

Dear Parents

March 7-13 is National Lutheran Schools Week. To kick off National Lutheran Schools Week, Pastor Schade at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles preached on “Secured to Serve,” using 2 Timothy 3:14-17 as the text. **But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

Breaking down Paul’s words to Timothy, one can pick out and link some of the key words and phrases shared 2,000 years ago to the mission statement of LHS.



LHS Mission Statement

Paul’s words to Timothy in 2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Empowered by the Gospel

From infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus...

Lutheran High School

Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

Nurtures spiritual, academic & personal growth

Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it

Equipping its students

So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped...

For a Life of Christian service

Equipped for every good work.

We have a partnership with our families and the church to carry out our mission. The advice Paul shared with Timothy, **“Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,”** made me take the trip down memory lane to list some of the mentors of the faith God used in my growing years and the years serving in the vocation God has called me. Timothy had his mother Lois, and his grandmother Eunice, who share God’s word with him from infancy on. My grandmother, aunt, and mother - My youth director at church - The pastor of a mission church in East LA - A caring, wise, and understanding professor at college - My spouse - Co-workers in Lutheran schools. God has mentored me through many people. I am sure each of you could share your list of mentors of the faith, of your vocation, also. We can all give God thanks for our parents, and others who have mentored us, and for allowing us the opportunities to serve as a mentor to others. God’s continued blessings to you and your family as we head into the fourth quarter of the school year.

In Christ,
L. Marty
Larry Marty

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Save the Date! April 23. PSI/PFA Social.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Re-enrollment & Course selection for 2010-11

Parents should have received the information for **re-enrollment** for this fall and are reminded that the registration fee of \$250 is due **by April 15th** after which it goes to \$300. The registration is important to helping us plan classes, sections and staffing for this fall. We already have 65+ freshmen enrolled and our goal is to reach 80. Thanks for telling your friends and neighbors about the value and benefits of Lutheran High. In-coming freshmen and their parents are scheduled to meet with a faculty advisor to select courses on March 15 and 18. During the week of March 22-26 our returning students will be going into the computer lab to enter their 2010-2011 course requests into PowerSchool. During that week parents will also be able to log in to PowerSchool to see what courses have been entered by their student(s). The following week parents will receive a letter listing the courses their student(s) selected for the coming year. Please sign this form and return it to Student Services. If you have any questions about the courses or selections, please contact your student's counselor (Sandy Bichel - freshmen & sophomores, Will Roundey - juniors & seniors).

Scholarships

We are in the prime season for scholarship applications and seniors should be working on getting those applications completed and submitted. If your student is looking for additional scholarship money, there are a number of resources for them to examine: (These services are available to all students.)

- The Daily Bulletin. Check near the bottom of the bulletin each day for updates on scholarships with approaching deadlines.
- Check the web link on your PowerSchool page (or from the LHSSC homepage). This takes you to a listing of scholarship with approaching deadlines.
- Take a look at www.mystudentedge.com. This is a free service that includes a career search along with college and scholarship searches. There is also a ACT/SAT/PSAT test prep portion on the site. Enter the LHS access code RDEZXKWR and create your own account.

Parents of Juniors

Now is the time to get your junior looking at and visiting colleges. Spring break would be a great time to visit some schools. Encourage your junior to get a head start on the college and scholarship application process by spending time this summer completing applications and writing essays as needed.

Senior Honors Night

On Wednesday, May 12th at 7 PM we will recognize our seniors who have received special awards and scholarships. We will be collecting scholarship and honors information from the seniors in early April for inclusion in this event. A special mailing and invitation will be sent to parents in late April with more details.

SPIRITUAL NURTURING

Class of 2011 in the process of Selecting a Class Verse & Theme for 2010-2011 School Year

Through their Theology classes, the class of 2011 will select their class verse. The theme will not only serve as the theme for their Senior Class Retreat (September 25-27, 2010), but as the theme for the 2010-2011 school year. Class officers are: Liz Mergenthaler, Phil Schneck, Melissa Dattilo, Kaitlin McEvoy, and Eric Herst with Madeline Galucia serving as Student Body President-Elect. Faculty homeroom advisors are: Mr. Steinbacher, Mr. Kuhlmann, Mrs. Von Deylen, and Mr. Lail. The class of 2011 is loaded with students blessed with talents, abilities, and qualities of Christian character.

