

Lehman Catholic High School
2400 Saint Marys Avenue
Sidney, Ohio 45365
Thursday, April 30, 2015
Feast of St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter on the Feast Day of St. Catherine of Siena. St. Catherine was born in 1347 and was the 23rd child in her family. At the age of 18, she entered the Dominican Third Order. She spent most of her time there in seclusion and prayer. She had many followers because of her commitment to Christ. She offered letters, spiritual advice and encouragement to her followers. Her holiness made a deep impression on the pope, as well. St. Catherine spent her last two years in Rome, working hard to establish peace and unity of the Church. She died in 1380 and was canonized in 1461. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy.

The annual **Lehman School Field Day** was held on Thursday, April 23rd. The Cavs 4 A Cure Team and Student Council sponsored and ran the activities for the day which included a corn hole tournament, volleyball tournament, tug-of-war, lunch, ultimate Frisbee and a variety of other events. The senior class won the overall competition, gaining the Spirit stick and bragging rights for the year. Following the events, the spring sports teams and the prom court were recognized.

Following Mass the **Senior Class** met and went over end of the year information. The seniors were given a newsletter explaining dates, times, and information concerning their upcoming responsibilities including the commencement exercises. They will also be receiving a form from the Sidney Daily News and a form from Senior Guidance Counselor Barb Saluke later this week. Both of these forms must be completed and returned to school and to Mrs. Saluke as soon as possible or this information will not be printed in the local newspapers. The seniors also received their ten graduation tickets at this meeting. If more tickets are needed, please contact Teresa Haller in the front office. If you have extra tickets, please turn those back to the front office so we can provide those to families needing more than the ten they were given. The seniors are also asked to keep Mrs. Saluke up-to-date on their scholarship information because the school does not always receive this information from the colleges and universities.

While the senior class was meeting, the underclassmen remained in the Schlater Gymnasium to hear speeches from the students running for the **Student Council Executive Board Officer** Positions open for the 2015-16 school year and voting for their selected candidate. Congratulations to next year's president, Nick Neumeier; vice-president, Nate Bosway; secretary, Jacob Schmiesing; and treasurer, Olivia Gorman.

I want to congratulate the **Science Olympiad Team**, who for the eleventh year in a row qualified for the State competition in Columbus. Lehman was one of the smallest schools to compete in the field of schools. The team members competed in 23 different events and placed 37th overall, out of 40 teams. A special congratulations goes out to Melanie Brunner and Collin Haller, who placed 5th overall in the Scrambler Event and received medals! The Ohio Science Olympiad is an academic, interscholastic competition designed to increase student interest in

science and to improve the quality of science education. The team would like to thank the following coaches who gave so many volunteer hours: Leah Bertke, Frank Blenman, Amanda Duritsch, Jim Hemm, Tracy Hall, Gary Schultz, Scott Streng, and Kim and Steve Wenning. We also want to thank Sister Ginny Scherer, SC., for being the director of the team. The team was financed by grants from the Miami County Foundation, Emerson (Copeland) Education Foundation, Sidney Knights of Columbus and the Lehman Science Department.

Congratulations to our Piqua-area students who were chosen by the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce to be recognized, along with students from Piqua High School and the Upper Valley Career Center, for the **Top 100 Scholastic Honor Award!** These students included Elijah Baker, Timothy Buechter, Jacob Earhart, McKenna Guillozet, Cassidy Hemm, Kate Hemm, Kameron Lee, Madeline McFarland, Alanna O’Leary, Elizabeth Pax, Madeline Smith, and Owen Smith. McKenna Guillozet was honored as 4-year award recipients. Congratulations and a job well done to all these students!

The annual **“Band Day” and Concert** for band students was held last week. Students in grades 5-12 from Lehman, Holy Angels, Piqua Catholic and St. Patrick Schools were represented. We had 72 students participating in the concert and a good crowd was on hand to listen to the music.

The **Sixth Annual Altrusa Adult Spelling Bee** will be held tonight, April 30th, at Dorothy Love Retirement Village. Lehman has an adult team competing. This team consists of Lehman Teachers Linda Applegate, Joe Ratermann, and Joe Schmiesing. We wish our team of teachers the best and encourage everyone to come out tonight to support them!

Tuition statements will be e-mailed April 30th. If you did not receive one or have any questions, please contact Lehman Business Manager, Kathy McGreevy at extension 120. Remember that outstanding amounts must be paid by the end of the school year.

