

Lehman Catholic High School

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From the Desk of the
Principal/CEO



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March 2016

Dear Parents:

I am writing this on the **Feast Day of Saint David**, the patron Saint of Wales. St. David is one of the most famous saints in Britain. He was a Celtic monk, abbot and bishop, who lived in the sixth century. He spent much of his time in missionary work, and also founded a number of monasteries. He was a hard working, pious individual. He also showed great spiritual leadership for many of the monasteries and for his diocese. They flourished as a result of this leadership and hard work. His final words to his family of monks and the others at his bedside were, "be joyful brothers and sisters, keep your faith and do the little things that you have seen and heard with me." He died around the year 589 and was buried on the grounds of his own monastery, where the Cathedral of St. David now stands.

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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 3rd. This was a big success! 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!

Congratulations to Michael Denning for winning the Ohio Knights of Columbus Scholarship! He was presented with a \$1,000 check after Mass on February 19th.

Congratulations to Claudia Fatone for placing 2nd in the Sidney Rotarian 4 Way Speech Contest! Cassidy Hemm placed 1st and Olivia Leece placed 3rd in the Piqua Rotary Speech Contest!

On Tuesday, March 8th, the Lehman students will be traveling to Holy Angels Church here in Sidney to attend the **Northern-area Catholic Schools Mass**. Last year we traveled to Holy Rosary Church in St. Marys, Ohio, for this celebration. Our students will begin boarding our buses at 9:15 AM and travel across town to the Church. 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. The Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. Students will stay for a presentation by Father Sharplis from the Commonwealth of Dominica, W.I., following the Mass. This year's school Lenten project helps support the families of Dominica. After this presentation, we will travel back to Lehman for the rest of the school day. If you do not want your students traveling to and from this Mass, on the Lehman buses, please send a note to school, by the start of school, on March 7th, indicating this request.

The annual **Lehman Science Fair** was held on February 3rd. Seventy-nine projects were submitted for judging. Volunteers were on hand to help judge these projects. Twenty-eight Lehman students received a Superior Rating to advance to the District Science Fair at Edison Community College on February 27th. Only nineteen students participated in the **District Science Fair**, with six of these students receiving Superior ratings on their project. These students and their project titles included:

Alex Gleason—"The Diamagnetism of Solute Water"

Caroline Heitmeyer—"Which Oil has the Greatest Saturated Fat Content?"

Meaghan McDonald—"High Frequencies"

Megan Neumeier—"The Effects of Lactase Supplements on Lactose"

Jacquie Schemmel—"How does Light Affect the Bioluminescence of *Pyrocystis Fusiformis*?"

Brianna Werling—"Shaping Your Thoughts"

These students are now eligible to go onto the State Science Day at The Ohio State University on May 14th.

Megan Neumeier also received special awards from Premier Health (\$50), Upper Miami Valley Science Day Top Category Award in Medicine and Health (trophy and \$50), and an Edison Community College Scholarship.

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 projects at our local Science Fair!



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Class Registration for the 2016-17 school year has begun for anyone interested in attending Lehman Catholic High School.

Evening Registration Dates and Times @ Lehman Catholic for incoming Freshmen and students new to Lehman—

Thursday, March 3rd from 3:30-5:30 PM

Tuesday, March 8th from 3:30-7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 9th from 3:30-4:30 PM

Please call Lehman Catholic High School (498-1161 or 773-8747) to set up one of these evening registration times or to schedule another date and time that will work more conveniently for you.

Class registration for students currently enrolled at Lehman Catholic High School will begin the week of February 29th. Registration materials will be distributed to students in their Religion 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 course curriculum handbook. The schedule for registration appears below. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Koverman.

DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTRATION MATERIALS & COURSE SELECTION

Class of 2019	Week of February 29th	March 8th and 9th
Class of 2018	Week of March 21st	March 23rd and 24th
Class of 2017	Week of March 21st	March 29th and 30th

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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 College Credit Plus Program, this process of enrollment and college credit/transcript remains the same. The newer changes with this 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 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 16th at 6:00PM, for those students interested in participating in the College Credit Plus Program. Representatives from Wright State University and 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, Kim Koverman, by March 21st. 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 Mrs. Koverman for further information or if you have questions related to this program.

Third quarter will end on March 18th. **Grade card conferences** are scheduled for Wednesday, March 23rd, 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 Guidance Counselor Kim Koverman, at the school.

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 our school's website. **The filing deadline for financial aid scholarships will still be 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. 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. 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.

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 first race takes place on Saturday, March 19st, at Tawawa Park in Sidney, Ohio. 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.

Live



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The **winter athletic tournament season** has ended for our teams. It is now onto the spring sports.

Boys and Girls swim team

Elijah Baker (17th in 100 yard backstroke and 30th in 100 Freestyle) and Cassidy Hemm (29th in the 200 individual medley) swam at the District Swim Meet.

Girls basketball team

Placed 2nd in NWCC (Northwest Central Conference) with a 5-1 record in the league and 12-11 overall.

Allie Hall—1st Team NWCC

Hannah Fogt—2nd Team NWCC

Boys basketball team

In a re-building year, the team placed 5th in the NWCC.

Wrestling

Wyatt Long qualified for District Wrestling Meet by placing 4th in the Sectional Tournament.

Winter sports awards night will be held on Monday, March 7th, in the Schlater Family Gymnasium. 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.

Spring Meet the Team Night will be held in the Schlater Family Gymnasium at 7:30 pm on Thursday, March 17th. 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.

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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!

The Student Council will be assisting the Community Blood Center (CBC) in hosting a **blood drive** at Lehman on Thursday, March 17th 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!

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

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).

A **Message Board** will be included in this year’s musical program. You may purchase a messages to extend your good wishes to members of the cast and crew. The cost for a message is \$5.00 per line. Include your message and money in an envelope marked “King& I Message Board” and address the envelope to Ms. Betsy Moorman at Lehman High School. Checks should be made payable to Lehman High School. The deadline for the Message Board is Monday, February 29th.

Any businesses interested in advertising in this year’s musical program, please contact our instrumental/vocal teacher, Betsy Moorman at b.moorman@lehmancatholic.com.

Tickets for The King and I are now available. See the attached Ticket Information in this March Lehman Parent Letter.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this wonderful show!



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.

March Mass schedule:

Friday, March 4 (Lenten Weekday)	Father Bolte
Tuesday, March 8 (Northern-area Schools Mass @ Holy Angels)	Father Riehle
Friday, March 18 (Lenten Weekday)	Father Shoup
Tuesday, March 22 (Lenten Weekday)	Father Riehle

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.

Lenten Penance Service—March 3rd @ 1:30 PM

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:

Mar. 17 Lenten Project—Dominica

Apr. 7 Cavs 4 A Cure

May 5 Miami County Dental (Troy)

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 March 5th, May 7th and June 4th.

Just a couple reminders:

- 1) **Early Dismissal on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 1:00 PM—Faculty In-service.**
- 2) **Easter Break—No School— March 24-29. School resumes on Wednesday, March 30th.**

Think Spring and Have a Blessed Easter!

Denise Stauffer
Principal/CEO