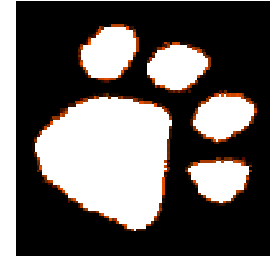


PARENT CATS NEWSLETTER



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Parent CATS “May” Newsflash

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

President's Letter

**Parent CATS Meeting
Wednesday, May 14th
AT 7:00 PM IN THE LHS LIBRARY**

I want to take the opportunity in this, the last letter of the year, to say thank you for the opportunity and privilege of serving as President of Parent CATS over this past school year. I have been impressed, over and over with the hard work done by the members of the executive board, the committee chairs and the army of individual volunteers. This was a great year for Parent CATS and that is a result of everyone working together! I also have appreciated Principal Brad Swanson, the District 128 administrators and the LHS staff.

We still have a LOT of Parent CATS activities before this school year is over.

- Our Libertyville High School teachers, staff and administration have worked tirelessly and remained dedicated to our students and school throughout the 2007/2008 school year. We have an opportunity to **say Thank You!** On May 13 the Parent CATS will host our annual LHS Staff Appreciation luncheon. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee (Maureen Darling, Jill Argall and Nancy Dugan) and all the parents who bake and cook to show the love.
- G.O.A.L. Awards and the accompanying \$1000 scholarships will be presented to two seniors on Wednesday, May 28, at Honors Night. Thank you to Ann Shenassa and her committee who reviewed the applications and congratulations to all who applied for these awards. Parent CATS will also be providing \$500 to the recipient of the Henry Underbrink Loyalty and Dedication Award.
- Graduation will be held on Friday, June 6. Congratulations to the Class of 2008 and God bless your futures. Following the ceremony at Northwestern University, Parent CATS will host the Graduation Party in the LHS Field House. Planning for this major event began last fall! An amazing amount of work has gone into making this a safe, memorable and fun night for our students to remember. We don't want any senior to miss this night of games, food and prizes. A huge thank you to the Graduation Party Committee and the chairs, Karen Branding, 680-9213, and Nora Sesterhenn, 549-6067.
- Our final meeting of the year will be Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm in the Library. Further information on this evening is in this newsletter but please consider yourself invited to the 7:00-7:30 goodbye reception for Brad Swanson as well as the meeting that immediately follows. Our current District 128 Superintendent, David Cough as well as our in-coming Superintendent, Prentiss Lea will be attending. Dr. Clough will highlight the progress of the district over the past several years, and Dr. Lea will discuss the current focus of the district regarding our strategic planning efforts. Where we have come from and where we are going. See you there.

Welcome to the parents of the incoming Class of 2012 who are receiving this newsletter for the first time. In summer mailings you will receive more information on Parent CATS and the many volunteer opportunities available to you. Volunteering is a great way to be involved in your student's years at Libertyville High School. Our school is a better place because of your participation.

Audrey McCartney
847-362-8274

Parent CATS May Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm in the Library

You are invited to the 7:00-7:30 goodbye reception for Brad Swanson.

Please feel free to drop by to wish him well.

Our special speakers for the meeting will be our current District 128 Superintendent, David Clough as well as our in-coming Superintendent, Prentiss Lea.

Dr. Clough will highlight the progress of the district over the past several years, and Dr. Lea will discuss the current focus of the district regarding our strategic planning efforts.

Come learn about where we have come from and where we are going.

See you there!



Dr. David Clough



Prentiss Lea



Brad Swanson



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](#)



[Guidelines for teen gatherings](#)

GYM UNIFORMS

Look for the “gym uniform order form” in your summer mailing

All ordered uniforms will be distributed to students during the first days of school!

This program is a major fundraiser for Parent CATS Spirit Store, and all proceeds are used to benefit LHS students.

What an easy way to get your child's uniform and support Parent CATS!!
Look for the order form this summer!



Parent Cats Volunteer Opportunities!

Web Site Administrator

Parent Cats is looking for a Web Site administrator. Our dedicated web site manager, Perry Lentine, is leaving us for the California sunshine, but will be here to work with his replacement for a few months.

This is a great opportunity to get involved & support LHS.

EKG Program Chair

In 2008, LHS was fortunate enough to offer nearly 1,200 Libertyville High School students free electrocardiogram (EKG) tests.

The Max Schewitz Foundation sponsored and coordinated the tests at LHS, The Foundation's goal is to help reduce the number of young adults who die from sudden cardiac death.

LHS will be offering this program again in 2009. Parent Cats is looking for a **chairperson to coordinate this important volunteer effort.**

The testing will take place in early 2009.

