

PARENT C.A.T.S. NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Parent CATS,



As I write this letter it is only late March, yet the end of another school year is just around the corner and this will be our last newsletter. I would like to thank all the wonderful parents who volunteered their time and talents to Parent CATS this year. I encourage you to get involved and urge all parents to take advantage of the many opportunities that our organization provides. You will forever cherish the memories and friendships, but most of all the pleasure of being a part of your child's high school years in Libertyville.

A special thank you and congratulations to Dr. Joe Wojtena on his upcoming retirement. It has been a pleasure working with you and I want to thank you for all you have done to help make LHS such a special place for our children to attend school. I know that the students and parents of LHS join me in wishing you the very best in the future.

We have a few more activities to complete before we conclude the 2004-2005 school year...

Junior/Senior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 21st at the Palmer House in Chicago. Once again, to help ensure the safety of our children, luxury coach buses will transport all attendees to and from the event. Parents interested in chaperoning Prom should call Diane Phillips, Assistant Principal at 847-327-7005 or e-mail: diane.phillips@district128.org. Please discuss this with your student before contacting the school and committing to attend this special event.

On Tuesday, May 31st, at the annual *Honors Night Awards Ceremony*, Parent CATS will present two seniors with their \$500 GOAL Scholarships. A parent committee will review the applications



COLLEGE WALKING TOURS

and we would like to congratulate all those seniors who applied for this award.

Libertyville High School

Graduation will be held on Friday, June 10th. Congratulations to the Class of 2005! Following the ceremony, Parent CATS will host the Senior Graduation Party in the LHS Field House. The party will begin at 11:00 p.m. and end at 4:00 a.m. Tickets for the party must be purchased in advance and will be distributed at graduation practice on June 9th. Senior parents interested in volunteering for this event should contact Marcy Cole: 847-362-2259 or Paulette Young: 847-573-7310. We encourage all seniors to attend this fun evening of games, food, and prizes. It is a great way to conclude their high school years!



Congratulations to the incoming Parent CATS executive board. The nominating committee did a great job compiling this slate of officers. Please see the enclosed list of committee chair positions and call Anne Webb Ross: 847-362-9283 if you are interested in helping out next year! Parent CATS is looking forward to next year and has a great group of parents working together to make exciting things happen at LHS. Please watch for volunteer sheets in your registration packets that will be sent home this summer.

Welcome, Class of 2009 parents who will be receiving this newsletter for the first time. As any senior parent can tell you, these next four years will pass by very quickly! Please take this opportunity to get involved here at Libertyville High School. Best wishes to you and your student as you embark on an amazing high school experience.

-Karna Opeka, President

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 Arizona State University
 Univ. of Arizona
California
 Occidental College
 Stanford University
 Univ. of California - Berkeley
 Univ. of California - Los Angeles
 Univ. of Redlands
 Univ. of Southern California
Colorado
 Colorado State University
 Univ. of Colorado
Connecticut
 Yale University
District of Columbia
 Georgetown University
Georgia
 Emory University
Illinois
 Bradley University
 DePaul University
 Knox College
 Lake Forest College
 Northwestern University
 Univ. of Chicago
 Univ. of Illinois
 Wheaton College
Indiana
 Butler University
 DePauw University
 Indiana University
 Purdue University
 Univ. of Notre Dame
Iowa
 Coe College
 Drake University

Iowa State University
 Univ. of Iowa
Kansas
 Kansas State University
 Univ. of Kansas
Louisiana
 Tulane University
Maryland
 Johns Hopkins University
 St. John's College
Massachusetts
 Boston College
 Boston University
 Harvard University
 Mass. Institute of Technology
 Wheaton College
Michigan
 Michigan State University
 Univ. of Michigan
Minnesota
 St. Olaf College
 Univ. of Minnesota
Missouri
 St. Louis University
 Washington University
Montana
 Montana State University
Nebraska
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New Hampshire
 Dartmouth College
New York
 Cornell University
 Columbia University
North Carolina
 Duke University
 Univ. of No. Carolina – Chapel Hill

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Ohio
 Bowling Green State Univ.
 Denison University
 Hiram College
 Miami University
 Ohio State University
 Ohio University
 Ohio Wesleyan University
 College of Wooster
Pennsylvania
 Pennsylvania State University
 Univ. of Pennsylvania
 Univ. of Pittsburgh
 Villanova University
Rhode Island
 Brown University
South Carolina
 Clemson University
Tennessee
 Univ. of the South
 Vanderbilt University
Texas
 Baylor University
 Rice University
 Texas Christian Univ.
 University of Texas
Utah
 Brigham Young University
 University of Utah
Virginia
 College of William and Mary
Wisconsin
 Marquette University
 Univ. of Wisconsin - Madison

The Curriculum Committee of Parent CATS would like to continue expanding the CRC’s college walking tour video library. These videos are tapes that are actual college tours, unrehearsed, with spontaneous questions from parents and students. They are available for checkout, at no cost to you, for viewing at home. The attached list identifies those videos which are currently available in the CRC.

