

Lehman Catholic High School
2400 Saint Marys Avenue
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Tuesday, March 31, 2014
Feast of Saint Benjamin

Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter on the **Feast Day of Saint Benjamin**. St. Benjamin was a Deacon and Martyr. He was born in Persia around 405. He spent much of his life preaching about the Christian faith. During the 420s, the Temple of Fire, a sanctuary of the Persians, was burned by Abdas, a Christian Bishop. This began many years of persecution to Christians. As a result, St. Benjamin, along with other Christians, was arrested by the Persians for his Christian preaching. He was held in prison for a year because he was a deacon in one of the area Churches. He was eventually released, when a friend negotiated for his freedom in exchange for no longer speaking about his religion. St. Benjamin would not agree to these terms set up by his friend. He believed that it was his calling to teach others about God and Christianity. Therefore, he was captured again and brought before the king. He was ordered to be tortured and died around the year 424. He is the patron saint of preachers.

The **Lehman TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude in Mathematics & Science)** students participated in the Annual Ohio Northern University Competition on March 5th. Our school had 2 teams competing. We are still waiting to hear our final placement at this event. Members of this year's varsity team included Sara Fuller, Caroline Heitmeyer, Cassidy Hemm, Nick Neumeier, John Schmiesing, CJ Trahey, Adam Vanderhorst, and Josh West. The junior varsity team consisted of Grace Burton, Abby Jones, Maddy McFarland, Alex Musser, Michael Wesner, Hailey Wick, and Isaiah Winhoven. Congratulations to these students, their advisor, Sister Ginny Scherer and their engineer coach, Dennis Pax, from Emerson Climate Technologies.

Lehman's **annual blood drive** was held March 5th. Seventy-nine individuals registered to give blood and 61 units of blood were collected. We want to thank the Student Council and their advisor Melissa Safreed for coordinating the day. Lehman High School qualified as an Honor School with the Community Blood Center by hosting and providing the opportunity for students to donate blood. To qualify as an Honor School, a school must host two or more blood drives throughout the school year. Lehman High School hosted two drives this school year and achieved and surpassed its collection goals at these drives. We want to thank all the students, faculty, staff and community members for donating the "gift of life"!

As you may know, local and area priests have long assisted in providing the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for our students and staff twice each year, just prior to Christmas and just prior to Easter. This year our Lenten Penance Service was March 9th. Thanks to so many area priests who gave generously of their time and ministry to help! Those priests included Father Gerald Bensman, Father Tom Bolte, Father Lou Hohlmayer, Father Dan Hunt, Father Tom Mannebach, Father Bill Myers, Father Barry Stechschute, Father Dave Vincent, Father Gene Vonderhaar and Father James Riehle. Students also have the opportunity to go to confession every week, as Father Riehle hears confessions during the school day on a weekly basis.

The third quarter ended on March 13th. **Grade card conferences** were held on March 25th. If you were unable to pick up your student's grade card and visit with teachers, it was then emailed to your home last week. This information is also posted on the *Netclassroom* website. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. As we move into our final grading period of the year, I would also remind you that you can check your student's progress on a daily basis by logging onto the *Netclassroom* program. If you have misplaced your password or if you have problems operating the site, please contact either Guidance Counselor Chuck Hoying or Assistant Principal Jake Johnson at the school.

Congratulations to our **Science Olympiad Team** for placing 5th at the Regional Meet on March 14th which qualified them for the State Science Olympiad Meet on April 11th. Receiving medals were Claudia Fatone and Cassidy Hemm for a 3rd place in Write It, Do It; Alison Briggs and Theresa Flood a 4th place in Disease Detective; 5th place medals went to Claudia Fatone and Cassidy Hemm (Bungee Drop) and Katie Karr, Cassidy Hemm and Olivia Leece (Experimental Design); 6th place medals went to Jacob Schmiesing and Megan Neumeier (Dynamic Planet), Jacob Schmiesing and Andrew Streng (Geologic Mapping), Alison Briggs and Theresa Flood (It's About Time), Abby Jones and Melanie Brunner (Scrambler), and Grant Gleason and Emily Reinhart (Wright Stuff). We wish our best to the team and their coaches at the State Meet!

