred handsome sailors and marines and a few dozen singing, dancing nurses and get ready for..

Auditions begin on February 1

Auditions for the spring musical, South Pacific, will be held over a three day period. Students must audition on all of the following audition days: Friday, February 1 at 3:15 pm in the RMA, dancing audition; Monday February 4 at 3:15 pm in the RMA, singing audition (please see Mr. Haskett for music and preparation practice); Tuesday February 5 at 3:15 pm in the RMA, acting audition (please pick up a packet of readings and music). Callbacks will be Wednesday February 6 at 3:15 pm in the RMA and only those posted on the callback list need to attend. The final cast list will be posted in the evening of February 7. Audition materials are available in the counseling office, the Social Studies Resource Center, and the Chorus Room.

Show dates are:

April 24, 25, and 26, 2008

7:30 pm

Raymond Moore Auditorium

Reserved seats at <http://lfhs.org>

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847-582-7301

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:

Monday, February 11
7:00 pm
Lake Forest City
Council Chambers

Upcoming meeting dates:

Mon., March 10, 2008
Mon., April 14, 2008
Mon., May 12, 2008
Mon., June 9, 2008
Mon., July 14, 2008

Board Highlights - January 14, 2008

President's Report

Sharon Golan read a resolution thanking retiring Board of Education member Tom Neri for his years of service. Tom joined the Board in 2003 and during his tenure served as Vice President, and Chairman of both the Operations and Finance Committees. The Board is currently interviewing candidates for this vacancy.

Superintendent's Report

Student Council President Jenna Stern presented an overview of student projects and community service work done over the past few months. Dr. Griffith presented the Board of Education's Annual Calendar of Events. It outlines significant agenda items the Board will address throughout the year. (This document is available on the website www.lfhs.org under Board of Education.) Dr. Griffith stated that the high school's student enrollment this year is basically flat - 1,781 students.

Education Committee

Marilyn Harlow announced that the committee discussed the findings from the School Climate Study Report. This data will serve as baseline information outlining how staff, students and parents feel about the high school. It will also provide guidance for some of the projects that are currently underway. She noted that committee discussed the school scheduling study and looked at how the school day is organized. The committee will continue discussions on both topics.

Operations Committee

Nicki Snoblin stated that the committee had a tour of West Campus and were able to see the framework of the new administrative offices. The committee also reviewed a draft of a business plan for bringing a preschool to West Campus next year.

Finance Committee

Jim Carey reported that the committee focused their efforts on the construction report and status of maintaining the project on time and on budget. They will be looking at the 5-year financial forecast at their next meeting.

Joint Shared Service Committee

Marilyn Harlow noted that the committee discussed recycling efforts at all three districts. The committee also reviewed a plan to locate District 67's Social Studies Museum Express to West Campus. This would be a permanent home for this initiative and allow for consistency of experiences for all district students. Another topic discussed by the committee was the districts' investigation of data warehousing software.

Reports

Cyber-Bullying

Shelly Lindsey and Kyle Wilhelm presented information regarding cyber-bullying and ways to prevent this type of harassment. They reviewed the district's policy and procedures and information about current laws. There was discussion about detrimental high school, college and future/job implications.

Freshman

Looking Ahead to Your Sophomore Year!

Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008
10:00 am
David Miller Theatre

Open Forum with the Principal

Thursday, March 13, 2008
10:00 am
David Miller Theatre

Questions? Contact
Pam Salm 847-234-9023
PamSalm@comcast.net

Sophomore

Final Parent Meeting!

The last sophomore parent meeting of the year will be held jointly with the freshman parents and will take place:

Thursday, March 13, 2008
10:00 am
David Miller Theater

This meeting will be a Q & A with Principal Jay Hoffmann

Any questions?
Cherie Setteducate
847-295-4519
csette663@comcast.net

Junior

College Planning

Many thanks to Jacquie Berkshire, the LFHS College Counselor, for presenting a very informative January program to the juniors and their parents as we continue the "On the Road to College" series. Featured speakers from a variety of colleges and universities, lead a very informative discussion to help prepare juniors and their parents for the process of college selection. Each student was given a College Planning Guidebook which outlines the steps to the college application and selection process. Our next parent meeting will be Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 pm in the David Miller Theater. The topic will be "Jump Start on Campus Visits." As always, Jacquie Berkshire, LFHS College Counselor, is available by appointment to help make this journey a successful one.

Prom 2008

Prom committees are hard at work on the 2008 Prom, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2008. The theme selected by the students is "Dancing in the Dark." We hope that you received your mailing for Project Safe Prom in January, and will consider making a donation to support the transportation of all of our students down to the Marriott in Chicago on buses. If you would like additional information on making a donation to this very special project, please contact our Parent Fundraising Chairs, Sharon Jenks (snjenks@aol.com) or Caryn Hanrahan (c.hanrahan@comcast.net).

Senior Citizen Party

Student participation is being sought for the grand Senior Citizen Party scheduled for March 16, a most enriching service project held annually by the Junior Class. Students should look for posters at school for sign up opportunities. Many hands are needed to make this event a success. Parents interested in helping may contact Cheryl Killam (CherylKillam@aol.com), Cindy Long (Clong3690@comcast.net) or Susan Svigos (susan@svigos.com).

