

Lehman Catholic High School

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From the Desk of the
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April Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter on the **Feast Day of Saint Benjamin (March 31)**. St. Benjamin was a Deacon and Martyr. He was born in Persia around 405. He spent much of his life preaching about the Christian faith. During the 420s, the Temple of Fire, a sanctuary of the Persians, was burned by Abdas, a Christian Bishop. This began many years of persecution to Christians. As a result, St. Benjamin, along with other Christians, was arrested by the Persians for his Christian preaching. He was held in prison for a year because he was a deacon in one of the area Churches. He was eventually released, when a friend negotiated for his freedom in exchange for no longer speaking about his religion. St. Benjamin would not agree to these terms set up by his friend. He believed that it was his calling to teach others about God and Christianity. Therefore, he was captured again and brought before the king. He was ordered to be tortured and died around the year 424. He is the patron saint of preachers.

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The **Lehman TEAMS (Test of Engineering Aptitude in Mathematics & Science)** students participated in the Annual Ohio Northern University Competition on March 3rd. Our school had 2 teams competing. Members of this year's varsity team included Sara Fuller, Cassidy Hemm, Michael Largent, Nick Neumeier, Ryan Goettemoeller, Abby Jones, Hailey Wick, and Maddy McFarland. The varsity team placed 13th out of 21 teams. The junior varsity team consisted of Madison Heffelfinger, Tyler Lachey, Nicholas Largent, Conor O'Leary, Owen Smith, Mitchell Sollmann, Michael Wesner, and Griffin West. The junior varsity team placed 4th out of 8 teams. Congratulations to these students, their advisor, Sister Ginny Scherer and their engineer coach, Dennis Pax, from Emerson Climate Technologies.

As you may know, local and area priests have long assisted in providing the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** for our students and staff twice each year, just prior to Christmas and just prior to Easter. This year our Lenten Penance Service was March 3rd. We want to thank the many area priests who gave generously of their time and ministry to help! Those priests included Father Tom Bolte, Father Eric Bowman, Father James Duell, Father Lou Hohlmayer, Father Dan Hunt, Father James Riehle, Father Steve Shoup, Father Barry Stechschulte, and Father Gene Vonderhaar. Students also have the opportunity to go to confession every week, as Father Riehle hears confessions during the school day on a weekly basis.

Lehman's **annual blood drive** was held March 17th. Ninety-three individuals registered to give blood and 82 units of blood were collected. We had 12 first time donors. We want to thank the Student Council and their advisor Melissa Safreed for coordinating the day. Lehman High School qualified as an Honor School with the Community Blood Center by hosting and providing the opportunity for students to donate blood. To qualify as an Honor School, a school must host two or more blood drives throughout the school year. Lehman High School hosted two drives this school year and achieved and surpassed its collection goals at these drives. We want to thank all the students, faculty, staff and community members for donating the "gift of life"!

Any students currently in the 8th grade or in high school interested in **registering** and attending Lehman Catholic High School for the 2016-17 school year, but could not make the earlier registration dates and times, should contact Guidance Counselor Kim Koverman or Principal Denise Stauffer at Lehman (498-1161 or 773-8747) to set up a registration time.

I would like to remind you that there are a few **scholarships** available for incoming and current Lehman students for the 2016-17 Lehman school year. Several of these scholarships are awarded by current and former Lehman families. Students wanting more information or who want to apply for these scholarships should go to our website (www.lehmancatholic.com), under the prospective student tab, click on scholarship opportunities, and complete the application (s) that best meet their qualifications. Several of these scholarships are due by April 10th and April 30th. Feel free to contact me or guidance counselor, Kim Koverman, if you have any questions.

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The **winter sports awards night** was held on Monday March 7th. Congratulations to the following award winners: Allie Hall Hannah Fogt were named most valuable girls basketball players; Stephen Monnin was named the MVPs for boys basketball; Kate Hemm and Eli Baker who were named most valuable swimmers; and Jake Earhart who was named the most valuable wrestler. Receiving the Varsity Coaches Award were Emily Reinhart (cheerleading); Brogan McIver (girls basketball); Ian Smith (boys basketball); Kate Hemm (girls swimming); Joe Ritze (boys swimming); and Brandon Simmons (wrestling). Congratulations also to all the winter athletes and coaches on a successful season!

