

# LADUE

Horton Watkins High School



Principal's Newsletter  
April/May 2011

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



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the end of the 2010-2011 school year is fast approaching. For the Class of 2011, students are in the final stretch of their high school career. They will soon embark on the next phase of life. On behalf of the faculty and staff of LHWHS, we share in the joy of their accomplishments and wish them well in the future.

Please read this newsletter carefully, there are a few important changes for the end of the school year. Most notably, May 20<sup>th</sup>, which was originally scheduled as a half-day for finals has been extended to a full day of student attendance. With the snow days this past winter, the high school fell short of hours as required by the state. We will be able to make up that time by making May 20<sup>th</sup> a full day. The schedule is located in this newsletter and on the website. Additionally, summer school courses will be offered on a limited basis as credit recovery only. Again, more information is found in the newsletter.

Our summer office hours at LHWHS will look a little different as well. Once school is out, the office will be open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through June 30. From July 5-July 22 our office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will return to a five-day schedule beginning July 25.

Beginning next fall, each high school student will be assessed a \$50 activity fee to help offset the costs of clubs, activities, field trips, guest speakers, etc. More information regarding this assessment will follow as we begin to plan for next year.

The finish line of another school year is in sight for our students. My hope is that all end the year strong and return next year to continue their growth and learning at LHWHS. Have a safe and restful summer!

Sincerely,

Bridget Hermann, Ed.D.  
Principal, LHWHS

••••• **May 20<sup>th</sup> has been extended to a FULL day** •••••  
••••• **of student attendance due to snow days.** •••••

### ***Did you know?***

***Parents are welcome to meet with teachers outside of the formally scheduled parent-teacher conference time. If you have questions about your student's work or would like to see how they did on a test, check with the teacher. Teachers will make tests available upon parent request, barring copyright restrictions.***

### **IMPORTANT STUDENT PARKING INFORMATION/DATES**

#### **2011-12 School Year Parking Online Registration**

Students who will be Juniors or Seniors next year will be able to register online April 25 - May 13. To be assured parking next year, students must apply during this period!!

After registering online, a \$65 check should be brought to Mrs. Martin.

After the online registration period closes on May 13, applications will need to be brought to the office for processing. All applications are administered on a first come first served basis.

Once applications have been approved, students will receive an assigned parking space with a parking permit (window sticker). This information will be placed in student packets (August pick-up).

To receive Parking:

1. Student must be a Senior or Junior
2. Payment of \$65 parking fee
3. Student cannot be on the "Ineligible" list
4. If on the "May request Probation " list, student must meet with their principal
5. All school debts cleared up in Cafeteria, Library, and Textbook departments

**(Parking granted sooner if student checks on these/clears them up in advance!)**

#### Ladue Percussion

Four members of Ladue Percussion competed in the Fourth Annual Missouri Percussion Arts Trophy competition held on March 5th in Lebanon, Missouri. Ladue high school students Collin Christner, Melanie Cytron, Tim Padgett and Lucas Tamaren competed against performers from around the country. Forty-four contestants divided between high school and collegiate divisions performed before a panel of nationally recognized adjudicators with Tim Padgett placing 2nd in the snare drum category and 3rd in the marimba category and Collin Christner taking 3rd place in the snare drum category.



# SENIOR NEWS



## **Fines/Fees:**

**Seniors who owe fines or fees for lost/damaged textbooks, library fines, cafeteria debts, or other assessments must have those matters settled by Wednesday, May 11. Seniors who do not take care of these financial obligations will not be allowed to go through the Commencement Ceremony.**

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS**

**Thursday, April 28 - Senior Award Night, 7 p.m.**

**May**

**Monday, May 2 - Thursday, May 12 - Advanced Placement Testing**

**Wednesday, May 11 - Last Day for Seniors**

**Thursday, May 12 - Graduation Rehearsal 9:30 a.m., Nielson Gym**

**Sunday, May 15 - Graduation, 5 p.m., Rams Stadium**

Parents of Seniors: LHWHS does not sanction or support senior skip days. If your senior asks you to excuse them for a skip day, please know it is not a school-sponsored activity! We appreciate having your students in class every day and your support keeping them in school!!

All seniors should have received an invoice from Jostens in January for the rental of their cap & gown. If you have not, please call Jostens at 636-230-7350.

