

# WESTWORD

## LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL WEST

*LONGHORN SPOTLIGHT*  
*JUNE 2010*

### **Globalization-Is it Necessary?**

Much has been made of the fact that the world seems to be shrinking. Transportation costs have made it possible for people and goods to go places they never dreamed possible before. Communication makes it easy to speak and collaborate with people around the world as easily as with those down the block. Work is outsourced and sent around the world to the cheapest labor. Globalization is the word used to describe these changes. Why is all of this important to us?

Students around the world are in school for 8-10 hours a day for 200+ days a year compared to 6-7 hours a day for 175 days in America. When students in other countries return home, they often study or go to tutoring school for another 4 hours. If you think about it, these are the same people our students are competing against for jobs. They are the same people our students will be collaborating with to solve our energy and environmental issues. It is imperative that we get to know about these people and how they view the world. It is also important that we share the life saving Gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

Our students will get the opportunity to do that next year. We have three Chinese and one Korean student enrolled for next year. Our students will be able to interact with them and learn from them as well as teach them about America. A year from now we intend to offer Chinese instruction as one of our course offerings. We intend to become part of the globalization discussion. I hope you will join us in the process. One way you can do that is to be a host family. Host families provide housing and food for international students as well as parental guidance. Host families receive a stipend from the student to help with costs. If you are interested in being a host, please contact the school office. Become part of the greater world community!

Dale Wolfgram, Principal

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE LUTHERAN WEST STUDENTS . . .**  
**Congratulations to the VALEDICTORIAN and SALUTATORIAN of the CLASS of 2010! Hailley Pearson** has been named the Valedictorian of this year's graduating class. **Sarah Coulter** will have the honor of being Salutatorian for the Class of 2010.  
*Congratulations!*

**BACK TO SCHOOL DAYS**  
 Save the date on your calendar! Lutheran West will now be hosting "Back to School" days tentatively on **August 11th from 2-8 PM** and **August 12th from 7:30 AM -noon**. All school forms and fees will be collected at that time. Items needed for the school year will be available for purchase along with booster club sales. Your student's schedule and locker assignments will also be distributed. Be sure to look in your summer copy of the Westword for more details.

**PERU TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY FOR LUTHERAN WEST STUDENTS AND FAMILIES - 2011**  
 Have you ever wanted to view Machu Picchu? Wander through the markets and soak up the Spanish-based culture of Lima and Cuzco? View ancient Incan cities and artifacts? Use your Spanish language ability to talk with people you encounter? Stay overnight in a Jungle Lodge in the Amazon Rainforest and view the creatures that are all around you? Then this adventure tour to Peru is for you!  
 Mrs. Lynn Pangrace and Mrs. Kathie Courtney are leading this 10-day EF-guided **tour to Peru over Easter Break 2011**. EF, our host travel company, has now become the largest tour company to deal directly with Peru and its tourist suppliers, with the result that the base price for our tour has now been lowered significantly. Please contact Mrs. Lynn Pangrace at [lpangrace@lutheranwest.com](mailto:lpangrace@lutheranwest.com) or Mrs. Kathie Courtney at [kcourtney@lutheranwest.com](mailto:kcourtney@lutheranwest.com) with any questions you might have.

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**  
 Congratulations to our March and April Students of the Month:

<b>Kyle Voytovich</b>	<b>Kirsten Monson</b>
<b>Melissa Redden</b>	<b>Chris Ranc</b>
<b>Kourtney Schultz</b>	<b>Jonathan Molnar</b>
<b>Maren Dickey</b>	<b>Chris Kibler</b>
<b>Nick Wojcik</b>	<b>Amy Ford</b>
<b>Elise Lemanski</b>	<b>Jakob Hamlescher</b>

