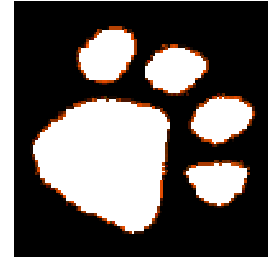


PARENT CATS NEWSLETTER



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- Would you like to include “news” from a club or event? Email me

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**Parent CATS Meeting
Wednesday, February 13th
AT 7:00 PM IN THE LHS LIBRARY**

President's Letter

It may be cold outside this time of year but it isn't slowing Parent CATS down in any way! Nancy Dick, from the Student Assistance Program shared insights and information at January's Parent CATS meeting that many parents found helpful. Check out our Parent CATS website for future contributions from Nancy. At the 8th grade orientation on January 10 we enjoyed meeting many future LHS parents, excited to join our school. Special thanks to the Spirit Wear Committee for providing a fabulous selection of spirit wear for the incoming families to shop from.

In February all LHS students will be able to participate in Young Hearts for Life, a free screen EKG test funded by the Max Schewitz Foundation. This program is made possible by the joint efforts of Midwest Heart Foundation, Max Schewitz Foundation, LHS, the Parent CATS and community physicians. This week, all students and their parents will receive a mailing with a thorough explanation of all aspects of this testing. The Young Hearts for Life Cardiac Screening program relies on parents as the primary volunteer source for performing the EKGs. Volunteers will be trained and do not need prior experience. Please consider filling out the volunteer form that will be in the mailing and return it as soon as possible. I am always confident that LHS parents will step up to help our school in every needed way, just as they have in the past.

Because we are focusing on this new huge event we are rescheduling our Alumni Parent Panel that was originally scheduled for our February 13 meeting to a later date.

Our Curriculum Committee is accepting applications for the G.O.A.L. award, which has been increased to \$1000 (each) this year. Please see our web site for details and an application, or contact Ann Shenassa at 847-816-0917.

The Graduation Committee is busy planning this year's party for our Seniors. If you would like to be involved, contact Karen Branding at 847-680-9213 or Nora Sesterhenn at 847-549-6067.

The Turnabout Dance is scheduled for February 23 and Karen and Chuck Clow are in the process of putting together a crack team of coat check volunteers.

Like I said, Parent CATS does not seem to be slowed down by the cold! I look forward to seeing you at our February 13 meeting at 7:00 pm in the LHS Library. Or if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me.

Audrey McCartney,

President

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Class of 2008

Save the Date - There will be a general meeting for all parents who have a graduate this June to discuss the 2008 Graduation Party. The meeting will take place on

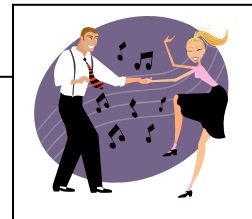
Tuesday February 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in room 157 at LHS.

This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved in one of the most memorable events in your senior's high school experience. Whether you want to help a little or a lot or just need more information, come find out how you can be part of this great post-graduation event.

If you have questions please contact Karen Branding branding@comcast.net
or Nora Sesterhenn norases@sbcglobal.net.

[Click here for more information](#)

Hope to see you there!



Turnabout 2008!

February 23rd, 8-11 p.m.

(Remember, students do not need dates to attend.)

**It's dance time again and we are in need of
parent volunteers to "work" the coat check room.**

Come join in the fun and see that LHS parents do make a difference!
Volunteers meet in the study hall room (next to the cafeteria) by 7:45

Please send an email if you are available to help.

Karen Clow

Activities Chair

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Parent Cats Volunteer opportunity!

As a parent or guardian of a student at LHS you are automatically a member of Parent CATS.

There are many opportunities to participate in Parent Cats. Currently, there are several positions open for the 2008-2009 school year.

Will your son or daughter be a senior next year?

Think about volunteering as the
09 Senior Party Chair!

Also, an **Activities Chair** (or chair persons) is needed to organize chaperones and coat check volunteers at the dances.

The Parent Cats Board has positions open for
1st Vice President and **Treasurer**.

We also need a person willing to put their computer skills to work on the school directory next fall.

Anyone interested, please contact
Andy Robinson, '08-'09 President
847-918-7549 or

*"Parent Community for the Advancement of
Teamwork and Spirit"*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Regarding driving restrictions and curfew changes for young drivers.

Drivers Age 16 & 17:

- A nighttime driving restriction is in place Sunday-Thursday, 10 p.m.-6a.m. and Friday-Saturday, 11 pm-6am
- Cell phone use while driving is prohibited except in the case of an emergency to contact a law enforcement agency, health care provider or emergency services agency.

