

Lehman Catholic High School

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From the Desk of the
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June 2016, Parent Letter

Dear Parents,

I am writing 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 immoral 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.

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I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the 40 members of the **Class of 2016**! Commencement exercises were held Memorial Day weekend, beginning with the Senior Awards Assembly, held Friday morning, May 27th. Scholarships and grants offered to the members of the class exceeded 2.27 million dollars over the next four years! One hundred percent of the class will be attending a 2 or 4-year college or university in the fall. Named Outstanding Senior by the members of the class was John Meyer. Named Outstanding Senior Boy by the faculty was Nate Bosway and named Outstanding Senior Girl was Caroline Heitmeyer. Having perfect attendance over their four years of high school was Avery Pickrel and Adam Vanderhorst.

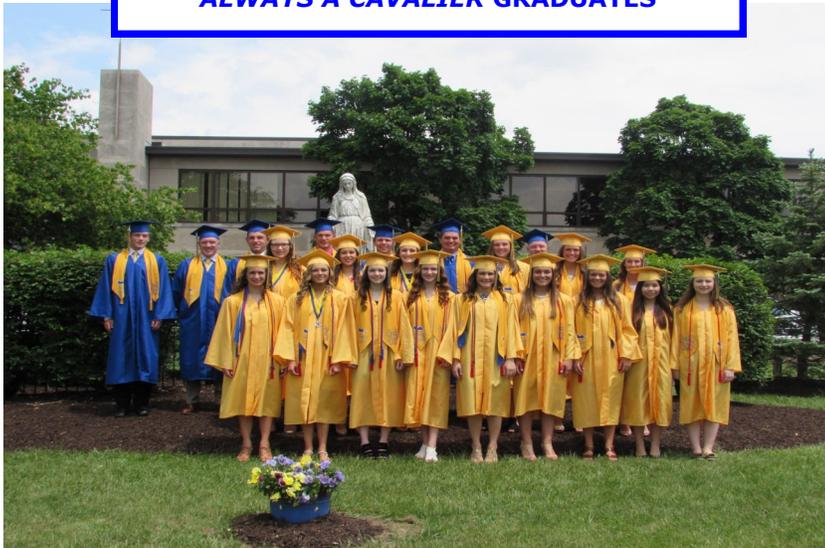
Three students were inducted into the **Academic Hall of Fame**. Students qualify for admission to the Hall of Fame by obtaining a 4.0 (no grade below an A), earning recognition from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (the top 5% of college bound students in the country), or by earning valedictorian or salutatorian status. Those students included Caroline Heitmeyer (Valedictorian, 4.0), Nick Neumeier (Salutatorian and 4.0), and Diana Gibson (4.0).

Friday evening, the **Sophomore/Senior Dinner** was held at Piqua Catholic in their cafeteria. 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, Abby Jones 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 the sophomore/senior dinner on May 27th, the seniors dressed in their caps and gowns for the **Baccalaureate Mass** at St. Mary Church in Piqua. Father James Riehle was joined by three other priests (Father Gerald Bensman, Father Thomas Bolte, Father Jim Duell, and Father Steve Shoup, from the partner schools and community parishes in celebrating the liturgy. The seniors also presented their parents with the class flower, a white rose.

Graduation ceremonies were held Sunday afternoon, May 29th for the class of 2016. The ceremonies, attended by more than 300 people, included speeches by Valedictorian Caroline Heitmeyer, Salutatorian Nick Neumeier, and the school's Principal/CEO Denise Stauffer. We congratulate all the seniors and wish them the best in the future!

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The **Undergraduate Awards Banquet** was held on Wednesday, May 11th in the Cianciolo Family Gymnasium. Congratulations to the many students who were honored at the banquet. Special congratulations to Jacob Schmiesing, who received the Bausch & Lomb Science Award (presented to the student with the highest academic average in science) and Sidney Chapman, who received the Frederick Douglas & Susan B. Anthony Humanities Award (presented to the student with academic achievement in humanities). Jacob Schmiesing 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 Ye Chen, Elizabeth Gibson, Ethan Knapke, Nicholas Largent, Grace Monnin, Joe Ritze, and Athan Whitney. Sophomores included Miriam Bezy, Tyler Lachey, Sam Ritze, Skye Shi, and Samuel Young. Juniors with perfect attendance included Lindsey Elsner, William Hoersten, Elizabeth Pax, and Jacob Schmiesing. A big thank you goes out to Guidance Counselors Kim Koverman and Barb Saluke for their work and time in organizing the ceremonies.

