

## Lehman Catholic High School

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Dear Parents:

**Happy New Year!** We began this week with Mass and celebrating the **Feast Day of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**. St. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton was our first American-born saint (1774). She was raised in New York, married, and had five children. Her husband died at an early age and left her a widow. At the age of 30, she joined the Catholic Church. Because of this, she lost the support of her friends and family so she moved her children to Baltimore so they could be near the seat of the Catholic diocese. This was the only one in the United States at that time. In 1908, she opened a school for girls and in 1809, she formed a religious order known as the Sisters of Charity in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She and the rest of the Sisters of Charity helped to begin and run the first Catholic Schools for boys and girls in America. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton died in 1821 at the age of 46. After her death, the Sisters of Charity spread to many communities around the United States and established many orphanages and schools. The Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati was established in 1846 and they established the first Catholic schools in this area, with the assistance of Holy Angels Parish in Sidney. The first graduating class was in 1889, with three female graduates. The Piqua Parishes, St. Mary and St. Boniface followed with their first four year graduates in 1918 and 1927, respectively. Lehman Catholic is still supported by the Sisters of Charity and we have named our chapel in honor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. This week, following Mass, we also added a statue and a relic of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to our Chapel.

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I am pleased to announce that Leah Bertke was selected by her peers as the recipient of the **2015 Stanley Harrison Family Distinguished Teaching Award**. Ms. Bertke is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, with a major in Biochemistry. She received her Master's Degree in Education from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's Degree in Science from Loyola University. Ms. Bertke began her teaching career 12 years ago in Catholic Schools in Louisiana and Chicago. This is her 2nd year at Lehman. This award is named after Stanley Harrison founder of Barclay's Clothiers in downtown Piqua. The Stanley Harrison Distinguished Teaching Award was established by Sammye Harrison following her husband's death not only to honor his memory, but his deep respect for the work our teachers do to produce students who will contribute to society. The family considered a number of ways to accomplish that goal including student scholarship programs, but eventually determined that honoring those who do the hard work at the school – the teachers, was the best way to honor his memory. I would ask that the next time you shop at Barclay's; you thank Mrs. Harrison and/or her son Bert for their generosity to the school. Ms. Bertke is the ninth teacher honored as Lehman's Teacher of the Year. She joins Tracy Hall (2014), Joe Schmiesing (2013), Jack Albers (2012), Pam Wendel (2011), Melissa Safreed (2010), Barb Saluke (2009), George Grampp (2008), and Sister Ginny Scherer (2007). Please join me in congratulating Ms. Bertke on this prestigious honor!

Congratulations to Science Teacher, Tracy Hall, for being selected by the **Shelby Soil & Water Conservation District** for their **Outstanding Educator of the Year Award!** This was awarded to Mrs. Hall because of her exemplary conservation education efforts in Shelby County. Mrs. Hall teaches our Environment Science class and is also the advisor for our Envirothon Teams. These teams compete in the Area IV competition that is sponsored by the Shelby Soil and Water Conservation District. Please join me in congratulation Mrs. Hall on this honor as well!

The Lehman Catholic High School Community rejoiced during the Christmas Season in large part due to the area priests who helped students prepare at our **Advent Communal Penance Services** on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thanks to our northern-area priests, Father Frank Amberger, Father Gerry Bensman, Father Eric Bowman, Father Jim Duell, Father Martin Fox, Father Robert Hadden, Father Dan Hunt, Father Shawn Landenwitch, Father Steve Shoup, Father Gene Vonderhaar, and Father Jim Riehle, who gave generously of their time and ministry to help! Students also have the opportunity to go to confession every week, as Father Riehle hears confessions during the school day on a weekly basis.

Just a reminder to our **freshmen and sophomore students**, we will be having their second **Electronic Portfolio Work Day** of the school year on Thursday, January 21st, from 8-9:45 a.m. Each freshman/sophomore student will work with their assigned faculty/staff mentor on their own portfolio which will follow them throughout their four years at Lehman. The portfolio will continue to *focus* on two school goals: College/Career Readiness and Vibrant Faith Life. This work day will consist of small group discussions in reference to their faith development goal and time with their mentors to make sure they are updating the artifacts required for their portfolio each year. Our junior and senior students will have a late start on this day and will not need to arrive to school until 9:45 a.m. If these upperclassmen need bus transportation to school, then they must arrive with the freshmen and sophomores at 8:00 a.m., on their regular school bus route.