**These are effective
January 1, 2008.**

2008 G.O.A.L. Scholarship Awards

In honor of our former superintendent, Dr. Donald L. Gossett

Gossett's **O**utstanding **A**ttitude Towards **L**earning

Now, here's a scholarship opportunity for all LHS seniors:

- *It's not about GPA.*
- *It's not about income.*
- *It's not about athletics.*
- *It's not about outstanding achievement in extracurriculars.*
- *It's not about perfect attendance records.*
- *It's not even about field of study or ethnic heritage.*

The G.O.A.L. Award is all about students who show personal growth during their LHS years.

The selection committee will select the two best essays that demonstrate the students' commitment and improvement in their secondary education.

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Application deadline is Tuesday, April 1, 2008.

[Click here for an application](#)



Cat Tracks



Follow these tracks to the [Parent CATS website](#) for more important information:



[Class of 2008 Graduation Party](#)



["Home of a Wildcat" Yard sign order form](#)



["An Entrance to Remember" Brick order form](#)



[Scholarship Bulletin \(presented by the LHS CRC\)](#)



["Drops of Ink" Student Newspaper order form](#)



[EKG Screening, February 28, 29, 2008](#)



[Guidelines for teen gatherings](#)

Cheerleaders compete at the Grayslake North Cheerleading Invitational Next Stop – Sectionals!

On Saturday, January 19th, the Libertyville Cheerleaders competed at the Grayslake North Cheerleading Invitational. There were over 30 schools competing from the northern suburbs. All three squads placed in their divisions and received awards:

Freshman squad 5th place

JV squad 2nd place

Varsity squad 2nd place.

The squads are coached by Ben Anderson, Jenny Speciale and Shab Moradian. Freshman and JV squads have completed their competition seasons. Varsity will be competing next on January 26th at sectionals in Lake Park-Roselle . The top 5 teams in each division will continue on at state competition in Bloomington , Illinois at the US Cellular Building on February 1st and 2nd.



Varsity Flyers: Jessie Horgan, Hannah Rodbro, Taylor Potts, Becca Lugge

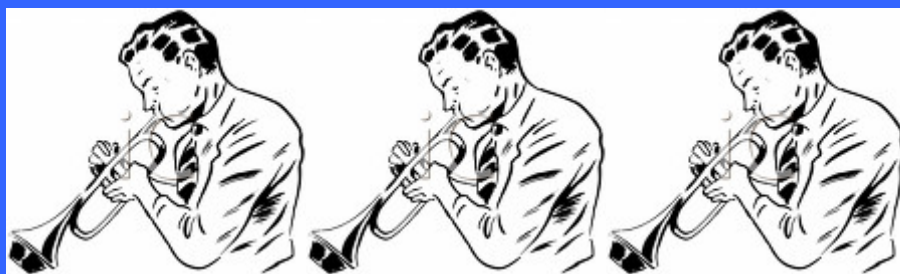


The Dining Room cast members include (front row) Artie Snow, Tara Jensen, (middle row) Amanda Cacich, Babette Jamieson, Dena Goldberg, Ellen Williams, Alex Mason, (back row) Mr. Gary Saxvik, Jon Oleksinski, Kit Garchow, Drew Mills and Mary Kate Bueltmann. Not pictured is Ashley Denee.

***The Dining Room* to be performed February 8th and 9th**

Dinner is served. Well, not until February 8th. Written by A. R. Gurney, this year's winter play promises to offer a wonderful range of clearly defined, rich characters (over 50 of them), in 18 interrelated vignettes that will be both humorous and touching. Set in the dining room of a typical well-to-do household, the family assembles daily for breakfast and dinner and for special occasions. The actors change roles, personalities and ages with skill as they portray a wide variety of characters, from little boys to stern grandfathers, and from giggling teenage girls to Irish housemaids. Each vignette introduces a new set of people and events. Retired LHS English teacher, **Mr. Gary Saxvik**, returns as a guest performer. The winter play is directed by **Mr. Kevin Holly** and stage manager is **Hanna Supanich-Winter**. Tickets are \$5.00 for and \$4.00 for students.

Winter Band Concert to Heat up the Night



Come out of the cold to hear the hot sounds of LHS bands

On Wednesday, February 20th, LHS bands will present the annual Winter Concert. All four bands -- Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Freshman Band -- will be featured. Special guest for the evening is the Symphonic Band from Oak Grove School, under the direction of **Mr. Bill Overton**. The Oak Grove group will kick off the concert. Each band will present a variety of music including marches, movie soundtrack medleys, and contemporary and classic band literature. LHS bands are under the direction of **Mr. Don Shupe** and **Mr. Dustin Helvie**. Please note that the concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. (not 7:30 as it appears in the school calendar) in the LHS Auditorium.

THINK FAST...

Which parent group represents all elements of the fine arts curriculum and extra-curricular activities at Libertyville High School, including music, art, theatre, dance, speech and technical crew?