If you would like to make a donation of a video to add to CRC’s college walking tour video library, please complete the form below. As not all colleges and universities are available as walking tour videos, please call Sue Behringer at 680-4441 prior to submitting the form to check the availability of your selection. To save on shipping charges, we would like to send in the requests as a group. Please assist us in doing this by returning your purchase request as soon as possible.

Thank you to the families who generously donated a walking tour video for the CRC this year. We have been able to add two new walking tours to our collection: Bowling Green State University, and University of Southern California. We appreciate your support of this program.

**I am enthusiastic about _____
 College/University**

And want to purchase a videotape of it for the CRC LIBRARY. Enclosed please find a check for \$15.00 made payable to “LIBERTYVILLE PARENT CATS.”

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Well the year is winding down, but things seem to be getting busier and more hectic. Here are a few items to keep in mind before the year ends:



SENIORS- I know you waited anxiously for those letters of acceptance. Now it is the colleges' turn to wait for you, as you decide which school you are going to attend. You need to respond to all of the colleges that you applied to so that they know whether you are coming next fall or not. You need to do this by **MAY 1st** which is the **Universal Candidate Reply Date**. This principle allows students the *right* to hear from every school regarding admission and financial aid *before* they have to make their college decision. This basically means that **you have until May 1st to respond to the college of your choice**. You should also respond to the schools you will not be attending and thank them for their time. **NOTE:** If you are **WAITLISTED** at your college of choice, you will need to make a deposit at another school by May 1st in order to guarantee that you have a college to attend in the fall. If you are accepted off of the waitlist, then you *might* be able to get your deposit back from the other college if you notify them appropriately and say *please* 😊.

Seniors will also be receiving a mailing in early April which will contain three very important items. First of all, you will receive a copy of your **Health Record** which colleges will require before you arrive on campus. Secondly, you will receive a **Final Transcript** form which **must** be filled out so that we may send your high school academic records to the school you will attend. Finally, you will receive instructions on how to complete an online **Graduation Survey**. I am very excited about this survey because it will enable us to keep historical data on where students applied and where they were either accepted or denied. It will be a **GREAT** source of data when students ask, "What do you need to get into this school?" Please give your best attention to these items!

JUNIORS- The 6th semester is almost over- have you started your college search yet? Juniors, as the year winds down and you are making plans for the summer, remember to give proper attention to these items:

- Have you narrowed that list of colleges down? Keep researching!
- Take time to visit a college or two!
- Start *collecting* applications over the summer and working on rough drafts of essays.
- **IMPORTANT:** When school starts again make a point to meet with college admission representatives in the CRC!
- September to December is application season. Are you going to be prepared?
- Check out our **Summer Enrichment** box! We have many different opportunities in the three A's: Arts, Academics and Adventure.

SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN- Your time will come. Check out our Summer Enrichment box and stay focused. Have a great summer!

I would like to thank Parent Cats for their support this year. From baking cookies for Cookies and College to providing space in this newsletter to donating to our college videos collection, you guys are great!

-Ole Stevens, College/Career Counselor

THANK YOU



Roving Reporter

In each newsletter our fearless Roving Reporter, Debbie Davis, introduces us to a someone of interest at LHS.

R.R.: "Libertyville High School is so fortunate to have many choices of clubs for our students to choose from according to their interests...and just as important is to have "sponsors" to give of their time to the clubs as well! Today we will be chatting with Maria Ruetz, a member of the "Libertyville Junior Woman's Club." Hi Maria ! What club will you be telling us about today?"

Maria Ruetz: "Last year our club helped establish a high school (Juniorette) club for young women in grades 9 through 12. The actual name is the "Libertyville Young Woman's Club" and it is chartered through the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and sponsored by the L.J.W.C."



R.R.: "How wonderful ! What is the club all about?"

Maria: "It was established as a high school community service organization for those who wish to give back to their community by participating in volunteer service projects. These include working at a PADS shelter, hosting a social activity for the residents at Winchester House and helping to organize a holiday party for children in a "Head Start" program. Last year LYWC members established a library at Alice's Discovery Center in North Chicago. They built and painted shelves, collected books and sewed pillows for the children."



R.R.: "Whew ! How fabulous....who is in the club right now?"

Maria: "Currently all members are students at L.H.S. We would love to get the word out about the club."

R.R.: "What are the upcoming meeting dates and can anyone just drop in?"

