

Lehman Catholic High School
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Thursday, February 26, 2015
Feast of St. Maria Berilla Boscardin

Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter on the **Feast Day of St. Maria Berilla Boscardin**. St. Maria Bertilla Boscardin was born in Italy in 1888. She grew up with a father who was violent and an alcoholic. She had limited schooling because she had to spend much of her time helping on the family farm. She was often ridiculed and made fun of because of her lack of education, talents, and family life. These trials only made her stronger and develop a closer relationship with God. In 1904, she joined the Sisters of St. Dorothy and began working in the kitchen and laundry. After a few years, she began receiving nurses' training and started working in a hospital, caring for children. When the hospital was taken over by the military in World War I, she continued to work there and care for the patients despite the dangers from the war. She died in 1922 after suffering from a tumor for several years. She was canonized in 1961.

Many of our Lehman students participated in the **American Mathematics Competition** in February. The school's team scores are still in competition with other schools around the State. Our top individual scores for grades 11-12 were Jake Watkins, Nick Earhart and Josh West and our top scores in grades 9-10 were Jacob Schmiesing, Will Hoersten, and Skye Shi. Jake and Jacob will each receive a pin for their top scores at Lehman. Super job!

We held our second **Opportunity Day Assembly** of the year on February 4th. Several community speakers were on hand to share information about their organization and how our students could help them provide service to their group. These speakers represented the following organizations: the Community Blood Center, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Dorothy Love Retirement Community, Shelby County Right to Life and the Lehman Mission/Service Trip. Following the speakers, the students had time to sign up to help these organizations with their service needs.

A special thank you to everyone who helped with our **Open House for Prospective Students and Families!** It was a huge success! We had 52 students and their families come through the school on the evening of February 11th. This was a big increase from the past 4 years. We especially want to thank our student ambassadors for providing the tours; our faculty and staff for their time and presentations; and members of our Board of Limited Jurisdiction and Advancement Committee for serving the refreshments and answering questions from the families! We appreciated everyone's help!

During Fridays of Lent, the Lehman students, faculty and staff have the opportunity to attend **Eucharistic Adoration** in the Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapel. Times for adoration are from 11:00 a.m. until the end of school at 3:00 p.m. on the Fridays during Lent. Lehman community members are also invited to the school during this time of adoration. Please check in the school's front office prior to making your way down to the Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapel if you plan to attend.

The annual **Lehman Science Fair** was held on February 11th. Fifty-nine projects were submitted for judging. Volunteers were on hand to help judge these projects. Nineteen Lehman students received a Superior Rating and will now have the opportunity to advance to the District Science Fair at Central State University on March 21st. Students who received Superior Ratings were Allison Briggs, Melanie Brunner, Grace Dexter, Diana Gibson, Kaitlin Gillman, Ryan Goettemoeller, McKenna Guillozet, Abby Jones, Katie Karr, Trey Kerrigan, Tyler Lachey, Maddy McFarland, Alanna O'Leary, Clare Schmiesing, Ava Schmitz, Amanda Titterington, Anna Vazquez and Josh West.

A few special awards were also handed out at the Science Fair including the **Governor's Awards and the Ohio Water Environmental Association Awards**. Receiving the Governor's Awards were Abby Jones in Environmental Science; Logan Richard for Agriculture and Food Technology Research; and Alison Briggs for Advanced or Alternative Energy. The Southwest Ohio Water Environmental Association also presented awards to Sam Dean, McKenna Guillozet and Skye Shi. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this year's Science Fair, and thank you to their science teachers Tracy Hall, Sister Virginia Scherer and Leah Bertke, and to their parents for all their help and support! We also want to thank all those who helped judge the 59 projects that evening!

Our Lehman Athletic Boosters have extended their **Give, Save, Grow fundraiser** because of the weather conditions and days of school missed during January and February. The last day to turn in order forms will be March 9th. These will be collected during homeroom on that day and students may turn these forms and money in any day between now and then during their homeroom modular. We are asking each student/family to sell 5 cards. Students have the opportunity to be entered into a drawing to win prizes if they sell their 5 cards. Those who order/purchase these cards will receive them by the end of March so they may begin using them. Go to the Give, Save, Grow website to see the hundreds of local merchants in the Auglaize, Darke, Miami, Mercer, Montgomery and Shelby Counties that are participating in this savings program. Please see the attached order form for further information.