The **Top 100 Banquet** at Piqua High School is scheduled for April 14th, at 6:00 PM. Students from the Piqua School District who attend Lehman and qualify for this award and celebration have been notified by the Piqua Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to our **Science Olympiad Team** for placing 7th out of 16 teams at the Regional Meet on March 12th. They missed qualifying for the State Science Olympiad Meet by 4 points. Receiving medals were Olivia Leece and Sara Fuller with a 5th place in Anatomy & Physiology; Cassidy Hemm and Sara Fuller with a 6th place in Bridge Building; Theresa Flood and Megan Neumeier with a 6th place in Disease Detectives; Jacob Schmiesing and Kaitrin O'Leary with a 3rd place medal in Dynamic Planet; Michael Largent and Nicholas Largent with a 6th in Electric Vehicle; Claudia Fatone and Olivia Leece with a 2nd in Forensics; Jacob Schmiesing and Kaitrin O'Leary with a 4th in Geologic Mapping; Melanie Brunner and Jacob Schmiesing with a 3rd place in Green Generation; David Potts and Michael Largent with a 4th in Wind Power; and Claudia Fatone and Cassidy Hemm with a 2nd place medal in Write It, Do It. We congratulate the team for their success and thank the coaches for all their help this year!

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College Credit Plus (CCP) allows high school students to be enrolled in high school and college courses at the same time and receive college credit/transcript upon successful completion. The newer changes with this program for faculty, students, and parents are the cost and the additional educational counseling for the students. Students will 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 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. The cost of the courses are covered by the student, however, students can apply to the Ohio 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 Mrs. Koverman for further information or if you have questions related to this program.

***Important CCP Dates*:**

- 1) Submit Letter of Intent by April 1, 2016.**
- 2) Apply to college or colleges of your choice and upload a copy of the admission letter to your College Credit Plus (CCP) Funding Application through your SAFE Account (step 3).**
- 3) Sign up for a SAFE Account (<http://safe.ode.state.oh.us/portal>) by April 8, 2016.**
- 4) Apply for State funding through your SAFE Account by April 8, 2016, to cover your child's tuition costs.**
- 5) Funding award notifications sent back before May 15, 2016.**
- 6) Once you receive award notification, your child may register for college courses.**

The third quarter ended on March 18th. **Grade card conferences** were held on March 23rd. If you were unable to pick up your student's grade card and visit with teachers, it was then emailed to you today. This information is also posted on the *Netclassroom* website. Feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. As we move into our final grading period of the year, I would also remind you that you can check your student's progress on a daily basis by logging onto the **Netclassroom** program. If you have misplaced your password or if you have problems operating the site, please contact Guidance Counselor Kim Koverman.

Beginning January 1, 2016, we no longer are using the School and Student Service (SSS) by NAIS for our Tuition Assistance/Scholarship Program. Instead we have switched to a new company, the **FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment (GAA)**. The change will be a cost savings for our families and we are more familiar with the FACTS programs since we currently use their FACTS Tuition Management System for tuition collection. FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment is also used by most of the high schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and has been found to be a good system to use for Financial Aid Scholarships. More information about this program and log-on information can be found on their website:

<https://online.factsmgt.com/signin/4HJZF>

The filing deadline for financial aid scholarships was March 30, 2016.

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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. 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. Dunlap 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 dressed. It is the responsibility of the Lehman student to inform their guest of these guidelines as well. The prom attire guidelines can be found in the student handbook (page 13). Prom is scheduled for April 30th at Shelby Oaks in Sidney.

Congratulations to the juniors and seniors selected for this year's **prom court**. The junior prince and princess candidates include: Sidney Chapman, Katie Edwards, Kate Hemm, Kaitrin O'Leary, Liz Pax, Theresa Schmiesing, Eli Baker, Jake Earhart, John-Henry Frantz, Ethan Neu, Parker Riley, and Jacob Schmiesing. The senior king and queen candidates include: Janelle Gravunder, Claudia Fatone, Caroline Heitmeyer, Emily Reinhart, Linh Tu- Nguyen, and Ana Vazquez. The crowning ceremonies will take place at the Shelby Oaks Club in Sidney on April 30th at 8:00 PM. Prom runs from 8-11:30 PM. 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 PM). . 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. Dunlap. These will need to be completed and returned to Mr. Dunlap by the end of school (3:00 p.m.) on Friday, April 29th. 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 Farm (2401 S. VanDemark Road) in Sidney from 11:30-1:30 AM and students must arrive by 12:14 AM. 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 during lunch. This year's theme is James Bond.