The **Senior Awards** Ceremony on Friday, May 27th, also presented a number of awards and scholarships. Congratulations to the many seniors who were honored at these ceremonies. A special congratulations to those students receiving the academic department medallions for having the highest grade point average in those subject areas over the past four years of high school:

Art	Emmalea Rego
Business-Computers	Janelle Gravunder
English	Caroline Heitmeyer
Foreign Language	Diana Gibson
Mathematics	John Meyer
Music	Claudia Fatone
Religion	Caroline Heitmeyer
Science	Nicholas Neumeier
Social Studies	Caroline Heitmeyer

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Six Lehman students competed at the **68th Annual State Science Fair** on May 14th at The Ohio State University. Of those students, three of them received a superior rating. Those students included Caroline Heitmeyer, Megan Neumeier, and Jacquie Schemmel. Alex Gleason, Meaghan McDonald, and Brianna Werling received a high excellent rating at the science fair. Special awards were won by two of our students. Caroline Heitmeyer got a honorable mention for the Ohio Nutrition Council and Megan Neumeier received a second place award from Nestle Corp. for her project. We congratulate all the students and their teachers Leah Bertke, Tracy Hall and Sister Ginny Scherer, SC., for their success!

Final grade cards were emailed on Friday, June 10th. Grade cards have been held for students still owing money, uniforms, textbooks, etc., to the school. 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 notified of these balances. Please contact the front office or Kathy McGreevy (ext. 120), if you have any questions.

The **Summer Reading List** will be sent out to next week in an email. The assignments for the summer reading will also be included in that email. The assignments will be specific to the English courses your student will be taking during the 2016-17 school year. Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

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For the 2016-17 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 28th 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. 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).

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 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!

The **spring sports** came to an end after much success and team spirit! The baseball team ended their season as the Regional Runners-up! In Division IV Baseball, Nate Bosway was named Player of the Year in the State of Ohio and Parker Riley was named to the 2nd Team All-State. The Lehman boys tennis team was young this year. They worked hard and gained much experience this season. The Lehman softball team won their first game of the sectional tournament beating Tri Village, on this seasons first ever home field! The boys and girls track team had several athletes qualify for the Regional Track Meet. These athletes included Kassie Lee (5th in shotput), Jacob Schmiesing (800M Run), and Alanna O'Leary (100M Dash, 200M Dash-4th place, 400M Dash-2nd place). Alanna O'Leary also qualified to run in the State Track Meet in the 200M and 400M Dashes.

Special awards went to the following athletes:

Most Valuable Player (MVP) -

Baseball—Parker Riley (Pitching), Max Schutt (Defense), and Parker Riley (Batting)

Softball— Allie Hall

Tennis— Griffin West

Track—Alanna O'Leary (Girls Track), Jacob Schmiesing (boys track), Kassandra Lee (Field Events), and Kameron Lee (Field Events)

Varsity Coaches Award -

Baseball— Brandon Barhorst

Softball—Amanda Titterington

Tennis—Malachi Bezy

Track—Alanna O'Leary and Alvaro Barrera

We Congratulate our spring athletes, teams, and coaches for all their success!



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We also want to recognize our spring athletes who were named to the first team in our league, the **Northwest Central Conference**. The following baseball team members: Nate Bosway (Player of the Year), Max Schutt, and Parker Riley, received 1st team honors. The baseball team also won the League Championship Title and Coach Dave King was named Coach of the Year in the NWCC. Members of the track team receiving 1st team honors were the 4x800 Relay Team consisting of Alanna O'Leary, Samantha Edwards, Maria Schmiesing, and Theresa Flood; Kassie Lee for the shot put; Alanna O'Leary for the 200M and 400M; and Kris Lee in the high jump. Softball Grace Monnin received 1st team honors in softball.

A special congratulations to all of our student athletes this year. Because of their success throughout the year in the **NWCC**, Lehman won the **All League Trophy** for the third straight year. A job well done!

There will be an **OHSAA mandatory parent meeting** on July 26th at 7:00 p.m., for the parents of any **fall athlete**. Please make arrangements to attend or your student athlete will not be able to participate in their fall sport. Feel free to contact our Athletic Director, Dick Roll, if you have any questions.

We have closed the books on last year and now prepare for the coming school year. The information for the student handbooks for the 2016-17 year has been finalized and has been sent to the printer. We should receive them in time for the **new student orientation day** on August 19th. Our **first day of classes** for this coming year is August 23rd. The office staff will be in the school during June and July. The office hours are from 8-3:00 p.m. However, it is always good to call ahead if you need to meet with a certain person or need specific information since many of us use this month to take our family vacations.

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Anyone **interested in becoming an athletic booster member** is invited to attend their monthly meetings which take place the second Wednesday of every month. Feel free to contact our athletic director, Richard Roll, at the school, and he will provide you with the necessary information, to become a member.

The gymnasiums will be closed for cleaning from June 30-July 10. This is a good time for families to take vacation because there is a limited number of Lehman athletic activities scheduled during this week. We hope that your families have the opportunity for some rest and relaxation this summer! Safe travel to all!

Lehman High School Football Camp will be June 27-29 from 5:30-8:30 PM. There is no cost for this camp. Anyone interested in playing on the high school football team in the fall.

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 2 international students (girl-16 yrs. old and boy-16 yrs. old) from Spain currently interested in attending Lehman and looking for host families for the 2016-17 school year.** 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.

Attached to this month's parent letter is the 2016-17 school calendar.

Have a wonderful and restful summer!

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