Test Prep: A Jump Start on the PSAE

On April 23 and 24, all juniors will be taking the PSAE, a test comprised of the ACT and WorkKeys tests in Applied Mathematics and Reading for Information. If your student is concerned about the test or would like to improve performance, he or she can take advantage of a resource offered by LFHS: KeyTrain. This internet-based program will help prepare students for the WorkKeys test. Research indicates a correlative improvement in ACT scores when programs such as WorkKeys are used. If interested, please have your son or daughter contact either Ms. Rogna or Ms. Seeds in the library for help getting started.

Questions or concerns...please contact Marcy Kerr, Junior Class Parent Representative at 847-295-8316 or m.kerr4@comcast.net

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!



Photographs and videos of students and staff are taken throughout the year to be used for newsletters, newspapers, website 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.

Athletic Department

Fall sport try-outs are scheduled to begin August 13.

Any athlete wanting to participate in a Fall sport is expected to attend. For further information, please go to the Athletic folder found at www.lfhs.org.

Dean's Office

Reminder from the Dean's Office Lake Forest High school is a closed campus. **For information on Absences policy, please visit:**

<http://lfhs.org/academics/rules.html>

Thanks!

On behalf of Operation Education PLUS, Dean, Bill Donlon would like to thank the parents, students and faculty of LFHS for their kindness in donating food and clothing to the people living in the Cabrini Green housing development in Chicago. The response and participation was outstanding and the families who received these gifts had a great Christmas Holiday.

Library Services



The LFHS B & B (books and breakfast)

B&B is preparing to discuss our third selection of the year. Join us on:

**Tuesday, February 5
7:15 am**

to discuss Blake Nelson's Abraham Lincoln Award Winning book, *Rock Star Superstar*." Please join us.

Check out "Page Turner" the new Book Blog!

"Page Turner," Lake Forest High School Library's Book Blog, debuted on December 11, 2007 with the help of Head Librarian Mrs. Littel and Assistant Bookstore Manager Ms. Aasi. The blog allows a community of readers to receive and give book recommendations, book reviews, as well as get up-to-date news about the LFHS B&B (Books and Breakfast). Current blog topics include *The Golden Compass* and *Best Books for Teens*. Let us know what you think! You can view the blog at: <http://www.lfhslibrarybookblog.blogspot.com>

Art Department

Artwork to be Displayed

Six Lake Forest High School Art Club members painted vases that are to be centerpieces for the Lake Forest & Lake Bluff Associates of the Art Institute annual fund-raiser tea that will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the Knollwood Club in Lake Forest. Each artist chose a well-know painter to research. They modeled their designs after one of their famous paintings. The annual luncheon features a guest speaker followed by a luncheon where the vases filled with flowers will decorate the tables. Funds raised allow for scholarships to summer classes at the Art Institute for student artists from North Chicago and Lake Forest High Schools.

Student artists include:

**Ellen Stoehr
Mimi Jahp
Leah Tedesco
Hannah Gibbons
Crystal Leonard
Leigh Terhaar**



Art Students work with Internationally Renowned Painter

The Art Studio and AP Art Studio class, taught by Debra Zare, were honored to have internationally renowned painter, David Gista, come as a visiting artist during November and December this year. Mr. Gista (www.davidgistart.com) has his work at the Thomas Masters Gallery in Chicago as well as galleries in London, Paris and now in Miami and he also teaches classes at the Art Center in Highland Park. He came to work with the class over 6 sessions, discussing his own work and then instructing students in his method of painting. Finished pieces will be on display in the high school library.



Art Department

Local Artist works with Students

Art Club had a visit from Deerpath Art League Artist Helen LaCroix this semester. Helen is well-known for her painting and printmaking. She came as a guest artist to show her work and demonstrate the relief printmaking process to art club members. Helen's visit is part of a new program established to create a relationship between the Art league and the high school art students, bringing them enrichment and greater exposure to art and working artists.



Counseling & Student Services

Counselor Assignments 2008-2009

Counselor	Class of 2009	Class of 2010	Class of 2011	Class of 2012 Tentative
Naughton 847-582-7325	A-CE	A-CE	A-CE	A-CE
Brown 847-582-7324	CH-F	CH-GA	CH-GA	CH-GA
Selvaggio 847-582-7357	G-J	GE-KN	GE-KN	GE-KN
Brandes 847-582-7383	K-L	KO-MOO	KO-MOO	KO-MOO
Wagemann 847-582-7346	M-PH	MOR-RI	MOP-RO	MOP-RO
Papp 847-582-7358	PI-SM	RO-S	RU-STI	RU-STI
Miles 847-582-7344	SO-Z	T-Z	STO-Z	STO-Z

Registration 2008 - 2009

For our present students, the registration process for the 2008-2009 school year will begin this month and counselors will meet with all students during the following schedule:

Freshman (Class of 2011) – January 23 - January 30

Sophomores (Class of 2010) – January 31- February 7

Junior (Class of 2009) – February 12 - 21

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.

Class of 2012

The registration process has begun for the Class of 2012. In mid February a mailing will be sent with tentative course registration. This tentative course registration will represent class selections for the 2008-09 school year and the eighth grade teachers' recommendations. If there are no questions, the registration process will be complete at this point. If there are questions, parents and students may come on

**February 20, 2008
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm**

to the Lake Forest High School Library to consult with a counselor or with a representative of the department that provides the course in question. The student must come and participate in this process if a change in the schedule is being considered. Participants are welcome to come at anytime during the hours indicated (no appointment necessary). At the completion of this consultation, students should be able to sign all the required forms to complete your registration that evening.