The **winter sports awards night** was held on Monday March 16th. Congratulations to the following award winners: Allie Hall who was named most valuable girls basketball player; Jackson Frantz and Greg Spearman were named the MVPs for boys basketball; Cassidy Hemm and Kyle Caulfield who were named most valuable swimmers; and Skylar Brown who was named the most valuable wrestler. Receiving the Varsity Coaches Award were Katie Karr and Emily Reinhart (cheerleading); Brooke Jones (girls basketball); Ally Schmidt (girls swimming); Eli Baker (boys swimming); and Wyatt Long (wrestling). Congratulations also to all the winter athletes and coaches on a successful season!

Thirteen Lehman Catholic High School students presented their projects at the **District Science Fair** on March 21st at Central State University. Those students who participated at the District Fair included Alison Briggs (How Wavelength Affects Solar Power), Melanie Brunner (The Effect of Oil Spills on the Photosynthesis of Aquatic Plants), Grace Dexter (Absorption of Radiant Energy by Different Colors), Diana Gibson (Fungus Among Us), Ryan Goettemoeller (Fighting Algae Eutrophication with Plants), Abby Jones (Mycorrhizal Inoculated Radishes as a Means of Phytoremediation in Oil Sands), Tyler Lachey (Levels of Contaminants in Various Water Sources), Maddy McFarland (Which Weed Killer Works Best When Applied to Radishes), Alanna O'Leary (Do Different Soils Affect the pH of Water), Clare Schmiesing (The Effect of Ground Substances on Water), Owen Smith (Chromatography Through Chalk), Amanda Titterington (The Effects of Tobacco on the Heart Rate of Daphnia), and Ana Vazquez (Does Exercise Increase Vital Capacity).

Four of these students received **Superior Ratings at the District Science Fair** including Grace Dexter, Abby Jones, Maddy McFarland, and Ana Vazquez. They will compete at the State Science Fair on May 16th at The Ohio State University. We wish them all the best!

In addition to this honor, we also had four students receive **special awards**. Melanie Brunner received a medal and a certificate of recognition from the Office of Naval Research. Abby Jones received a certificate of recognition from the American Meteorological Society. Tyler Lachey received a certificate of recognition from the Stockholm Water Association and an opportunity to apply for further awards. Alanna O'Leary received a certificate of recognition from the American Association of Women Geoscientists. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the District Science Fair this year, as well as their teachers, Leah Bertke, Tracy Hall, and Sister Ginny Scherer, SC.!

The **Northwest Central Conference** held their **winter sports banquet** on Wednesday, March 18th at Riverside High School. Congratulations to our girls basketball team for receiving a share in the League Runner-up Title. Receiving 1st team honors All NWCC for basketball were Greg Spearman and Jackson Frantz. 2nd Team honors went to Allie Hall and Honorable Mention Honors included Hannah Fogt, Brogan McIver, Nick Earhart and Nick Rourke.

Several of our athletes also received special recognition from the **Southwest District 9** and the **Ohio State Athletic Association**. Congratulations to Jackson Frantz, who received 1st team honors from the Southwest District 9 and Greg Spearman for receiving 2nd team honors. Congratulations to our wrestlers Wyatt Long for qualifying in the District Meet along with Skylar Brown who also qualified for the State Wrestling Meet where he placing 5th! We also congratulate are swimmers who qualified for the District Meet this year. These swimmers included Nathan Bosway, Eli Baker, Kyle Caulfield, John Henry Frantz, Diana Gibson, Cassidy Hemm, Kate Hemm, and Ally Schmidt. A job well done!

We want to thank **Deacon Ethan Moore** for celebrating Mass with us on April 1st and for taking the time to stay and speak with our student body about having God in their life to help direct them in the choices they make. Ethan is a 2003 graduate from Lehman. He will be ordained a priest on May 16th, at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. We are trying to get a group of people from the Lehman community to attend the ordination and offer our prayers and support for Ethan. If you are interested in being a part of this day, please let us know. If we can get enough interest, we may charter a bus, for this celebration.