Maria: "Future meetings will be held at the Libertyville Civic Center. The next date is April 24th, and the May date will be determined. The time is 3:30pm and all young women high school age are invited to attend."

R.R.: "Thank you so much Maria...if anyone would have questions can they contact you?"

Maria: "Yes, my phone number is: 847-918-7413. Thank you so much."

R.R.: "Thank you for telling us about this great club. What a joy it must be for all the girls involved to bring happiness to so many ! Keep up the good work."



ATTENTION: Parents of LHS Seniors



UPDATE ON LHS SENIOR GRADUATION PARTY

Graduation is swiftly approaching! The parents of the senior class are hosting the annual graduation party on June 10, 2005 from 11:00pm until 4:00am in the field house. (Students will not be admitted after 12:00 midnight). It will be an evening of music, food, games, dancing, and prizes. This party is a way to give the seniors a safe, substance-free way to celebrate their big accomplishment! What a way for the class of 2005 to create some fabulous, lasting memories.

Ticket order and waiver forms for this event are available, now, at LHS in the MAIN OFFICE. Each student must have a signed waiver form. Tickets are \$40.00. (Additional donations will be gladly accepted). Checks should be made out to "LHS Senior Party" and should have the student's name on the memo line of the check. All tickets will be distributed at graduation practice. Tickets are non-refundable and will not be available the night of the party! To enable us to adequately purchase all food, prizes and entertainment we would greatly appreciate receiving your completed ticket reservations by June 3, 2005.

*Can't share why, but we'd also welcome a non-returnable **candid photo of your graduating senior**, with or without their friends. (We already have access to yearbook photos). Please feel free to include these with your ticket order forms/waivers, or mail them directly to Marcy Cole, 5741 Churchill Lane, Libertyville, Illinois by June 3, 2005.*

Additional opportunities to join in the fun are listed below:

- last-shift volunteers to help "wrap-up" the party
 - ideas/products for prize donations
 - **large** appliance boxes

Please contact Paulette Young, 847-573-7310 (e-mail YOUNGPCKN@aol.com) if you, or someone you know is able to fulfill any of our needs, or has any questions.

Looking forward to an incredibly fun and memorable send-off for our seniors.

The 2005 Senior Graduation Party Committee

PARENT CATS 2005-2006

The proposed slate of officers for the 2005-2006 Parent C.A.T.S. executive board is:

President - Anne Webb
Ross

1st Vice-President - Sue
Behringer

2nd Vice-President - Kris
Partain and Dorothy
Renton

Treasurer - Liz Halbert
Secretary - Lisa Bialek

Thank you to those who worked with me on the nominating committee: Sue Behringer, Karen Branding, Kathy Hanley, Ann Shenassa and Donna Sternaman.

With the end of the school year fast approaching I would like to thank all those hundreds of volunteers who put in countless hours to make Parent C.A.T.S. function so effectively this year. We could not have done it without you and look forward to your participation next year. Thank you again.

-Anne Webb Ross

Contest

Parent CATS is pleased to announce that we are now accepting current Libertyville High School students' original artwork for the front cover of the 2005-2006 Student Parent Directory. The winner will receive \$25 for his/her artwork to be used on the front cover of next year's directory. Submissions are required to be on a 5" by 7" piece of paper and should be brought to the main office. The deadline is Friday, May 13. If you have any questions, please call Karen Clow at 680-1228. Good luck!



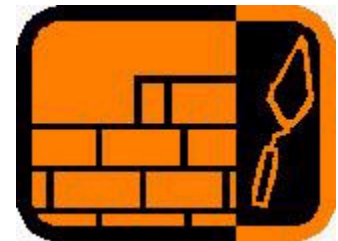
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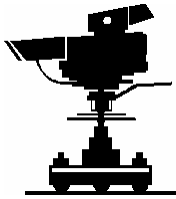
The Senior Graduation Party Committee needs your help the week of graduation. This is an opportunity to get a peek at what a great celebration your students will have to look forward to next year, as well as give you a little experience to help when you plan the Class of 2006 Party.

So, if you have an hour or two that you could volunteer to help us out, please call Kathryn Fadness at 918-1334. Thank You!!

An Entrance to Remember

The LHS Parent CATS organization is sponsoring a fund raiser to give parents, students and our community an opportunity to purchase a **personalized brick** which will become part of the main outdoor entrance to the new academic additions at Libertyville High School. Funds raised will be used to purchase a new LHS illuminated entrance sign. Only four hundred (400) bricks remain for sale! Installation will occur this summer. Deadline to order is June 1, 2005. Please see the order form attached in this month's newsletter.





CAT-TV IS COVERING IT ALL!