Department News

Counseling & Student Services

PSAE Testing Juniors

The Prairie State Achievement Examination will be administered here at Lake Forest High School on:

April 23-24, 2008

The exam is required for all juniors so make sure to schedule personal appointments around these days. The PSAE incorporates an ACT assessment which will be used on your transcript record. Information describing logistics of the school day and expectations of all students will be publicized in the near future.

Freshmen, sophomores and seniors do not report to school on these two days (unless arrangements have been made with teachers, coaches, or club sponsors). Please check future issues of the HIGHLIGHTS as well as www.lfhs.org for updated information.

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:

*February 9
April 12
June 14*

or the **Prairie State Achievement Exam** which will be administered to all juniors on

April 23-24, 2008 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.

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.

AP Testing

Testing dates are:

May 5-16, 2008

Registration forms are available to be downloaded from www.lfhs.org by following links: Student Services, Testing/Links, 2008 AP Exams.

The deadline to register is Wednesday, March 19 by 3:30 pm in Student Services room 104.



Testing Calendar for ACT/SAT

can be found on-line at www.lfhs.org by navigating the following links:

Student Services/
Testing-Links/
2007/2008 Testing Calendar

College Resource Center

Jump Start on Campus Visits – Juniors and their Parents

Thursday, February 7
7:00 pm
David Miller Theater

Scholarships for LFHS!

This spring, 2008, scholarships will be made available exclusively to students attending Lake Forest High School. Awards range from \$500 to \$4,000. A sampling of qualifications and circumstances include: music and theatrical talent; service and leadership; financial need; SADD members; students who love to read; participants in special education; children of a Lake Forest High School Alumnus; and students with a passion for science. Detailed descriptions of all local scholarship offerings may be viewed online at www.lfhs.org.

Application forms are available in the CRC. **The deadline for all forms is**

**Mon., March 17, 2008
3:30 p.m.**

No late forms will be accepted!

Please call the CRC with any questions, 847-582-7342.

Counseling & Student Services

College Resource Center

Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship

The Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship has been established in loving memory of **Christopher Martinat**, a 1998 Lake Forest High School graduate. In recognition of Chris's love of nature and the outdoors, this scholarship will fully fund the tuition for a month-long NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School) experience in the Rocky Mountains for one selected student. Rocky Mountain courses are typified by travel at relatively high altitudes (8-12,000 ft.), spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, and opportunities for rock climbing and fishing. Interested applicants must be at least 16 years of age and a resident of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff or Knollwood. Application packets are available beginning **Friday, February 8, 2008** at Lake Forest High School, Lake Forest Academy, Woodlands Academy and the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest.

Completed applications, which include an essay, should be returned no later than **Friday, March 14, 2008**. A selection panel will interview semi-finalists and a recipient will be announced no later than **Friday, April 4, 2008**. For additional information contact **Linda Martinat** at 847.615.0820.

This fund was established by generous donations to the Christopher Martinat Memorial Scholarship and will provide a NOLS outdoor experience for a selected student every year into perpetuity. A very special thanks to all who made this memorial possible.

Health Services

The Health Office needs a Medication Authorization Form (White) turned in annually in order to dispense all prescription and NON-prescription drugs. In addition, a Medical Emergency Information Form (Yellow) should be updated if any changes have occurred since the last form was submitted. No medication may be dispensed without authorization and emergencies do occur during school hours. Keeping these forms current will help expedite notification to you and timely appropriate care for your child. The information remains confidential and is only used in an emergency.

Physicals are due to the high school by August 11, 2008.

Forms for your use will be included in the mailing to the home with the course confirmations in late February. For further information contact the Health Office, Diane Bower, R.N. at 847-582-7335.

Blood Drive

There will be a
Blood Drive

March 18, 2008

LFHS

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.

The Open Doors job shadowing and service program, scheduled for April 23-25, is underway!

Be on the lookout for the brochure describing this opportunity in early February. If you are interested in mentoring a student for a day or half-day, please contact Kathy O'Hara at Kohara@d115.org or 847-582-7424.

Congratulations to Red Cross Club Volunteers!

December's Red Cross Student of the month, senior **Maggie Erzinger** was instrumental in running the Red Cross Club bake and pizza sales. Maggie is very enthusiastic and inspiring. The sale profits have gone a long way in scholarship funding and donations for projects such as Operation: Smile Train. Congratulations to Maggie!

January's Red Cross Student of the Month is sophomore **Sondra Schmidt**. Sondra is the Red Cross's secretary who goes far beyond what is required of her. She takes the initiative to help and sees what needs to be done. She maintains and organizes our bulletin board, our e-mail network, and poster creations just to name a few. This year she has spent numerous hours helping the club run smoothly. Congratulations to Sondra!

Counseling & Student Services

Student Service Opportunities/Clubs & Organizations

Sailing Club

The Sailing Club is back at LFHS after a four year hiatus and has approximately fifteen students ranging from freshman to seniors involved in the sport of sailing. The club is open to any student with an interest in sailing, even without any previous sailing experience.

In the fall, the club met three times per week at the Lake Forest boat pavilion and raced competitively through the Lake Forest Recreation Department's High School Sailing Program coached by Joey Harris and Hunter Ratliff.

The sailors raced double-handed (two-person) boats called 420's and single-handed boats called Lasers. During the fall season, the team competed in 9 regattas and traveled to Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan on the weekends from September through November.

