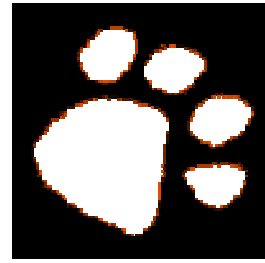


PARENT CATS NEWSLETTER



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

President's Letter

It's hard to believe that Spring is coming and with it Spring Break and warmer weather! However, we still have some winter to contend with, as evidenced by last week's snow storm. As you are aware, the Turnabout Dance, originally scheduled for February 24th, has been rescheduled for March 3rd. With this in mind, please be aware of a few things:

A coat check will be provided by Parent CATS and parent volunteers so students will have a place to check their coats, phones, cameras, etc. Please let your student know that the coat-check is not able to take shoes.

All LHS students will be required to have their Student ID for admittance. Guest passes for non-LHS student "dates" are to be obtained in advance of the dance in the LST. As with all LHS dances, all LHS students are welcome and need not come with "dates."

The gentlemen generally purchase the photographs at the dance, if desired, (typically \$10 to \$60+), as well as a corsage for the ladies. Parents or older siblings frequently provide the transportation for non-driving underclassmen.

Some students express interest in attending pre-planned "after-parties." If your child will be participating we hope you'll get involved and support the parents who provide the (often sleepless and thankless) appropriate supervision in cases where "after-parties" are planned. We encourage all parents to call each other, introduce themselves and ask questions. Make sure you're comfortable with the arrangements. It's a great time to help out, have fun, and get to know each other better!

So you are aware, the curfew for anyone under 18 is midnight on the weekends, and 11pm during the week.

In other news, information and application forms for the GOAL Awards are now available online. The deadline for turning in the completed application is April 3rd.

Plans continue for the Graduation Party. The committee had a tremendous turnout for their general parent meeting.

Congratulations to the proposed slate of officers for the 2007-2008 school year and thank you to Audrey McCartney and the Nominating Committee for all of your time and effort.

Our next meeting is March 7th at 7pm in the LHS Library. We welcome Ole Stevens, LHS College Resource Counselor, who will talk about resources available in the CRC including how to effectively use the Student Services and CRC website, Family Connections and Career Cruising. He will demonstrate how parents should edit their Profile so that they receive any mass emails from the CRC. Also, the recently developed Business Advisory Council will be discussed.

Please join us, as we are looking forward to seeing you at this very informative meeting.

Sue Behringer
(847) 680-4441



Class of 2007 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 8, 2007 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 1st, and \$50.00 after April 1st. The **last day to purchase tickets is May 12th** 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:

Dorothy Renton/Senior Party
1218 Claridge Drive
Libertyville, IL 60048

If you have misplaced the ticket order form or waiver, they are available in the LHS office; follow the mailing directions above.

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 1st. If you have a digital version of the picture you would like to send, please send that to schupple@aol.com; please put Senior Party in the subject line. Otherwise, hardcopy pictures should be sent to Dorothy Renton as described 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 people for the group with which you would like to help.

IF YOU ALREADY SENT IN YOUR PAYMENT AND FORMS, YOU ARE ALL SET!!!!

***** See the Photo Gallery at the end of this newsletter for “parents in action” planning this spectacular graduation event*****

Get involved in the Parents CATS Organization for the 2007-2008 school year

Parent CATS Board and Committee Chairs

The Nominating Committee is hard at work compiling a slate of officers for the 2007-2008 Parent CATS executive board. The full slate of candidates will be published on the Parent CATS website in March and will be voted on in the April meeting.

Standing Committee chair positions for the Parent CATS board are also being filled. Please consider getting involved in this worthwhile organization. If you would like further information, please call me at 362-8274.

Thank you to those who worked on the nominating committee: Ann Shennasa, Robin Hill and Karey Wittenborn

-Audrey McCartney

Hey Junior Parents !

Before you know it, the **class of 2008** will begin their Senior Year!!! If you have an interest in finding out what the Graduation Party Committee is all about, why not find out now? If you are considering chairing this committee for your child's senior year experience, join us for a meeting or two. To find out more and learn the meeting schedule, contact one of the current co-chairwomen listed below. Planning this event is more fun than you can imagine and a great way to send your senior out in style !

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Marcy Cole bcoles6@comcast.net
Kathy Jaroch xlntdds@aol.com

College Resource Center (CRC)

“Dem Dead Presidents. Dem Dead Presidents. Well I ain’t broke, but I’m badly bent! Everybody loves dem Dead Presidents! A lil’ bit of Lincoln can park the car. Washington, he can’t go too far. Hamilton on a ten can get you straight, but Jackson on a twenty is really great! Well I ain’t broke, but I’m badly bent! Everybody loves dem Dead Presidents!”

