

Lehman Catholic High School
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Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

Dear Parents:

Happy Catholic Schools Week to everyone! I am writing this on the **Feast Day of Saint Thomas Aquinas**. St. Thomas Aquinas was one of the great teachers of the Catholic Church. At the age of 5 his parents dropped him off at the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in hope that he would adopt this way of life and become an abbot. However, he did not continue on this planned path for him and in 1243, he joined the Dominicans and eventually studied with Albert the Great in Cologne. He was a professor and priest in Paris and helped direct the Dominican schools in Rome. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. He fell sick and died in 1274, was canonized in 1323 and declared Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius V. He is the patron saint of Catholic schools, colleges/universities and students.

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated this week, January 25th thru February 1st. Our week began on Saturday, January 24th, with the Foundation Banquet and the guest speaker, Debra Norville, from Inside Edition. On Sunday, we had our induction of new members into the National Honor Society. On Monday the school and the broadcast with Archbishop Schnurr was cancelled because of the weather. On Tuesday, the 6th graders from our partner schools, Holy Angels (Sidney), Holy Rosary (St. Marys), Immaculate Conception (Celina), Piqua Catholic (Piqua), St. Mary (Greenville), and St. Patrick (Troy) visited the school. On Wednesday our student council officers attended the Dayton-area Catholic Schools' Mass with Archbishop Schnurr at Immaculate Conception Church in Dayton. We also had our Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day on Wednesday. The faculty and staff had a delicious catered lunch from Phil's Catering. On Thursday, we had our Student Appreciation Day. The students were provided with breakfast during homeroom and were able to wear jeans to school. On Friday we celebrated Catholic Schools Week with Mass at 10:00 a.m. Following Mass we recognized the following faculty and staff for their years of service in our Catholic Schools: Alethea Whitney (5 years), Barb Saluke (5 years), Jenny Weber (5 years), Connie Bowden (10 years), Jose R. Capote (15 years), Melissa Safreed (25 years) and Mike Hughes (30 years). Catholic Schools Week will conclude Saturday with a variety of athletic games and activities. We thank everyone for their continued support of Lehman Catholic High School and a Catholic Education for your children!

Twenty-six students were inducted into the **Lehman Chapter of the National Honor Society** on Sunday, January 25th, in the Lehman Elizabeth Anne Seton Chapel. These students included Sam Dean, Mitchell Slater, Claudia Fatone, Sara Fuller, Olivia Leece, John Meyer, Ian Smith, Connor Thobe, Sidney Chapman, Jake Earhart, Katie Edwards, Lindsey Elsner, John-Henry Frantz, Kara Gillman, Kate Hemm, Will Hoersten, Wyatt Long, Kaitrin O'Leary, Megan Neumeier, Moriah Pauley, Liz Pax, Parker Riley, Jacob Schmiesing, Theresa Schmiesing, Isaiah Winhoven, Jenna Zimmerman..

We recently received the results of the **Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE Test) level 3**, administered annually to Catholic high school seniors throughout the United States. No national averages were provided this year. In the eight categories of Faith Knowledge, Lehman students' scores averaged 79.1%. The Lehman score summary by the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Church include: Profession of Faith (Creed) – 78, the Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy and Sacraments) - 79%, Life in Christ (Morality) – 79%, and Christian Prayer (Prayer) - 77%. In addition to the Faith Knowledge part of the test, there is also an Affective Statements Survey. From relationships with others category on this survey, it was interesting to see that only 42% of our seniors say that their family prays together at home. The senior students also indicated that only 19% read the Bible on a regular basis. We hope with your help, we can improve on this percentage for next year. We were also happy to see that 91% of our seniors stated that their school religion program helped them to grow in their Catholic faith. The seniors also perceived that cheating/lack of honesty was the biggest concern (91%) among the students at Lehman. Congratulations to our faculty, staff, parents and parishes for having a positive “faith-filled” influence on our students! A special thanks to the Lehman Religion Department (Henry Cordonnier and Joe Schmiesing) and Religion Department Chair Father Riehle for all their hard work!

This year we also administered the level 2 test to our freshman so we can look at their spiritual growth over their four years at school. In the **ACRE Level 2 Test**, in the eight categories of Faith Knowledge, Lehman freshmen students' scores averaged 82.3%. The Lehman score summary by the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Church include: Profession of Faith (Creed) - 76%, the Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy and Sacraments) - 78%, Life in Christ (Morality) - 84%, and Christian Prayer (Prayer) - 78%. In addition to the Faith Knowledge part of the test, there is also an Affective Statements Survey. From relationships with others category on this survey, it was interesting to see that only 40% of our freshmen say that their family prays together at home and 86% said that their school's religion program helps me grow in their Catholic faith. If you would like further information about this assessment, please contact me or Father Riehle at the school. We are proud of the success of our students on this test! They all did very well!

The **Lehman swim team** will host their only home meet for the season this Saturday, January 31st, at the Troy YMCA, at 7:00 pm. They will be honoring Seniors Ally Schmidt and Kyle Caulfield for Senior Night. Please come support your team! The final meet will be held at the Darke County YMCA on February 6th and Sectionals will be held in February (see information below).