The **2015-16 School Year Class Registration** is winding to a close. Any students who are currently in 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. We currently have 200 students registered for next year with 60 of these being freshmen students. We are looking forward to this increase in our enrollment numbers!

School Bus Driver Appreciation Day is in May. The 15,000 school bus drivers in Ohio transport nearly 1 million students over 180 million miles each year. At the same time, the school bus safety record is unsurpassed. We are thankful to those who help transport our students and athletes throughout the year. These drivers include Anita Branam, Tom Christensen, Steve Coburn, Ed Cubick, Scott Cromes, Fred Drapp, Jim Justice, Sue Kaufman, Jim Moorman, and Robert Reed. Please join me in thanking these individuals for their dedication and compassionate service to our school and making sure our students are transported safely every day!

Congratulations to Kaitlin Gillman, who was chosen by her classmates for the honor of crowning Mary at the **May Crowning Ceremonies** on May 1st. The May Crowning Court also includes Maria Pannapara and Brooke Jones. These students were selected because they display the virtues of joyfulness, gratitude, hopefulness, holiness, humility, honesty, goodness, forgiveness, and peacefulness, also shown by the Blessed Virgin Mary. The May Crowning will take place after our 10:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, May 1st. All are invited to celebrate Mass and the May Crowning with us and our celebrant Bishop Joseph Binzer.

College Credit Plus courses (formerly Dual Enrollment and Post-Secondary) will again 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 1st if they are interested in taking college courses through the College Credit Plus Program. It currently looks like we will be offering the following Lehman courses for College Credit Plus if our faculty remain the same and we get enough students to enroll in the College Credit Plus Program: AP Chemistry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Physics, Senior English and AP English. We hope to have more information about these courses in our June and July parent letters and we may be able to offer more courses depending on the faculty we hire for this coming year. Stay tuned!

Students who participated in this year's **Dual Enrollment Program with Wright State University** during this 2014-15 school year can obtain an **Official Transcript** by using the following link <http://www.wright.edu/raider-connect/classes-and-grades/transcripts>. Using this link, the students will have access to view grades, unofficial transcripts and order official transcripts through their Wings Express accounts. Login information was provided along with their billing statements. If you have any questions or concerns about the login information, feel free to give call their CATS Help desk at 1-888-775-4827.

Faculty Appreciation Week is this coming week. The administration will be showing our appreciation to our faculty and staff on Tuesday, May 5th, with a luncheon. We would also encourage our students and parents to thank a teacher sometime during next week for all their help over the years. We have a wonderful faculty and staff! We appreciate all that they do for our students and the Lehman community!

Advanced Placement Exams will be administered to students according to the exam schedule dictated by the College Board. If students are absent when the exams are administered, they are not allowed to make up the tests. The Guidance Department will administer the exams as follows: AP Chemistry (May 4th), AP Calculus (May 5th), AP English Literature (May 6th), AP Biology (May 11th) and AP English Language Placement Exam (May 13th). If you would like more information about our Advanced Placement program, contact Director of Guidance Services, Chuck Hoying.

The **Annual Lehman High School Art Show** will open on Monday, May 4th and run through Friday, May 8th until 11:00 a.m. The show will display the artwork of all the students in the Art classes. Oil, acrylic, watercolor and tempera paintings, as well as sculptures, drawings, pottery and prints will be on display. Hours for the show are during regular school hours and during the evening of the Undergraduate Banquet on Wednesday, May 6th.

The **Undergraduate Awards Banquet** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6th in the Cianciolo Family Gymnasium. Letters of invitation were mailed to parents of those students, who will be recognized that evening. Letters of Invitation were mailed to parents last week. Because of the uncertainty of mail delivery, I would ask you to contact the school and Guidance Director, Charles Hoying (extension 134); if you believe you might have missed an invitation.

The **Music Department** will hold an **audition** for next school year for those students interested in trying out for the Limelighters Show Choir. The Auditions will be held on May 7th and begin at 6:00 p.m. and concluding around 9:00 p.m. Show Choir audition packets were emailed out to current 8th graders who registered for this class for this fall and packets can also be picked up in the Lehman choir room from Ms. Betsy Moorman.

The **Cavs 4 A Cure Team** would like to thank everyone that has donated/brought in cans this year. The team has currently raised over \$500 for the cause. Cavs 4 A Cure will continue collecting aluminum cans ONLY. You may drop them off on the second weekend of the month (May 8-10) 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.