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You should have received a solicitation for the school's **Annual Fund "20 Days of Giving" Campaign** in December. If you have not already responded and are able, I would ask that you, please send a gift to the school at this time. The Annual Fund is designed to help us meet the extraordinary needs of the school not covered by tuition, fees, and supplemental fundraising.

Our goal this year is just over \$400,000.00. The contributed funds will be used for student tuition, building repair needs, and technology needs. I would encourage each of you to consider making a contribution to the Annual Fund so we can meet our goal (small and large gifts are welcomed as well, and if your employer matches charitable contributions, please enclose the paperwork so that we can take advantage of this revenue stream as well). No matter the size of your gift, know that it is appreciated and will be put to good use.

Please feel free to pass this information on to alumni, family members or other Lehman supporters who may not have received the mailing information. Additional Annual Fund envelopes will be provided throughout the school year.

Last year with everyone's support, we were able to raise over \$405,000.00, which was above our set goal! We were humbled by the response and generosity of so many people!

This year's Annual Fund runs from July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016. We thank you for your help and continued support!

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**Lehman Catholic Schools Week Agenda**  
**“Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service”**  
**January 31 – February 6, 2016**

**Schedule of Activities**

Sunday, January 31	National Honor Society Induction @ Lehman	2:00 pm
Monday, February 1	Archbishop Teleconference – Senior Students @ Lehman	9:15-11:15 am
Tuesday, February 2	Sixth Grade Visitation (Partner Schools-Holy Angels, Holy Rosary, Immaculate Conception, Piqua Catholic, St. Patrick, and St. Mary)	10:00-12:30 pm
Wednesday, February 3	Dayton-area Catholic Schools Mass @ Immaculate Conception in Dayton (Student Council Officers & Advisor Melissa Safreed)	10:00 am
	Mass @ Lehman (Schedule B)	10:00 am
Thursday, February 4	Faculty Appreciation Day – Luncheon	11:00-1:15 pm
Friday, February 5	Student Appreciation Day – Jeans Day and Breakfast for Homerooms (Cianciolo Family Gym)	
Saturday, February 6	Lehman Foundation Banquet	
	Mass	5:00 pm
	Dinner	6:30 pm
	Speaker-Marti Brennaman	8:00 pm

**Please continue to pray for all our Catholic Schools and their success!**

We recently received the results of the **Assessment of Catholic Religious Education (ACRE Test) level 3**, administered annually to Catholic high school seniors throughout the United States. Our seniors ranked anywhere between 8-15% higher in every section of this test compared to the National average of all students taking this test and 10-16% higher than the Parish National Average. In the eight categories of Faith Knowledge, Lehman students' scores averaged 83%. The Lehman score summary by the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Church include: Profession of Faith (Creed) - 81, the Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy and Sacraments) - 85%, Life in Christ (Morality) - 84%, and Christian Prayer (Prayer) - 84%. In addition to the Faith Knowledge part of the test, there is also an Affective Statements Survey. From relationships with others category on this survey, it was interesting to see that only 42% of our seniors say that their family prays together at home. The senior students also indicated that only 38% read the Bible on a regular basis. We hope with your help, we can improve on this percentage for next year. The seniors also perceived that cheating/lack of honesty was the biggest concern (91%) among the students at Lehman. Congratulations to our faculty, staff, parents and parishes for having a positive "faith-filled" influence on our students! A special thanks to the Lehman Religion Department (Henry Cordonnier and Joe Schmiesing) and Religion Department Chair Father Riehle for all their hard work!

This year we also administered the level 2 test to our freshman so we can look at their spiritual growth over their four years at school. They too scored between 2-8% higher than the National average on this test. In the **ACRE Level 2 Test**, in the eight categories of Faith Knowledge, Lehman freshmen students' scores averaged 78.1%. The Lehman score summary by the Four Pillars of the Catechism of the Church include: Profession of Faith (Creed) - 72%, the Celebration of the Christian Mystery (Liturgy and Sacraments) - 74%, Life in Christ (Morality) - 83%, and Christian Prayer (Prayer) - 74%. In addition to the Faith Knowledge part of the test, there is also an Affective Statements Survey. From relationships with others category on this survey, it was interesting to see that only 55% of our freshmen say that their family prays together at home and 60% said that they read the bible on a regular basis. The freshmen perceived that cursing and swearing was the biggest concern (86%) among the students at Lehman. If you would like further information about this assessment, please contact me or Father Riehle at the school. We are proud of the success of our students on this test! They all did very well!



