



April Events will Engage Theater Audiences, Sports Spectators, and Earthweek Volunteers!



Graphic design by Ellie Nesbit, Junior.

Thoroughly Modern Millie

Thoroughly Modern Millie will be performed

April 30, May 1 & 2

7:30 pm

Raymond Moore Auditorium

Tickets can be purchased online at www.lfhs.org.

More Top News!

Earthweek 2009 begins April 13!



This year, Student Council and Environmental Club will be spearheading the Earth Week Initiative, to be held the week of April 13 with specific activities planned for each day. (Weekly Events found on page 9)

Lake Forest High School will host its first Lacrosse Day "Illinois Lax Fest"

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Enjoy a full day of Lacrosse!

Festivities begin with the Lake Forest **Scouts** hosting the New Trier **Trevians** at Varsity Field, West Campus

- 10:00 am Freshmen
- 12:00 pm JV
- 2:00 pm Varsity

Then, all eyes will be on the "Big 10" Match-up at 4:00 pm as the University of Michigan **Wolverines** take the field against the University of Illinois **Fighting Illini**.



A great family event!
Admission is free.

Tee shirts to commemorate the day will be available for purchase.

Sponsored by: Kiddles Sports, Fifth Third Bank, Chief's and Jimmy Johns. For additional information visit www.lfhs.org

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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:

Tues., April 14
7:00 p.m.
Board Room
LFHS West Campus

Upcoming meeting dates:

Tues., May 12, 2009
Tues., June 9, 2009
Tues., July 14, 2009

Board Highlights from the March 10, 2009 Board Meeting can be found at www.lfhs.org under “Board of Education” in the right menu.

Bright Apple Award for Educational Excellence

Lake Forest School District 115 has earned the 2009 Bright Apple Award for Educational Excellence. Lake Forest School District 115 is among 81 Illinois school districts that were recently awarded the SchoolSearch 2009 Bright Red Apple Award for educational excellence. The award is given annually to only 10% of Illinois' school districts, and this marks the 16th time District 115 has won the distinguished award and the 16th consecutive year that the district has received the honor. The Bright Red Apple recipients excel in the following five areas, which are considered primary areas of interest for relocating families that are searching for quality schools: Academic performance, Pupil/teacher ratio, Operating expenditure per pupil, Educational level of teachers, Average teacher salary. All 868 Illinois school districts were considered for the award and data from the Illinois School Report Card was used for district comparisons. SchoolSearch is an educational research and consulting firm that publishes online rankings of school systems.

Sophomore

Sophomore Parents are Invited...

Although Sophomore parent meetings have concluded for the year, Sophomore parents are encouraged to attend the Junior parent meeting in April when the Junior/Senior Prom will be discussed. This meeting will take place on **April 9 at 10:00 am in the David Miller Theater.**

Please feel free to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Tracy Tolmie
Sophomore Class
Parent Representative
dtolmie@aol.com
847-234-7801

Junior

Prom - “Bright Lights, Big City”

The Junior class is working hard on the final details for this year's prom, “Bright Lights, Big City.” It will be held **Saturday, May 16** at the Chicago Marriott. The attendees will be heading downtown in safe luxury coaches, thanks to your generous donations in support of **Project Safe Prom.** All invitation booklets should have arrived in junior and senior households. If you have not received one, please contact Prom co-chairs, **Susie Faucher** at sfaucher5@comcast.net or **Jill Moutvic** at kjtmout@aol.com. This exciting night would not be possible without the help of student and parent volunteers. A bright, big thanks to all.

Prom tickets will be for sale on April 14, 15, and 16 during all lunch periods in the Student Commons. Mr. Eaton, get your tux ready!

Senior Citizen Party

“Mardi Gras Magic” came to Lake Forest on Sunday, March 8 as the junior class students hosted an afternoon to remember at our local senior citizen center, Dickinson Hall. It was a heart warming experience as the two generations came together to share stories, laugh, dine and dance. Student Chairs, **Christine Leider, Matt Ochalski** and **Ryan Sparrow** organized over 75 volunteers for their largest service project of the year. Over 90 guests were greeted at the door, and then were whisked away to enjoy a delicious (*cont. in column right*)



Junior

buffet luncheon and delightful musical entertainment. **Rick Day** and **Ed Loos** served as the masters of ceremony, guiding all the guests through the program for the day. Many thanks go out to the wonderful entertainers: **Drew O'Neil**, opened the afternoon with a relaxing piano performance, **Vicki Anton**, **Haley Koch**, **Kelly Moran**, **Tessa Torcivia**, and **Rohan Vashi** got the room swinging with a lively tap dance, and **Allison Beacham** and **Alex Meyer** captured everyone's attention as they sang, "Have a Little Faith." Much of the day was spent dancing to the sounds of the three amazing Jazz Bands from the High School directed by **Mr. Brian O'Connor**. For a list of all the student volunteers and band members please visit www.lfhs.org. This special event couldn't have happened without the continuous support of parent chairs, **Lynne Grenier**, **Julie Haeger**, **Laura Kasbeer**, **Eva Losacco**, **Susan Morrison** and **Lisa Zenni**, and all the junior parents that donated the wonderful food and drinks. Thank you.