The **2015-2016 Cheerleading Tryouts** for Varsity Football, Junior Varsity Basketball and Varsity Basketball Cheerleaders will take place on Friday, May 8th, from 3:45-5:00 p.m. There will be a **CLINIC** on Monday, May 4th from 3:30-5:00 p.m. It is mandatory for those trying out to attend the clinic. You may contact Melissa Safreed, at school, if you have any questions.

The **spring sports sectional tournaments** begin the week of May 11th. The Lehman boys tennis team will begin tournament play on May 12th in Troy at 9:00 a.m. and the finals will be played on May 16th at 9:00a.m. The district meet will be held at Centerville High School on May 20th and 23rd at 10:00 a.m. The baseball team will have their tournament draw this weekend. The first round of sectionals will be played on May 11th at 5:00 p.m. The site and opponent will be determined after the draw. The cost of admission will be \$5.00. If they win, they will play again at a site to be determined on May 13th at 5:00 p.m. and the sectional championship game will be played on May 20th at 5:00 p.m. If they make it to the district game, it will be played either at Newton High School or Miamisburg High School (depending on the bracket placement) on May 22nd beginning at 5:00 p.m. The Lehman softball team will begin their first round of the sectionals on May 12th at 5:00 p.m. The site and opponent will be determined after the draw. There will be a \$5.00 admission cost. The second round and sectional championship game for softball will be played on May 14th and 19th with a 5:00 p.m. start time. The district softball game is played at Brookville High School on May 22nd or 23rd (depending on the bracket placement). The boys and girls track team will run in the District Track Meet on May 19th at Milton Union with the field events beginning at 4:00 p.m. and the preliminary running events beginning at 4:30 p.m. The District Finals for track will be on May 23rd starting at 9:00 a.m. with field events and 10:30 a.m. with the running events. The Regional Track meet will be held at Troy Memorial Stadium on May 27th (preliminary events- 4:00 p.m. field events, 5:00 p.m. running events) and May 29th (final events- 5:00 p.m. field events and 6:00 p.m. running events). We wish these teams much success!

The **Prom Court** has been selected. Congratulations to 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. The crowning ceremonies will take place at the Shelby Oaks Club in Sidney on May 9th at 8:00 p.m. Prom runs from 8-11:30 p.m. Students are required to arrive within one hour of the start of the dance, and will not be permitted to leave the dance any earlier than one half hour before the end of the dance (11:00 p.m.). Students are reminded that they and their dates must follow the dress code for formal dances as outlined in the student handbook on page 17. The administration does reserve the right to refuse admission to students who are not properly/modestly dressed. If a Lehman student is bringing a non-Lehman student to the dance, they will need to pick up a special permission form from Mr. Johnson. These will need to be completed and returned to Mr. Johnson by the end of school (3:00 p.m.) on Friday, May 8th. The school will also be using a breathalyzer for random testing at the dance and the After Prom activities. This device was purchased by the Lehman Substance Abuse Advisory Committee (SAAC) with Title IV – Safe and Drug-Free Schools money. The **After Prom**, which is hosted by the parents, will be held at Vandemark Farms (2401 S. Vandemark Road) in Sidney from 11:30-2:00 a.m. and students must arrive by 12:30 a.m. Fun activities, games, karaoke, zip line, putt-putt golf, refreshments and prizes are planned. All students must have an after prom ticket (\$10) to attend and these tickets must be purchased in advance at Lehman High School. This year's theme is Black and White Masquerade.

The **Music Department Banquet** will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:00 p.m., tentatively at the Knights of St. John Hall in Piqua. The Knights have been hosting the music banquet every year for all 45 years of Lehman's history. Special thanks to the Knights of St. John!

Final Exams for seniors are scheduled for May 14th, 15th and 18th during regular class time. Seniors do not have to attend school on May 19th, 20th, and 21st, unless they have work they need to complete. If your senior student has unfinished work and must come into school, they must come in uniform. Seniors must take care of all their responsibilities (return textbooks, pay lunch fees, tuition, discipline issues, etc.) by May 22nd or transcripts and/or diplomas will be withheld.

Four Lehman students will compete at the **State Science Fair** on May 16th at The Ohio State University. These students include Grace Dexter, Abby Jones, AnaVazquez, and Maddy McFarland. We wish them all the best!

