

LADUE

Horton Watkins High School



Principal's Newsletter
November/December 2009

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**Ladue Horton Watkins
High School is committed
to developing the
full potential of
each student by
providing exceptional
learning experiences.**



Honoring Tradition - Continuing Excellence

Dear Parents:

It's been a fabulous and fast first semester! The new Performing Arts Center has enhanced our performing arts teaching and learning and added a "wow" space to the outstanding fall student performances. Our athletic teams completed the fall season with much to be proud of—including a final four appearance in field hockey, elite eight game for the football team, fifth place state finish for boys and seventh place finish for girls cross country, a third place individual cross country finish for Jocelyn Todd, and a state championship for the girl's tennis team. Our students continue to work hard and achieve high marks academically and in extra-curricular activities.

As we look forward, I would like to mention a few program changes designed to provide better learning experiences for our students. LHWHS has requested a policy change regarding grade reporting for next year. Since transcripts show only semester grades, and credit is granted by the semester, the proposal would do away with the quarter grade reporting periods and institute a six-week grade reporting period. This would provide parents with a grade card at each six-week interval. Rather than receiving a grade card at the nine-week mark and then at the end of the semester as is the current practice, parents would receive grade cards at the end of six-weeks, twelve-weeks and the semester. We believe this will enhance communication between home and school by providing more opportunities for reporting student grades in each class.

A second change that is continuing to develop is the freshman advisory program. As a pilot this year, fourteen advisory teachers have been working to help all freshmen transition to high school through a consistent, planned program. Freshman have been attending an advisory class once every two weeks for part of their academic lab time. Two upperclassmen mentors also assist each advisory. These sessions focus on acclimation, study skills, and building a positive high school community. This advisory program will continue second semester for students have been identified through behavior and/or grades. The advisory teachers have committed a lot of time and energy to developing this program and are working on improvements for next year. I am looking forward to the work they do to help our students transition into high school.

First semester is coming to a close. Please have an enjoyable and restful winter break!

Sincerely,

Bridget Hermann, Ed.D.
Principal

2009 Senior Football Players Staff Appreciation

The following staff members were chosen by senior football players for being influential to them during their high school careers.

Thanks for all you do!

<i>Ms. Cynthia Newton</i> Tucker Bond # 36	<i>Mr. Mike Rawitscher</i> Sam Hurster #14	<i>Mrs. Fran Kepler</i> Nico Romero #2
<i>Mr. Hank Harrison</i> David Chai #79	<i>Dr. Ann Rittenbaum</i> Kevin Medler #75	<i>Mr. Dave Sonius</i> Ross Vermillion #21
<i>Mr. Rob Good</i> Ben Cohen #35	<i>Mrs. Haywood Gaskin</i> Marquis Parks #6	<i>Mr. Jeff Cross</i> Dre Washington #5
<i>Mr. Steve Schmidt</i> Tommy Deane #7	<i>Mr. Chris Saxton</i> Scott Rehnquist #10	<i>Madame Charles</i> Carlton Wilcoxson #19
<i>Mr. Tom Lowery</i> Michael Early #89	<i>Mrs. Tara O'Sadnick</i> Miguel Romero #45	

Suburban East All Conference Team

<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd Team</u>	<u>Honorable Mention</u>
Miguel Romero Defensive Back	John Gaskin Defensive Tackle	Jeff Fox Center
Ben Cohen Defensive End	Tucker Bond Linebacker	Marquis Parks Defensive Back
Sam Hurster Kicker	Daniel Cohen Offensive Guard	Mike O' Brien Defensive End
Scott Rehnquist Linebacker	Fred Trelz Offensive Tackle	Nico Romero Linebacker
Kortland Webb Quarterback	Sam Hurster Punter	David Chai Offensive Guard
Dre Washington Wide Receiver	Charles Badgett Running Back	Nick Boghosian Offensive Tackle
	Tommy Deane Wide Receiver	Brian Thomas Running Back
		Jehu Chesson Wide Receiver



LADUE DADS CLUB

To All Parents,

Thank you for your support this fall at our barbecue events at the Blue & White Night, as well as the home football games. We have raised a nice sum of money to support the clubs, groups, academic programs, equipment needs, and athletics at one of the best high schools in Missouri.