Final Junior Parent Meetings

The final two junior parent meetings will take place on:

Prom Meeting
Thursday, April 9
(Revised Date)
10:00 am
David Miller Theater

The College Selection Panel
Tuesday, April 28
7:30 pm
RMA

Junior students and their parents are invited to attend this forum, where current seniors will share their journey through the maze of college selection and the application process.

Leslie Moran
Jr. Class Parent Representative
847-735-0358
[Cleavmor@aol.com](mailto:cleavmor@aol.com)

Senior

Senior Class Bike & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 9
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This annual event is a fundraiser for the Senior Class and also provides a real service to the community.

Community members can sell or donate gently used bikes, tricycles, jogging strollers, scooters or rollerblades.

Drop-off is
Friday, May 8
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

or

Saturday, May 9
7:30 am - 9:30 am

Equipment can be dropped off in the Fieldhouse at the back of the high school.

For Seniors Only!

Seniors are encouraged to nominate teachers for **Distinguished Educator Award** (All nominations must be submitted electronically to: educatoraward@d115.org by **April 17, 2009**) and **Graduation Roll Call!** Go to www.lfhs.org for more details.

Senior

Breaking Away

Friday, May 29
10 am
DMT

The Lake Forest High School Counseling Department would like to invite Seniors and their parents to attend this workshop hosted by Jacquie Berkshire and several returning college freshman and their parents. They will offer advice and suggestions on successfully transitioning from high school to college life.

Senior Parent Tea

The APT cordially invites all Senior Parents to a Tea, immediately following Breaking Away.

Junior/ Senior Class Meeting

Prom & Graduation
Thursday, April 9
10:00 am
David Miller Theater

This joint meeting will begin with information on this year's prom and then we will shift at approximately 10:45 am to year-end information on all of the graduation activities for the seniors. Senior parents can come for all of the meeting or just plan to arrive at 10:45 am for the second half.

Donna Johnson
Senior Class
Parent Representative
dwj888@aol.com
847-482-0883

Senior Moments

Important end of the year information for the Class of 2009

Prom
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Chicago Marriott

Senior Finals
Tuesday, June 2, 2009
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Honors Night
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Senior Breakfast
Thursday, June 11, 2009
11:00 a.m. to 12:30

Graduation Rehearsal
Thursday, June 11, 2009
following the Senior Breakfast ~ 12:30 pm.

Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for students who wish to participate in graduation.

Students will be given their cap & gown at graduation rehearsal.

Senior Party
Thursday, June 11, 2009
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
LFHS

Graduation
Saturday, June 13, 2009
Lake Forest High School
Front Lawn
2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

(more details can be found at www.lfhs.org!)

Athletics

Lake Forest High School Athletic Summer Camps

Registration is now in progress for all programs

View Camp Offerings at www.lfhs.org. Navigate the "Athletics" tab to find "Summer Camps" in the left menu.

Select "High School Camps" to view all offerings for LFHS students or select "Future Scouts Camps" to view all offerings for students entering 5th to 8th grade.

Scout Aquatics Swim Club

New Swimmer Registration/ Placement
Monday April 6
6:30-7:30 pm
LFHS pool

View offerings at www.swimsct.org

Questions: Carolyn Grevers
847-582-7339
cgrevers@yahoo.com

Athletic Camp Registration Information

(not applicable for Scout Aquatic Swim Club)

www.lfhs.org: "Pay Fees Online" in left corner
Payment by Visa or Master Card only. Mail-in registration and Walk-in registration information can be found at www.lfhs.org.

Community Education

Academic Summer School Registration Opens On-Line April 1, 2009 - April 30, 2009

US History and Driver Ed will be offered:

Eligibility:

US History: must have completed sophomore year

Driver Ed: must be 15 years old by June 16

Dates:

US History: Semester 1 - Wednesday, June 17 – Tuesday, July 7
Semester 2 - Monday, July 13 – Thursday, July 30

Driver Ed: Tuesday, June 16 – Thursday, July 30
June 15 - Mandatory Parent/Student Meeting

Time:

US History: 8:00 am– 2:30 pm Monday through Thursday

Driver Ed: Varies

Absence Policy:

US History: One absence per semester allowed
(3 tardies = 1 absence)

Driver Ed: Maximum 3 days absence from Classroom
day absence from Behind the Wheel.

