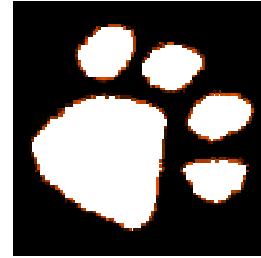


# PARENT CATS NEWSLETTER




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## Parent CATS Newsflash

- 2006-2007 newsletter is online only this year, spread the “word” to friends and family

Go to: [www.parentcats.org](http://www.parentcats.org) (click on newsletter)

- Hard copies are available at the LHS school office
- Read about upcoming activities, student accomplishments, board member updates, volunteer opportunities, and other exciting LHS news

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

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**PARENT CATS  
 INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR THE  
 FIRST MEETING OF THE 2006-2007  
 SCHOOL YEAR  
 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>  
 AT 7:00 PM IN THE LHS LIBRARY**

## President's Letter

On behalf of the Parent CATS, I would like to welcome you to the 2006-2007 school year at Libertyville High School. As a parent or guardian of a student at LHS, you are automatically a member of Parent CATS, and I want to extend to you an invitation to our first meeting which will be held on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm in the LHS Library.

Parent CATS is LHS, home and community working together. Typically the meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month, however, exceptions are made depending on other school events on these dates. At each meeting you will find out first hand about all committee projects, hear a report summarizing District 128 Board meetings from our representative, Robin Hill, as well as receive a comprehensive school update from our LHS principal, Mr. Brad Swanson.

Enclosed in your summer registration packets were some Parent CATS forms. One was the Volunteer Sign Up Sheet from 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Audrey McCartney. Please call her at 847-362-8274 with any questions regarding volunteering and committee projects.

Another form was the LHS Gym Uniform order sheet. Pre-ordered freshman gym uniforms were distributed on August 17<sup>th</sup> at Freshman Orientation. Gym Uniforms can also be purchased from the Spirit Store. If you have any questions regarding gym uniforms, please call Betsy Rinella, Spirit Store Chairman at 847-816-7123.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents, Kris Partain and Dorothy Renton, are busy compiling the student directory. You should have received a separate order form over the summer and the directories will be mailed to you this fall. Please call Kris Partain at 847-362-3647 with any questions.

Parent CATS has already been active in school activities for this school year and we have several more events right around the corner. The LHS Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and the Parent CATS Spirit Store will have a table set up in the cafeteria. Please stop by and do some shopping!

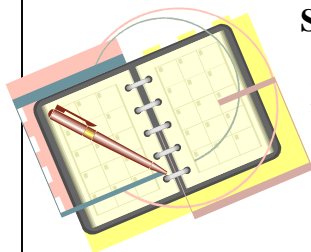
The Homecoming parade is Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and Parent CATS will again have an entry in the parade. The Community Outreach Committee, Maggie Gonring, Nora Butrym, Linda Kraemer, Pauline Marvin, and Karen Branding, will be coordinating the Libertyville merchants and the LHS students to decorate windows in downtown Libertyville. The Activities Chairmen, Karen Clow and Mary Witkewicz, will be organizing the parent attendees for the Homecoming Dance at LHS that evening.

Our fundraising efforts last year enabled us to make the following donations: \$5000 to the F.A.S.T. Foundation (Fine Arts Support Team) to be used toward new seating for the auditorium, \$935 to the school for trees, which will be planted on the south wall of the new addition, \$1000 for the One Team (Club)/One Book program, \$1000 for GOAL Awards, \$1000 towards ice cream for the students during finals, and \$500 towards the Adopt A Family Dinner.

I would like to thank all the 2006-2007 board members, committee chairmen, and committee members for volunteering their time and energy, and for their devotion to Parent CATS. I look forward to a wonderful school year and hope to see you at the first meeting on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Sue Behringer, President

## Mark Your Calendars- All LHS Parents Invited Parent CATS Meeting Dates



September 20  
October 11  
November 8  
January 10  
February 7  
March 7  
April 11  
May 16

**LHS Library at 7:00 p.m.**

### LHS Parent CATS Board of Directors 2006-2007

President	Sue Behringer
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Audrey McCartney
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Kris Partain Dorothy Renton
Secretary	Lisa Bialek
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## Know an Alum in the military?

### Seeking LHS Graduates Serving in the Armed Forces

We are looking to connect current students with LHS graduates who are serving in the military. If you have a family member or know of another LHS grad in the Armed Forces, please email [james.mikolajczyk@d128.org](mailto:james.mikolajczyk@d128.org). We need the name, rank, branch of military, graduation year from LHS and military mailing address. Mr. Mikolajczyk plans on having his American Literature students send letters and care packages to our brave soldiers throughout the year. Thanks for your help in honoring our servicemen and women.