Lehman Catholic High School has announced that **sports physicals** for the 2015-16 school year will be given on Monday, May 18th at the high school starting at 5:30 p.m. Please use the west side entrance (Door 10). The OHSAA recently announced that the medical history and physical forms for the high school athletes must be completed online. Once completed online, they can be printed and taken to the school or your family doctor for the physical exam. We will send out additional information in a separate email with instructions for this online physical form process. If you have any questions or problems with the online portion of the form, please contact either assistant principal, Jake Johnson, or athletic director, Dick Roll. The sports physical exams are open to all junior high and high school athletes for a fee of \$15.00. Checks should be made payable to the Lehman Athletic Boosters. Hard copies of physical forms can still be completed for the jr. high athletes only and are available at Lehman High School, Holy Angels School, Piqua Catholic School (North Street), St. Patrick School and St. Mary (Greenville) School. A physical exam is required before a student can participate in athletics for the coming school year.

Final Exams for the undergraduates are scheduled for May 19th through the 22nd. The exam schedule is attached below. Students may not leave school until their final exam for the year is completed. If students elect to leave the building following their last exam of the year, they may not return. Students must have written permission (phone permission will not be granted) from their parents or guardian to leave school early (following their last exam of the year). We have a closed lunch policy, so lunches cannot be delivered to the school during these days. Students must pack their lunches or purchase them from the cafeteria. All library books must be returned, all lunch costs paid, and all other responsibilities taken care of (including disciplinary) prior to the final day of classes. Final grades will not be mailed until students have taken care of these responsibilities. In addition, grades are withheld if tuition and fees are not paid in full.

Second Semester Exam Schedule

<u>Class Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Day</u>
No Homeroom		Tuesday, May 19
Mod 1	8:00-8:15	
2	8:18-8:33	
3	8:36-8:51	
4	8:54-9:09	
5	9:12-9:27	
6	9:30-9:45	
7	9:48-10:03	
8	10:06-10:21	
9	10:24-10:39	
10	10:42-10:57	
11	11:00-11:15	
12	11:18-11:33	
13	11:36-11:51	
14	11:54-12:09	
15	12:12-12:27	
16	12:30-12:45	
17	12:48-1:03	
18	1:06-1:21	
Break	1:21-1:27	
Exam 1 (mods 1-2)	1:30-3:00	Tuesday, May 19
<u>Classes Regularly Scheduled</u>	<u>Exam</u>	<u>Day</u>
Mods 3-4	1	Wednesday, May 20
5-6	2	Wednesday
7-8	3	Wednesday (See schedule below)
Mods 9-10	1	Thursday, May 21
11-12	2	Thursday
13-14	3	Thursday (See schedule below)
Mods 17-18	1	Friday, May 22
15-16	2	Friday

<u>Exam Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>	
Homeroom Study	8:00 - 8:10 am	(Wednesday & Thursday)
Exam 1	8:15 - 9:45 am	
Restroom Break	9:45 - 9:52 am	
Exam 2	9:55 - 11:25 am	
Restroom Break (go to Mark Wurm Gym)	11:25 - 11:35 am	
Lunch (eat in gymnasium - sack lunch)	11:35 - 12:05 pm	
Exam 3	12:15 - 1:45 pm	
Dismissal from School	1:45 pm	

Friday's Schedule

Homeroom (Check Lockers)	8:00-8:15
Senior Award's Assembly	8:30-10:10
Exam 1 (mods 17-18)	10:15-11:45
Lunch	11:45-12:10
Exam 2 (mods 15-16)	12:15-1:45

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2015! **Commencement exercises** include the Senior Awards Assembly, the Sophomore-Senior Dinner, the Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation all taking place at the end of May.

The **Senior Awards Assembly** will take place in the Schlater Family Gymnasium on Friday, May 22nd at 8:30 a.m. During the assembly, all seniors receiving awards and scholarships will be recognized. If your senior has received scholarships or grants, even if they have elected not to accept them, please advise Senior Guidance Counselor Barb Saluke so that they can receive recognition during the ceremony. All parents, grandparents, friends and relatives of seniors are invited to attend the assembly.

The **Senior Dinner** sponsored by the sophomore class will be held on Friday evening, May 22nd, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of Holy Angels School in Sidney. All seniors must attend the dinner and sophomore class officers will help serve the meal. It is a long-standing Lehman tradition that the sophomore class sponsor this dinner for the graduating senior class before the Baccalaureate Mass. All members of the sophomore class are asked to contribute \$8.00 for this annual dinner. A caterer will be hired to provide the meal. Money can be turned in to the front office or to Sophomore Class Advisor, Jose R. Capote, between now and May 16th. Please be assured that in two short years another class of sophomores will be providing a dinner for the class of 2017.