Cost:

US History \$375.00 per semester (resident)
\$600 per semester (non-resident)

Driver Ed \$350.00

Registration will be on-line at www.lfhs.org. "Pay Fees On-Line" can be found in the upper, left corner.

Online registration for the Summer Session of Driver Education will begin April 1 and run through April 30. The summer course runs Monday thru Thursday from June 16 to July 30. Students attend the classroom each day and drive every third day. The fee is \$350.

The Lake Forest High School Driver Education program has classroom and behind the wheel openings for the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 semesters. The next opportunity to add the Driver Ed classes for the 2009-10 school year will be in early July. Interested students must be 15 years old at the start of the class to be eligible. Freshman students meeting the age requirement are welcome. Please contact **Tony Filippo**, Wellness Instructional Director, for more information at 847-582-7766 or tfilipp@d115.org.

LFHS Aquatic Center Swim Program

The pool will be:

- **Closed** - Friday evening, April 10 and all day Sunday, April 12
- **Open** for regularly scheduled public swims during **Spring Break: March 28 - April 5**

- **Open** for additional Family/Lap Swims from 1:00 - 3:00pm **March 30 - April 3**

- Offering an American Red Cross **Lifeguard Training** course that will run **June 14 - 20**

- **Spring Saturday Swim School** registration in progress **with classes beginning April 18**

- SCUBA and Snorkeling class are scheduled to begin **April 18**

- **Summer Saturday Swim School** registration begins **June 1** with classes beginning **June 6**.

For more information go to www.lfhs.org, click on *Community Programs*, then *Public Swim*

or call **Linda Koepke**
Aquatic Center Manager
847-582-7323

Art Department

Graphic Design Students Collaborate with Student Groups

Students in Graphic Design II recently helped SADD with their "One Life, Live Well" campaign by creating posters that featured faculty members making healthy decisions about various facets of their lives. The topics ranged from stress management to lifetime fitness to safe driving. Posters were hung throughout the school and several have been chosen to be reproduced at 18 X 24 and permanently installed in the school as light-hearted reminders to students to take ownership of their decisions and make healthy choices. Students who created posters for this campaign include: **Henry Mynatt, Ivan Sanchez, Sarah Neil, Kyle Svec, Elizabeth Hill, Meredith Huszagh, Catherine Kesman, Ashley Lakin, Nick Prusac, Andoline Roman, Joey Scarim, Sondra Schmidt, Zak Silver, Maggie Slingerland, Tessa Torcivia, Josh Wren and Dane Shea.**

Students in Graphic Design 3, 4 and 5 created the graphics for LFHS's Spring Musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie." Students participating include: **Matt Dettling, Rachel Krebs, Ellie Nesbit, Molly Steffens, Julia Muscarello, Carolyn Pasiritz, Troy Taylor, Sarah O'Kane, Emma Gustafson, Brigitta Fitzgerald, Liam Leider, Laura Meulemans, Kate Johnson, Carolyn Orfanos and Ruth Muscarello.** The student whose work was chosen was **Ellie Nesbit**, Junior. Her design can be seen on the front page of this publication.

The 2009 LISA Show

Congratulations to the following Art students whose work has been selected for exhibit in the 2009 LISA show!

Photography:

Paula Bielnicka, Drew Kenning, Colleen Dunn, Michael Brandorff, and Kate Stuckslager.

Graphic Design:

Molly Steffens, Hannah Coleman, Ruth Perret, Sarah O'Kane, and Elizabeth Skinner.

3 Dimensional:

Lexy Martin, Mary Clare Sowers, Elizabeth Paddock, Annie Evans, and Hannah Gibbons.

Painting:

Maria Theodore, Emmy Neal, Chuck Ohlson, Claire Dillon, and Sara Grandone.

Drawing/Printmaking:

Claire Christensen, Kira Fath, Grace Chandler, Honor Beeler, and Diane Wang.

Artist: Elizabeth Skinner



Art Students Work to be Included in Coffee Table Book

The four photographs (*column right*) from the Fairchild Challenge photo essay contest have been selected to be included in the soon-to-be published coffee table book entitled: **The Plan of Chicago @100: 15 Views of Burnham's Legacy for a New Century.** Copies of this book will be available for purchase at the Fairchild Challenge awards ceremony on **Saturday, May 10** at the Chicago Botanic Garden. The photographers are students in Debra Zare's advanced level photography classes and their images were created while on a special field trip in October 2008 that toured special sights from the Burnham Plan of Chicago. For more information on the Fairchild Challenge please visit: www.chicagobotanic.org/fairchildchallenge/index.php

Egg Harbor Show Spring 2009 is on Display!