The Fall 2008 season held great promise for team Lake Forest. They were at least top four at every regatta they went to and won many major events. The crowning achievement for the team was winning the Great Lakes Championship held the second weekend in November at the Chicago Yacht Club beating powerhouses like New Trier, Loyola, The Latin School and many other teams from all over the Midwest. Sophomores Will Howard and William Haeger also qualified for the high school National Single-Handed Championship held in Seattle, WA in October. Anne Haeger qualified for the Olympic Trials held in Newport, RI. Annie finished fourth at Trials, while the boys fought wind, waves and current they were not used to, but finished strong.

The club was also spotted helping out with a fundraising event to benefit LEAD, held recently at Deer Path Middle School, by selling pizzas. The club plans on meeting throughout the winter months periodically, and then in the spring will again get back out on the water and compete starting in April.

Barbara Papp is the high school sponsor who has helped get the club started at LFHS. Competing this fall were Seniors: Brad Weinberger, Vivian Hoke and Annie Haeger; Junior: Taylor Moore; Sophomores: Ian Schappe, Ben Howard, Will Howard, Patrick Pesch, Elizabeth May, William Haeger; Freshman: Katelyn Kercher and Reagan Morehouse. For more information regarding the club, please contact seniors Brad Weinberger or Annie Haeger.



Photo by Fitzgerald's Photography



Planned Saturday workdays for the house build in Waukegan through Habitat for Humanity are:

February 16, 23

March 18,

April 12, 19

Participants must be 16 years of age and adult chaperones are needed. Please contact Kathy O'Hara at kohara@d115.org or 847-582-7424 to sign up or for more information.

Global Connections Club

Ghana Fishing Project Update!

The Global Connections service club has raised enough funds from LFHS students and the 6th grade class at Deer Path Middle School to initiate the rescue of three trafficked children as part of the Ghana Fishing Project. Sophomore **Claire Dillon** and her mother Lori will be flying to Ghana in to participate in the rescue.

Counseling & Student Services

Student Service Opportunities/Clubs & Organizations

Scholastic Bowl



Pictured above are students participating in Scholastic Bowl. Varsity is currently 11-1. More information will be in Spotlight, coming soon!

Students Entertain!

On Saturday, December 22, LFHS students organized and performed a musical holiday program for the residents of the Balmoral Care Center. Seven singers from the freshman class and a string quartet entertained the crowd with their Christmas carols and music. Both the performers and the residents greatly enjoyed the afternoon.



Freshmen who sang at Balmoral include from left to right: Lucas Marx, Eric Decker, Carolyn Huszagh, Calla Jordan, Lily An, Caroline Hallen, and Katie Moss.



Students in the quartet include Tylee Lin, Christina Roy, Jentien Pan, and Will Glynn.

Students Serve

Seniors **Kelsey Moss** and **Justin Chouinard** designed a field trip for the "I Have A Dream" program at Neal Math and Science Academy in North Chicago. On Wednesday, January 9, about thirty 7th graders from Neal participated in a program at the Wildlife Discovery Center at Elawa Farms. Kelsey and Justin raised the funds to pay for the bus and for the hot chocolate and snacks served to the students.

Got it? We'll take it to Mexico!

Twenty four students from Lake Forest will be traveling to Ensenada, Mexico to build a home this year for needy families in conjunction with Youth with a Mission. If you have any of the following items and would like to help please contact señorita Wise (awise@d115.org) or Caroline Kelleher to arrange a drop off time. Thank you!

Toiletries & medicine:

Antibiotic ointment, band-aids, aspirin (adult and children), ibuprofen (adult and children), rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, soap, lotion with sunscreen, q-tips, and cotton balls.

Household supplies:

Dish cloths, dish towels, wash cloths, towels, clothesline, clothes pins, dish soap, glass cleaner, laundry soap, plastic cups, plates, bowls, and batteries.

Clothing:

Socks, t-shirts, sweatshirts, pajamas, tennis shoes, and baseball hats.

Children's toys:

Books (in Spanish or picture books), coloring books, paper, crayons, markers, Frisbees, jump ropes, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, games, or anything else you think a child might enjoy (no stuffed animals please).

CROYA

CROYA - (Committee Representing Our Young Adults), is a safe, fun, inclusive agency open to all 7th - 12th graders living or attending school in Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Knollwood. 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.

Weekly Senior High Youth Committee Meetings

Wednesdays
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CROYA Student Union
400 Hastings Road
Lake Forest

Fundraiser information can be found at the new www.lfhs.org under "News & Calendars."

CROYA

The Student Union is up and running!

The drop-in hours after school are from:

3:30 pm - 6:00 pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday,
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Wednesday and Friday.

We are also open on the first three Saturday nights of each month for high school students from 8:00 pm - 11:30 pm.

On the final weekend of each month, the Student Union is available for private rentals. Contact Todd Nahigian at nahigiat@cityoflakeforest.com if you are interested in renting the facility in the future.

Save the Date!

The Spring Retreat that will take place March 14-16.

Permission slips will be available soon. Please check the website www.croya.com for more information on programs that CROYA has to offer. We also have our monthly calendar, new permission slips and pictures of events on the website. If you have any questions about high school programming at CROYA please contact Chris Torrance at torrancc@cityoflakeforest.com.

English Department

Strategic Reading Improves Test Scores!