Isn’t that the truth! The idea of financing a college education can leave anyone singing the blues! It is a time when the best laid plans appear feeble in comparison to mounting college education costs. On February 21st, the CRC hosted its first FAFSA Completion Workshop. Twenty-nine families received help in starting or completing the FAFSA online. The program was interactive, hands on, and very well received by those in attendance. **So if the prospect of paying for college has you feeling broke, or even just *slightly bent*, just follow the steps below, apply for scholarships and stop singing the blues!**

- 1) **Complete the FAFSA application process** so that you will be eligible for need-based aid. It is highly recommended that everyone do this the first year to create a baseline. We have FAFSA materials in the CRC!
- 2) **Come down to the CRC to pick up some financial aid information.** We have books and extra packets from our Financial Aid Night to check out.
- 3) **Visit the CRC’s suggested web links on financial aid.** The LHS Scholarship Bulletin is posted online as well as the major financial aid links that you will use.
- 4) **Create an account with FASTWEB** (*find the link on the CRC web site!*) to search for scholarships nationwide.
- 5) **Keep your grades up** so that you may automatically qualify for merit based money from the college.
- 6) **Talk with your college** (financial aid department and academic departments) to see if they have any scholarships that you could apply for.
- 7) **Check out the LHS Scholarship Bulletin published by the CRC** to find local scholarships. This valuable document is published monthly starting in October. It is also on the Student Services/CRC web site. Unfortunately, much of this money goes unclaimed. The CRC has several students who come down to look at the bulletin. Some actually pick up applications, but very few actually complete the applications and turn them in. **That means that not enough of our kids want to fill out the applications and there are great scholarship opportunities going unclaimed!** Many of these scholarships are open to students of all types. You do not need to have a 4.0 GPA and tons of extracurricular activities to apply. **So come on seniors... let’s get with it!**

Mark your calendar with these upcoming events:

March 14th- CRC Open House 6:30-8:30

March 19th- AP test registration deadline

March 20th- College Fair at CLC

March 21st- LHS ACT Prep Post Test 5:45pm. See ACT Prep Bulletin Board for your room assignment

April 11th- Pick up your ACT Prep Post Test results

April 12th- LHS ACT Prep Focus on Writing. 6:30 in the Studio Theater

April 18th- CRC Open House 6:30-8:30

Scholarship Opportunity

Dr. Donald L. Gossett G.O.A.L. Scholarship

G.O.A.L. Awards 2007 Application Available

Here's a scholarship opportunity for all LHS seniors!!

It's not about GPA.

It's not about income.

It's not about outstanding achievement in extracurricular activities.

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 and commitment to the learning process 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 \$500 scholarships will be awarded.

The application is attached. See the end of the newsletter.

Make sure your Senior goes for the G.O.A.L.!

Need a break from March "Madness"? Enjoy a "Fine" Arts Performance

LHS FINE ARTS PERFORMANCES

March 1-2	One Act Play Festival 7:30 p.m., LHS Studio Theater
March 8-9	Orchesis Dance Concert 7:30 p.m., LHS Auditorium
March 13	Band of America Preview Concert 7:30 p.m. LHS Auditorium
March 21	Jazz Concert 7:30 p.m. LHS Auditorium
April 4	Choral Masterworks Concert 7:30 p.m., LHS Auditorium
April 12	North Suburban Conference Art Show Vernon Hills High School
April 27-28	Spring Play, <i>OUR TOWN</i> 7:30 p.m., LHS Auditorium

FAST MEETINGS

Newcomers Welcome-

Open to all LHS parents

The next two FAST meetings:

March 7th and April 3rd at 7:00 p.m.
in **Room 1104** (near the main entrance).

F.A.S.T. News

ORCHESIS DANCE CONCERT

Libertyville High School Orchestris presents their annual dance concert

Thursday March 8th and Friday March 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium.

Students selected by audition for this year's Orchestris performance are: Lauren Ahern, Allison Cacich, Pam D'antonio, Kirsten Edstrom, Jeanne Marie Evans, Maria Faillaci, Geena Fancher, Leah Fiore, Sarah Garren, Aleah Gattone, Molly Goldberg, Kasey Michel, Lisa Kinsella, Eric Lyerly, Allie Matheus, Anna Mayworm, Renee Metschke, Amanda Nordin, Lauren Obrien, Joy Peplinski, Brent Rawlinson, Jenn Ruppert, Claire Salata, Kelsey Schmitz, Allison Sickert, Kerry Ann Sleep, Gina Tremmel, and Jonathan Wepler.

Tickets for the Orchestris Dance Concert are \$3 students and \$4 adults

Tickets available at the door.

BANDS OF AMERICA PREVIEW CONCERT

CONGRATULATIONS to the LHS Wind Ensemble, which has been invited to perform at the 2007 Bands of America (BoA) National Concert Band Festival in Indianapolis, Indiana, from March 15th – 17th. Bands from around the country submitted recordings of their best performances from last year to the Festival's evaluation panel. Based on these recordings, only sixteen bands nationwide met the panel's standards of **musical achievement and excellence** and were invited to participate in the Festival.

Wind Ensemble will present a BoA preview concert

Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium.

A great opportunity to hear this award-winning group perform
before they leave for Indianapolis.

Please join us!



JAZZ CONCERT

Hey Cool Cats,

A hip evening is planned as the LHS **Jazz Ensembles** perform their annual concert

Wednesday, **March 21st** at 7:30 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium.