Check out the photos of LFHS Art students at Egg Harbor Restaurant or view them online at www.lfhs.org. Winners to be announced!

Group 1:

Caroline Glennon, Maggie Dasso, Haley Betts, Tina Sedducate, Emma Lane, Mary Claire Sowers, Honor Beeler, Caitlin Sperzel, Christina Kneifel, and Laurel Guido.

Group 2:

Rachel Flood, Emma Lane, Maggie O'Connor, Molly Bennett, Kevin Sandner, Kate Ryan, Laurel Guido, Krysti Keisel, Lauren O'Kane, and Caitlin Sperzel.



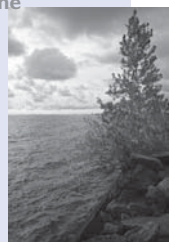
Congratulations to **Kate Stuckslager** whose photograph has been selected as one of only two photographs to be exhibited on the dust jacket (cover) of the book.

Jackson Park landscape by **Colleen Dunn**



"Sherman" Bull at the Stockyards gate by **Monica Graham**

Majestic Lake Michigan, and the Inland Sea by **Michael Brandorff**



Lake Forest High School is a closed campus.

Students are expected to be on campus for the entire school day (7:50 am - 3:10 pm).

Absences

Parents need to seriously consider whether or not the reason for the student missing instructional time is warranted.

An absence can not be excused if a student leaves campus without prior parental notification to the attendance or health office.

If you are dropping off anything for your child, please drop it off at the front reception desk located directly through the front doors at LFHS.

More information can be found at www.lfhs.org by following the links under “**Academics**” and “**Rules & Regulations**” in the right blue facts box, then “**Daily Attendance Procedures.**”

Dean's Office

Afternoon Student Pick-Up Information

As of April 6, spring sports will be in full force. With several games scheduled daily, up to ten buses will be parked in the back parking lot.

Cars will not be allowed to enter the back parking lot for after school pick-ups. Please pick up students in the front drive.

Most importantly, safety is our biggest concern. Please drive slow and be careful when students are loading buses and exiting school grounds.

Picking up your student during the school day?

Parents – please remember that students may not leave the building **without signing out** and **without prior parent permission in the form of a note or phone call** to the attendance office. Failure to follow procedure will result in unexcused absences for missed classes.

In addition, freshman and sophomore parents must come in to the building to sign students out in the attendance office.

Social Studies

Foreign Policy Research Winner Announced!

The Social Studies department would like to congratulate freshmen **Mary Striedl**, winner of the Foreign Policy Research Institute's contest “The top 5 innovations developed in the U.S. since 1945, ranked from #1 to #5.” Students in Mr. Bryant's World Civ I class were assigned to complete the essay, designed as a way to get students thinking about the importance of innovation in studying history and economics. Mary took a unique approach to her essay, moving past the obvious computer or T.V., and instead discussing the innovations that helped save her sister's life - snow tires; GPS; cell phone; the Coombs test; and the plastic bag for blood collection. Mr. Bryant submitted his students' essays and Mary's was chosen as one of the three best from entries written by students all over the country, winning her the \$1,000.00 prize.

Lake Forest–Shanghai Student Exchange and Independent Study Program

The first Lake Forest–Shanghai Student Exchange Program will occur during Fall Semester of the 2009-10 school year. LFHS participants will host Chinese students from our sister school, East China Normal University Secondary School, during their visit to the United States. In late March 2010, LFHS students will visit China for two weeks. Shanghai, Beijing, and one other city will be determined for the travel experience to China. An independent study course has been created to prepare Lake Forest students for travel to China. Student enrollment in the China Independent Study course is required to be eligible for participation in the exchange program. Mrs. Elizabeth Christofylakis and Ms. Kelly McKee, of the Social Studies Department, will be the teacher leaders of the exchange program.

To register or receive more information about the China Program please contact:

Dr. Jim Gantt, Social Studies Department Chair
jgantt@d115.org or 847-582-7708

Ms. Kelly McKee, Teacher of the China Independent Study
kmckee@d115.org or 847-582-7482



Social Studies & Telecom Collaborate

The New Media Project: Exploring Community Issues and Democratic Values

The New Media Project, a joint initiative between the Lake Forest High School Social Studies and Telecom Departments and the Barat Education Foundation's Our American Voice program is set for launch August 10-14. This unique program will offer middle school students the opportunity to explore issues in their community using the latest New Media technology, while gaining valuable, firsthand insight into local government and citizenship. Lake Forest High school students, under the guidance of LFHS teachers **Joe De Rosa** and **Steven Douglass**, will serve as mentors for the middle school aged video journalists as they chronicle issues in the community ranging from the environment to local government. The students will spend their mornings learning about the values of citizenship, the workings of local government and the importance of the democratic process as they discuss important local issues with various influential community government and business leaders. Each afternoon the students will get the full production experience as they film and produce New Media presentations about local issues utilizing state of the art technology—Apple computers and the new Flip HD Mini camera. At the end of the week, these presentations will be shown during a special community presentation, posted on a website created for the project and played back on LFTV. For more information contact Kathy O'Hara, Student Service Coordinator, at 847-582-7424 or kohara@d115.org.