The winter regular season has come to a close. The **boys basketball team** ended their season with a 13-9 record. They will play in the first round of the Sectional Tournament on Friday, February 27th, against Covington at Piqua High School starting at 8:30 p.m. The second round of the tournament will be played on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. If they continue to win the Sectional Final game will be played on Friday, March 6th, at 7:00 p.m. The District game will be played at UD Arena on March 12th, if they can continue to win. Please purchase your pre-sale tickets at the school if possible because we receive 50% of our pre-sale money.

The **girls basketball team** lost in the second round of the Sectional Tournament against Fort Loramie High School. They ended their season tied for 2nd in the Northwest Central Conference and had an overall record of 6-15. The team worked hard and we thank their coaches Craig Hall, Susan Berger, and Zach Schmitz for all their help!

Congratulations to the following swimmers who qualified and competed at the **District Swim Tournament**: The Boys 200 Medley Relay (Eli Baker, Nate Bosway, Kyle Caulfield, John Henry Frantz) and individual swimmers Cassidy Hemm (200 IM) and Caroline Heitmeyer (110 Backstroke). The Girls 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free and 400 Free Relay Teams (Caroline Heitmeyer, Cassidy Hemm, Kate Hemm, Ally Schmidt) also qualified and competed at the District Meet. Congratulations to the teams and their coaches Hilary Davis and Ben Bowers for their accomplishments this season!

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.

On Tuesday, March 10th, the Lehman students will be traveling to Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys to attend the **Northern-area Catholic Schools Mass**. Last year we traveled to Immaculate Conception Church in Celina for this celebration. Our students will begin boarding our buses at 8:45 a.m. and travel to St. Marys. The Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. Students will stay for lunch and then travel to the Neal Armstrong Museum for a tour and presentation and return then to Lehman. We should be back at school by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served by the cooks at Holy Rosary School and will consist of a hamburger, carrots, celery, fresh fruit, cookie and a bottle of water. Students can bring extra money with them on the 10th to pay for any souvenirs from the museum or extra food at lunch. The rest of the costs will be covered by Lehman. We will be joining students, in grades 4-8, from our partner schools (Holy Angels, Holy Rosary, Immaculate Conception, Piqua Catholic, St. Mary, and St. Patrick), for this Mass. If you do not want your students traveling to and from this Mass in St. Marys and the museum in Wapakoneta, on the Lehman buses, please send a note to school by March 6th, indicating this.

Class Registration for the 2015-16 school year began in February for **students who are currently in the 8th grade** and interested in attending Lehman Catholic High School. Registration packets were sent out to eighth grade students in the partner schools prior to registration week. We were at Piqua Catholic School on Tuesday, February 24th, at Holy Angels School on Wednesday, February 25th, and St. Patrick School on the 26th. If you weren't able to attend these registration dates, we will also have evening registration days on Thursday, March 5th from 4-7:00 p.m. at Lehman High School and again on Wednesday, March 11th from 3-6:00 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 at Lehman or give me a call.

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.

*DISTRIBUTION OF
MATERIALS*

*REGISTRATION
COURSE SELECTION*

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 Student Council will be assisting the Community Blood Center (CBC) in hosting a **blood drive** at Lehman on Thursday, March 5th from 8:30-12:30 p.m. in the Schlater Gymnasium. Anyone at least 16 years old (with CBC parental consent form), weighing at least 110 lbs., and in good general health can donate. All ages need to bring a picture I.D. with them. Parents & Alumni can call the school office to make an appointment or email Mrs. Safreed at m.safreed@lehmancatholic.com with their name and time desired. Everyone who donates receives a free t-shirt. Senior students who register to donate a minimum of three times during their high school career with Community Blood Center will receive an honorary red cord to wear at graduation. Please come and show your support by donating to our blood drive!

The **Lehman Ohio Energy Project Team** will be traveling to the University of Dayton on March 6th to present their hands-on energy show to several schools in the Dayton area. The team also presented a similar program to our partner elementary schools (Piqua Catholic, St. Marys, Holy Angels, Holy Rosary, St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception) in January.

I want to congratulate the **Science Olympiad Team** for finishing 26th out of 41 teams that competed in the Wright State Invitational. The Ohio Science Olympiad is an academic, interscholastic competition designed to increase student interest in science and to improve the quality of science education. Congratulations to our students receiving gold medals: Claudia Fatone and Cassidy Hemm in Bungee Drop. The Lehman team will now compete again on Saturday, March 7th at the West Liberty-Salem Invitational. The Regional Invitational is March 14th. We wish them the best!