CAT-TV Documents The Stories Of Three Holocaust Survivors

On Tuesday, March 8th, CAT-TV's Marko Savatic (senior) and Melissa Reusche' (freshman) were given the privilege of capturing on videotape the dynamic testimonials of three Holocaust Survivors. The program was sponsored by First Class, SAP, and NCA, in cooperation with the Holocaust Memorial Foundation of Illinois.

For CAT-TV March Meant Coverage Of Performance Shows Like Orchesis, Cabaret and Jazz Band. CAT-TV LEARNS THE ANSWER TO "WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN DANCE?" DURING ORCHESIS.

The CAT-TV cameras focused on the creative choreography of the Orchesis dancers. It was the first of scheduled shows. Freshman Phil Skurski directed his first CAT-TV show with the help of crew mates Jeff Lieberman, Marko Savatic, Elle Webber, and Maggie Sledd.

CAT-TV SHOWCASES HOLLYWOOD THEMES DURING CABARET

The Cleftomaniacs, Treblemakers, Master Singers, Bell Choir, Chorale, Bel Canto and Concert Choir performed arrangements with Hollywood movie themes for the cameras of CAT-TV. The LHS Cafeteria was transformed into an intimate club atmosphere while freshman camera operators Elle Webber and Maggie Sledd framed the action being broadcaste on the internet over the District 128 website (www.District128.org) and recorded for the CAT-TV video library.

CAT-TV PRODUCERS ASK STUDENTS TO GIVE THEIR TAKE ON DEMOCRACY

For the Columbia College Creative Video Challenge in April, CAT-TV Producers Jeff Lieberman, Teresa Fiorito and Adam Weller queried students about "What Democracy Means to High School Students" at LHS. The five minute program will compete with 40 other schools in the same category at the 12th Annual Chicagoland High School Video Festival . Good luck!

During the month of February three CAT-TV students had video entries in the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) student Emmy awards for excellence. The regional winners will be announced in March.



1. Marko Savatic (Senior) 10 - minute game clip/IHSA Fourth Round Playoff Rolling Meadows vs. Libertyville football.-**Technical Achievement Category**
2. Adam Weller (Sophomore) 10 - minute game clip/Antioch vs. Libertyville basketball--**Technical Achievement Category**
3. Andrew Zurek (Senior) 3 minute clip/Internet Streaming Package-News story category.

Don Johnson, CAT-TV supervisor

Don.Johnson@district128.org

Varsity Poms



The Libertyville High School Varsity Pom Squad has been busy earning high marks on and off the floor. They have been busy choreographing and performing their routines at all school assemblies and home varsity basketball games. One of their philanthropic projects this year is Breast Cancer Awareness. The girls collected over \$500.00 for the cause on February 11th. They have been focusing on their competition season competing in IDTA's North Super Sectional Region in the highly competitive AAA Division. Warren High School hosted the first competition where the squad qualified for Super Sectionals in both the Dance and Hip Hop categories. They went on to an Invitational at Palatine High School dancing again in both categories, and then competed at Stevenson High School where they earned a 2nd in the Dance category and 4th in the Hip Hop category. The dancers were thrilled to be one of the teams chosen to compete at State when they recently attended the Illinois Drill Team Association Super Sectionals Saturday, March 5th in Rockford winning 4th place in Hip Hop and 5th place in Dance. They went on to the State Competition Saturday, March 12th at The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in Assembly Hall, finishing their season placing 7th in Hip Hop and 8th in Dance.

The members of the 2004-2005 LHS Varsity Pom Squad are Alexandra Bowles, Lisa Branding, Tracy Branding*, Kelsey Burke, Casey Dugan, Annie Freyman (Co-Captain)*, Elizabeth Henderson, Sarah Janousek, Karyn LaRoi, Darcy Loeb (Captain)*, Megan Lowecki, Samantha

Mattimiro*, Ashley Mayworm*, Nicole Notaro, Bridget Quinn, Brittany Wunsch and Kathryn Young. Their coach is Brooke Adams.

* Denotes members - NSC All Academic

You Are Invited:
Parents of
Butterfield students,
past and present are
invited to a farewell
reception
Tuesday, May 24
4:00-6:00 pm
Commons Area,
Butterfield School
All adults are
invited to wish
Principal Barbara
Pergander best wishes
as she leaves
Butterfield School



THANK YOU TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED
PRODUCE OUR NEWSLETTER THIS
YEAR!

AUDREY MCCARTNEY AND
BARBARA WALTERS



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OF THE MONTH
7:00 PM IN THE LHS
LEARNING CENTER

APRIL 13TH
MAY 18TH

DISTRICT 128
SCHOOL BOARD
MEETINGS

4/25/05
5/23/05
6/27/05