**SENIOR PICTURES—CLASS OF 2011**  
 Ripcho Studios met with the juniors May 7th during their religion study hall regarding their senior pictures and handed out information packets detailing the senior picture process. An additional copy of the information was emailed to all Class of 2011 parents. If you still need that information, please look under the "Resource Documents" tab in RenWeb. Senior pictures that appear in the 2010-2011 yearbook must be taken at Ripcho Studios. Ripcho is located in Cleveland at 7630 Lorain Avenue. Parents, please schedule an appointment for your senior's picture by calling Ripcho Studios at 800-686-7427. *The Lutheran West Yearbook can include only senior headshots taken by Ripcho Studios.* You are welcome to get your other senior photos from the photographer of your choice. Please do not wait until the last minute—pictures must be taken and chosen no later than October 1st. This summer would be the perfect time to get this taken care of before students get busy with fall activities.

**Congratulations to seniors Daniel Bartz and Rebecca Blake who received the Christian Stewardship Award from the Class of 2010 at our graduation ceremony.**



## A WORD OF THANKS . . .

We want to thank the volunteers who manned our Lutheran West Welcome Desk this school year. The Welcome Desk is a positive experience not only for visitors coming into the building, but also for our students and the volunteers who work at the desk. We want to thank the following volunteers who donated their time in service to Lutheran West:

**Mrs. Susan Ford      Mr. Joseph Fischer**

**Mr. Robert Stover    Mrs. Deb Fristik**

**Mrs. Bennie Levy**

We look forward to having a Welcome Desk again next year. Please contact Lutheran West if you have a few hours each week or every other week to offer your assistance in this area. Such volunteer help has positive benefits for all involved.



## Spring Sports Highlights

Special congratulations to junior Brad Watson, whose record-breaking performance in the 800 meters at the Regional Meet at Fairless High School in Navarre, earned him a trip to State. Brad represented LHW at the Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at Ohio State University. Congratulations also to senior Sarah Gettinger as she qualified for the Regional Meet at Navarre High School in the 100 meter hurdles. Five senior baseball players concluded excellent careers at Lutheran West by playing in year-end All-Star games. Congratulations to Mike Holick, Zach Hausmann, and Billy Valletto who were chosen to compete in the Greater Cleveland Baseball Coaches' Association All-Star Game. Cal Thomay and Justin Chislow will have the thrill of playing at Progressive Field on June 21st as they compete with the best high school players in the area at the Northeast Ohio Baseball Coaches' Association All-Star Game. Congratulations also to Cal Thomay for being chosen as the Elyria Chronicle-Telegram "Player of the Week" in baseball. Longhorn pitchers in baseball threw two no-hitters this spring and one perfect game. Congratulations to senior Justin Chislow on his no-hitter against Cleveland Central Catholic, to seniors Billy Valletto and Sam Myers who combined for a no-hitter against Rhodes High School, and to sophomore Anders Mahon who threw a perfect game against Cornerstone Christian.

## Record-Setting Performances

Many West school records were broken during the spring season as memorable performances occurred in all three sports. Brad Watson shattered the 800 meter record by nearly three seconds posting a 1:57.52 as he qualified for State. Caitlyn Vidovic continues to rewrite the softball pitching records as she set school records for career strikeouts with 303 and career innings pitched with 275, while senior teammate Kim Kowalski tied the season record for triples in softball with 5. Coach Dave Selke's senior group of baseball players had a record setting run the last three years winning two Patriot Conference titles and three Sectional titles in a row. Cal Thomay now holds six school records including hits in a season (48), career hits (127), doubles in a season (15), career doubles (33), RBI's in a season (48), and career RBI's (113). Mile Holick broke four records including career batting average (.453), career triple (17), career runs (102), and career slugging percentage (.781). Zach Hausmann tied the home run record for a season with 6 while Justin Chislow tied the saves record for a season with 5.