“Entrance to Remember” Bricks Coordinator

LHS offers the opportunity to purchase bricks to be placed in the front entrance area to the high school. We need a volunteer to coordinate the orders and help promote this program.

*Please contact Andy Robinson,
2008-09 Parent Cats President,
at (847) 918-7549
if you are interested in volunteering for any of
these positions!*

LHS Supports the Max Schewitz Foundation

Save Two Dates for Maxtravaganza 2008



Lake Forest SportsCars June 21, 2008 6:30 pm

Drinks, silent auction, dinner, and a live auction with auctioneer David Goodman of Auction Results. \$60 per ticket.(\$40 under age 21), \$500 for a table of ten--be a hero, bring a crowd to this casual evening among friends and fancy cars. Business casual.

All guests automatically have a chance to win a flat screen TV with a Wii game system.

Must be present to win.

Evening Highlights

Signature drink: Summer Berry Maxtinis•

Dinner by: South Gate Cafe•

Francesca's•the Grille on Laurel

Trattoria Pomigliano• Wildfire•Daily Grind•

Jennie & Vera's Cookies•Cricket's Confections

Auction fun

California Vineyard Getaway * Bears, Bulls, Cubs, & Sox * Spa package Ritz Carlton Chicago & American Club * Merit Club Golf * Instant Wine Cellar * Kathy & Judy Radio sit-in•Concert tickets * In the Kitchen with Gabe Viti * and more!

Buy a \$20 raffle ticket for a chance to win an iTouch
(1 chance per guest) in our anatomically correct Heads & Tails raffle

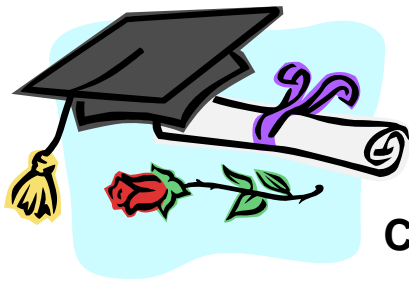
Lake Forest's Wildlife Discovery Center at Elawa Farm July 19, 2008 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Daytime, family-oriented event features hands-on animal contact, face painting, games of skill, and crafts. \$10 per ticket/\$30 per family.

Buy tickets at www.maxandthewildthings.com or by calling 847-234-2206

or by mail: Max Schewitz Foundation

122 E. Prospect Ave., Lake Bluff IL 60044



Class of 2008 Parents

Don't let your sons and daughters miss one last chance to party as a class. Make sure they get a ticket for the Graduation Party and enjoy **ONE LAST BASH.**

The party will be held after graduation on **Friday, June 6, 2008 from 11:00 PM - 4:00 AM:** all night long!

This event will be filled with food, fun, prizes and more!! Tickets are \$40.00 if purchased before April 15th and \$50.00 May 15th. **The last day to purchase tickets** is May 15th so make sure you get the chance to celebrate graduation with your class.

Checks should be made out to "LHS Senior Party and the student's name should be in the memo line. **Please send your ticket order form, liability waiver and payment by check to:**

**Karen Branding
900 Spring Haven Drive
Libertyville Il. 60048**

If you have misplaced the ticket order form or waiver, they are available in the LHS office or on the LHS website.

The tickets will be distributed during graduation practice. Get ready for one last bash and get your ticket now!! If you were planning to send a **picture of your student**, please have it sent in by April 15th to the address above.

Lastly, if you indicated that you would like to volunteer on your form and don't hear from the committee right away, please feel free to contact the committee chair for the group with which you would like to help.

If you already sent in your payment and forms, you are all set!!!!!!!

Attention Parents of LHS Seniors !!



Honor your graduate's achievement with a brick at the entrance to LHS! Print the order form from the CATS website or [click here](#)

Host a Spanish Exchange Student

Share America International Exchange is looking for families to host high school students from Spain **for three weeks this September** .

- The students speak English, are medically insured and have their own spending money.
- They will attend Libertyville High School three days a week and have planned activities two days a week while not in school.
- Your role as a host family would be to provide meals, a bed, and occasional transportation to activities.

Most importantly, you will be **providing a window to the American way of life!** In return, you will learn first-hand about Spanish culture and language and make a life-long friend.

It is preferable that host families have a high school student of their own enrolled in Spanish classes.

For more information about this exciting and educational opportunity, please email Cathy Andrews at andrewssc@ameritech.net or call 847-573-1932.

Traveling Bands of Musicians



Chamber Orchestra members gather on the steps of the stately Allerton House during a visit in April.