Strategic Reading, a one-semester course offered for the first time this year, has resulted in significant gains in reading performance.

On the reading portion of the ACT, 55% of the students raised their scaled reading score between 1- 4 points--as an example, from a 16 to a 20.

On a metacognitive survey of reading strategy awareness, 58% of the students raised their score at least 10%, with the range of improvement from 10-50%. This data reveals that students have grown in their awareness of what strategies to use, though they may still need help in application.

Offered as an elective through the reading department, Strategic Reading uses the four components of research-based reading instruction--decoding, fluency, vocabulary building, and comprehension—to help students improve reading performance. As students develop skills in the four identified areas, they also receive guidance in applying the strategies to content area classes (English, social studies, and science), thus giving them the additional support they may need to succeed in such courses.

Course instructors **Laura DeBartolo** and **Becky Mueller** are very excited about the results and hope to build the program, perhaps with different levels of instruction, as they continue to work with students. If you have questions, please e-mail ldebart@d115.org or bmueller@d115.org

Wellness Department

Driver Education Department Parent Night Scheduled

Wednesday, February 6
7:00 pm
David Miller Theater

The Lake Forest High School Driver Education Department will be hosting a short presentation to emphasize the importance of the parental role, clarification of current laws, regulations and policies, as well as other helpful suggestions. The goal is to form a partnership with parents. Following the presentation will be the opportunity to meet with your child's instructor. Please bring your child's Parent/Student Handbook.

New Laws for Drivers!

As of January 1, 2008 new laws have gone into effect governing newly licensed drivers in the State of Illinois. Parents and students with questions regarding the new laws can access the state's telephone hotline at:
1-217-782-2952 or
1-312-814-2905.

Online answers to questions can be found at cyberdriveillinois.com.



Science Department

Materials Science class symposium exhibited inventive work!



Tommy Schweller, Pat Brennan, Nick Ford and their fibreglass skateboard.



Molly McQuillen, John Palmer and Christine Knoerr and their handmade chair adorned with ceramic glass.



Alex Dittmer and his fog machine. A special thanks to David Miller and the tech crew for their help. This project will be kept in the theater area and used in upcoming productions.



Denton Smith and Sean Miller and their hovercraft.

Music Department



Bel Canto singers pictured above take a less serious picture after a recent holiday performance.

Choral Trip (Balladiers & Foresters) to visit Ireland, March 21-29

The Choral Music Program of LFHS will be going on a musical tour of Ireland during spring break, March 12-29, 2008. Tim Haskett, LFHS Director of Choral Activities, has planned the tour, along with Macy's Travel Company.

The 39 students and chaperones will be visiting and performing in Shannon, Ennis, Galway, Adare, Killarney and Dublin, Ireland.

Fundraising for the Ireland musical tour will include two cheesecake sales; citrus sale; and Vocal Valentines. Come and hear our "send off" concert on **March 19, 2008 in the RMA at 7:30 pm.**

Balladier and Forester Singers to Sing at St. James Lutheran Church

The Balladier and Forester Singers will be singing and participating at St. James Lutheran Church in Lake Forest on **Sunday, March 16 during the 10:45 am service.** St. James' address is: 1380 N. Waukegan Road in Lake Forest, Illinois. Everyone is welcome to attend this service/performance. "This is a great opportunity for our students to have a Dress Rehearsal for our Ireland Musical Tour," says Tim Haskett. Most of the Ireland performances will involve singing during church services. The Balladier and Forester Singers will be celebrating Easter on March 23 by singing an Easter Service at the Galway Cathedral in Galway, Ireland.



Madrigal singers performed over

Parent Opportunities

APT Meetings

APT meetings will be held at 9:00 am at the **Gorton Community Center** on the following dates:

February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14

Executive Board Position Openings!

The LFHS APT will have two Executive Board Positions open for school year beginning 2008-09:

Recording Secretary
Treasurer

If you would like information regarding these positions or you would like to submit a name to be considered for the position, please contact:

Leeni Ellis
Nominating Chair
ellis200@comcast.net
847- 614-2526

APT

2008 APT Senior Service Awards

Applications are now being accepted for the 2008 Senior Service Awards. These monetary awards are granted to deserving seniors who have given unselfishly of their time and talents to benefit our school. The emphasis when selecting a recipient will be on school service although, community service will be considered as well. Leadership positions and those that are highly visible are not prerequisites for this award. This award has been established for those individuals who have given unselfishly in ways that are often behind the scenes. A student's activities might be quite diverse, having contributed in several areas such as student government, school publications, sports, choral groups, academic teams, drama, band and other organizations/clubs. Also, the student's contribution may have been concentrated in one area such as music where many hours have been given to plays, concerts, pep bands, etc.

Nominations can be submitted by faculty, parents and students by downloading the applications which can be found online at www.lfhs.org and completing them by March 17, 2008. You may turn in completed forms to the College Resource Center.

The awards will be presented at Honors Night in May.

There are three components to this application:

Student Activity Sheet

Student Paragraph

Teacher Recommendation

Deadline for all forms is Monday, March 17, 2008

Turn in completed forms to the College Resource Center

No late forms will be accepted

Questions? e-mail to: yukonaudrey@aol.com

Information can be found at www.lfhs.org.

Booster Club

Let There Be Lights

The Booster Club is pleased to announce the kick-off of the Let There Be Lights Campaign! The goal is to raise \$180,000 by April 1, 2008 to fund lights for the Varsity Field at West Campus. All donations are tax-deductible and the Booster Club will match donations up to the full cost of the project!