## Patriot Conference Honors for Lutheran West First Team All-Conference

Brad Watson—track  
Cal Thomay—baseball  
Zach Hausmann—baseball  
Billy Valletto—baseball  
Justin Chislow—baseball  
Mike Holick—baseball

## Second Team All-Conference

Caitlyn Vidovic—softball  
Nicole Swanson—track  
Mitch Zaharewicz—baseball  
Brandon McCartney—baseball

## Third Team All Conference & Honorable Mention

Kim Kowalski—softball  
Stephanie Zanotti—track  
Michelle Britton—track  
Jessica Mecklenburg—track  
Amber Voytovich—track  
Kourtney Schultz—track  
Ryan Jones—baseball  
Dana Grenig—track  
Megan Brown—track  
Marissa Spelich—track  
Sarah Gettinger—track

## 2010 Year End Athletic Department Awards

*Longhorn Athlete of the Year: Sarah Gettinger  
Brad Watson*

*Robert Luecke Memorial Christian Sportsmanship Award: Cal Thomay*

*Karen Wittrock Christian Sportsmanship Award: Jamie Liese*

*OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award: Sara Coulter, Cal Thomay*

*OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award: Alyssa Chuhran, Daniel Bartz*

*U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award: Jamie Liese, Cal Thomay*

*Joseph King Commitment to Excellence Award: Sarah Gettinger, Zach Hausmann*

*OHSAA State Award for Service: Daniel Bartz*

*Patriot Conference Scholar Athletes: Anna Ali, Dan Bartz, Justin Chislow, Sara Coulter, Louis Durban, Kristen Geye, Jacob Hamlescher, Jacob Koza, Christin Lewis, Jamie Liese, Cal Thomay, Nick Wojcik, Mitch Zaharewicz, Kelli Zehnder*

*Spring Sports Most Valuable Players: Softball: Caitlyn Vidovic, Baseball: Cal Thomay, Women's Track & Field: Sarah Gettinger, Men's Track & Field: Brad Watson, Kyle Bailey*

## SPORTS PHYSICAL FORM

Many of our students have already completed their sports physical with the **Ohio High School Athletic Association Pre-participation Physical Examination and Permission Forms Packet (a total of 6 pages)**. If you have not yet completed this process, please call the school office at (440) 333-1660 in order to get the appropriate physical examination packet.

Be advised that in accordance with the OHSSA Bylaw 3-4-1, **“These forms must be on file with the principal or designee (our school nurse) before any candidate for a team may participate in a practice.”** Plan ahead so your student’s physical form is on file in the Nurse’s Office by the time sports’ practices begin.

## SUMMER SPORTS NEWS

Volleyball will have Strength and Conditioning/Open Gym every Tuesday and Thursday from 4—6:30 PM

Camp is June 21-25 High school camp 8:30 –12:30 PM

Grade school (4th—8th grade) 1:30-4 PM

Men’s Soccer will have Weight Room Hours M,W,F from 8:30-11:00 AM and M,W,Th 6:30 - 9PM

Marching Band will be rehearsing throughout the summer. Anyone with questions on dates/times should contact Mr. Chamberlin at 440-333-1660 ext. 147.



Mark your calendars to join us for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual CLHSA Golf Classic that will be held on Monday, August 9th. All proceeds benefit the Grant-in-Aid program. For more information, contact Peggy Forni at the Cleveland Lutheran High School Association Office 440-356-7155 ext. 3.

# GUIDANCE

## **A REMINDER TO FAMILIES WITH COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS!!**

Summer is a good time for campus visits. Contact the admissions office of the colleges you wish to visit to make your arrangements. Visits are the very best way to get an idea of how well an individual school matches with you and your family. However, it is always best to visit when classes are in session in order to get a "real feel" for the school. Remember to check OCIS to get information about the college before visiting.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL INFO**

Students in need of summer school information should check the Lutheran West website or their local Board of Education. Information is available for the following summer schools: Lakewood, Polaris (Middleburg Heights), Cuyahoga Valley Career Center (Brecksville), Elyria, Brunswick and Westlake. All English failures must be made up in summer school and it is strongly recommended that Math failures also be taken care of in summer school. Most summer schools begin their first semester the week of June 14.

