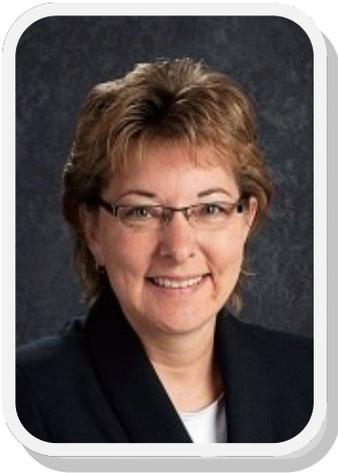


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LEHMAN!

December 2015

Dear Parents:

The winter season is here! Ready or not? I, for one, am not ready for the cold weather and the short days. I cannot believe how quickly this year is going. We are once again at the mid-term of our 2nd quarter of school year.

I am sending this letter on the Feast Day of Saint Andrew. Andrew was born in Bethsaida of Galilee and was the brother of Simon Peter. Both were fishermen. He was a disciple of John the Baptist and was personally called by Jesus to proclaim the Good News. He spent his life preaching the gospel. He was said to have been tied to a cross and put to death. He lived two days in the state of suffering but still preached to the people who gathered around him. He is the patron saint of fishermen, Russia, Greece and Scotland.

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Next week, December 8<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>, the senior class will leave from school to participate in **Kairos 36**, the peer-led, four-day, overnight retreat which is held at the Bergamo Center in Dayton. The student retreat team includes: senior student leaders Nate Bosway, Connor Thobe, Nick Neumeier, Adam Vanderhorst, Diana Gibson, Caroline Heitmeyer, Adriana Sehlhorst and Ana Vazquez. The adults attending include: Leah Bertke, Ashley Minnich, Father James Riehle, Sister Ginny Scherer, S.C. and Joe Schmiesing. Adult observers for the retreat include Kim Koverman and Tony Wagner. All the seniors will be going on this retreat along with 8 juniors to be trained for their retreat next year. These junior students include Dylan Arnold, Eli Baker, John-Henry Frantz, Jacob Schmiesing, Kara Gillman, Hannah Fogt, Kaitrin O'Leary, and Sidney Chapman. Please pray for the success of the retreat!

Join us for sounds of the season! The **annual Music Department Christmas Concert** is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cianciolo Family Gymnasium. Admission is free and the public is invited. The Lehman Band, Cavalier Choir, Chamber Ensemble and Limelighters Show Choir will perform.

The Lehman music boosters are selling **spirit items** all year long. They have seat cushions (\$2.00 each or 2 for \$3.00), drawstring bags (\$5.00), and license plate frames (\$3.00). Contact Music Director, Betsy Moorman at the school or Karen Elsner if you would like to purchase any of these items to support the Music program.

**Semester Exams** are scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be dismissing early on each of those days at 1:30 p.m., so that students have time to rest and prepare for their next day exams. Please remember that semester exams count for 20% of the student's first semester grade, with the first and second quarters each counting 40% of the semester grade. Please encourage your student to make adequate preparations for their exams. Research indicates that "cramming" for tests does not work, but consistent studying each day does help. Spending just an hour a day could provide substantial benefits for students. A copy of the exam schedule can be found on page 6 of the student handbook.

**Student Exam Expectations** include the following:

- 1) Students must arrive at school at 8:00 a.m. each day, even if their first exam of the day is not scheduled until later in that day. Students may not leave school early, excepting on the final day of exams (Friday) and when they leave they must have a note from their parent turned in to the front office, and they must be finished with all their first semester exams.
- 2) Students will have the opportunity to eat lunch each day from 11:30 a.m. until 11:55 a.m. School lunches will be available, but students must sign up in advance with the cafeteria ladies if they want a school prepared lunch. **Students may not leave the building to pick up lunch, parents cannot have lunches delivered to the school and lunches cannot be "ordered in" from local restaurants.** We have a **closed lunch policy** throughout the school year.
- 3) All regulations that students are expected to follow on a daily basis are also expected to be followed on exam days.
- 4) Students must be present at school every day for exams and will only be excused for serious illness (a doctor's note will be required) or a death in the family. Family vacations should be avoided during exam week.

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Seniors have received **college applications** and most applications are in process. We encouraged the students to submit their applications by Halloween as a target date. However there is still time to complete college applications. Most applications have an on-line format, and in some cases the application fee is waived if the application is submitted electronically. Senior Guidance Counselor Barb Saluke has received applications already. It is only after the completion of the admission process that students can begin the financial aid process. It is extremely important to get admission applications completed early for a couple reasons. First, college admission has become more competitive and selective and second, the financial aid process begins with admission. Some scholarship information has been provided to students and more will be distributed as it becomes available.

**Attention: Seniors.** The yearbook staff needs your color formal photo (males should wear shirt, tie, jacket, pants and females should wear modest dress with sleeves or dress top with sleeves and pants/skirt) by the end of the first semester. This should be a head shot only—waist on up. This picture can be submitted in print or digital (jpeg) format. If digital, it can be emailed to [m.mcglathin@lehmancatholic.com](mailto:m.mcglathin@lehmancatholic.com). If you want to use your Lifetouch picture instead of bringing a formal photo into school, please email Mrs. McGlathin and let her know this. Thank you!

Beginning January 1, 2016, we will no longer be using the School and Student Service (SSS) by NAIS for our Tuition Assistance/Scholarship Program. Instead we will be using 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 new program and log-on information will be provided in the months ahead. The filing deadline for financial aid scholarships will still be March 30, 2016.