Special Chapels

On March 5 the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) planned and led chapel based on Philippians 3: 17-21.

Four students were blind-folded. Each had a person guiding them through an obstacle course on the gym floor. They were to listen to the voice of their personal guide. Meanwhile several other FCA students who were detractors, not guides, were yelling out misinformation, trying to get them to go off the path or run into objects. God and His true word is the guiding force in our lives spiritually. When we listen to him, although we are blinded by sin, we are kept on the path God wants for us. It is so easy to get off that path, especially if we listen to what the world tells us. Mrs. Sandy Bichel is the FCA advisor. FCA officers include: President - Catherine Willbrand, Vice President - Ryan Sommerkamp, Secretary, - Amanda Hall, Treasurer - Corey Bichel, Activities - Katherine Hoffmeyer, Zach Sostak, Emily Haberstroh, & Devin Burmeister, Publicity - Mallorie Owens.

On March 10, the Rev. Dr. James Lamb was our guest speaker for chapel sharing about the handiwork of God.

Pastor Lamb is the executive director of Lutherans for Life. He shared how the hands of God are part of all creation and every living person from conception, birth, through death, and in the life everlasting we have through the gift of faith in Jesus Christ.

A special chapel service will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 1, which will be our last day of classes before we break for Good Friday and Easter vacation. The Concert Band, Concert Choir, and Strings groups will be part of this special service. Of course, parents and grandparents are invited to this chapel or any of the chapels we have. Contact the office if you are interested in attending so we can arrange for seating.

ACADEMIC NURTURING

Special Educational Excursions Planned this Spring

Some of our teachers plan special field trips for the students of their classes which help them better grasp what is being studied in the classroom. Mr. Steinbacher's Anatomy & Physiology students will be guests at St. Louis University where they will work with their medical school staff on cadavers in the lab. Mrs. Lail's Communications I classes will be going to the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park on April 20 to see a performance of Romeo and Juliet presented by the New Jewish Theater. Shakespeare's classic tale of star-crossed lovers assumes a different tone with the story set in the British Mandate of Palestine in 1947 during the war or Israeli Independence. Rather than feuding families in Verona, we find warring Arabs and Jews in Jerusalem with the British as mediator. As the two young lovers try to cross the political divide, the tragedy of their ill-fated love results in a hopeful lesson for tolerance and peace. This is a world premiere adaptation. This ties in nicely with a previous novel, Blood Brothers by Elias Chacour with the setting in the Mid-east.

Math Competition Honors for LHS Sophomore

Congratulations to Cecelia Photinos, who earned a Second Place Medal at the 2010 St. Charles Community College Math Competition this month in the sophomore division. Close to 100 area high school students competed in the event. She plans on competing in another math competition at Bishop DuBourg High School this week with other students from the AAA Conference.

Poetry Out Loud State Finals

Ellen Roundey, champion of the St. Louis Regional competition of Poetry Out Loud, competed at the State level in Jefferson City on March 3. Joining her were her parents Will and Kay Roundey, her sister Maddy, and the entire LHS English department - Claudia Staude (coach), Stevan Hendricks, and Rachel Lail. Only the top two places were announced. Mrs. Staude shared that Ellen did a stellar job and was flawless in reciting all three of her poetry selections. The LHS contingent all had her in the top three or four out of the 30 competitors.

The Business Management class has formed a company called PSI, (Party Solutions Incorporated).

Their mission statement is to provide LHS parents a fun social event that will strengthen the LHS parent community and serve as a building block for future events. They have teamed with the PFA (Parents and Friends Association) to host such an event.

Parents...Save the Date!

LHS Parent Mixer

Friday, April 23, 7-9 P.M.

Bogey Hills Country Club

**to build and strengthen connections
within the LHS parent community**

More details to follow...

PERSONAL NURTURING

Spring Tour & Festival Concert

The Concert Choir and the Strings Ensemble travel northeast this year for the "**Anchored in the Light of Christ**" Spring Tour March 11-14. Performances are scheduled at Decatur, Illinois - Lutheran School Association, Fort Wayne, Indiana - Ascension Lutheran Church, Southgate, Michigan - Christ the King Lutheran Church, and Melrose Park, Illinois - Apostles Lutheran Church. The Concert Choir and Strings Ensemble will perform along with the Concert Band their annual State Festival Concert on Sunday, March 21 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church Sanctuary at 4:00 P.M. Miss Jennifer Brauer directs the Concert Choir, Mrs. Elizabeth Killion directs the Strings Ensemble, and Mr. Michael Flandermeyer directs the Concert Band.