## **SCHEDULES**

Schedules for the 2010-11 school year will be mailed home in July to *new students only*. Please do not lose your schedule since there will be a charge for a duplicate copy. Every effort has been made to accommodate student course requests. The morning of August 20 has been set aside for any necessary schedule changes. Student requested changes will again cost \$25.

## **SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS**

Final transcripts for seniors will be ready for mailing to colleges by the end of June. The college that was indicated on the Senior Information form will receive the transcript. If there is a change in the college that a senior will be attending, the Guidance office must be notified in writing immediately.

## **COLLEGE BOOTCAMP**

Current Juniors and Sophomores are invited to attend our Summer College Bootcamp, to be held July 30 and August 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. This is a great opportunity to get a jump start on your college applications! The Bootcamp is a hands-on experience where you will work on actual college application materials. We will also hold an ACT/SAT review session to help those students taking these tests in the fall. In addition, college admission counselors will be on hand to discuss the many aspects of the admission process. Space is limited. For more information or to register, please contact Becky Slack at [rslack@lutheranwest.com](mailto:rslack@lutheranwest.com).

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

God's blessings to The Class of 2010 as they leave Lutheran High School West to begin their walk down life's next path. This class has received more than \$ 4.1 million in academic grants and scholarships. We congratulate them on a job well done. As of graduation night 37 seniors will be attending state universities in Ohio, 18 private colleges in Ohio, 23 community colleges and 11 colleges out of state. Six of the colleges included above are Lutheran colleges.

## **SUMMER AVAILABILITY**

Ms Schifano is available throughout the summer. Mrs. Rolik and Mrs. Slack will be in until June 15 and then return to school on August 16.

# GUIDANCE

## SEMESTER GRADES ISSUED

The final grades for the school year were mailed home by June 11, 2010. The semester grade for the last 18 weeks including the semester exam, can be found in the grade column under "Semester 2." Final exam grades can be found on the Grade Book Report in Renweb. Eligibility is based on the semester grade, not the quarter grade.

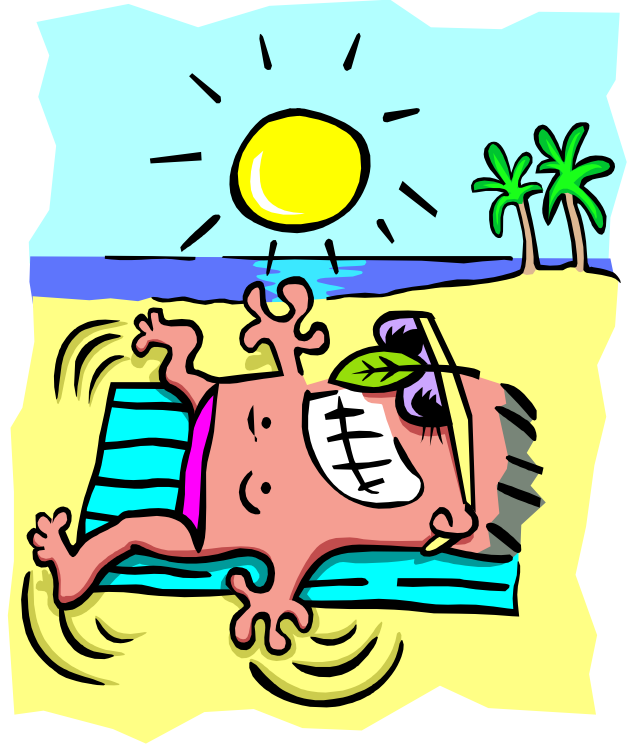
### Grades and transcripts are not released until all financial obligations are paid in full.