Did You Know....

- LFHS is one of only two schools in Lake County without lights.
- Varsity Field is home to four LFHS sports teams and band, poms and cheerleaders perform on the field,
- A lighted field would allow LFHS to apply for and be granted regional, sectional and state series hosting capabilities, and
- The Varsity Field is a great community resource for school and community spirit!

Keep an eye out for our January mailing or send in your tax-deductible donation today to:

Let There Be Lights, P.O. Box 696, Lake Forest IL, 60045.

Help us make our April 1 deadline so there will be lights installed by the start of the fall sports season!

For more information contact Campaign Chair
Judy Telander
847-234-0828
jhtelander@aol.com

Booster Club



Complete information and donation forms can be found on www.lfhs.org by entering “Let There Be Lights” in the Search lfhs.org box!

To LFHS Booster Club members and the Lake Forest High School community at large:

I want to thank all of the Booster Club members, Booster Board representatives and parent volunteers who have contributed to the success of our high school athletic programs this year. Since the beginning of the school year, a record number of families – over 440 at last count – have joined the Booster Club. With the financial support of our members and the countless hours contributed by our Board and other volunteers, the Boosters have accomplished much in support of LFHS athletics. Among other things, your Booster Club has:

- *Significantly contributed to the purchase of the new scoreboard at Varsity Field and funded the cost of a new Gymnastics “Record Board” displayed in the Field House;*
- *Coordinated, supervised and manned by the concessions stands and Booster Boutique store at home games and other events;*
- *Provided individual grants to over 60 students to help defray the cost of summer athletic camps;*
- *Extended grants to several of the school’s varsity teams to cover a portion of the cost of participating in highly competitive, out-of-town tournaments;*
- *In conjunction with L.E.A.D., supported a Positive Coaching Alliance program for the benefit of coaches and parents;*
- *Helped organize and finance the festivities for Opening Day at the new Varsity Field;*
- *Designed and published the Booster Boutique catalog;*
- *Helped fund the cost of team banquets across all sports and levels.*

In 2008, the Booster Club is committed to supporting the installation of lights at Varsity Field by pledging to match every community contribution, dollar-for-dollar, up to the full cost of the project. I hope you will join your friends and neighbors in supporting this historic initiative. Please don’t hesitate to contact Judy Telander (jhtelander@aol.com) or me (tomc@senecapartners.com) if you would like more details.

I am proud to be part of such a dedicated, spirited organization. Best wishes for a successful, happy and healthy 2008, and thanks again.

Tom Cox
President, LFHS Booster Club

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Booster Boutique

Boutique Closed

Feb. 15
March 21, 28 and April
24, 25

Web Site

Check out the new 2007-2008 Boutique Apparel Catalog which can be found on-line at: lfhs.org/parents/booster.html

Parent Opportunities

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.

Meeting

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008

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

Sat., Feb. 2, 2008
8:30 am - 10:00 am

Rhonda Benson from the LFHS Driver Education Department and Lake Forest Police Officer Marty Blitzstein will lead a discussion on the new driving laws for 2008 and driver education at the high school.

To find out more, contact **Mitchell Schwarzbach** at e-mail m-schwarzbach@comcast.net

Kevin Neville at e-mail Kevinneville@aol.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Applause



Jazz band clinic made possible by an Applause grant

It's still not too late to join the Applause family...

For those of you who may have missed our initial mailing in the fall...it is still not too late to join Applause for 2007-2008 and have your donation have an impact on our success.

As you may know, Applause is the booster organization for the Lake Forest High School music programs. The organization, comprised of parents, alumni, friends, and supporters, helps generate funds to provide additional support for the music directors throughout the year. It takes an active role in promoting student recognition through publicity, awards, and scholarships; assisting with the Honors Competition; coordinating the Spaghetti Dinner; assisting with the Citrus Sale; managing band and orchestra concert attire; and coordinating ushers, receptions, and decorations for musical concerts. Funds raised have been used to hire sectional coaches and underwrite master classes, to offer summer music scholarships and Senior College Scholarships for Excellence in Music, and have been contributed toward the purchase of equipment.

The success of these Applause programs depends on the generous individuals and organizations that are committed to helping Lake Forest High School students continue to pursue the joy of musical achievement.

Please consider joining or renewing your tax deductible membership with Applause. Your participation is crucial to our success. Membership forms can be downloaded on the Applause website at:

http://www.lfhsapplause.org/PDFs/membership_form.pdf

Parent Opportunities

LEAD Upcoming Events for February

Helping Adolescents Make the Most of Their Changing Brains

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Lake Forest Hospital, Health Education Center, Conference Room A

Free. Parents and teens welcome

Join Aaron White, PHD, research professor from Duke University, for supper and discussion on how the adolescent brain develops and impacts decision making. Dr. White will offer advice to help teens avoid risky behavior, allowing them to build confidence and to explore the world in a safe manner. For parents of children in grades 8-12. Teens welcome. Please RSVP to LEAD at 847-295-9075 or visit the website: www.leadweb.org.

LEAD's Ladies Night Out: A Celebration for Women

Friday, February 8, 2008

6:30 p.m.