Community is Invited to the 2009 Fairchild Challenge Awards Ceremony

**Sunday, May 10, 2009
Chicago Botanic Garden
Aldorf Auditorium**

2pm - 4pm
Awards Presentation

4pm - 5pm
Hors d'oeuvres & Gallery
Exhibition

The Fairchild Challenge is a free, multidisciplinary contest that challenges Chicago-area high schools to take action on behalf of the environment. Students participate in the Challenge by submitting entries in up to 11 categories that include land use planning, photojournalism, tee shirt design, music composition, environmental action, and more.

The Fairchild Challenge fosters interest in the environment by encouraging students to appreciate the beauty and value of nature; develop critical thinking skills; understand the need for biodiversity and conservation; tap community resources; become actively engaged citizens; and recognize that individuals do indeed make a difference.

Science

Science students participated in Water Investigators Challenge, a program developed to teach students about watersheds and basic water quality analysis.



Pictured is Rick Day using a measuring device on a water sample. (Richard Bajjalieh, Photographer)

Support the LFHS students who will be honored at this ceremony!

RSVP to Tree Sturman
847-835-8343
tsturman@chicagobotanic.org

Health Office:

Reminder! When scheduling your child's physical over the summer, be sure to take along a copy of the Medication Authorization Form for the physician to sign. This form must be turned in annually and is necessary if you anticipate your child will need any non-prescription or prescription medication (e.g. aspirin, Tylenol, Ibuprofen) during the school day. No medication may be dispensed without this authorization on file. If you need a copy, this form can be downloaded from the LFHS web page under Student Services/Health Services or you may contact the Health Office.

Reminder to Incoming Freshmen Parents

LFHS has a first day exclusion policy for lack of immunizations and physical exams for freshman. We strongly urge all freshman physicals to be turned into the Health Office by **August 3, 2009**. Athletics begin on August 12, 2009. *Do not turn incoming freshman physicals into the athletic office.* The Health Office will forward a list of all compliant students to the Athletic Office in time for the first day of sports on August 12. Please call Nurse Diane Bower at 847-582-7335 with any questions.

Student Services - Counseling

PSAE Testing: Juniors -The Prairie State Achievement Examination...

...will take place at Lake Forest High School on **April 22-23, 2009**

The state of Illinois requires all students take the Prairie State Achievement Exam as a condition of receiving their high school diploma. Lake Forest High School will conduct the exam to all juniors in order to meet this graduation requirement. The ACT Plus Writing will be taken on **Wednesday, April 22**. This ACT score is accepted by all colleges and universities, as well as the NCAA Clearinghouse. Please make sure to schedule personal appointments around these two days. We anticipate testing to begin at the regular start time of **7:50 am**.

Times: Wednesday, April 22: 7:50 am-12:30pm
NO lunch available.

Thursday, April 23. 7:50am-10:30am
NO lunch available.

Times are extended for those who have approved accommodations.

Place: Room assignments will be posted in the hallways on each floor prior to the test.

Bring: ID, pencils, calculator, snacks for breaks and tissue if needed.

Bus Service: Available to and from school. Buses will run at regular times in the morning and will leave the school at the following times in the next column:

Wednesday, Bus departs at 1:00 pm

Thursday, Bus departs at 11:00 am

Snack Bar Open: 7:30 am

Visit www.lfhs.org for more information.

April 22-23 are non attendance days for freshmen, sophomores, and seniors.

Friday, April 24 is a day of non-attendance for all students.

Schedule/Changes Notice:

• **Friday, April 17** is the deadline to withdraw from a semester class without a WF (Withdrawal with Failure) for this semester. See your son or daughter's counselor for more information.

• **Friday, April 17** is the deadline for Seniors (only) who wish to apply for the Pass-No Pass Option. See your son or daughter's counselor for more information.

• All level changes for second semester must be completed. See your son or daughter's counselor for more information.

• **Friday, May 1** is the deadline for Independent Study proposals for first and second semester of 2009-2010 school year. Submit to student's counselor.

Student Services - College Counseling

Be sure to check www.lfhs.org regularly for:

College Visits

Several colleges will be visiting LFHS this spring. College visit information is constantly being updated and can be found on Naviance (which is where you need to go to sign up for a visit).

You can also find this listing at www.lfhs.org.
Student Services/College Counseling/ College Visits.