Admission for the concert is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

Tickets are available at the door.

Be there, or be square!



OK, you've had so much fun and been so impressed-dance, band, jazz, theater- you want to join the Fine Arts Support Team right?

FINE ARTS SUPPORT TEAM 2007-08

The F.A.S.T. nominating committee is working to compile the committee chair list for the upcoming school year. F.A.S.T. represents the interests of all elements of the Fine Arts curriculum and extra-curricular activities at the school, including music, art, theatre, dance, speech, and technical crew. Our goals are to offer volunteer and financial support to continue the outstanding quality of Libertyville High School's Fine Arts program. If you would like to lend your talents and time as a F.A.S.T. committee chair or member, please send an e-mail to Karin Lundstedt at klundstedt@aol.com.

Congratulations !

Varsity Poms Take Second Place

The Varsity Poms squad has enjoyed a busy, competitive season this winter. A highlight of the season was earning two second place trophies in regional competitions. The team took home the award for its Dance routine at the Glenbrook South competition and brought back another trophy for its Hip Hop routine at the Oak Park River Forest competition.

For the first time, the squad had an opportunity to travel to the Universal Dance Association (UDA) National Competition in Orlando. While the team didn't take home a trophy, the experience allowed squad members a chance to compete against some of the best dance teams from across the nation. A performing arts high school from Florida took top honors in one of the categories in which LHS was competing.

The team will travel to Illinois State University to compete in the UDA State Competition on March 4. In addition to Captain Brittany Wunsch and Co-Captain Casey Dugan, squad members include Alex Bowles, Lisa Branding, Kelsey Burke, Amy Cacich, Meghan Copeland, Grace Douglass, Allison Hudson, Sarah Janousek, Lauren Johnson, McKenzie Kramer, Jessica LaRoi, Stephanie Marsh, Lauren Primrose, Nicole Richardson, Megan Wales, Kathryn Windmuller and Ali Witucki. The team is coached by LHS alum Brenda Romito.

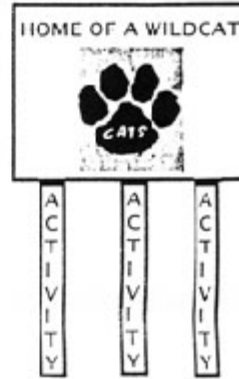


Let your student know how proud you are. Buy a
"HOME OF A WILDCAT" yard sign.

Any Sport - Any Activity



Only
\$25.00 per sign



Approximate size:
12" x 18"
On a 3' 6" stake

Color: Orange Background
Black Lettering

(Price includes one stake; add \$5.00 for each additional stake)

Football, Basketball, Cheerleading, Poms, Baseball, Soccer, Swimming, Cross Country, Track, Band, Lacrosse, Volleyball, Softball, Gymnastics, Wrestling, Tennis, Debate, Theater, Water Polo, Etc.

Mail order form and payment to: HOME OF A WILDCAT
2231 Irondale Road
Libertyville, IL 60048

Any questions please call Ann Beres at 847-680-4059.

You will be notified when your sign is ready for pickup (approx. 2 - 4 weeks).

"HOME OF A WILDCAT" YARD SIGN ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Activity you want listed on stake: _____

Additional activities (one per stake):

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
Make Checks Payable to: W.C.P.O.

Become a part of Libertyville High School history!

Purchase a personalized brick, which will be placed at the main outdoor entrance.
This is a wonderful way to show your pride in the LHS tradition of excellence!

**“AN ENTRANCE TO REMEMBER”
BRICKS ORDER FORM**

- 4X8 BRICK—3 LINES—13 CHARACTERS PER LINE @ \$75 PER BRICK
- 8X8 BRICK—6 LINES—13 CHARACTERS PER LINE @ \$150 PER BRICK—ICON# _____

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NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LIBERTYVILLE PARENT CATS

Mail to: John Snow, 809 Liberty Bell Lane, Libertyville, IL 60048

G.O.A.L. Scholarship Application

In honor of our former superintendent, Dr. Donald L. Gossett's **O**utstanding **A**ttitude Towards **L**earning (G.O.A.L.) scholarships will be offered by Parent C.A.T.S. Two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded to recognize two senior students who have demonstrated commitment to improvement in the over-all learning process throughout their high school years. The recipients of this award are not the outstanding scholars, star athletes, or notable student body leaders. They are students who have shown personal growth and can therefore be role models to others.

In one page or less, tell us how you fit this description. A panel of teachers and community members will make this selection.

Submit this cover sheet and your essay to the CRC (Room 155)
DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 3, 2007

Please submit this form as the cover sheet for your attached essay.

Name:

Address:

College or vocational plans:

List school extracurricular activities: _____

List outside activities including recreation, employment, or community service:

To be signed by your high school counselor:

I personally recommend this applicant as a promising student who has high standards of character and who is worthy of representing our school and community.

(Counselor Signature)

Photo Gallery

**Presentation of the "Chili Cook-off Trophy"
by Parent CATS President Sue Behringer to 1st Place Winner Liz Halbert**



**LHS Parents gather to plan a spectacular graduation party for the
Class of '07!**