The Armour House at Lake Forest Academy

1500 W. Kennedy Rd., Lake Forest

Join friends for an evening of food and beverage, fashion show, seminars, shopping and silent auction. Cost is \$85.00 per person. Advanced registration required. For more information, contact LEAD at 847-295-9075 or visit the website: www.leadweb.org.

Book Group Discussion: Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love and Lose at Both

Monday, February 11

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Lake Bluff Library, Struth Room, 123 Scranton Ave.

Join local social workers for a discussion of Laura Sessions Stepp's second book. Her first book was "Our Last Best Shot." We will explore the personal and social impact the "hooking up" phenomena has on our teens and college age kids. For parents of high school and college age kids. RSVP: LEAD at 847-295-9075 or visit the website: www.leadweb.org.

LEAD's Parent University

Saturday, March 1, 2008

Gorton Community Center

8:30 am Registration

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

This year's annual Parent University will feature Laura Sessions Stepp, Pulitzer Prize winning journalist for The Washington Post and author of national bestsellers, "Our Last Best Shot: Guiding our Children Through Early Adolescence" and "Unhooked: How Young Women Pursue Sex, Delay Love, and Lose at Both," delivering the keynote address, "Talking Is Not Enough: What Really Matters When Raising Kids." For a complete list of workshops and to register, visit www.leadweb.org after February 1.

The 2008-2009 school calendar has been posted at www.lfhs.org under "News & Calendar" in the blue column to the right!

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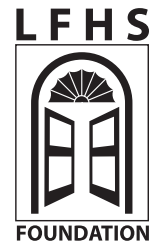
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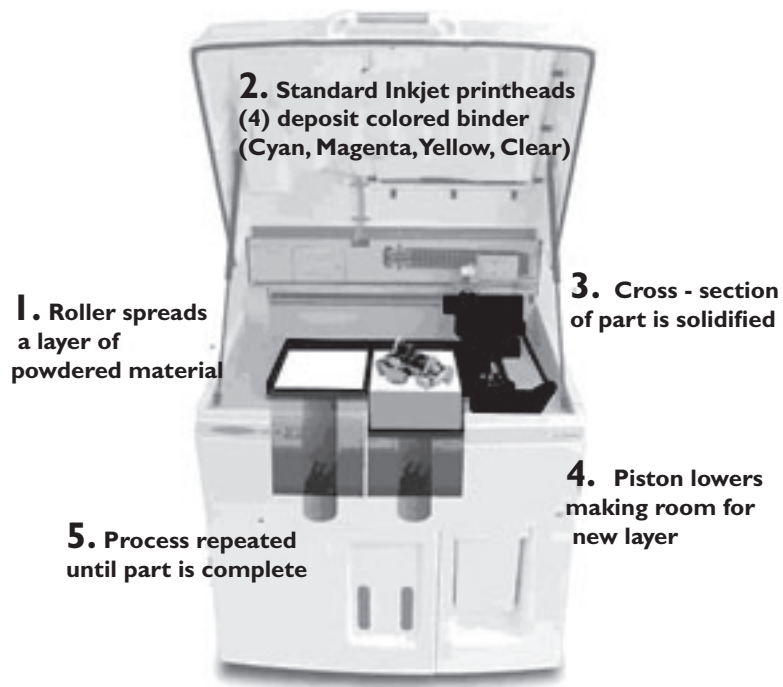
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Lake Forest High School Foundation Funds the Purchase of State-of-the-Art 3D Printer

Darren Barndt of the Technology Education Department is excited to begin working with students utilizing a new Zcorp Model 310 Plus printer. This printer has the capability of producing output in three dimensions, which is very useful in the area of design and architecture. This technology will be utilized by Advanced CAD Honors students as well as upper level Architecture students. A user will be able to design an object such as automotive engine piston using CAD software on a computer. The prototype design can then be "printed" on the 310 Plus, but the output is not a two-dimensional color picture. The CAD file is imported into the printer's proprietary system software. The software slices the file into thin cross-sectional layers, which are fed then to the printer. The printer then creates the model by spreading a layer of powder material, then colored binder one layer at a time until the 3D model is complete.



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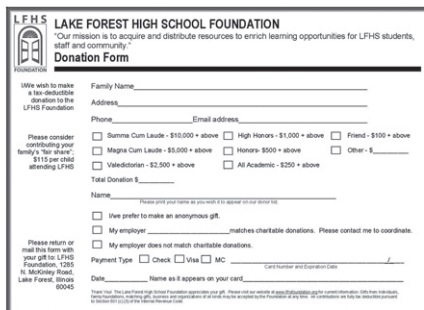
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This 3D prototype output is of enormous use to designers of all types to see if a design actually works in terms of dimension or any other critical design features. Mr. Barndt gives an example: Can a bicycle gear sprocket be improved? Can the teeth of the sprocket be redesigned to maximize contact with the chain and increase efficiency for the rider? Architecture students can create 3D models of buildings or even entire villages using this advanced printer technology.



Mr. Barndt believes that this new technology will greatly enhance the quality of the curriculum as it relates to industry standards. The Foundation is pleased to provide funds for the acquisition of new technology such as this that furthers the development of the education received by Lake Forest High School students.

We are always grateful to our contributors for allowing us these opportunities. Thank you for your ongoing support.



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Support the LFHS Foundation by downloading a donation form from www.lfhsfoundation.org under "Contribute."