On February 3rd, many of the Lehman students will be participating in the **American Mathematics Competition**. This is a test given at Lehman to test the students' Math abilities. The test is 75 minutes long and includes 25 questions. A high score on this test will qualify a student for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. The test is taken in two divisions. The AMC 10 is for 9th and 10th graders and the AMC 12 is for 11th and 12th graders. The Lehman students with the highest score in each division receive a pin. The team score for the school is the sum of the three highest scores and this is used to determine National School Awards.

Opportunity Day 2 will be held on February 4th. The purpose of this day is to expose students to opportunities for service in our communities for the second semester. Our students will have the chance to sign up with the following outside organizations so far: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Dorothy Love Retirement Community, and the Red Cross Blood Drive. If you know of an organization needing help in your area and they would like to come and speak to our students, please give me call. Service and community involvement are things that employers and colleges look for on a student's resume, scholarship form or college resume.

There will be a **Jeans Day** for Lehman students on February 5th. The money collected will go toward the Patrick Pudlewski Scholarship in his memory. Students should follow the guidelines in the student handbook for jeans days if they choose to participate.

The Lehman Limelight tour show will be presented at the partner schools on February 5th and 6th. The show includes the Limelighters Show Choir, the Cavalier Choir, and Combo.

Our Lehman **Open House** for prospective students is February 11th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (prior to our Science Fair). Information about the school, extra curricula's, financial assistance, and scholarship opportunities will be available that evening. We will also have a drawing for several \$500 tuition vouchers for those in attendance. If you know anyone who will not be able to attend but would like information about Lehman Catholic or would like a tour of the school, please give me a call at school (ext. 115).

Science Department Chairperson Sister Ginny Scherer is seeking extra judges for **Lehman's Annual Science Fair**, which will be held on Wednesday, February 11th. If you have expertise or you know someone with expertise in any area of science, psychology, sociology or health and can serve as a judge, please contact Sister Ginny at school (extension 204). Judging projects is an excellent way to interact with the students and to have the opportunity to see firsthand the work they are doing in the science classrooms. If you plan to attend the Science Fair, the exhibits will be open for public viewing after 8:15 p.m. and the results of the judging will be announced around 9:00 p.m., or as soon as the judges complete their work.

The **Lehman Cavs For A Cure Team** continues 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 (February 13-15) or send to the school anytime with students. Please save your cans and help the Cavs For A Cure Team Can Cancer.

The winter athletic tournament season begins the month of February. The **boys swim team** will start the competition with their **sectional tournament** at Trotwood on Friday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. They will be followed by the **girl's sectional tournament** also at Trotwood on Saturday, February 14th at 3:00 p.m. The District Meet is held at Miami University on February 20th with the boys swimming at 10:45 a.m. and the girls who qualify swimming at 5:45 p.m. The cost for admission is \$6.00 at each tournament.

The **girls basketball team** will have their **sectional tournament** draw in February. The first round of the girls tournament will be played at Sidney High School on February 21st. We will have more details after the tournament draw. The boys basketball team will draw for their tournament dates and times in February as well. The **boy's sectional basketball tournament** will be played at Piqua High School with the first round game being played on February 27th or 28th. You can purchase your pre-sale tickets at Lehman High School for both the girls and boys tournament games. The school will receive 50% of all the pre-sale money so please pick up your tickets at Lehman ahead of time, if possible. Please refer to the athletic calendar on the Lehman website (www.lehmancatholic.com) and the local newspapers for updated ticket and tournament details after the team drawings over these next couple weeks.

Lehman will once again be hosting the **OHSAA Sectional Wrestling Tournament** on February 27th and 28th. Wrestling begins at 5:00 p.m. on Friday night and at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 28th with the finals taking place at 4:00 p.m. Come and cheer on our own wrestlers and show your school spirit! The cost is \$6 for each of the first 2 sessions and \$7.00 for the finals or you can purchase an all session ticket for \$15.00. If anyone wants to volunteer to work the concession stand please contact Athletic Booster members Bill Long, and if anyone wants to volunteer to help during the tournament, please contact Athletic Director Richard Roll. The District Meet will be held on March 6th and 7th at Hobart Arena in Troy for those who qualify.

Class Registration for the 2015-16 school year will begin in February for **students who are currently in the 8th grade** and interested in attending Lehman Catholic High School. Registration packets will be sent out to eighth grade students in the partner schools prior to registration week. We will be at Piqua Catholic School (North St. Campus) on Tuesday, February 24th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. We will be at Holy Angels School on Wednesday, February 25th from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and at St. Patrick School on Thursday, February 26th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Please call the office at Piqua Catholic (773-1564), Holy Angels (492-9293) or St. Patrick (339-3705) to arrange for an appointment. Feel free to contact the high school if you do not receive your packet in the mail by February 19th or if you are unable to make the dates at our partner schools. We will also have evening registration days on Wednesday, March 4th from 4-7:00 p.m. at Lehman High School and again on Thursday, March 5th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. at Lehman. Please call the school (498-1161 or 773-8747) to set up an evening registration time at the high school. A \$100 registration fee, a copy of the student's birth certificate and the packet of forms will be collected the day of registration. Please pay with a check or money order, made payable to Lehman Catholic High School. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their child. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Hoying in the Guidance Office or give me a call a call at Lehman (498-1161 or 773-8747).