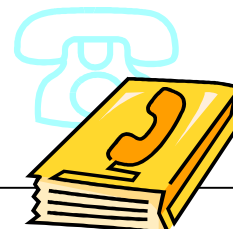
### Orders are due! Student/Parent Directory

Work on the LHS Student/Parent Directory is underway and has a planned distribution in mid to late October. The form was sent in the early August mailing from LHS.

If you need an order form, please contact:  
Kris Partain at 362-3647  
or [krispartain@hotmail.com](mailto:krispartain@hotmail.com)

**Orders are due no later than Sept. 15**

**Parent CATS thanks you for your order!**



# Homecoming Events

Show your School Spirit-Mark these dates

- Sept. 23- Paint the Town
- Sept. 25-29 Build a Float
- Sept. 27- Powder Puff/Pep Rally/Fall Sports Intro/Fireworks
- Sept. 29- Football Game
- Sept. 30- Parade and Homecoming Dance



## Homecoming Dance

**Dates:** Students usually attend the dance with a date. However, there are no restrictions on single attendance. Single tickets are available.

**Dress:** Semiformal to formal. Girls wear dresses and guys wear a shirt and tie. Jackets are not required, but many guys wear them.

**Cost:** Guys can expect to pay for their date's corsage, tickets, dinner. Girls usually pay for their date's boutonniere, and pictures at the dance.

**Transportation:** Upperclassmen drive, underclassmen usually have parents or older siblings drive them.

**Tickets:** will be on sale Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> and Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>, outside the cafeteria. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Coat and purse check is available at the dance.

## PAINT THE TOWN!!

Don't be the one  
to miss out on the fun!

Grab a brush, bring a friend,  
It's window painting time again!!

Help the LHS Wildcats corral some school spirit by participating in the annual window-painting contest along the parade route on Milwaukee Avenue. The date is Saturday, September 23rd, from 9 to 4 pm (rain date Sunday, 9/24). Sports teams, activity groups, clubs and/or individuals are welcome to participate in the fun for spirit week. All materials are provided and cash prizes will be awarded at the Homecoming Assembly for the best school spirit and most innovative designs. Artistic ability is NOT required so don't miss out on this fun event and a chance to cheer on your favorite team!

## GO CATS!!

If you or your group would like to participate, please call Maggie Gonring at 847-362-5058.

~ DEADLINE TO REGISTER: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th ~

### How do all these things happen at LHS???

Since early summer the volunteer sign up forms have been rolling in! We have now received almost 400 forms from parents volunteering for many different areas of our school. This information has been compiled into volunteer lists for the Parent CATS committee chairs and will have a significant impact on the events and programs that Parent CATS is involved in. The appropriate chair will be contacting you when your services are needed. I want to thank all the LHS parents that make a difference in our school!

Audrey McCartney, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



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For 80 years now, Drops of Ink has provided Libertyville High School and its community with newsworthy articles, features and editorials. More than 3,000 people depend on the newspaper to keep them up-to-date with all of Libertyville's news and events. Drops of Ink, run by students for the school community, has won several national awards.

Now you have the opportunity to subscribe to Drops of Ink. By subscribing for just \$20 a year, Drops of Ink will be mailed to your home immediately after each issue is distributed within the school (so you no longer have to rely on your student to bring one home). Your subscription will include 12 issues over the school year, with issues arriving roughly every two to three weeks. Each edition is filled with information about school events, clubs, sports and student opinions on a variety topics.

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.

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Yes, I would like to subscribe to Drops of Ink for the 2006-2007 school year!

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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, attention Matt Tooley. Thank you for your patronage!



## Bookmark the CRC (College Resource Center)

The CRC would like to welcome everyone back to school! As we have been preparing for the beginning of the new year, here are a few things to keep in mind...

**Bookmark the CRC & Student Services home pages.** Surf the pull down screens! These pages have tons of information that answers the FAQs about the college search and application process (test dates, test prep, application process, class timelines). It also has links to *Family Connections* and *Career Cruising*, our web based software for college and career searching. If you need to set up your Family Connections account or if you need a refresher course on how to use it then come down to the CRC!

**Come into the CRC!** We are located just off the main hallway in room 155 and we are open every day from 7:00-3:30. The CRC will also be open on three evenings this fall. This is a great opportunity for families to come in and browse and research their favorite schools and career paths. Two counselors will be available on each of these evenings to answer questions and explain the resources available to you. Come on in for a tour! **Do you need applications** or do you want to find out what's new on campus? Then check out our college files! Over the summer colleges bombarded us with applications and informational material. **Need some quick facts on colleges?** Take a look at our college reference guides (Princeton Review and Wintergreen Orchard House to name a couple of my favorites) and let your fingers do the walking! The CRC has lots of college data to crunch!

**Juniors and seniors should meet with college representatives!** This fall the CRC will host about 150 reps. This is a great opportunity for upperclassmen to meet with admissions professionals and learn first hand what college is like. These are the people who may even decide whether you get in or not....To find out about which colleges are visiting listen to the Daily Bulletin, visit the CRC or check out your Family Connection account for a complete listing!  
See you in the CRC!