Scholarship Scoop

The Scholarship Scoop is available in the CRC Room 103A. You can also find this listing of various scholarships at www.lfhs.org under *Student Services/College Counseling/ Scholarship Scoop* as well as in "For Your Future."

University Evening Visits/ Programs/College Fairs

You can also find this listing of college programs and fairs posted regularly at www.lfhs.org under *Student Services/College Counseling/Evening Programs.*

Information on Glenbrook College Night on Aril 16 can be found here!

College Selection Panel

Tuesday, April 28, 2009 7:30 pm

Juniors and parents are invited to the College Selection Panel. The program will start at 7:30 pm (please note the new time), in the Auditorium. Current seniors will share their journeys through the maize of the college selection and application process.

Student Services - Student Growth Opportunities

Earthweek 2009!

This year, Student Council and Environmental Club will be spearheading the Earthweek Initiative, to be held the week of **April 13** with specific activities planned for each day. Events planned include:

Monday, April 13

- Waste Management
- LFHS Poetry Slam

Tuesday, April 14

- Wear green to school!
- Bill Curtis** Presentation

Wednesday, April 15

- Bring your Nalgene bottle to school
- “Ecomarket”
- Artist **Nancy Steinmeyer** workshop
- Join Men’s Club and F.O.C.U.S. cut invasive buckthorn and clean up the bide path!

Thursday, April 16

- Ride your bike to school!
- John Andersen** presentation
- Bands Perform, Faculty Talent Show

Friday, April 17

- Organic Food Court
- LFHS Band and others perform

A complete schedule of events can be found at www.lfhs.org.

Open Doors Registration now in Progress!

Online registration for the Open Doors job mentoring and volunteer service program will be available at www.lfhs.org until **April 14**. Please note that this is a first come, first served program. Students can self-select career and volunteer opportunities according to their availability during the April 22 through April 24 time period. Juniors should remember that they will be taking the Prairie State exams on Wednesday and Thursday and so will only be able to register for opportunities scheduled for Friday, April 24. This is the fourth year of this program, which is sponsored by LFHS, the APT, and the Volunteer Center of Lake Forest/Lake Bluff. As always, there are many exciting mentoring opportunities being offered such as shadowing attorneys from the Lake County State’s Attorney and Public Defender offices, event planning at the Chicago Marriott, and television production for the “Chicago Tonight” program at WTTW.

The Lake Forest Debate Team hosted an ICDA tournament

The Lake Forest Debate Team hosted an ICDA tournament in December, where many members of the team enjoyed hours of congressionally structured debate. The team finished 4th in overall sweepstakes (highest total team points) and just missed out on finishing third by only a few points. (for complete article, visit www.lfhs.org)

Service Recognition Night

Service Recognition Night, which annually celebrates the many service clubs and individuals who have volunteered their service to the schools and the surrounding community, will be held in the Raymond Moore Auditorium on:

**Tuesday, April 14
7:30 pm**

All are invited to attend this ceremony that honors the many worthwhile service contributions of LFHS students.

LFHS Jazz Combo Takes 2nd Place Trophy!

Congratulations to the Lake Forest High School Jazz Combo who won second place at the Jazz in the Meadows Competition held at Rolling Meadows High School On Saturday, February 28, 2009. Over 70 high schools participated in the jazz band and combo competitions, with Lake Forest taking second place in the Jazz Combo category. Members of the award winning Jazz Combo are **Peter Briggs** ('10) on Guitar, **Stew Kerr** ('09) on Bass, **Will Kryiazis** ('09) on Piano, **Andrew Meland** ('09) on Trombone, **Andy Quinn** ('09) on Tenor Sax, **Gerard Warren** ('09) on Alto Sax, and **Alex Zeravica** ('09) on Drums. The combo has had the pleasure of working with musician-in-residence, **Joel Spencer**, since the beginning of the calendar year; Mr. Spencer most recently served as the Coordinator of Jazz Studies for Northwestern University.



Congratulations to **Madeleine Panos** and **Piper Ventling**, founders of Mothers Trust Teens, who conducted a coat drive this winter to benefit North Chicago School District 187 students and families. Mothers Trust Teens collected over 300 coats, 50 hats, 80 pairs of gloves and mittens, 40 scarves, and many other items of warm clothing to help our neighboring community survive one of the coldest Chicago winters on record. Mothers Trust Teens will be collecting toiletries and baby care essentials for Lake County mothers and newborns in need during April. A collection box will be in place in LFHS immediately following spring break.

Calling All Artists!