One of our programs we have is our Brickpaver program. We would love for you to honor your children, a favorite teacher or administrator, or your family name. Included in this newsletter is a form for you to complete and return with your payment to the front office of the school.

With your support, we have donated back to the school almost \$10,000 already this school year, and could certainly use your support in many ways. We meet monthly on the second Tuesday in Room 116 at 6:30 p.m. - our next meeting is December 8. Ask another dad to come along with you.

We have two events in the near future. We don't have a date yet for our Poker Event to be held in March, but if you would like to help Gordon Newton, he can be reached at (314)910-0106. We need dealers, as well as contributions & prizes. Thanks to Mark Schupp of Schupp Advertising Company for the use of his beautiful office lobby.

Save the date for Friday, June 4 for our annual Dads Club Golf Outing at Quail Creek. The forecast says it will be another beautiful sunny day to come out, have a great time, and enjoy the afternoon with us. Jim Vastyan is coordinating this event, and he can be reached at (314)304-1675.

Our website has more information at laduedadsclub.com about our group, and contributions may be tax deductible, as we are a non-profit organization.

Ray Kloppenburg-President

Gary Hollingsworth-Secretary & Treasurer

LADUE GIRLS TENNIS

MISSOURI
STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Coach Jason Theodosiou and his team....

Katharine Glaser--sr
Abby Sophir--sr
Natalie Jarmon--jr
Kelsey Bearman--soph
Annie Kopp--frosch
Lindsey Whitehead--frosch





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Ten Pieces of Advice for Each Grade Level from the College & Career Office

Class of 2013

Study hard. It all counts now.
Get involved in some activities (school-based or community-based).
Read books beyond your required reading for class.
Try something new just for fun.
Plan on taking five core courses each year.
Choose the hardest courses in which you can do well.
Ask older students for advice.
Have a plan for next summer.
Attend events on college campuses (plays, concerts, athletics).
Talk with your parents about college.

Class of 2012

Come to the 10th grade Standardized Testing Meeting on Thursday, January 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
Learn your testing strengths and weaknesses from your PLAN test and Practice PSAT test.
When choosing courses for eleventh grade, have a two year plan in mind.
Make sure you and your parents register for Family Connection.
Explore the college information available on Family Connection.
Develop strong relationships with your teachers.
Plan on attending the Four School College Fair on April 26.
Check out the Career Interest Profiler on Family Connection.
Complete the Do What You Are personality assessment on Family Connection.
Read books beyond your required reading for class.

Class of 2012 Standardized Testing Meeting

There will be a meeting for all sophomores and parents on January 7 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. The purpose of this meeting is to interpret the October PLAN and November Practice PSAT testing data. We will then discuss a "testing plan" and explain testing as an integral piece of the college admissions process.

The more students and parents understand how to interpret preliminary testing results and are familiar with the testing timeline, the better prepared they will be for the college application process. Families will receive a packet that evening containing their student's PLAN scores and the actual tests taken this fall. Additionally, sample tests for the PSAT and ACT will be available.



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Class of 2011

Come to the College Search Meeting on Thursday, December 3, from 7-8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Following this meeting, schedule an appointment with your college advisor. Have a testing plan in place for the ACT and/or SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests. Plan on attending the Four School College Fair on April 26. Work on identifying which parameters are important to you when choosing a college. Work hard in the classroom. Your junior year grades are critical. Read books beyond your required reading for class. Learn about the college application process from seniors who are applying now. Talk with your parents about factors which might impact your choice of colleges. Have a clear idea about which teachers you can ask for a recommendation.

Junior Kick-Off Meeting

There will be a meeting for all juniors and their parents on December 3 from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Ken Fox and Scott Cornwell will take you step-by-step through the college search process.