Parent Opportunities

NSSED Association of Parents and Staff

Dave Peterson Possibilities Award

Request for Nominations

The Dave Peterson Possibilities Award recognizes an individual educator or administrator who displays an outstanding commitment to the inherent possibilities in children with special needs. The Award was established in tribute to retired NSSED Superintendent Dave Peterson and is given annually to individuals who exemplify the positive values and ideals characterized by Dave's tenure.

We invite you to nominate an outstanding individual at your school or district!

This is an opportunity to acknowledge the individual who has truly made a difference in your child's life...the teacher who regularly goes above and beyond the job description, the staff person devoted to supporting inclusion, the administrator dedicated to the individual needs and potential of every child.

The recipient will be presented with the Award at the APS meeting on April 15, 2008.

Managing Behaviors in the Home and Community

Northern Suburban Special Education District's Association of Parents and Staff presents "Managing Behaviors in the Home and Community" on **Tuesday, February 19, 2008** from 9:30 am – 11:30 am at the New Trier Northfield Campus in Building C – Board Room C234, on the second floor, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois. Please park in the lot on the west side of Happ Road only, as all other areas will be towed.

This workshop will focus on the unique challenges faced by parents of special needs children with behavior issues either in the home or out in a community setting. It will be structured as a one-hour presentation on best practices, and a one-hour problem solving workshop. At the workshop, audience members will be invited to submit specific situations/behaviors about which they would like advice. Examples presented will reflect students with a wide range of strengths and needs.

Maggie Liddell, District Services Coordinator, has over 27 years experience working with children of all disabilities. She was an Educational Consultant at NSSED (Northern Suburban Special Education District) for 14 years and a Special Education Teacher for 13 years. Over the years Maggie has presented many workshops that relate to problem solving behavior strategies.

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Karen Noonan, NSSED Director of Programs & Support Services at 847-831-5100 ext. 210 by February 15, 2008.

2007-08 Best Practice Initiatives

Tuesday, April 15, 2008
9:30 am – 11:30 am

New Trier Northfield Campus
Building C - Board Room C234, Second Floor, North Entrance
7 Happ Road - Northfield, Illinois

The Seventh Annual APS Best Practice Initiatives is designed to showcase outstanding programs promoting understanding and inclusion of children with special needs. Although the awards recognize and applaud those showing leadership and innovation, we welcome everyone to come and hear about the wonderful programs being successfully implemented in our area. Join us and learn how your school can benefit. Space is limited. To ensure a seat, please RSVP to Karen Noonan, NSSED Director of Programs and Support Services at 847-831-5100 ext. 210 by April 11, 2008.

Nomination forms can be found by following the links at www.lfhs.org under the "Parents" link and finding "NSSED APS"

Talent Show 2008

"Pardon Our Dust"

The Show Must Go On...And you won't want to miss it!

Return your 2008 Talent Show ticket order forms right away.

Talent Show Dates:

March 5, 6, 7 & 8

Ticket information/order forms will be mailed to your house the first week of February. At that time you will also be able to access your Edline account to print a ticket order form. Tickets sell out quickly -- return your 2008 Talent Show ticket order forms right away!

Open Dress Rehearsal

March 5, 4:30 p.m.

\$5.00 tickets sold at the door, starting at 3:30 p.m.
No advance reservation required.

Talent Show

March 6 at 7:30 p.m.

March 7 at 7:30 p.m.

March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$20.00

Students (18 and under) & seniors: \$10.00

Advance reservation only. Any returned tickets will be sold one hour before show time.

Deadline for ticket order forms is February 13.

Any orders received after this date will be returned. Please note: shows often sell out before the ticket form deadline.

The Talent Show is an APT Fundraiser.

Donations are greatly appreciated and may be sent with your ticket order. All donations received by February 14 will be acknowledged in the program.

Interested in being an usher for the show? Please contact Kim Bagnoli: 847-615-5432 or kbtennis@comcast.net.

Questions? Please contact Kathy Casper, Producer, at 847-295-5795 or kcasper724@aol.com or Louise Ries, Director, at 847-295-5123 or birdsandbeez@comcast.net.



February, March, April Calendar 2008

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- 7 Jump Start on Campus Visits, 7:00 pm DMT Freshman Parent Mtg. 10 am, DMT
- 11 Board of Ed Mtg., 7pm
- 15 Tri-District Institute Day No School
- 18 President's Day No School
- 19 Jazz Festival, RMA, 7:30pm
- 20 Freshman (class of 2012)

March

- 3-8 Talent Show Week
- 10 Board of Ed Mtg., 7pm
- 11 Band Concert, RMA, 7:30pm
- 13 Orchestra Concert, RMA 7:30pm, Frosh/Soph Parent Mtg. DMT, 10am
- 17 Deadline for Local Scholarships/CRC
- 18 Blood Drive
- 19 AP Registration Deadline Choral Concert, RMA, 7:30 pm
- 20 End of Third Quarter
- 21 Day of Non-Attendance No School
- 24 Spring Break Begins No School
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April

- 3 Junior Parent Meeting, "Prom," 10:30 am
- 9 Annual Service Award Banquet
- 10 Percussion Festival, DMT, 7:30 pm
- 12 Battle of the Bands
- 14 Board of Ed Mtg., 7pm
- 14-18 Earth Week
- 23-24 PSAE Testing - Juniors only Attend School Career Exploration Days
- 24-26 South Pacific Spring Musical
- 25 Teacher Institute Day (Tentative Date) No School
- 29 College Selection Panel, RMA, 7:30pm

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