Financial obligations include: tuition, dress code and tardy fines, IMC fines, athletic and music department fees, unpaid lunches and the replacement cost for lost/damaged books and lost uniforms. It is expected that all financial obligations will be **paid in full as soon as possible.** If you have questions about fines or fees, please call Mrs. Donna Brooks at 440-333-1660, ext. 150. Questions regarding tuition should be referred to Mrs. Bonnie Mytnick at 440-356-7155, ext. 6.

## SUMMER READING

All returning students are reminded of their Summer Reading Assignments. **The reading assignment and the accompanying worksheets must be completed by the first day of school, August 25.** Students will receive any additional instructions in their English class on August 25. The assigned novels and worksheets are available online at [www.lutheranwest.org/summerreading](http://www.lutheranwest.org/summerreading). Enjoy your summer!

The Guidance Department would like to wish all of you God's blessings for a safe and restful summer.



## LUTHERAN WEST COMMUNITY SERVICE

This summer is an excellent time for Lutheran West students to work on their *Christian Service Project/Community Service Project* hours, which is a graduation requirement. The *Christian Service Project/Community Service Project* is designed to give each student an opportunity to respond to God's call to service by dedicating time and effort to serve the needs of others. The goal of the program is to encourage students to "seek to serve."

- All grades should follow the program as outlined in the *Lutheran West Community Service Project* brochure that can be found on our web site at [www.lutheranwest.com](http://www.lutheranwest.com). Click on "Student Life" then "Community Service". Mr. Dave Ressler is the Director and can be reached at [dressler@lutheranwest.com](mailto:dressler@lutheranwest.com).

The number of service hours required by each class is as follows: **FRESHMAN: 15 HOURS, SOPHMORES: 18 HOURS, JUNIORS: 24 HOURS, SENIORS: 30 HOURS (each of these are divided into the three categories).**

# MISCELLANEOUS

## **STUDENTS LIVING IN AVON**

At the May 18, 2010 meeting, the Avon Local Board of Education voted, effective with the 2010-2011 school year, to no longer transport Avon students in grades nine through twelve.

## **LUTHERAN WEST BUS**

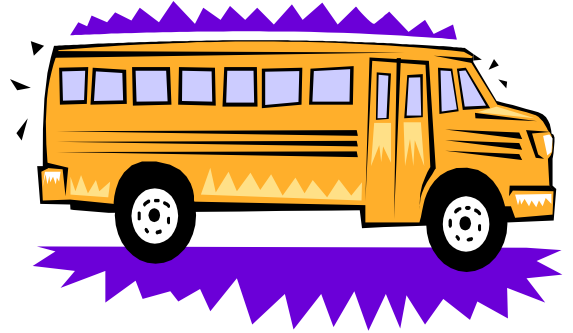
During the third week of June, a letter and forms will be mailed to all prospective and returning bus students who may be taking the Lutheran West bus for the coming school year of 2010-2011. Buses serve both the south and west side of Cleveland. Our Westside Bus will pick up at Avon, Sheffield, Elyria and North Ridgeville. Our South Bus stops at St. Mark Brunswick, Royal Redeemer and Bethany, Parma. There will be a slight increase in rates from \$380 to \$390 for a full-time rider, and from \$265 to \$275 for a part-time rider. If you do not receive a letter and are interested in riding the Lutheran West bus, please call the school office at 440-333-1660 ext. 150. It is important that you return those forms as soon as possible if you are planning to use the Lutheran West Bus next school year. No student can ride the bus without these completed forms.

## **RECYCLE REMINDER**

Please recycle all paper products throughout the summer. In 2009, the Lutheran West community recycled over nine tons of paper during our summer months. This is equivalent to saving 37, 164 KWH of energy. Let us do our part and continue to help out the school, community, and environment. GO GREEN!



**GRADUATION DVD'S are available for \$10. Order through the school office.**



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR REGISTRATION DAYS IN AUGUST! AUGUST 11TH FROM 2-8 PM AND AUGUST 12 FROM 7:30-NOON.**

- Pay fees!
- Pick up class schedules!
- Buy booster club items!
- Turn in your school forms!