The **Baccalaureate Mass** will be celebrated at Holy Angels Church in Sidney on Friday evening, May 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the prelude, and Mass will begin at 7:30 p.m. We ask everyone to be seated by 7:00 p.m. Seniors and faculty will have reserved seating. Parents, grandparents, and friends are encouraged to attend and arrive early to get a seat.

Graduation ceremonies will take place on Sunday afternoon, May 24th, at 2:00 p.m. in the Schlater Family Gymnasium. Admission to graduation is by ticket only. As stated earlier, each senior will be given ten tickets to the ceremony. If students need additional tickets, a few remain and can be picked up in the front office.

Congratulations to the **Valedictorian** of the Class of 2015, John Schmiesing! John is the son of Kevin and Anne Schmiesing of Sidney. He plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville and major in Theology.

Congratulations to the **Salutatorian** of the Class of 2015, McKenna Guillozet! McKenna is the daughter of Tom and Melanie Guillozet of Piqua. She plans to attend The Ohio State University and major in Nursing.

Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors in **Concert Band** will perform at **Graduation** on Sunday, May 24th. All band members (including graduated seniors) will perform at the **Memorial Day Services** at the cemetery in Sidney on Monday, May 25th. The students will wear band uniforms and these will be collected after the ceremony.

In an effort to honor our spring athletes and team accomplishments, the **Spring Athletic Awards Night** will be held separately for each sport. This is because many of the tournaments still continue after the school year. Every athlete and their parents will be notified as to the time, date, and location of their awards night. We will do our best to stay away from graduation parties and other activities.

Lehman High School is looking for a **boys assistant soccer coach, tennis coach, cross-country coach, a varsity swim coach (co-ed), and junior high football coaches**. Please contact Athletic Director, Richard Roll, if you have an interest in any of these positions.

The **Lady Cavs basketball team** is also having a **one day summer camp** on June 16th, from 9-3:00 p.m., at Lehman High School, for 4th through 8th graders. The cost is \$10 and this includes lunch and a t-shirt. Please rsvp to Coach Craig Hall by email at craigahall34@gmail.com or Lehman High School, if you are interested. Sign-ups are due for this camp by May 22.

This summer the **Lehman Lady Cavs basketball team** is heading to the **University of Findlay Team Camp** on July 17-19. Head Coach Craig Hall and Assistant Coach Susan Berger would like to invite all girls interested in playing basketball for next year to participate in the team camp. The cost of the team camp is \$200 per player; which includes dorms and meals. This will be a wonderful opportunity for team building and it will be tons of fun! Please call Coach Craig Hall at 937-538-0783, email craigahall34@gmail.com, or contact Lehman High School at 498-1161 (Dick Roll at ext.133) to secure a spot for this camp. Sign-ups are due for this camp by May 22.

Next year, with the direction of Lehman's Board of Limited Jurisdiction, we have decided to discontinue our participation with the Government School Lunch Program. We will be contracting with **W.G. Grinders**, out of Dayton, to provide **lunch for our students**. Because of all the guidelines and stipulations of the Government School Lunch Program, our students have not been eating the school lunches and have shared their complaints about the portions and

selection of foods over the past several years. The school, in turn, has been losing money in the cafeteria account. We believe by making this move, we will no longer lose money in the cafeteria and more students will begin eating lunch at school. They will also offer an after-school café for students staying around for practices and games. See the attachment for more information and details about their sample day at Lehman on May 18th.

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 30th from noon until 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. The incoming freshmen, the sophomore and junior classes will not be permitted to wear the uniform skirt. We are phasing that item out of the 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 **Festival of Nations** Committee has arranged a festival in Troy on Saturday, August 15th from 2:00pm to 8:00pm in the evening. There will be 22 countries represented at the festival. Every year they highlight a country and this year the country of interest is China. The Lehman Community has been extended an early invitation to this festival. It is lots of fun with entertainment, food, cultural exhibits, and games for the kids. The Festival takes place on the levy where the Strawberry festival is held, best of all it is free admission. If you would like to see glimpses of the festival you can do so by clicking onto kittv.org then go to the video stream and type festival of nations Troy. If any of the students would like to volunteer and get some community service hours or if you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Sonia Gibson, you is one of the co-chairs for the festival and is also one of our Lehman parents.

This school year has gone by very quickly. I have very much enjoyed the year and have appreciated the communication and support from each of you! Please continue to keep the students, faculty, staff, and Lehman community in your prayers as we complete this final month of school and throughout the summer!

Have a wonderful summer break!

Denise Stauffer

Principal/CEO

Lehman High School

d.stauffer@lehmancatholic.com

Learn, Live, Love Lehman!