**Here are some important dates coming up:**

**September 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 in the Cafeteria- **Senior Application Workshop: You Make the Call!**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** - **CRC Open House 6:30-8:30**

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** - **Lake Forest Academy College Fair. 7-9pm**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:30 in the auditorium- **College Workshop for Juniors I.**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** - **CRC Open House 6:30-8:30**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**- **NCAA College Athletic Information Program.** This program will be hosted at Lake Forest HS at 7:30 in the auditorium.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** - **College Fair at CLC**

## Poms Take First Place Trophy at Dance Camp

The Varsity Poms captured a first place trophy for its Home Routine along with many other awards during the Universal Dance Association (UDA) Summer Camp at Northern Illinois University. The squad also qualified for the 2007 National UDA Competition to be held in Orlando, Florida.

The team is coached by LHS graduate Brenda Romito. Members of the 2006-2007 squad include Captains Brittany Wunsch and Casey Dugan along with Alex Bowles, Lisa Branding, Kelsey Burke, Amy Cacich, Meghan Copeland, Grace Douglass, Allison Hudson, Lauren Johnson, Sarah Janousek, McKenzie Kramer, Jessica LaRoi, Stephanie Marsh, Lauren Primrose, Nicole Richardson, Megan Wales, Kathryn Windmuller and Ali Witucki.

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# Congratulations!!

# F.A.S.T. (Fine Art Support Team)



## Wind Ensemble Shines

The LHS Wind Ensemble has been invited to perform a concert at the 2007 Bands of America National Concert Band Festival on March 15-17, 2007, in Indianapolis. The invitation was extended after a recording of the Wind Ensemble was judged by three nationally recognized college band directors. More than 50 entries were received from bands nationwide, and the LHS Wind Ensemble is one of only 10 groups selected to perform at the festival. CONGRATULATIONS to Don Shupe, Dustin Helvie, and all the members of this outstanding musical group.



## JOIN US FOR *THE PIRATE QUEEN!*

F.A.S.T., the LHS Fine Arts Support Team, is delighted to sponsor a trip to the pre-Broadway world premiere engagement of the spectacular new musical, *THE PIRATE QUEEN*. From the authors/composers of *Les Miserables* and *Miss Saigon* and the producers of *Riverdance*, *THE PIRATE QUEEN* is based on the real-life story of the legendary Irish pirate chieftain, Grace O'Malley, who lived an extraordinary life in 16<sup>th</sup> century Ireland.

A limited number of tickets will be available through F.A.S.T. for the 8:00 PM performance on Friday, November 10, 2006, at the Cadillac Palace Theater in Chicago. The cost per person is \$52.00, which includes a theater ticket and round trip coach bus transportation from LHS. A boxed dinner will be available for an additional fee; further details, including dinner cost, will be provided as soon as available.

Ticket order forms are available in the LHS Fine Arts Office, and tickets will be distributed on a first come first served basis. All ticket orders and payments must be received in the LHS Fine Arts Office by 3:00 PM on September 8, 2006. Please contact Mary Ellen Marra at [mem-5@comcast.net](mailto:mem-5@comcast.net) or (847) 680-0221 if further information is needed.

## More Fine Arts News

A group of LHS parents and community leaders has formed the **Libertyville Wildcats Fine Arts Foundation**. The Foundation's primary focus will be the support of Fine Arts facilities and programs associated with Libertyville High School. All areas of the Fine Arts will benefit from the foundations efforts and the group has been formed as a 501(c)(3) with donations being tax deductible. The group will announce its first fundraising activity shortly. Interested persons are invited to attend regular meetings held the first Wednesday of every month at LHS, room 1107 at 7:00 PM.

Donations may be sent to: Libertyville Wildcats Fine Arts Foundation; PO Box 884; Libertyville, IL 60048.

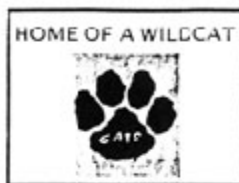
**Feel free to contact** Nancy Wedell (President) at [nwedell516@yahoo.com](mailto:nwedell516@yahoo.com), or Terry Weppler (Vice President) at [tweppler@aol.com](mailto:tweppler@aol.com) for additional information. Additional directors of the Foundation are: Tom Miller (Treasurer), Kris Partain (Secretary), Adryth Douglass (Director), Karin Lundstadt (Director), Cheryl Miller (Director) David Semmelman (Director), John Snow (Director)

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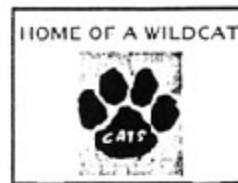
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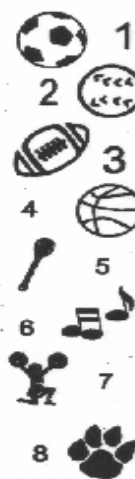
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