Attention senior parents! It is not too late to turn in extra photos and a message of good wishes for your senior's box in the yearbook. If you have not scheduled an appointment for the formal senior photo, please do so soon. The school asks that you consider using Underwood Photography (773-5583). If you do not turn in a formal photo, we will use the one taken by Lifetouch for the senior composite. Please turn in all yearbook items to Mrs. McGlothlin. If you have not done this, please do so TODAY.

You can order a **2015 Cavalcade yearbook** from now until April 1st. The price is \$45. Order forms will be given out in homerooms next week and they can be turned in at the main office or in the student's homeroom. A limited number of 2014 yearbooks are still available at \$50. Contact the front office (498-1161 or 773-8747) if you would like to purchase one.

If anyone has a business that you would like to **advertise in the 2015 Cavalcade**, and has not been contacted by a student representative, please call the school or email Mrs. McGlothlin at m.mcglathin@lehmancatholic.com. Business card size ads are \$50. We can still accept ads until April 1st.

College Credit Plus (CCP) takes the place of Ohio's Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) and Dual Enrollment Programs per the new State of Ohio legislative action initiated in June 2014. These programs allowed high school students to be enrolled in high school and college courses at the same time and receive college credit/transcript upon successful completion. Under the new College Credit Plus Program, this process of enrollment and college credit/transcript remains the same. The changes with this new program for faculty, students, and parents are the cost and the additional educational counseling for the students. Students will also have the opportunity to earn 15-30 college credit hours. Lehman High School will continue to partner with Edison Community College and Wright State University to bring this new program (CCP) to our students. Lehman students must meet the admission requirements for these Higher Learning Institutes to be eligible to register for these CCP courses which will be taught at Lehman High School by our faculty. In order to be eligible for these CCP courses, students must demonstrate college level readiness on either the ACT or Compass Test. There was a student/parent meeting at Lehman on March 25th for those students interested in participating in the College Credit Plus Program. Representatives from Wright State University and Edison Community College were here to talk more about their course offerings, costs, and admission requirements. Students interest in this program had to complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it to Ohio Department of Education, by April 1st to be eligible for any State funding made available for these courses. The costs of the courses are covered by the student. Please check the following website for further information, forms and updates: <https://ohiohighered.org/cpp>. You may also contact me or Mr. Hoying for further information or if you have questions related to this new program.

There will be a **jeans day** at Lehman on April 9th. The money collected will be donated to our Cavs 4 A Cure team, who will be giving this money to the John J. Dugan Infusion Center, which is a part of the Upper Valley Medical Center's Cancer Care Center, in Troy. John and Jean Dugan sent several of their children (Pam Dugan Price '75, Melissa Dugan Gilardi '77, Sean '78, Brian '80, Terrence '82) to Lehman High School when they moved into the area and were supporters of the school. Students who bring in \$3.00 will be able to participate in this jeans day. Dress guidelines can be found in the student handbook.

For the 2015-16 school year, we will, once again be working with **Educational Apparel** as our school's uniform company. Educational Apparel will be at Lehman Catholic High School on Thursday, April 9th from 3-6:00 p.m. in the Cianciolo Family Gymnasium. They will also return this summer, on Thursday, July 30th, from 12-6:00 p.m. The company will bring their store to the school and the uniform items will be available for purchase and can be taken home at that time. You can also shop for uniform items online at www.educationalapparel.com. Just click on schools, select Lehman Catholic and purchase the items specifically for our dress code. If you have any questions about the uniform company, uniform items or the dress code, please contact Assistant Principal Jake Johnson at the school (ext. 121).

The **Cavs 4 A Cure Club** has teamed up to help **recycle** materials around the school. They currently are recycling plastic bottles and pop cans. Pop cans may be brought to the school the 2nd weekend of each month (April 10-12) or sent to school anytime with students. Please continue to support our fight against cancer!

