

**Lehman Catholic High School**  
**2400 Saint Marys Avenue**  
**Sidney, Ohio 45365**  
**June 3, 2015**  
**Feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**

Dear Parents:

I am sending this letter on the **Feast Day of St. Charles Lawanga. St Charles Lwanga** was born in the 1860's in the Kingdom of Buganda in Africa. He took over the leadership of the Christian community in Uganda after the death of Joseph Mkasa, who died at the hands of King Mwanga's court for protecting the young Christian boys and men against the King's violence and immortal actions. St. Charles instructed his friends and the young people in the Catholic Faith and baptized the young boys of King Mwanga's court. King Mwanga hated Christians and condemned all who opposed him to death. St. Charles Lanwanga and 22 other Ugandans, were sentenced to death because of their commitment to remain chaste and faithful to the Catholic Church. He was burned to death on June 3, 1886. Pope Paul VI canonized Charles Lwanga and his companions in 1964. St Charles Lwanga is the Patron of the African Youth of Catholic Action.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 47 members of the **Class of 2015!** Commencement exercises were held Memorial Day weekend, beginning with the Senior Awards Assembly, held Friday morning, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Scholarships and grants offered to the members of the class exceeded 2.1 million dollars over the next four years (\$547,723.00 for the 2015-16 school year)! Ninety-one percent of the class will be attending a 2 or 4-year college or university in the fall and nine percent will be entering a trade school and/or workforce. Named Outstanding Senior by the members of the class was Maria Pannapara. Named Outstanding Senior Boy by the faculty was Travis Thornton and named Outstanding Senior Girl was Brooke Jones. Having perfect attendance over their four years of high school was Kaitlin Gillman.

Three students were inducted into the **Academic Hall of Fame**. Students qualify for admission to the Hall of Fame by obtaining a 4.0 (no grade below an A), earning recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (the top 5% of college bound students in the country), or by earning valedictorian or salutatorian status. Those students included John Schmiesing (Valedictorian, National Merit Commended Student and 4.0), McKenna Guillozet (Salutatorian and 4.0), and Maria Pannapara (4.0).

Friday evening, the **Sophomore/Senior Dinner** was held at Holy Angels School in Sidney. The Sophomore Class annually honors the seniors for their curricular and co-curricular leadership by providing them with dinner prior to the Baccalaureate Mass. Sophomore Class President, Jacob Schmiesing thanked the members of the class for sharing their talents and for being good role models for the school community. The meal was catered by The Spot Restaurant in Sidney.

Immediately following dinner, the seniors dressed in their caps and gowns for the **Baccalaureate Mass** at Church of the Holy Angels. Father James Riehle was joined by three other priests (Father Thomas Bolte, Father Frank Amberger, and newly ordained and Lehman alum Ethan Moore) from the partner schools and community parishes in celebrating the liturgy. The seniors also presented their parents with the class flower, a white carnation.

**Graduation ceremonies** were held Sunday afternoon, May 24<sup>th</sup> for the class of 2015. The ceremonies, attended by more than 300 people, included speeches by Valedictorian John Schmiesing, Salutatorian McKenna Guillozet, the school's Principal/CEO Denise Stauffer, and the Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Dr. Jim Rigg. We congratulate all the seniors and wish them the best in the future!

The **Annual Lehman High School Art Show Gala** was held at Lehman from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>. The show displayed the artwork of all the students in the Art classes. Congratulations to the following Art Gala Award winners: Janelle Gravunder (Principal's Choice Award), Haylee Klikovits (Assistant Principal's Choice Award), Skye Shi (Teacher's Choice Award), Sara Fuller (Student Choice Award), Ellie Sargent (Best Painting), Miriam Bezy (Best Drawing), Maria Pannapara (Best Ceramics), and Olivia Slagle (Best Multi Media)!

The **Undergraduate Awards Banquet** was held on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> in the Cianciolo Family Gymnasium. Congratulations to the many students who were honored at the banquet. Special congratulations to Nick Neumeier, who received the Bausch & Lomb Science Award (presented to the student with the highest academic average in science) and Emily Reinhart, who received the Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Humanities Award (presented to the student with academic achievement in humanities). John Meyer received the Honda of America outstanding Math Award (presented to the student with the highest academic average in math). I also want to congratulate the students who had perfect attendance this year, including freshmen Jacob Emrick, Ryan Goettemoeller, Collin Haller, Tyler Lachey, Alanna O'Leary, Molly Safreed, Ryan Schmidt, Skye Shi, Amanda Titterington, and Griffin West. Sophomores included Alison Briggs, Lindsey Elsner, Taylor O'Leary, and Jacob Schmiesing. Juniors with perfect attendance included Malachi Bezy, Kendel Eck, Claudia Fatone, Michael Largent, John Meyer, Nick Neumeier, Avery Pickrel, and Adam Vanderhorst. A big thank you goes out to Guidance Counselors Charles Hoying and Barb Saluke for their work and time in organizing the ceremonies.

