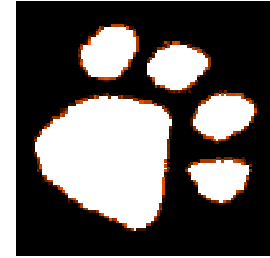


PARENT CATS NEWSLETTER



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Parent CATS Newsflash :

LHS Students and Parents Kicked Off the Year with a Successful Homecoming- Look at What October Brings

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- **Would you like to include “news” from a club or event? Email me Casey Rooney, Newsletter Editor (crooney520@yahoo.com)**

**PARENT CATS
SECOND MEETING OF THE 2007-2008
SCHOOL YEAR
Wednesday, OCTOBER 10TH
AT 7:00 PM IN THE LHS LIBRARY**

President's Letter

No one can say that the school year got off to a slow start! September was jam-packed with activities at the school, and Parent CATS was there to show our support. Windows in downtown Libertyville were decked out in homecoming art thanks to our Community Activities Committee and our hard working students. Thank you to Maggie Gonring, Linda Kraemer, Pauline Marvin and Karen Branding. Karen and Chuck Clow, who head our Activities Committee, were there to make sure our coat check was staffed with parent volunteers on the night of the Homecoming Dance. And thank you to Terry Wepler who volunteered his 66 Mustang convertible for the Parent CATS to use in the Homecoming Parade.

The Red Ribbon Classic Spooktacular 5K Run/1 Mile Fun Run will be held on Sunday October 14 at LHS. We are in need of parent volunteers to assist with the course marshalling, food table and decorations among other areas. Please contact Sue Behringer at 680-4441 if you can help with this event.

Our annual Coaches Appreciation Day is October 16. Our Hospitality Committee (Maureen Darling, Jill Argall and Nancy Dugan) have a gift for organizing this event and providing food for coaches throughout the day. We are pleased to recognize our coaches for their commitment to our athletes.

I know that I use the internet more and more for staying up on activities and events. Please visit our Parent CATS website at www.parentcats.org to see all the information that is there. Our parent volunteer, Perry Lentine, does a great job keeping our website accurate and current.

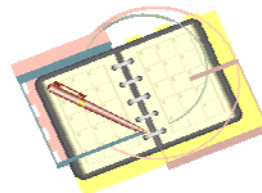
It was great to have so many parents join us at the September Parent CATS meeting.

**Our next meeting is October 10, 7:00 pm in the Library.
Bob Uliks, our School Resource Officer will speak
briefly on issues of school security and parental
responsibility.**

Bring your questions.
I look forward to seeing you there!

Audrey McCartney
President

Parent CATS Meeting Dates
September 5
October 10
November 14
January 9
February 13
March 12
April 9
May 14



**LHS
Library
7:00 pm**

DON'T MISS OUT!!!

**Red Ribbon Classic- Spooktacular
5K Run/1 mile Fun Run**



This event is a 5k Run/1 mile Fun Run held to heighten the awareness of drug free living. It is held annually on a weekend in October to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week.

Sunday, October 14th, 2007
at the LHS football stadium

8:45 for 5K Walkers
9:00 for 5K Runners
9:15 for 1 mile Fun Run

Volunteers are still needed for this event.

Please contact Sue Behringer
tbehrit@comcast.net or 847-680-4441.

Go to the LHS website for registration information:
www.lhswildcats.org, scroll down to the 2007 Red Ribbon Classic and click on the PDF brochure for registration information.



WANTED:

Parent CATS needs a mom or dad who would be willing to attend District 128 school board meetings, and report to the monthly Parent CAT meetings.

If you like to stay informed, we need you!

Please contact
Parent CAT President
Audrey McCartney
847-362-8274

LIBERTYVILLE WILDCATS

“PAINT THE TOWN”

Students from LIBERTYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL demonstrated their “WILDCAT PRIDE” as they painted the downtown windows for Homecoming during spirit week. Over 350 students from 20 different clubs and organizations came out to paint the windows of 40 storefronts with the Homecoming theme “Arabian Nights.” The students showed creativity, originality and tremendous school spirit as they helped bring home another Wildcat victory!! GO CATS!!

The winning windows for 2007 Homecoming were:



First Place -- \$100.00

CHOIR – for Arden’s Furniture

Second Place -- \$75.00

SPARK for Van Kirk’s

Third Place -- \$50.00

VARSIY CHEERLEADERS

for Libertyville Cyclery

Honorable Mention -- \$25.00

THE STAT GIRLS

for Harris Bank

The Parent CATS would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to all the students who participated in the painting, and also to the following parent volunteers who helped supervise this event. WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!!