Winter Sports

Both the girls and boys basketball teams had great seasons. The girls finished 15-12. Their last game was a tough 51-44 loss to District champion North County Tech in the semi-finals of Districts. The boys last game was a battle with Whitfield in the District finals. After cutting the lead to 3, the boys lost 68-55. They finished 17-10. The Cougar Wrestlers finished fourth in the 13 school district, qualifying 7 for the state championships. J.D. Herst became the first LHS wrestler to finish 3rd in state. His season record was 49-2. He will be competing in a National meet in North Carolina at the end of March. For more information about the teams go to www.lhssc.org - cocurricular - athletics

Pom & Cheer Try-Outs Announced

In-coming freshmen and returning students who love to dance are invited to the LHS pommer tryouts. Dance experience at a studio or having perfect technique is not required, all levels of dancers are welcome. March 24-26 from 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. are the dates of the workshops and try-outs. Contact dance advisors Ashley Lunn at 314.497-7315 or Corrine Menke at 314.322-6526 for more information.

In-coming freshmen and returning students are also welcome to try out for cheerleading. Workshops and try-outs are scheduled for April 13 & 14 from 3:30 to 5:30 P.M. in the gym. No experience is necessary. Contact advisors Debbie Kwiatowski 314.575-8169 or debkwiatowski@charter.net or Laura Fischer 636.578-4707 or laura.fischer@nisc.coop for more information.

Spring Sports Parents Meeting

On Tuesday, March 16 the athletic department will host the Spring Sports Parents Meeting in the gym at 6:30 P.M. Important information for all parents will be shared. Each head coach will meet with the parents of the student-athletes participating in LHS spring sports. Parents needing more information about our spring sports programs may contact Mr. Kuhlmann, athletic director, or any of the coaches... Baseball - Mr. Dennis Lueck, Track and Field - Mr. Bob Carter, Tennis - Mr. Leon Jameson, Boys Golf - Mr. Michael Holtmeier, Girls Soccer - Miss Emily Holbrook. Competitions begin the week of March 22. Check the web site for game and meet schedules.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - Mr. David Schlesselman

Thanks to all of the donors and workers who came together to make another very successful auction. It is always amazing to see how much can be accomplished when everyone does a little. Look for a final report in the weeks to come.

The special project at the auction this year was **equipping our "Technology Toolbox."** Learning in the 21st century will require students to discover, collaborate, analyze and communicate and there is no question that technology will be an important part of that learning. If you would like to contribute to this fund but were not able to attend the auction, you may send your check to Lutheran High and simply mark it "Technology". All donations are tax deductible.

Help and encourage your students to **participate in the Jogathon** for which we have a goal this year to raise \$19,000 to enhance our drama, athletic and music programs. Students must address and send 5 mailers by March 26th in order to participate in the Jogathon on April 22nd. There are many bonus rewards for them in addition to helping to grow their co-curricular programs.

Lutheran Day at Busch will be on Saturday, May 1st, this year with the Cardinals playing Cincinnati followed by our LHS Cougars playing Springfield Lutheran. Baseball players and congregations will have tickets for sale soon. Watch for details in the next several weeks.

IN CLOSING

God's Word as recorded in St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians serves as the inspiration for the 2010 National Lutheran Schools Week theme of "Securing Each Child's Future - For a Life of Service."

"There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord." 1 Corinthians 12: 5.

Going into the fourth quarter of the school year, the LHS faculty and staff are so blessed to partner with you in nurturing spiritual, academic, and personal growth - **"Securing Each Child's Future - For a life of Service."** Thank you for the different kinds of service that you do in response to the love of God in Christ, our Lord and Savior and for passing that mission on to the next generation.

In Christ,

L. Marty

Larry Marty

Principal

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6.

Empowered by the Gospel of Jesus Christ Lutheran High School nurtures spiritual, academic, and personal growth equipping its students for a life of Christian service.