Lehman High School held their **Junior-Senior Prom** at the Shelby Oaks Club in Sidney on May 9<sup>th</sup>. The **Prom Court** consisted of junior class princess candidates: Claudia Fatone, Olivia Gorman, Cassidy Hemm, Marianne Hissong, Adriana Sehlhorst, and Ana Vazquez. The junior class prince candidates include: Nate Bosway, Jerry Curtis, Stephen Monnin, Ian Smith, Connor Thobe, and Adam Vanderhorst. The senior class queen candidates include: Margo Baker, Elizabeth Edwards, McKenna Guillozet, Brooke Jones, Maria Pannapara and Ellie Sargent. The senior class king candidates are Alex Cavinder, Sam Dean, Nick Earhart, Rex Gong, Dylan Sherman and Mitch Slater. Being crowned junior class princess and prince were Olivia Gorman and Jerry Curtis. The 2015 prom queen and king were McKenna Guillozet and Rex Gong.

The **Lehman Music Banquet** was held on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of St. John Hall in Piqua. A special congratulations to Jared Seger for being named the Knights of St. John Outstanding Bandsman and Will Hoersten for being named Outstanding Lehman Limelighter. Awards were also presented to the Outstanding Musicians by grade level. John Schmiesing won

the senior award, Claudia Fatone received the junior award, Jacob Schmiesing received the sophomore award and Natalie Rocke won the freshman award. Congratulations to all the band and choir members who were honored for their hard work and service to the music department! We also thank their leader Music Director Betsy Moorman for all her time and help this year! We also want to thank the Knights of St. John for providing the trays of cold cuts and the room for the banquet again this year!

Five Lehman students competed at the **67<sup>th</sup> Annual State Science Fair** on May 16<sup>th</sup> at The Ohio State University. Of those students, three of them received a superior rating. Those students included Grace Dexter, Abby Jones, Ana Vazquez. Madeline McFarland received a high excellent rating at the science fair. We congratulate all the students and their teachers Leah Bertke, Tracy Hall and Sister Ginny Scherer, SC., for their success!

**Final grade cards** will be e-mailed this first week of June. Families who still have account balances need to pay them in the front office. If you need to work out payment arrangements, please call Business Manager, Kathy McGreevy. If students have not turned in textbooks or team uniforms, or owe money on their lunch account they will be receiving an e-mail in the next week with these balances. Please contact the front office or Kathy McGreevy (ext. 120), if you have any questions.

Last week we received the results of the **Ohio Graduation Tests**. The current sophomore class, who took the tests in March, achieved a pass rate of 85% on all five parts of the test (Reading 96%, Writing 96%, Mathematics 93%, Science 89% and Social Studies 89%). A letter has been sent home to the sophomores. Congratulations to the students for their hard work!

The **spring sports season** is coming to a close. The Baseball Team ended their season in the Regional Semi-final game this year. The tennis team had 4 players qualify for the District Tennis Tournament: Sam Dean, Nick Earhart, Dylan Sherman and Josh West. The boys and girls track teams also had post-season success. The following individual qualified for the State Track Meet: Alanna O'Leary (200 meter dash), Ben Montgomery (Shot put), Erik Jackson (400 meter run) and Teddy Jackson (110 hurdles). We want to wish these track athletes and their coaches Dwane Rowley, Kyle Hermiller and Amanda Duritsch good luck as they compete in the State Meet on (June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>).

Most of the **spring athletic teams** will be having their **awards ceremonies** in the month of June because of their post season success. These award winners will be listed in the July parent letter.

The **Lehman Cavs 4 A Cure Team** has helped to **recycle** materials around the school this year. They currently are recycling pop cans. The Can Cancer collection will continue through the summer. Pop cans may be brought to the school the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month (June 12-14) and dropped off by the garage behind the school. You may set your bag alongside the multi building and they will be collected from there. Cavs 4 A Cure would be happy to receive cans from graduation parties that are coming up. This would help this fundraising activity for the group. Please save your cans!

The **2015-16 School Year Class Registration** is winding to a close. Any students who are currently finishing grades 8-11 and interested in attending Lehman Catholic High School, but have not yet registered for classes for the 2015-16 school year, should contact Guidance Counselor Chuck Hoying or Principal Denise Stauffer at Lehman (498-1161 or 773-8747) to set up a registration time.