Once again this year, I would encourage you to begin your morning by listening to one of the local radio stations to learn if we are having either a **delay or cancellation of classes**. The delay/cancellation information is telephoned to WMVR (Sidney) and WPTW (Piqua). The information is also transmitted to local television stations, although I have found that information is not always aired in a timely manner. We will also be using the **One Call Now Phone Notification Service**. This notification and voice messaging system will allow the school to communicate with parents about school delays/cancellations and emergency information.

Live

Go  
Cavaliers!

The **fall athletic awards** have been announced. The athletes recognized as Most Valuable Athletes in their sport include: Jenna Zimmerman and Isaiah Winhoven (Cross Country); Diana Gibson (Girls Tennis); Sara Fuller (Girls Soccer); John Henry Frantz (Boys Soccer); Sidney Chapman (Volleyball); Tyler Lachey and Tyler Scott (Golf). The athletes receiving the Varsity Coaches Award included: Alanna O'Leary and Isaiah Winhoven (Cross Country); Emma Simpson (Tennis); Kassie Lee and Ana Vazquez (Girls Soccer); Andrew Karr (Boys Soccer- Most Improved); Adam Vanderhorst (Golf); Marianne Hissong (Volleyball). Congratulations to all our fall athletes!

Thank you to all who donated the **gift of life** at Lehman during our blood drive on November 19th! We had 95 of 100 appointments filled. We had 82 of the 95 individuals able to donate. Our goal was to have 67 individuals donate, therefore, we earned 122% of our goal for blood donations! Thank you also to Melissa Safreed and the Student Council for coordinating and running the blood drive! Our next drive is scheduled for March 17th.

**Lehman Cavs 4 A Cure Team** *Can Cancer* collection December 11-13 (drop off by the garage behind the school). Please save your cans!

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If anyone is interested in helping to **sell tickets** at any of the **basketball games (girls or boys)** this year or would like to help at our home games, please give our Athletic Director, Richard Roll, a call at school 498-1161 (ext. 135). He is in need of some additional help, especially for some of the local opponent games.

The **Lehman Music Boosters** are again manning their **Gift Wrap Booth** at the Miami Valley Centre Mall. The booth is open during Mall hours from now through December 24<sup>th</sup>. Bring your gifts to be wrapped! There are no set prices; we just accept donations. If you like to wrap gifts and would like to donate a few hours of your time, contact our music director, Betsy Moorman, at [b.moorman@lehmancatholic.com](mailto:b.moorman@lehmancatholic.com). Come and bring a friend. You do not have to have a music student to help out.

To help raise money for the prom, the junior class, along with the Athletic Boosters, will be selling **basketball programs** at all of the boys games again this year. Juniors are responsible to help sell these programs on the date they are scheduled. Help support the junior class and the Athletic Boosters by purchasing a basketball program at all of the home games! If any junior student or parent has a question about the program schedule, please contact junior class advisor, Meghan McGlothlin at the school.

# Love

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.

December/January Mass schedule:

Friday, December 4 (Advent Weekday)	Father Riehle
Tuesday, December 8 (Feast of the Immaculate Conception)	Father Riehle
Tuesday, December 15 (Advent Weekday)	Father Duell
Monday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)	Father Riehle
Friday, January 15 (Christmas Weekday)	Father Shoup
Friday, January 22 (Ordinary Time)	Father Tonkin
Friday, January 29 (Ordinary Time)	Father Fox

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.

Students will also be participating in Lehman's Advent Penance Service on December 2nd. A number of area priests will be in our building in the afternoon to help with this Penance Service.

Thank you for all you do to support Lehman Catholic!

# Love

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:

Dec. 1	Lehman Charitable Needs/Giving Tuesday	Feb. 11	Patrick Pudlewski Scholarship
Dec. 8	Mount St. Mary Seminary	Mar. 17	Lenten Project—Dominica
Jan. 7	Women's Center (Sidney)	Apr. 7	Cavs 4 A Cure
		May 5	Miami County Dental (Troy)

We are challenging our Alumni and close friends to Give to Lehman in the LCHS 20 days of Giving. We kick off the giving challenge on **Giving Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. LCHS students will be giving of their time, talent and treasure to provide **20 days of giving back** to our local communities. A calendar of activities is attached to this newsletter. Did you know 40% of our students are supported through tuition assistance funded by the annual giving program? Did you know that only 6% of our alumni give back their time, talent or treasure to Lehman each year? We are asking our alumni and close friends to give back to Lehman from December 2 through December 22<sup>nd</sup> to support the annual giving program. You choose your gift size. Please spread the word to alumni you may know. We want to grow the alumni participation to 50% this year! You can go to the Lehman website ([www.lehmancatholic.com](http://www.lehmancatholic.com)) to give electronically or to get further information. Join the CHALLENGE ... GIVE TO LEHMAN and WATCH HOW THE RIPPLES OF GIVING GROW!

Join us for the **Lehman Foundation Dinner** on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Marty Brennaman, Cincinnati Reds Radio Announcer and Hall of Fame Broadcaster, will be our guest speaker for the evening.

Tickets are \$150 each and tables can be reserved. For more information or to reserve your tickets please contact Jenny Weber at [j.weber@lehmancatholic.com](mailto:j.weber@lehmancatholic.com).

The evening is certain to be a homerun!



**ACT** Test dates for the 2015-16 academic year are February 6<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SAT** test dates for the 2015-16 academic year are January 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Just a reminder** — School will also be closed from December 21st through January 3rd for the Christmas Break. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4th.

As we enter the Advent season and prepare for the birth of our Lord, let us not forget to take time for prayer and to turn our gaze outward to those in need. May our hearts be filled with the love and joy of this holiday season!

Have a Merry Christmas and a  
New Year filled with peace, joy and good health !

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