Katherine Aynilian, Sybil Benson, Anne Beres, Leslie Botts, Elizabeth Everitt, Susie Goldberg, Jill Grozier, Elena Hughes, Caroline Humes, BJ Jones, Debbie Josenhan, Beth Kiewicz, Christine Landauer, Susan Nipper, Virginia Peplinski, Amanda Staines, Steve Staines, Brenda Sural

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

A **HUGE WILDCAT** THANK YOU
TO OUR **GENEROUS**

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS...

- *545 North
- *Allstate Insurance
- *Arden's Fine Furniture
- *Buss Flowers
- *Caribou Coffee
- *Christine Ann's Couture
- *Cousins Subs
- *Edward Jones
- *Firkin
- *French Nails
- *Harris Bank
- *Henry Yee's
- *Idea Design
- *Improv Playhouse
- *Libertyville Bank & Trust
- *Libertyville Cyclery
- *Magic Touch Cleaners
- *Mickey Finn's Brewery
- *Monday's Child
- *Morgan's Bar & Grill

- *Motif
- *My Girlfriend's Close
- *Murphy's Health Foods & Juice Bar
- *Northshore Proactive Services
- *Petranek's Pharmacy
- *Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- *Serendipity & Latitude
- *Steve's Taylor
- *Studio West
- *Townee Square Restaurant
- *The Tavern
- *The Picnic Basket
- *The Garden Gate
- *The Present Moment
- *Touche' Salon
- *Trattoria Pomigliano
- *Van Kirk's
- *Ya-Ya's
- *Parkview Gourmet

We appreciate your support and community spirit! We encourage all of our Wildcat families to patronize these fabulous downtown merchants!!

Submitted by **PARENT CATS** Community Outreach Committee:
Karen Branding, Nora Butrym , Maggie Gonring, Linda Kraemer, Pauline Marvin

CATS Musical

Generates Excitement

The acclaimed Andrew Lloyd Webber musical *Cats* won't make its LHS debut for another month but there's already a buzz about sold-out shows. Anticipating a higher than usual demand for tickets, **a fourth performance has now been added.** Based on availability, audience members can choose between three evening shows on Thursday, November 1 through Saturday, November 3 at 7:30 p.m. and one matinee performance on Saturday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. All shows will be presented in the newly renovated LHS Auditorium.

Cast members auditioned for the all-singing musical shortly after school started and daily rehearsals began just after Labor Day. The show is a collaborative effort and taps into the expertise of **Mr. Tim Frawley**, director; **Mr. Dustin Helvie**, conductor; **Dr. Jeff Brown**, choral director; **Ms. Eryn Smith**, choreographer; **Mr. Kevin Holly**, set and lighting designer and technical director; **Ms. Andrea Townsend**, costumer; and **Mr. Dan Patterson**, audio designer. This year's production involves more elaborate costumes, make-up and set design, in addition to challenging vocal numbers.

The *Cats* cast includes seniors **Ben Berger, Bridget Carr, Austin Causey, Ashley Dennee, Kit Garchow, Dena Goldberg, Elizabeth Henderson, Babette Jamieson, Alex Mason, Laura Murray, Johnathan Okelsinski, Samuel Pirruccello, Brent Rawlinson, Mel Reusche, Jennifer Ruppert, Phil Skurski, Pippa Soo** and **Ellen Williams**; juniors **Allison Cacich, Anne Chapman, Brett O'Connor** and **Taryn Smith**; sophomores **Aleah Gattone, Molly Goldberg, Mickey Gregory, Tim Heller, Anna Mayworm, Kasey Michel, Willson Oppedahl, Lisa Revis** and **Claire Salata**; and freshmen **Kiersten Frumkin** and **Drew Mills**.



Autumn Choral Festival slated for Tuesday, October 16th

Members of the LHS Concert Choir, Bel Canto and Chorale, along with their vocal conductor, **Dr. Jeff Brown**, will join voices with area middle school choirs for the annual choral festival. The event will be held in the LHS Gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. to accommodate the large number of singers.

As in years past, students from Highland Middle School, Oak Grove and Rondout will have the opportunity to practice and perform with the older students. This year's guest conductor is **Dr. Karyl Carlson**. Dr. Carlson is Director of Choral Activities for the School of Music at Illinois State University in Bloomington.



Honor Bestowed on Band

The LHS Wind Ensemble, directed by **Mr. Don Shupe**, was recently selected for the National Wind Band Honors.

Libertyville's Wind Ensemble's recording was judged against 80 of the finest bands in the country. The National Wind Band Honors project recognizes the top quarter as National Winners. This honor represents yet another award garnered by the school's excellent music department.