Class of 2010

Finish Your College Applications.
Thank your teachers for writing college recommendations.
Make sure your official test scores have been sent from ACT and/or College Board-SAT.
If applying for financial aid, file the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1.
Respond to all requests for additional information.
Report the college admission decisions you receive to the College & Career Office.
Read books beyond your required reading for class.
Keep copies of everything (test scores, essays, financial aid forms, letters, emails).
Continue to work hard in the classroom. Colleges care about senior year grades.
Visit colleges so you are comfortable with your choice.

Senior Application Report

As of the deadline for this newsletter, 163 students had submitted 653 applications to 223 colleges. Well done so far. There is much more work to be done but there is still time to do it. We are always here to help.

LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009-10

November

Wed. - Fri., Nov. 26-27 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

December

Fri., Dec. 11 - Early Release Day

Thurs., Dec. 17 - Semester Exams

Fri., Dec. 18 - Semester Exams/Half Day (11:50 a.m. dismissal)

Mon. & Tues., Dec. 21 & 22 - Semester Exams/Half Day (11:50 a.m. dismissal)

Tues., Dec. 22 - End of 2nd Quarter, 1st Semester

Wed., Dec. 23 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Vacation Begins

January

Thurs., Jan 7 - School Resumes

Semester Final Exam Schedule

No lunch will be served on the final exam half days.

Also, no 4:15 activity buses will run.

December 17, 2009

7:40-9:00	Period 1
9:05-10:25	Period 2
10:30-12:20	Period 3

Lunch Schedule:	A 10:30-10:55
	B 10:55-11:25
	C 11:20-11:50
	D 11:50-12:20

12:20-2:20	Period 4 Final Exam
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December 18, 2009

7:40-9:40	Period 5 Final Exam
9:50-11:50	Period 6 Final Exam

December 21, 2009

7:40-9:40	Period 1 Final Exam
9:50-11:50	Period 3 Final Exam

December 22, 2009

7:40-9:40	Period 7 Final Exam
9:50-11:50	Period 8 Final Exam

Notes from the Parent Association

STAY CONNECTED!

- * A grant program is underway to support both educational and extracurricular needs. Interest has been expressed in the Parent Association offering hands on support by Habitat for Humanity, Art in Action, Hunger Outreach Program (HOP), and Blue Crew Olympics, to name a few. Keep a watchful eye for volunteer requests!
- * **Save the Date!** Dollars for Scholars, Chinese New Year, February 6, 2010. We are in need of committee volunteers, auction donations, and sponsorships. Please see enclosed inserts for further information.
- * If you have not picked up your Rambell, please do so in the main office. If we have your email, you should have received missing pages from the initial printing. If you did not receive, and are still in need, please email Jayne Langsam at jaynelangsam@aol.com, and she can send them to you.
- * WE NEED YOUR EMAIL TO ASSIST IN EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATING WITH YOU. If we do not have your email; please submit your email address to your grade level representative: 12th grade - Judy Gorin, sgorin@prodigy.net, 11th grade - Maria Anagnostopoulos, maria11560@sbcglobal.net 10th grade - Tricia Soncasie, Tsoncasie@aol.com , 9th grade - Carolyn Jaeger, ladueclassof 2013@hotmail.com.
- * Thanks again to all who supported the October 9 breakfast for teachers and to committee leaders (Laurie Copeland/Mary Gentsch) who made it happen! Our teachers LOVE this outpouring of support and goodies!
- * **SO WHAT ARE YOUR DUES DUE-ING?**
 - Support of Teacher Breakfast October 9, parent/teacher coffees
 - Grant given to Ladue Step Team to assist in the purchase of professional warm up suits.
 - Grant given to Laduettes to offset trip expenses for the National Dance Team Competition
 - Mums for Senior Moms for Homecoming. A wonderful tribute!
- * Please continue to visit the Parent Association page on the LHWHS website for information you may have missed via standard email or other mailed items.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS PAID THEIR DUES. IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, YOU CAN DOWNLOAD A FORM FROM THE LHWHS WEB PAGE- Parent Connections. Drop off or send to Christina Schlager at the main office: 1201 S. Warson Road, Ladue, Mo. 63124

THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL THANK YOU!