The answer is F.A.S.T. The next meeting of the Fine Arts Support Team is Tuesday, February 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 1104 (near Main Office). Any parent/guardian of a student enrolled at LHS is welcome. Our goals are to offer volunteer and financial support to continue the outstanding quality of the LHS fine arts program.



O N E A C T P L A Y F E S T I V A L

Thursday, 2/21 & Friday, 2/22
Libertyville High School Studio Theater
7:30 p.m.

Four one-act plays
Directed by LHS students
Performed by LHS students

Cast for One Act Play Festival Announced

The Actor's Nightmare, directed by **Pippa Soo**, includes cast members **Kelsey Hamilton, Tim Heller, Fiona Hope, Willson Oppedahl** and **Claire Salata**. Stage manager is **Austin Causey**.

Degas, C'est Moi, directed by **Nick Heupel**, includes cast members **Susan Bratton, Emilee Fannon, Mickey Gregory, Brent Rawlinson** and **Kyle Schory**. Stage manager is **Sam Pirruccello**.

Who Am I This Time?, directed by Phil Skurski, includes cast members Liz Abderholden, Chris Bryant, Shannon Campe, Emma Dreher, Nathan Freyman, Becky Goldberg, Valentina Michelotti, Rosie O'Connor, Andy Phillips and Sarah Prinz. Stage Manager is Taryn Smith.

The Whole Shebang, co-directed by Laura Murray and Mel Reusche, includes cast members Bridget Carr, Gabe Echeverria, Ann Kreitman, Brett O'Connor, Colleen Paul and Alaysia Ray.

The plays will take place in the LHS Studio Theater on Thursday, February 21st and Friday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m.



Kylee Eyre and LHS 2007 graduate Austin Schupple perform a song from the musical Grease during last year's Cabaret show.

2008 Cabaret theme is *Decades*

Offering choral selections from silly to serious, Cabaret is sure to entertain. Directed by **Dr. Jeff Brown**, this year's show is Wednesday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. **Mr. Paul Vander Weele** will serve as accompanist.

Choreographers prepare for March Orchesis Show



Sarah Garren performs in the dance number, Betty Boop, during last year's concert.

With television shows like *Dancing with the Stars* and last summer's *So You Think You Can Dance* growing in popularity, it's clear that more people appreciate the entertainment quality of dance. Of course, a lot of work goes on before the dancers appear in front of an audience. After music is selected for individual dance numbers, choreographers must put their moves to the music. Choreographers share their vision with the dancers and teach them the unique series of movements that make up each number. For years, many of the dancers in the LHS Orchesis troupe have been performing dances choreographed by professional instructors. The beauty of the annual Orchesis dance concert is that it

gives students the opportunity to showcase their *own* choreography in addition to their dance skills.

Student choreographers for this year's show include seniors **Bridget Carr, Leah Fiore, Sarah Garren, Liz Henderson, Lisa Kinsella, Joy Peplinski, Brent Rawlinson, Jenn Ruppert, Kelsey Schmitz, Allison Sickert** and **Pippa Soo**; juniors **Lauren Ahern, Allison Cacich** and **Kerry Ann Sleep**; and sophomore **Eric Lyerly**. Directed by **Ms. Eryn Smith**, this year's show will be held on Friday, March 7th and Saturday, March 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium.

Music events coming in March...



Mozart as a child

Friday, 3/14

*Jazz Concert at 7:30 p.m.
LHS Auditorium*

Wednesday, 3/19

*Orchestra Concert at 7:30 p.m.
LHS Auditorium*



Mr. Kevin Holly is assisted by LHS senior Sean Lathan during his presentation at the Illinois Theatre Festival held in January at Illinois State University in Bloomington.

Rave Reviews for Illinois Theatre Fest Conference draws hundreds to ISU

LHS students and faculty were well represented during the recent Illinois Theatre Festival. Thirty-five students attended the three-day event which included workshops and live theater productions. One of the weekend's highlights came on Saturday afternoon when six students participated as cast and crew members in the All-State musical, *Parade*. Seniors **Dena Goldberg** and **Pippa Soo** performed as *Lizzie* and *Mary Phagan*, respectively. Sophomore **Tim Heller** performed as a member of the Ensemble. Senior **Hanna Supanich-Winter** served on the technical crew and juniors **Susan Bratton** and **Anna Pollema** played in the pit orchestra. Other LHS students and faculty cheered them on from the audience.

LHS Technical Director, **Mr. Kevin Holly**, conducted a workshop entitled, *Choosing Your Palette: Color in Lighting*. The workshop focused on the cheapest and easiest lighting property to change...color! More than 80 students and theater advisors attended Mr. Holly's two sessions. Demonstrations and discussions focused on different approaches to selecting color while keeping in mind how those choices affect all other elements of the show.