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has informed Lehman that we have been selected to participate in the International Research Project designed to measure advanced mathematics and science achievement. The **Trends in International Mathematics & Science Study (TIMSS)** will involve students from 10 countries. TIMSS provides an opportunity to compare the achievement of U.S. 12th Graders, who are enrolled in AP Calculus, with that of their peers in the other participating countries. This assessment will be administered on Tuesday, April 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Hoying.

Members of the freshman class will have the **ACT ASPIRE** administered to them on Thursday, April 16th. The ACT ASPIRE is an achievement test which combined with an interest inventory suggests possible career fields for the student. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Hoying.

Congratulations to Jake Watkins and John Schmiesing who were selected to take the **U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad National Exam at Ohio Northern University** on April 18th! The both were selected based on their excellent performance on this exam when it was given at Lehman High School. The exam will consist of three parts: multiple choice, free response, and a laboratory practical. We wish them the best on this test.

On April 20th and 21st there will be a **color guard clinic** for anyone interested in joining the Lehman color guard for the 2015 marching band season. **Auditions** will be held Wednesday, April 22nd from 6-8. Any students interested in auditioning should attend both clinics, unless there is a sports conflict.

The **Top 100 Banquet** at Piqua High School is scheduled for April 22nd. Students from the Piqua School District who attend Lehman and qualify for this award and celebration will be notified by the Piqua Chamber of Commerce.

Band Day will take place on April 27th. Band students from Holy Angels, St. Patricks, Piqua Catholic, and Immaculate Conception will be joining the Lehman High School Concert Band for a concert at 6:30 in the Lehman Cianciolo Family Gymnasium.

On Wednesday, April 29th the Limelighters will be performing at the **Catholic Schools Fine Arts Festival**. They will be performing at 7:20. See the attached paper for more details about this day. Our Art department will also be represented at the festival.

The **Eighth Annual Altrusa Adult Spelling Bee** is April 30th at Dorothy Love Retirement Community. Our Lehman Teachers, Linda Applegate, Joe Ratermann and Joe Schmiesing, will be representing our school in this upcoming competition. The Spelling Bee begins at 7:00 p.m. Spectators are most welcome to attend and cheer on the Lehman Cavalier Team.

Any students currently in the 8th grade or in high school and interested in **registering** and attending Lehman Catholic High School for the 2015-16 school year, but could not make the earlier registration dates and times, should contact Guidance Counselor Chuck Hoying or Principal Denise Stauffer at Lehman (498-1161 or 773-8747) to set up a registration time. We currently have 57 incoming freshmen registered for next year and a couple new upperclassmen.

I would like to remind you that there are a few **scholarships** available for incoming and current Lehman students for the 2015-16 Lehman school year. Several of these scholarships are awarded by current and former Lehman families. Students wanting more information or who want to apply for these scholarships should go to our website (www.lehmancatholic.com), under the prospective student tab, click on scholarship opportunities, and complete the application(s) that best meet their qualifications. Several of these scholarships are due by April 15th and April 30th. Feel free to contact me or guidance counselor, Charles Hoying if you have any questions.

The **Lehman Arts Showcase** will take place on May 2nd this year. Dinner will be provided by the Spot and will be served at 6:00, and the concert starts 7:00. Student work from the Lehman Art Department will be on display. Dessert will be provided free of charge during intermission. Tickets are \$10 for dinner, please contact Betsy Moorman at 498-1161 or b.moorman@lehmancatholic.com if you are interested in tickets.

Limelighters Auditions will be held on May 7th. Ms. Moorman will have audition packets outside of the choir room. There will also be packets at the partner schools for those 8th graders interested in trying out for the limelighters.

The **ACT** is America's most widely accepted college entrance exam. It assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. The Writing Test, which is optional and available for an additional fee, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay. Colleges have begun using this component to evaluate students' writing skills in lieu of essays on college entrance applications. Test dates for the 2014-15 academic year are April 18th, and June 13th. Students can register for the test, download sample questions and get updates online at www.ACTstudent.org. Lehman Catholic's testing code is 364-680. Students must register for the test at least 5 weeks in advance.