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On Tuesday, April 19th, we will have a **portfolio day** for our sophomore and freshmen students. These students should arrive at school by 8:00 AM. Junior and senior students do not need to be at school until 10:00 AM, unless they need bussing. Regular bus transportation will be provided for anyone arriving to school at our normal (8:00 AM) time. Juniors and seniors are welcome to arrive early to school on that day if they need bus transportation.

April 19th is also our **Field Day** activities provided by the Student Council and Cavs 4 A Cure. Students will receive more information, by way of school announcements, regarding these activities and events.

It's that time of year again! Grab your running shoes and your tunes! Join the Lehman Catholic Teen Leadership Corps students at the second annual **Double Dash 5Ks and Fun Runs!** Both events, like last year, are color runs and there will be fabulous powder throws. The second race takes place Saturday, April 2th, at the Bike Path in Piqua starting at Lock 9. Event registration/check in will begin at 9:00AM for each event location. A pre- registration form, including event information can also be found and downloaded at the Lehman Catholic website, www.lehmancatholic.com Proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of nationally-known speakers in the field of motivational leadership for the full Lehman student body next fall.

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Music Department News

On Saturday, April 9th, the Limelighters will be competing in the Wapakoneta Show Choir Invitational. We wish them much success!

The music department will be taking a trip to Chicago from April 15-17. This trip includes a performance at a nursing home, Mass, a show, a visit to the zoo and a performance by the Chicago Symphony.

On April 20th, students from St. Patrick's School, Holy Angels School, and Piqua Catholic school all will be participating in Band Day with Lehman Catholic Concert Band. The concert is at 6:30 and is open to the public.

The Arts Gala will be held on April 23rd, at 7:00. We will not be serving dinner this year, but desserts will be provided during intermission. There will more information put out at a later date.

The Lehman Catholic High School Music Department will present the **2016 All-school Musical – *The King and I*** – which is based on the novel, *Anna and the King of Siam*, by Margaret Langdon. The music is by Richard Rodgers and the Lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II. This musical will be presented on the Lehman stage on March 31st (7:00 PM), April 1st (8:00 PM), and April 2nd (8:00 PM).

Tickets for The King and I are available at the door, each night of the performance. General admission tickets are \$8.00 and reserved seats are \$10.00 (a limited number of these are still available).

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You are invited to come and join our students for **Mass** each week. The schedule may vary, but normally Mass is held each week in the Cianciolo gym at 10:00 AM. You and your family may come and join us in the most perfect prayer that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

April Mass schedule:

April 1	Friday within Octave of Easter	Father Jim Riehle
April 8	Easter Weekday	Father Tom Bolte
April 14	Easter Weekday	Father Jim Riehle
April 22	Easter Weekday	Father Robert Hadden
April 29	Easter Weekday	Father Ethan Moore

Another opportunity for prayer is **weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**. **Each Friday, during mods 9-13 (approximately 11:43-1:20)**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Chapel. Benediction will be at 1:15 PM. Come, take time out of your day if possible, and spend some time before our Lord praying for your children, for our school and for our nation. If you do decide to join us for Mass and/or Adoration, please be sure to sign in as a visitor at the office.

Thank you for all your prayers for our Catholic schools and the Lehman Community!

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We will be offering a number of jeans days for our students. Jeans days are used to help raise money for a variety of organizations and individuals less fortunate than us. Jeans days guidelines are spelled out in the student handbook on page 17. The following is a list of these jeans days and the organizations we are helping:

Apr. 13 Cavs 4 A Cure

May 5 Miami County Dental (Troy)

Lehman Cavs 4 A Cure Team *Can Cancer* collection April 8-10 (drop off by the garage behind the school). Please save your cans!

Educational Apparel will be at Lehman Catholic High School on Tuesday, April 12th from 3:00 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. If you have any questions about the uniform company, uniform items or the dress code, please contact Assistant Principal Pete Dunlap at the school (ext. 121).

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 3 international students at Lehman this year, two from China and one from Vietnam. 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 2016-17 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.

ACT Test dates for the 2015-16 academic year are April 9th, and June 11th.

SAT test dates for the 2015-16 academic year are May 7th and June 4th.

Just a couple reminders:

- 1) **Lehman Club pictures, for the yearbook, will be taken by Underwood Photography during the school day on Thursday, April 7th.**
- 2) **Early dismissal for students on Friday, April 15th, at 1:00 PM, because of a faculty in-service.**
- 3) **No School—Monday, April 18th—Mid-quarter Break.**

Have a Happy Spring Season!

Denise Stauffer
Principal/CEO