Members of the LHS **band** recently enjoyed a Caribbean cruise while performing over spring break. The **choir** is planning a 2009 spring break to Austria and the Czech Republic, and an **orchestra** trip to Greece is in the works for June 2009. But our talented LHS performing groups don't have to travel to distant lands to experience culture. In April, the **chamber orchestra** journeyed to historic Allerton House near Monticello, Illinois. The English Manor house, extensive gardens, sculpture and surrounding farmland were donated to the University of Illinois by philanthropist Robert Allen in 1946. The chamber orchestra visited Allerton House in coordination with a University of Illinois conference. The chamber orchestra is directed by **Mr. Jeremy Marino**.

Fine Arts Day at Oak Grove

Oak Grove School in Green Oaks has invited the LHS **concert choir** along with **Orchesis dancers** to participate in the school's annual Fine Arts Day on Friday, May 2nd. Students at Oak Grove have an opportunity to explore a wide range of disciplines within the fine arts.

Spring Choir Concert scheduled for May 7th

Seven different vocal ensembles will take the stage this Wednesday in the Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. According to Choir Director, **Dr. Jeff Brown**, “The spring choir concert is the final blowout of the year for all LHS vocal ensembles.” Choir awards are also presented each year at this concert. Adult tickets are \$3.00 each. Students and seniors citizens pay just \$2.00.

Orchestra to Perform on May 15th

This year’s concert will feature senior concerto winner, **Meredith Peacock**. This final orchestra concert is Thursday, May 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Directed by **Mr. Jeremy Marino**, the orchestra is scheduled to perform the following selections:

[Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2](#) by Liszt
Adagietto from *L'Arlesienne Suite* by Bizet
Violin Concerto No.1, Finale by Bruch
Inner Demons by Stacy Garrop
String Symphony in e minor by Mendelssohn
Choreography by Dello Joio



Pops Concert to feature Band

Pack a picnic dinner and enjoy the music of the three concert bands and the jazz band at one of Lake County’s most delightful outdoor venues. The concert is free to Lake County residents.

- Thursday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- Independence Grove
- Millennia Plaza
- Directed by **Mr. Don Shupe** and **Mr. Dustin Helvie**

You’re invited to the annual F.A.S.T. year-end dinner and meeting on Tuesday, May 13th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church. Check the F.A.S.T. website for ticket information.

Spring Art Show winners Announced

Twenty-five LHS students had their work showcased at the annual **Lisa Show** at the Great Frame Up in Vernon Hills. The artwork of the following *Best of Show* winners will be on display at the Thompson Center in Chicago from Monday, May 12th to Sunday, May 19th. Winners of the *Best of the Best Show* will be announced on May 19th.

Kristina Nennig's watercolor painting won the Painting category; **Nick Heupel's** pastel drawing was recognized in the Drawing category; **Steve Sullivan's** black and white photograph took top honors in the Photography category; **Ian Harris's** Adobe Illustrator poster was judged best in the Graphic Communications category; and **Kendall Kovak's** wedding dress made from popcorn clinched the 3-D category.

The **North Suburban Conference Art Show** was held on April 9th at Wauconda High School. The following students won *Best of Show*: **Alexis Kadonsky**, Charcoal Drawing; **Emily Mertz**, Mixed Media; **Mandy Shaeffer** – Jewelry; **Ashley Koziol**, Photography; **Ian Harris**, Computer Graphics/Design; **Carly Pickens**, Oil Painting; **Nick Heuple**, Pastel Drawing; **Nicole Hamil**, Ceramics; **Lauren Laspisa**, Digital Photography; and **Hadallia Bergeron**, Monotype Printmaking.

For the **4 x 5 Show**, more than 1,100 pieces of artwork were judged from over 30 schools in the northern Illinois area. The show is limited to works that measure four inches by five inches. A reception honoring the winners will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Fremd High School in Palatine. LHS winners include **Danielle Kopera**, who received first place in 3-D. **Erin Boucher** was recognized for second place in Photography. Honorable mentions in Photography went to **Holleigh Herchenbach** and **Lauren Bock**. **Alexis Kadonsky** received an honorable mention in Drawing. **Mr. Ray Gossell** chairs the Art Department at LHS.



Students get Backstage Pass

Mr. Kevin Holly accompanied 15 students from the Technical Theatre class and Production Services to the Lyric Opera in Chicago. According to Mr. Holly, “The Opera’s Education Department’s backstage tours offer students a unique opportunity to see the inner workings of the Civic Opera House and to learn what really goes on behind the scenes of a world-class opera company on a typical work day.”

The tours take place during the regular season while operations are in full swing. Stagehands, carpenters, painters, electricians, custodians, tailors, wigmakers, makeup artists, directors, designers, musicians, and their assistants work together to bring the Lyric's productions to the stage. It's an amazing operation!