Want to get more involved in the fine arts programs at Libertyville High School? Plan on attending the next F.A.S.T. (Fine Arts Support Team) meeting on Tuesday, October 9 in Room 1104 at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you there!

Fright Night

Concert Promises to be Frightfully Entertaining

Thursday, October 18th

Kicking off the first Orchestra concert of the school year, LHS will treat music lovers to a night of bewitching selections – without the tricks! Under the direction of **Mr. Jeremy Marino**, LHS Orchestra will join students of Lake Forest High School Orchestra to present Fright Night.

Among other selections, LHS will perform “*Night on Bald Mountain*” from the animated Disney classic, *Fantasia*. Be prepared for a big sound when the two orchestras combine to perform “*Mars, the Bringer of War*” movement from the composition “*The Planets*”. Some 140 students, including 90 strings, will fill the Lake Forest High School Auditorium with ghoulishly good music.

According to Mr. Marino, the first Fright Night concert was held on an auspicious Friday the Thirteenth in 2001. The community is invited to attend this year's concert at 7:30 p.m. at 1285 N. McKinley Road in Lake Forest.

LHS Students chosen for All-State Production



Susan Bratton, Dena Goldberg, Tim Heller, Pippa Soo and Hanna Supanich-Winter selected to participate in *Parade*

Five LHS students were recently honored as cast and crew members for the upcoming All-State production. Seniors **Dena Goldberg** and **Pippa Soo** were selected for the roles of *Lizzie* and *Mary Phagan*, respectively. Sophomore **Tim Heller** will perform as a member of the Ensemble. Senior **Hanna Supanich-Winter** will serve on the technical crew and junior **Susan Bratton** will perform with the orchestra.

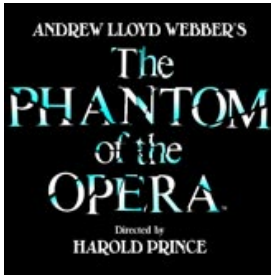
According to their website, the Illinois High School Theatre Festival is the largest and oldest non-competitive high school theatre festival in the world. The three-day Festival will take place January 10-12, 2008 at Illinois State University. Each year, more than 4,000 students, teachers, university representatives, exhibitors, and volunteers come together for three days to put on over 25 different high school productions and over 150 workshops. The annual All-State Production features student cast, crew, and orchestra members from across the state.



One more chance to catch Wildcat Marching Band's Halftime Show

Fans of the Wildcat Marching Band were lucky to see four home performances during the first month of school. But with only one home football game left, time is running out to catch the color, sound and pageantry of this year's Marching Band.

Come out on Friday, October 19 to cheer on
Mr. Don Shupe, Mr. Dustin Helvie,
and *all* the Marching Wildcats!



FAST THEATRE TRIP
The Phantom of the opera

At the Cadillac Palace Theatre
Friday, November 30, 2007 8PM (estimated check in time 4:45PM)

\$42 per person
Includes mid-balcony ticket and bus transportation from and to LHS

To register, please return the permission slip at the bottom of this page to the FAST THEATRE TRIP box in the Fine Arts Office c/o Lisa Bialek. Forms and payment may also be given to Lisa Bialek at the Faculty Recital on September 26th. Payment (Checks payable to LHS FAST) is due with your reservation and no refunds can be issued. Seating is limited to 100 seats. Reservations are accepted on a first come, first served basis!

Please respond by October 5, 2007, at 4PM.

FAST is providing this opportunity in an effort to support our goal of enriching appreciation of Fine Arts within our community. While trip managers will be present, parents should determine the maturity level of Students attending this event. If adult supervision is needed, please join your student on the trip!

Trip logistics/details and box dinner information will be emailed to you as we get closer to November 30th.

The phantom of the OPERA Registration and Release Form

Name _____ Email _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Theatre Trip Policies:

1. In the event of insufficient registration, this trip may be cancelled.
2. All reservations are non-refundable. If a replacement is found, a registration and release form must be signed by the replacement.

Release:

I have fully informed myself of the details for participation in this event. As a participant or parent/legal guardian, I agree to defend and fully indemnify Libertyville High School Fine Arts Support Team (LHS FAST) against any claim which may result from any personal actions taken by myself or my child. I further agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless Libertyville High School against any claim or cause of action whatsoever brought against Libertyville High School which took place during the LHS FAST Theatre Trip if that claim or cause is brought by my child or myself.

I hereby consent to participation for myself and/or my child in The Phantom of the Opera at the Cadillac Palace Theatre on Friday, November 30, 2007. I certify that I have an understanding of this agreement and the activity described above.

Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Phone

Emergency Medical Treatment: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by the hospital or doctor. In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, please contact:

Name

Relationship

Phone



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For over 80 years now, *Drops of Ink* has provided Libertyville High School and its community with newsworthy articles, features and editorials. More than 2,500 people depend on the newspaper to keep them up-to-date with all of LHS's news and events. *Drops of Ink*, run by students for the school community, has won several national awards.

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A subscription also makes a great gift for LHS graduates who have moved away but still would like to know what's going on in their old school.

Yes, I would like to subscribe to *Drops of Ink* for the 2007-2008 school year! Please send my subscription to:

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Address: _____

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Please make your check payable to Libertyville High School. Detach this portion and mail along with check to the above address (Attn: Matt Tooley). Thank you for your patronage!

Save Lids to Save Lives

Yoplait® began its tenth annual Save Lids to Save Lives program this fall. Future Business Leaders of America will be participating in this program and collecting pink Yoplait® lids.

Every lid matters, because every lid gets us closer to our donation goal for Susan G. Komen for the Cure. During our collection drive, for every lid we send in, Yoplait® will donate 10 cents to Susan G. Komen, up to \$1.5 million! They also guarantee to donate at least \$500,000. Last year Illinois took third place in the collection drive. Help us push Illinois towards first place.

Working together, one lid at a time, we can get there. So, this is a chance for each of us to take part in the search for a cure. Doing your part couldn't be easier. Look for the pink lids on packages of Yoplait® Original, Light, Thick and Creamy, Light Thick and Creamy, Whips!, and Yoplait Smoothies. Save them, **wash them**, and have your students turn them in to room 013 before December 21, 2007. Contact Miss Shaw at kristen.shaw@d128.org with questions and comments.



The Activities Committee would like to thank our wonderful parent volunteers for helping to coat check the Homecoming Dance. A huge thank you goes to the following parents for all of their assistance:

Sherry Bauschke
Karen Branding
Susan Clarke
Nan & Dan Dahlke
Sue Dittman
Linda Kraemer
Charlotte Lawless
Sherry Leichtweis
Eileen & Rob Michel

Kathleen O'Connor
Barb Pistella
Lucinda Primrose
Rose & Tim Rafferty
Laura Rezell
Sue Ryan
Vicki Ryan
Bonnie Taylor
Modesta Oleksinski



We could not have done it without you!

Karen and Chuck Clow
Activities Committee

CATS HOSTS ANNUAL SWIM MEET



CATS Aquatic Team announces it will be hosting their annual “CATS Classic” swim meet the weekend of October 13th and 14th at Vernon Hills High School .

CATS is a community-based swimming program that primarily serves student-athletes that reside within the boundaries of Community High School District 128. CATS is committed to servicing the community by providing a swimming program that offers both developmental and competitive tracks for Age Group athletes (ages 8&under, 9-10, 11-12) and Senior level athletes (ages 13-14, 15 & over) under the charter of USA Swimming.

CATS recently completed its transition to a Parent Board owned organization. Previously administered by District 128, CATS is now a not-for-profit entity in partnership with District 128. Through this partnership, CATS utilizes the pool facilities of both Vernon Hills and Libertyville High Schools and is recognized by District 128 as its “feeder” swim program.

CATS also recently completed its Fall/Winter season registration. A total of 210 athletes enrolled in the program, including a record number of 54 new swimmers to the program. Additional enrollment is expected from the Girls High School swim teams at the completion of their current season. CATS is pleased with the support for swimming from the community and excited about developing the skills of these athletes to participate in the upcoming short course swim season. The next try-out and registration period will be in April of 2008.

CATS has achieved Bronze Level recognition by USA Swimming and is also sponsored by Speedo. CATS employs its own coaching staff. The current coaching staff is under the leadership of full time Age Group Head Coach, Jeff Arce, and full time Senior Head Coach, Brian Brown. Jeff has been coaching with CATS for four years and is an ASCA Level 3 certified coach. Brian has been with CATS for one year and is an ASCA Level 4 coach certified coach. Other returning part time coaches are Pat Costello, Tim Griffin and Nina Arce. New coaches include Abby Thomas and Sarah Cull. CATS also receive coaching support from Vernon Hills High School Head Coach Kedric Greenwalt.

In addition to excellence in the pool, CATS swimmers also excel in many other scholastic and community support activities. Because swimmers spend up to five hours per day, six days a week in training, they must have excellent time management skills and are typically very good students. Recently, senior swimmer Eric Li was named as a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist. In addition, many of CATS swimmers assist with the District 128 sponsored Special Olympics swim team.

More information about CATS can be found on their website at www.cats-aquatics.com.