The **SAT** is the other college entrance exam, and is preferred by some schools and required by colleges on both coasts. We recommend taking both tests if students are unsure about where they will be attending college. The SAT test dates for the 2014-15 academic year are May 2nd, and June 6th. Students can register on line and get sample questions and other information at www.collegeboard.com. Registration for this test is also at least 5 weeks in advance.

LAUDATE: Forming Youth for Music Ministry is a popular four-day, three-night workshop featuring sessions in voice and other instruments used in liturgy. Teens will learn liturgy fundamentals and hear witnesses from those who work in the field. This program is designed for young people who love song, music, and faith, and want to bring them together in a fun community experience during the summer. Mark your calendars for June 8-11, 2015, at the Bergamo Retreat Center. If you would like more information, please visit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's website (www.catholiccincinnati.org) and see the flyer attached with this letter.

Rooted in the Vine (formerly TACKLE) is an extended immersion experience in inner-Cincinnati for high school youth. It infuses Catholic social teaching with hands-on service to those in need in a prayerful way. It is open to all eligible high school age youth in graduating years 2015-2018. See the attached flyer for more details

Be a part of the **first annual Lehman Summer Mission Trip** to the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center from July 26th - August 1st, 2015! The Mission Center's goal is to "bring the love of Jesus Christ to the poor and impoverished of Appalachia," and this is your chance to help in their mission! In addition to twenty student participants, we are also looking for eight adults, age 21 and up, to serve as chaperones, job supervisors, and drivers. The cost of the trip is estimated at \$300 per student, to cover accommodations, travel, and all meals. Adults are invited free of charge! Please do not let the price hold you back. We are looking into alternative funding opportunities, and have already had several generous donors step forward to help students who may not be able to afford the entire cost. If you or your child are interested in participating or if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bertke at l.bertke@lehmancatholic.com for more information!"

Once again this year we will be providing our students, who are attending prom, with some **prom attire guidelines**. The purpose of these guidelines is to assist the student in choosing attire that will be considered modest and appropriate according to our school's mission and the Catholic Christian values that we promote. These values recognize the dignity and self-worth of all people. We also want this to be a fun and memorable night for all, and we hope that these guidelines clear up any confusion on what is considered modest and appropriate. Students are encouraged to ask Mr. Johnson or Mrs. Stauffer if they need assistance in deciding if the attire will be considered within these guidelines. If a Lehman student or their guest comes to Prom wearing attire that is not within these guidelines they will be asked to leave and may return when properly attired. It is the responsibility of the Lehman student to inform their guest of these guidelines as well. These prom attire guidelines are outlined in the school handbook (page 13) and were printed out in the February Parent Letter. Prom is scheduled for May 9th at Shelby Oaks in Sidney from 8-11:30 p.m.

Have you considered hosting a **foreign student**? Such an experience can be very rewarding to the host family and to the foreign exchange student. It sometimes can be an experience that lasts a lifetime. These students are covered by insurance, have their own spending money, and pay their own tuition. We currently have 4 foreign exchange/international students at Lehman this year, two from China, one from Vietnam and one from Spain. Next school year we will have another opportunity for you to host exchange students wanting to attend Lehman. We are currently working with an International Student Exchange Program (ASSE) to place students for the 2015-16 school year. They currently have 3 students wanting to attend Lehman for this coming school year. These students include:

A girl (16 years old) from Spain who is Catholic and has an interest in music (piano, singing, guitar), swimming, reading and drawing. She enjoys Chemistry, Math, and Architecture in school.

A boy (16 years old) from Spain who is Catholic and has an interest in soccer, table tennis, paddle, watching movies, listening to music and video games. He would like to attend college in American and someday work in the film or video game industry.

A boy (17 years old) from China who is a member of a swim club, plays guitar and flute, and likes to also play basketball, golf, and skate. On weekends he volunteers in his community and helps take care of the elderly and disabled.

Families hosting an exchange student for the school year and attending Lehman do receive a \$2000.00 tuition discount. If you have an interest in hosting one of these international students, please contact me at school. If you would like to speak with one of our families who have hosted a student over the previous years, please let me know and I can put them in contact with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Blessed Easter and a restful break! We will be back in school on April 7th following our Easter break. May God bless you and your families!

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