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Nineteen students will be inducted into the **Lehman Chapter of the National Honor Society** on Sunday, January 31st, at 2:00 PM, in the Lehman Elizabeth Anne Seton Chapel. These students include Seniors Malachi Bezy, Stephen Monnin, Emma Simpson; Juniors Eli Baker, Hannah Fogt, Madison Hussey; and Sophomores Maria Adams, Brandon Barhorst, Melanie Brunner, Grace Dexter, Jake Emrick, Theresa Flood, Abby Jones, Meaghan McDonald, Alanna O'Leary, Clare Schmiesing, Amanda Titterington, Kelsey Weber and Hailey Wick. Congratulations to these students for this honor! We thank Mrs. Wendel, the advisor for the NHS, for coordinating this event!

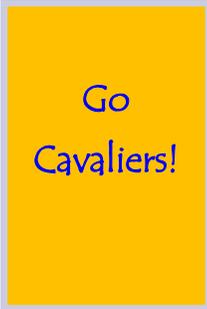


Science Department Chairperson Sister Ginny Scherer is seeking extra judges for **Lehman's Annual Science Fair**, which will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd. If you have expertise or you know someone with expertise in any area of science, psychology, sociology or health and can serve as a judge, please contact Sister Ginny at school (extension 204). Judging projects is an excellent way to interact with the students and to have the opportunity to see firsthand the work they are doing in the science classrooms. If you plan to attend the Science Fair, the exhibits will be open for public viewing after 8:15 p.m. and the results of the judging will be announced around 9:00 p.m., or as soon as the judges complete their work.

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 new program and log-on information will be provided in the weeks 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.

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Congratulations to Sister Ginny Scherer, SC, for receiving 3 grants to help fund our Science Olympiad Team! These grants came from the Sidney-Shelby County Chamber Foundation, Piqua Community Foundation and an Emerson (Copeland) Grant! We thank these organizations for the support of Lehman Catholic High School and our students.

**Opportunity Day 2** will be held on February 17th from 10:05-10:45 a.m. The purpose of this day is to expose students to opportunities for service in our communities. If you have a non-profit organization needing student help and would like to present at our Opportunity Day, please contact me at school and we will include in our program.

**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!

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



# Live

The Lehman Pro-Lifeguards are planning to participate in the Annual **March for Life** in Washington, D.C., on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participants march in respect for life and in protest of the Supreme Court Decision in Roe vs. Wade. The trip is designed as a pilgrimage and not a sightseeing tour. The bus carrying Lehman High School students will leave from Lehman High School on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 PM. and the bus will also make a pick up at the Piqua Mall (across from McDonald's) at 7:15 PM. The group will travel through the night to the Nation's Capital, participate in a youth rally, attend Mass and the march, and then return home on Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. We currently have a couple seats available for any Virtus trained adults who would like to travel with our students. The cost for the trip is \$100.00. If you are interested in going, please let Teresa Haller, in the school's front office know by next week. This is on a first come basis. We send our prayers with them.



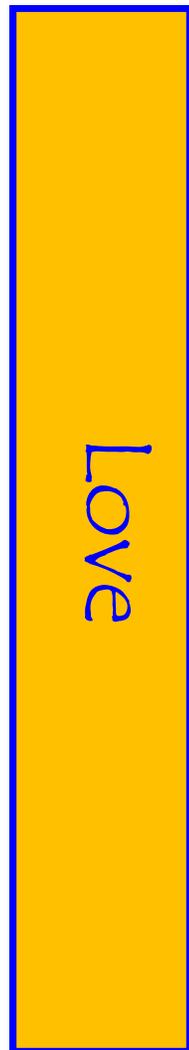
**Grade Card Conferences** are scheduled for January 20<sup>th</sup> from 5-8:00 p.m. I would encourage you to attend the conferences to pick up your student's grades, and to visit with any teachers of classes with whom your student may be experiencing difficulty. I would also continue to encourage you to use Netclassroom weekly to check the progress of your student in his or her classes. The website can be accessed from the Lehman website ([www.lehmancatholic.com](http://www.lehmancatholic.com)).