Renau Bozarth, President, LHWHS Parent Association

SCHEDULING FOR 2010 - 11 SCHOOL YEAR

Eighth Grade

- January 11 High school counselors meet with 8th grade students at LMS to distribute scheduling handbooks. (A-E Tabscott, F-K Davis, L-R Sailor, S-Z Cross)
- January 14 Evening meeting with current 8th grade parents and counselors at the high school at 7 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center
- February 3, 4 High school counselors meet with 8th grade students at LMS to register for courses.

Ninth Grade

- January 14 Evening meeting with current 9th grade parents and counselors at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria
- January 21 Counselors will distribute scheduling handbooks to 9th grade students during AC Lab in the Performing Arts Center

Tenth Grade

- January 7 Evening meeting with current 10th grade parents and counselors at 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center (followed by College & Career at 6:30 p.m.)
- January 19 Counselors will distribute scheduling handbooks to 10th grade students during AC Lab in the Performing Arts Center

Eleventh Grade

- January 7 Evening meeting with current 11th grade parents and counselors at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Center
- January 14 Counselors will distribute scheduling handbooks to 11th grade students during AC Lab in the Performing Arts Center

All LHWHS Students

- January 25-29 Course requests week in room 116
- February 1 Course requests make-up in room 116

REQUIRED PERSONAL FINANCE CLASS

Parents of 10th grade students: Missouri requires all students to take and pass a personal finance class as a graduation requirement. The state has just released a "testing out" option. Students choosing to take the 50 question standardized test must score a 90% in order to test out and receive credit for the class. The state does not provide a study guide for the test. However, the competencies for this exam can be found at www.dese.mo.gov/div/careered/Personal_Finance_competencies.pdf

The state will allow students to take the test once per testing window. Listed below are two options Ladue will be offering for students to take this test:

- Session #1: Wednesday, December 2 after school - 2:30 - 3:30 pm
- Session #2: Thursday, December 3 after school - 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Students wishing to take the test must sign up in advance on a first come, first served basis. Sign-ups are located in the Personal Counseling Office. The test result does not appear on the transcript or figure into GPA. Students scoring a 90% or higher will receive credit on the transcript but no grade will be given.

LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL DADS CLUB BRICK WALKWAY

The Ladue Horton Watkins High School Dads Club is selling inscribed brick pavers that will be included in the walkway leading from the Ramming Athletic Center to the football field. The cost of each paver is \$125 and can be inscribed at a maximum of 3 lines with a maximum of 15 characters per line that does include spaces, punctuation, etc. Honor you family, friends, teachers and businesses. All proceeds will benefit the high school through scholarships, donations to high school departments and athletic teams.

Please print exactly as you wish it to appear on brick:

Line one: _____

Line two: _____

Line three: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____ Your Phone: _____

Checks should be made payable to: LHWHS Dads Club
Please send your check for \$125 per brick and this form to:
Ladue High School - Brick Paver Campaign
1201 S. Warson Road, St. Louis, MO 63124



Any questions, please call Christina Schlager at (314) 993-6447.



LHS-TV, the Ladue School District's Student Broadcast Television Station, continues our production of two television shows! LADUE SCHOOLS TODAY, the district communications program, will air immediately following LADUE VIEW every Thursday on Charter Cable channel 21 at 5 pm. New shows air Thursday, November 5 and Thursday, December 9, and both programs will rerun every Thursday of the month until the next new edition is released. LADUE VIEW is the nationally acclaimed student television magazine show, created by Ladue students, for the Ladue community. Each show, and every video produced by Ladue Broadcast Technology students, can also be seen at <http://www.schooltube.com/user/dgoble>. To suggest story ideas, email Broadcast Technology instructor Don Goble at dgoble@ladue.k12.mo.us.

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