The APT is already looking for student artwork for the cover of the LFHS 2009-2010 Student Directory. The cover will be blue, and should be done in black/white/gray ink. Designs can be submitted in any size, but the final cover size will be 8.5 x 11 inches, folded in half to 8.5 x 5.5 inches. Artwork designs should relate in some way to Lake Forest High School. Please mail your submissions (with your name on back) to Mary Flagstad, 715 E. Scranton Ave., Lake Bluff, IL 60044. The cover design will be selected over the summer. Questions? Contact Mary Flagstad at 847-234-5773 or mflagstad@mac.com.

Booster Boutique

Special Spring Shopping Dates:

Wednesday, May 6
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Saturday, May 9
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is a great opportunity to pick up 8th grade graduation gifts!

The Boutique is open every **Thursday and Friday from 10:40 am - 1:20 pm** during 4th, 5th and 6th period lunch.

LFHS
Lower Level - room 5A
847-582-7400 x 5388
(v.m.)

Please email us with any questions at boosterboutique@dl15.org

APT

“There can be only one” more thing to say, and that is thank you!

Thank you to **Luann Blowers** and **Clare Wheatley** for their tireless energy to put on a great show. For more “thank you” acknowledgements see page 11.

Applause

Notice of Annual Meeting

Pursuant to the organization’s bylaws, the Applause Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 14** at 7:00 pm in the Orchestra Room. All Applause members are invited to attend. (Complete details can be found at www.lfhsapplause.org/index.html)

The Applause Nominating Committee met and selected nominees to serve on the 2009-2010 Applause Executive Board. This year’s Nominating Committee was chaired by **Elizabeth Luttig**, assisted by board members **Liz Jacob**, **Jennifer Leventhal**, and **Peg Determan**, as well as members **Lisa Dietrich** and **Anne Santee**.

LFHS Foundation

Foundation Thanks Donors for Last Minute Contributions

Thank you donors, for supporting our “Down to the Wire” promotion with a last-minute donation toward upcoming Spring grants. We are proud to announce that educators submitted \$270,000 in grant requests for the Spring grant review process. We plan to vote on grant awards in mid-April. We also plan to alert each fortunate recipient shortly after voting is complete. Be on the lookout in future communications for the new Spring 2009 grant award list.

LFHS Foundation’s Teacher Excellence Grant Helps Fund Tuition for English Teacher

The NBPTS is the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards. A certification from the NBPTS has become the single most-recognized credential for accomplished teaching in the United States. Teachers who undertake this program are seeking to improve their classroom practice through rigorous self-reflection, goal setting, and study. The NBPTS has certified over 74,000 teachers since 1987. **Dr. Amy Birtman** in the English Department is the first teacher at LFHS to earn this prestigious certification.

The process reviews a teacher’s work by looking at four aspects of his or her teaching: work with both small and large groups, the students’ work, and the teacher’s documented accomplishments. The Board does not “grade” the quality of the lesson plan or the eloquence of the teacher’s delivery. Rather, the Board looks at the students’ response to the lesson. They ask the teacher to show evidence: proof that every student in his or her classroom walks away with an understanding of the material presented. The Board considers the skill to deliver instruction so that every student understands the material essential to receiving the Master Teacher certification.

According to **Dr. Birtman**, her job was to prove that every student in every class was responding to the material and her teaching methods. She would watch a video from the day’s lesson to give her insight into both her successes and when she was not connecting with all of her students. Just when she thought the lesson was a rousing success, she would catch a student sitting in the wings, not engaged and just watching. Back to the drawing board!

Those teachers who complete the certification process go the extra mile to prepare our students to be successful in college and in their careers. **Dr. Amy Birtman** is our district’s first, thanks to the Teacher Excellence Grant funded by the Foundation! (complete article can be found at www.lfhsfoundation.org.)

“Amy is a pioneer and a leader. Her dedication to teaching and lifelong learning is contagious and her willingness to share will benefit students and staff. LFHS and I congratulate Amy and thank the Foundation for their help.” *Jay Hoffmann*

There Can Only Be One Way To Express Our Thanks...

The 2009 APT Talent Show is now a treasured memory for us, and we thank all those who worked so hard to make it a success. For several weeks (even months) a dedicated group of faculty, staff, parents and students committed their time to one of Lake Forest High School's most cherished traditions. Both on stage and behind the scenes, these were the people who made it happen.

First we must thank the Technical Directors **Brad Balonick, Dave Miller, Ben Davidson** and **Stephanie Ashmore** and their crew, the LFHS tech students. Led by Student Technical Director **Ashley Andersen** and her associates **Mary Kate Doherty** and **Austin Lin**, they worked endlessly on the set, lighting and sound- all the magic that makes a real show. A special mention goes to **Carolyn Pairitz**, designer of the beautiful set, and Video Director **Rick Day**, for managing the videos and filming.