The Music Department has cast the **2016 all-school musical – *The King and I*** – which will be presented on the Lehman stage on March 31st, April 1st, and April 2nd. There are lots of wonderful songs, and great parts. Playing the speaking roles this year are Nick Neumeier (King), Will Hoersten (Lun Tha), Michael Bunker (The Kralahome), Jacob Schmiesing (The Interpreter), Conor O’Leary (Captain Orton), David Potts (Sir Edward Ramsay), Aidan Snyder (Phra Alak), Claudia Fatone (Anna Leonowens), Sarah Gibson (Tuptim), and Kaitrin O’Leary (Lady Thiang). Also joining the Lehman cast will be students from our partner schools in grades 2-8. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for a wonderful show! Tickets will be out soon.

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

We will still need parent helpers for building the set and other behind the scene jobs. The following will be helping with the musical this year: Director— Bill Zimmerman, Jr.; Producer— Betsy Moorman; Assistant Producer—Elaine Schweller-Snyder; Music Director—Jenny Weber; Costume Chairperson—Darla Cabe, Choreographer—Libby Jacob, Karen Potts—Props Chairperson; Bradly Gravunder—Scenery Chairperson; and Anne Schmiesing—Hair/Make-up Chairperson. We thank these adults and all who will be helping to bring our musical to the stage this year!

Congratulations to Mary Deafenbaugh, Lauren Riley, Faith Phelps, and William Hoersten for being accepted into the District Honors Choir! We also congratulate Emma Simpson for being accepted into the District Honors Band!



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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.

January/February Mass schedule:

Friday, January 15 (Christmas Weekday)	Father Shoup
Friday, January 22 (Ordinary Time)	Father Tonkin
Friday, January 29 (Ordinary Time)	Father Fox
Wednesday, February 3 (St. Blaise—Throat Blessing)	Father Riehle
Wednesday, February 10 (Ash Wednesday)	Father Riehle
Friday, February 19 (Lenten Weekday)	Father Bolte
Friday, February 26 (Lenten Weekday)	Father Hadden

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 you do to support Lehman Catholic!

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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:

Jan. 7	Women's Center (Sidney)	Mar. 17	Lenten Project—Dominica
Jan. 14	Pro-Lifeguards Sweatpants Day (follow school announcements for guidelines)		
Feb. 11	Patrick Pudlewski Scholars hip	Apr. 7	Cavs 4 A Cure
		May 5	Miami County Dental (Troy)

January is **school board recognition month**. Our Lehman students, staff and teachers benefit every day from the dedication and commitment to education of our school board members. They all make personal sacrifices and spend countless hours tending to board business. It is often a thankless job, so we say thank you to Reverend Frank Amberger, Reverend Thomas Bolte, Joel Bopp, Cyndi Cathcart, Nancy Dean, Doug Fortkamp, Don Goettemoeller, George Grampp, Rick Husa, Ruth Koon, Jeramie Sollmann, and Tony Walter!

Lehman Catholic's **Annual Open House for Prospective Students and Parents** is scheduled for Wednesday evening, February 3, 2016. The Open House begins at 6:00 p.m. with tours of the building, the opportunity to meet faculty and coaches, and an information fair about our extra-curricular and co-curricular programs. The Open House concludes at 8:30 p.m. with students and family members having the opportunity to view our Lehman student's Science Fair Projects. Please enter Door #10 closest to the chapel. We especially encourage students in grades 5 through 8 to attend. Our Lehman Student Ambassadors will be providing tours for the evening.

Join us for the **Lehman Foundation Dinner** on Saturday, February 6th, Marty Brenneman, 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. Please have your reservations in by January 23rd. 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 couple reminders:**

- (1) School will also be closed on January 18th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**
- (2) Portfolio Day for Freshmen and Sophomores will be on January 21st at 8:00 Am and Juniors and Seniors have a late start on this day and will need to arrive by 10:00 AM.**

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

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