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. McGlothin.

Class registration for students currently enrolled at Lehman Catholic High School will begin the week of March 2nd. Registration materials will be distributed to students in their English Class. A member of the guidance department will meet with students individually and will review their transcript, discuss career goals and map out corresponding career paths. In addition, completion requirements for graduation will be checked. Course selection for the upcoming school year will follow. Students will need their course selection sheet and the \$100.00 registration fee. Please pay with check or money order, made payable to Lehman Catholic High School. Parents are encouraged to attend the meeting with their child. However, if this is not possible then please be sure to go over the materials and the information contained in the blue course curriculum handbook. The schedule for registration appears below. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Hoying in care of the Guidance Office.

	<i>DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS</i>	<i>REGISTRATION COURSE SELECTION</i>
Class of 2018	Week of February 23 rd in English Class	March 3 rd and 4 th
Class of 2017	Week of March 2 nd in English Class	March 5 th and 9 th
Class of 2016	Week of March 2 nd in English Class	March 10 th , 11 th , and 12 th

I would also remind you that **tuition assistance dollars** are available to help offset the financial need that families may have. All tuition assistance is need-based, and an application must be completed before tuition assistance is granted. The pot of tuition assistance dollars is not unlimited; however, if you believe you qualify for tuition assistance, please apply on-line at www.sss.nais.org. The deadline to apply is March 15th. If you need help or have questions in filling out the tuition assistance application, please give me or Business Manager Kathy McGreevy a call.

The Music Department has cast the **2015 all-school musical – *Once Upon A Mattress*** – which will be presented on the Lehman stage on March 26th, 27th, and 28th. There are lots of wonderful songs, a fun story and great parts. Playing the leading roles are Prince Dauntless the Drab- Will Hoersten; King Sextimus the Silent- Nick Neumeier; Sir Harry-John Meyer; The Minstrel- John Schmiesing; The Jester- Jake Watkins; The Wizard- Dylan Sherman; Princess Winifred the Woebegone- Claudia Fatone; Queen Agravain- Diana Gibson; and Lady Larken- Megan Neumeier. We will still need parent helpers for props, costumes, scenery building, and other jobs. The following will be helping with the musical this year: Director Betsy Moorman, Producer Elaine Schweller-Snyder, Costume Chairperson Darla Cabe, Choreographer Libby Jacob, and Acting/Line Coach Bill Zimmerman, Jr.

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.

The yearbook staff is looking for **photographs**. If you have good quality photos from winter athletic events or candid photos, please send the photos to M.mcglathin@lehmancatholic.com or send them to school on a CD-ROM or flash drive.

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. 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 a foreign student, 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.

The Lehman Catholic High School Alumni Association is accepting nominations for the **Lehman Hall of Fame**. The Hall of Fame is designed to honor deserving alumni based upon their professional achievements, community service, or their service to the Lehman Catholic High School community or Catholic community at large. Candidates for these awards may be alumni from Lehman Catholic High School, Piqua Catholic High School, Holy Angels High School, St. Boniface High School, or St. Mary High School. Interested individuals are asked to visit the Lehman High School web page at www.lehmancatholic.com under the Alumni Relations Link to obtain a nomination form. Once all information has been provided on the nomination form, please forward it to the Lehman Development Office, 2400 St. Marys Ave., Sidney, OH 45365 by February 27th. The eighth annual Hall of Fame induction will be held on August 1, 2015.

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. This information is also provided in the school handbook (page 13). Prom is scheduled for May 10th at Shelby Oaks in Sidney.

Girls

1. A semi-formal or formal dress, including strapless dresses, but cannot be so low cut as to show any cleavage.
2. Hemlines and slits in dresses or skirts must be no shorter than or extend above 2-3 inches above the knee.
3. Students should be certain that the fit of the dress will continue to be modest and appropriate during the entire evening.
4. There is to be no two-piece formal gowns or pants and top where the midriff or sides are showing.
5. The back of the dress must not dip below the midpoint of the back.
6. There is to be no see-through, transparent, sheer or cutout portion of the dress.
7. Girls must arrive wearing dress shoes.

Boys

1. Boys are permitted to wear suits or tuxedos with dress shirts, ties and dress shoes.
2. No shorts, denim, athletic shoes or torn clothing will be permitted.

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 February 7th, 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 March 14th, 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.

Just a reminder, we will not be in school on February 13th (Teacher Professional Day) and February 16th (President's Day). Enjoy the long weekend!

Thank you for everything you do for our Catholic Schools! We appreciate your time, talents and treasurer! We could not do it without you!

Learn, Live, Love Lehman!

Denise Stauffer
Principal
Lehman High School

"Man should not consider his material possession his own, but as common to all, so as to share them without hesitation when others are in need."
Saint Thomas Aquinas