Our dedicated and talented Student Committee was led by Producers **Luci Lambert & Megan Pratt**, Directors **Carter Petray & Hunter Ries**, and Communications Director **Danielle Springer**. They were assisted by **Steve Blowers, Jeffrey Niedermaier, Lain Kienzle, Drew O'Neill, Catherine Athenson** and **Haley Beeson**. Haley designed our beautiful program cover. And thank you to **Michael Yunez** who fearlessly hosted the show. Student Senior Act Coordinators **Emily Clemens, Luci Lambert** and **Bethany Reed**, assisted by Senior Poms

choreographers **Morgan Fiore** and **Stephanie Long**, brought their years of dance expertise to the Senior Act.

Our Pit Band, lead by Musical Director **Andy Quinn**, was a terrific group of superb musicians whose talent made act changes as anticipated as the acts themselves. But, of course, there would be no show without the gifted students who graced our stage with their incredible performances. Their commitment was inspiring, and it was a joy to see how it paid off. We thank each and every one of them for their creativity, talent and hard work- you are all amazing!

There were too many Parent Volunteers to mention, but these ladies worked tirelessly chairing their committees: Senior Act Coordinators **Dawn Reed** and **Suzie Dobbins**; Ticket Coordinators **Gail Moesta** and **Lisa Troller**; Program Coordinators **Diane Quon** and **Leeni Ellis**; T-Shirts and Kudos Coordinator **Daria Andrews**; Costumes Coordinator **Karin Springer**; Usher Coordinator **Louise Ries**; Photo Coordinator **Maria Malin**; Food Coordinator **Andra O'Neill**; and Concessions Coordinator, **Donna LaVitola**.

The Talent Show could not happen without the support of the Administration, Faculty and Staff. Special thanks to **Jim Thiel, Monica Wertz, Joy Murawski**, the custodial staff and, of course, **Jay Hoffmann**.

Professional photographer **Gunnar Soderlind** donated his time to photograph this

event. These pictures, and many more, are linked from the www.lfhs.org website.

So now we pass the "Talent Show" baton to **Linda Torcivia**, Assistant Producer, and **Sheri Passalino**, Assistant Director. The 2009 show has already benefited from their creativity and knowledge. We know the 2010 show is in good hands. Thank you for everything and good luck!

Luann Blowers, Producer
Clare Wheatley, Director

Dad's Club

Next Meeting April 11, 2009

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

8:30 am - 10:00 am

Guest speaker to be announced. Check www.lfhsdads.org.

LEAD Upcoming Events

Webinars:

April 6 "Healthy Relationships, Teen Hook-Up Culture" and May 4 "Mental Health, Happiness and Moods."

Book Discussion: Life's Greatest Lessons: 20 Things That Matter by Hal Urban (for All Parents) on Monday, April 13
9:30 - 11:00 am

College Bound: What Every High School Senior Wants to Know (for High School Seniors) on Sunday, April 19, 1:30-4:30 pm

Author/Speaker Hal Urban Positive Words, Powerful Results. (for All Parents) on Thursday, April 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tuesday May 12: Great Reads for Summer Days and Nights. 7:00-8:30 pm

More details can be found at www.leadweb.org

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- 9 Parent Mtg, 10:00 am, DMT: "Prom"
- 10 Day of Non-attendance
- 11 Illinois LAX-Fest
- 13 Earthweek begins!
- 14 Board of Education Mtg, 7pm, Service Awards Ceremony, RMA, 7:30 pm
- 15 Alumni Wall of Fame
- 17 Pass/No Pass, Drop Deadline
- 22, 23 PSAE Testing (Juniors)
No school for Freshmen, Sophomores, Seniors
- 22-24 Open Doors Mentoring Program
- 24 Teacher Institute Day (No school for Students)
- 28 Junior Parent Mtg., 7:30 pm, RMA: "College Selection Panel"
- 30 Thoroughly Modern Millie performance 7:30 pm

May

- 1 APT Grants Deadline
- 1-2 Thoroughly Modern Millie performance 7:30 pm
- 4-15 AP Exams
- 9 Bike & Bake Sale
- 10 Fairchild Challenge Awards Ceremony
- 12 Board of Education Mtg. 7pm
- 16 Prom
- 25 Memorial Day holiday (No school for Students and Teachers)
- 29 Breaking Away, 10am, DMT

June

- 1 Registration begins for Summer Saturday Swim
- 2-3 Senior Finals
- 3 Last Day of School for Senior Students
Honors Night
- 9, 10, 11, Finals
- 9 Board of Education Mtg, 7pm
- 11 Senior Breakfast, Graduation Rehearsal, Senior Party
- 12 Faculty Workday
- 13 Graduation 2009 2:30 p.m.

This Calendar highlights only select dates/ events. Need Information?

Check out our website at www.lfhs.org!



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