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 is scheduled for March 9th from 1:35 – 3:00 p.m.

There will be a **Jeans Day** for the Lehman students on March 12th. The money collected will go toward the Clean Water (Lenten Project). Students should follow the guidelines in the student handbook for jeans days if they choose to participate.

The **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 (March 13-15) or sent to school anytime with students. Please save your cans and help them Can Cancer.

All members of the **sophomore class** at Lehman Catholic High School, will be administered the **Ohio Graduation Test**, beginning March 16th and concluding March 20th. The test includes sections on writing, reading, mathematics, citizenship and science. Each of the individual tests has multiple choice, short answers and extended-response questions. Students will have 2 ½ hours to complete each section of the test. You can increase your child's opportunity for success on the OGT, by providing encouragement and support. Make sure that your child gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast. Copies of previous tests can be viewed on line at the Ohio Department of Education website. (<http://www.ode.state.oh.us>) Click on the Testing Tab at the upper right corner of the web page. Previous test materials are indexed under [Ohio Graduation Tests Released Test Materials](#). If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ohio Graduation Testing, please contact Charles Hoying.

The **winter sports awards night** will be held on Monday, March 16th. The presentation of awards will begin at 7:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Student athletes are asked to dress up that evening (using the guidelines in the student handbook) and are not to wear jeans or t-shirts. Athletes must be present in order to receive their awards. All Lehman supporters are welcome.

Third quarter will end on March 13th. **Grade card conferences** are scheduled for Wednesday, March 25th, from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed early on that day (1:30 p.m.). I would encourage you to pick up your student's grade card and to visit with teachers as a final check on your student's progress as we get ready to begin the final grading period of the academic year. I would also remind you that you are able to check your student's progress on a daily basis by logging onto the **Net classroom** 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.

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.

The **Spring Meet the Team Night** will be held in the Schlater Gymnasium at 7:30 pm on Thursday March 19th. All Lehman fans, parents and spring athletes are encouraged to attend. Spring sports schedules will be available at this event. The cheerleaders will also be hosting their annual Spring Meet the Teams Dinner (subs, chip and drink) that evening at 6:30 p.m. for \$5.00 a meal. Please come early and support the cheerleaders.

There will be a mandatory **Spring Sports Meeting** for all parents and athletes, who have not participated in a fall or winter sport, on Thursday, March 19th, following the Spring Sports Meet the Team Night. This is an Ohio High School Athletic Association requirement to participate in a team sport. If you have any questions, please contact our Athletic Director, Richard Roll, at the school.

I would like to remind everyone, as we get ready to enter the **spring sports season** and you plan to decorate your student's locker or walls around the school, please do not use double sided tape, foam tape, or duct tape. These tapes are very hard to clean off the locker and cause damage to the outside paint. Students will be charged a minimum of \$10.00 if these tapes are used and for the removal and clean up. We recommend that you use scotch tape, masking tape, clear packing tape, or the putty-like, sticky tact (blue color). If you have any questions, please contact the school. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

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. Tickets are \$10.00 for reserved seating and \$8.00 for general admission. See the attachment for further information.

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. McGlothin at m.mcglathin@lehmancatholic.com. Business card size ads are \$50. We can still accept ads until April 1st.

Educational Apparel will be at Lehman Catholic High School on Thursday, April 9th from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. and will be back again on July 30th (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 **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 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.

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. Students who attain an 18 in English and 22 in Math on the ACT or a 69 in Reading, 69 in Writing and 52 in the Algebra domain of Math on the Compass Test demonstrate college readiness. There will be a required student/parent meeting on March 25th at 5:15 p.m. (following parent/teacher conferences) for those students interested in participating in the College Credit Plus Program. Representatives from Wright State University and possibly Edison Community College will be here to talk more about the courses offerings, costs, and be available to answer any questions. Students interest in this program need to complete the Intent to Participate Form and return it to Guidance Counselor, Charles Hoying, by March 25th. The cost of the courses are covered by the student, however, students can apply to the department of education to receive funding in order to underwrite their costs. 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.

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. 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.

Important change in the school calendar! We will now be in school on Monday, March 16th, because of the OGT testing. All students are required to be at school on March 16th! The faculty in-service day has now been moved to Friday, March 13th, so the students will not have school on March 13th. Sorry for the mix up in the calendar!

Think Spring!

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