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, July 30<sup>th</sup> from noon until 6:00 p.m. and again on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-6:00 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](http://www.educationalapparel.com). Just click on schools, select Lehman Catholic and purchase the items specifically for our dress code. Slacks, capris, shorts and polo shirts must all be purchased from the uniform company. Skirts cannot be worn by the freshmen, sophomore, and junior girls. 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).

Congratulations to the students who were selected by the Lehman students to be named to the **executive board of the Student Council!** The student council president for the 2015-16 school year is Nick Neumeier; vice-president, Nate Bosway; secretary, Jacob Schmiesing; and treasurer, Olivia Gorman. Congratulations also to the following who have been elected by their classmates to serve as **Student Council class officers** for the 2015-16 school year! The sophomore class officers include president Abby Jones, vice-president Griffin West, secretary Brogan McIver and treasurer Tyler Lachey. The junior class officers are president Kate Hemm, vice-president Kara Gillman, secretary Kaitrin O'Leary and treasurer Elijah Baker. The senior class president is Cassidy Hemm, vice-president is Adriana Sehlhorst, secretary is Claudia Fatone, and the treasurer is Olivia Leece. The freshmen class will elect their class officers when they arrive at Lehman High School this fall.

**College Credit Plus** courses (formerly Dual Enrollment and Post-Secondary) will be offered at Lehman during the 2015-16 school year. Because of this new program, Wright State University and Edison Community College have updating their policies for the 2015-16 academic year. This year these two institutes are requiring students to apply to their schools prior to May 1<sup>st</sup> if they are interested in taking college courses through the College Credit Plus Program. The next step is to take the required placement tests and attend orientations. Prior to the orientation, students need to meet with Lehman's guidance counselor, Chuck Hoying; Assistant Principal, Jake Johnson; or Principal/CEO, Denise Stauffer to complete the College Credit Plus Academic Advising Plan (see attached forms). This form is then brought to the Orientation Day and will be used for the registration of classes.

Edison Community College has the following orientation dates: June 11 (1-4:00 pm), July 10 (1-4:00 pm), and July 24 (1-4:00 pm). Students can make an appointment to test on an individual basis by calling Edison at 937.778.8600. It currently looks like we will be offering the following Lehman courses for College Credit Plus through Edison Community College: AP Chemistry (General Chemistry 1 & 2 – CHM 121 & 122) 10 credits – 5 each semester, Pre-Calculus (Pre-Calculus – MTH 128) 5 credits, Calculus/AP Calculus (Calc/Analyt Geo 1 – MTH 221) 5 credits, and Physics (College Physics 1 & 2 – PHY 121 & 122) 10 credits- 5 each semester.

We are still waiting to hear from Wright State University Lake Campus to see if we will be able to offer any College Credit Courses on our campus through their institute of higher learning. As soon as we receive this information, we will email it to you.

Another HIGH PRIORITY in this College Credit Plus process is the funding opportunity. Prior to June 15, 2015, students in non-public schools must complete the College Credit Plus Nonpublic Funding Application and send it to the Ohio Department of Education as instructed on the attached application. By sending in this application, students will have the opportunity to receive some possible funding for these College Credit Plus Courses. Lehman is a chartered nonpublic school so you must include the school's IRN #053082 on this application form. This form must also be initialed by our guidance counselor, Mr. Hoying or by me, the principal prior to sending it.

The **Summer Reading List** is attached to this month's parent letter. The assignments for the summer reading are also included. The assignments will be specific to the English courses your student will be taking during the 2015-16 school year. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Being able to support Lehman Catholic High School has just become easier as a result of **GoodSearch.com** which is a search engine that donates 50% of its revenues to charities and schools designed by its users. Charitable organizations like Lehman do not spend a dime. GoodSearch.com has a unique social mission. It's powered by Yahoo! So you can get the same great search results, but each time you do a search, Good Search makes a donation to Lehman. For example Lehman will receive 1 cent for every search. Doesn't sound like much? If only 1,000 parents, students, alums use Good Search twice a day, which calculates to \$7,300 per year. Multiply that by all other alums, student, parents and members of the Lehman family and it becomes a significant amount. The next time you are searching for an answer, go to [www.GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) and type in Lehman Catholic High School, Sidney, Ohio, as the organization you support. The dividends could become enormous and help Lehman raise money for technological equipment. Please help us to continue raising money and add this site to your favorites!

Thank you for a terrific school year and have a restful summer!

Denise Stauffer  
Principal/CEO