## **After Grad Party**

**Who: Graduating Seniors (only)**

**What: After Grad Party**

**Where: Crowne Plaza in Clayton**

**When: Sunday, May 15, 2011 - 10 p.m. - 2 a.m. (no admittance after midnight)**

**How Much: \$40 - tickets can be purchased in the commons during lunches starting April 25**

**All attendees must purchase a ticket in advance and must have returned a signed Guidelines & Waiver Form**

**Dress is casual. Non-date event.**

## **Ladue Choirs**

Congratulations to the Ladue Choirs for their performances at the Missouri State High School Activities Association State Choir Festival Wednesday, March 9th, at Lindbergh HS. The Combined Women's Chorale received a One (Superior) rating, the Women's Ensemble received a One (superior) rating, and the Baritone Choir received a Two (Excellent) rating.

*Special thanks...* goes out to the Shepherd Foundation for all the support it has given to Ladue Horton Watkins High School over the past years. This year the Shepherd Foundation made a generous donation to the E.X.C.E.L. Program. This program helps incoming freshman transition into the high school. The donation allowed the team to introduce the students to innovative processes used in plastics and solar energy. These concepts will help students carry over information and knowledge to other classes and real world applications.

***Olivette Photography Exhibit***  
***Olivette Community Center***  
***April 9-12***

Twenty-six LHWHS Photography students have work included in this county wide exhibit.

Honors are as follows:

***High School Black and White Division:***

Chad Chapnick Grade 9

*Best of Show and First Place*

Sarah Rothberg Grade 12

*Second Place*

Riley Shelley Grade 9

*Honorable Mention*

***High School Experimental Division:***

Jeff Orr Grade 10

*First Place*

***Young Artist Showcase***

The following students had art work accepted into the Young Artist Showcase at the Artists' Guild Gallery at Oak Knoll Park.

Ingrid Kocher (3rd Prize)

Elizabeth Ornitz (4th Prize)

Andrew Rubin (Honorable Mention)

Peter Boudoures

Xunyi Gao

Julia Heins

Mariel Heins

Ricky Isbell

Desiree Morales

Carly Mandel

Clare Misko

Anna Olson

Sarah Rothberg

Lindsay Ruck

Austin Schaefer

Curtis Walls

Lauren Younge

***TEAMS Competition***

Congratulations to the 9th & 10th grade team of students who placed first overall in Missouri for the TEAMS competition (Tests of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science). In addition, the team of Stella Schindler, Jialin Ding, Sam Crowder, Emily Chu, Max Schindler, Haohang Xu, Runpeng Liu, and Collin Christner achieved the highest score in the nation on the multiple choice section of the exam, scoring 71 out of 80 points. The next closest team scored a 67. The results of the national competition will be announced in early May.

The Young Artist Showcase is a juried exhibition highlighting artwork from high school students within a 150 mile radius from the Artists' Guild. The juror this year was Tuan Nguyen. The exhibit runs through May 6, 2011.

**Join us for a Celebration of Local History**

Take a stroll into Ladue's past and learn the story of a thriving bordello, a racetrack, slave owners, gypsies, Peter A. Ladue's demise, and the men who left their names on city's streets. A documented and illustrated history of Ladue's first century by author Charlene Bry - "Ladue Found"

Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 11 am to 2 pm

Ladue Horton Watkins High School - Performing Arts Center

Enjoy a performance by the Ladue High School Strolling Strings. Proceeds For the book will be donated to the Ladue Historical Scholarship Fund. Books will be on sale at the event – Great Mother's Day gift!

For additional information contact: Terry Badgett/tbadgett@ladue.k12.mo.us

# **LADUE ATHLETICS HONORS AND AWARDS**

## ***BOYS BASKETBALL***

Will Childs-Klein--First Team All District  
First Team All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Fox Tournament)  
Mitch Montaldo--First Team All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Fox Tournament)  
Cornell Johnston--Second Team All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Fox Tournament)  
Malcolm Early--Second Team All Conference  
Ryan Daniels--Honorable Mention All Conference  
Jehu Chesson--Honorable Mention All Conference

## ***GIRLS BASKETBALL***

Suburban East Conference Champions

Lauren Maclin--Suburban East Player of the Year, First Team All Conference,  
All Tournament Team (Fox and Affton Tournaments)  
Taylor Robinson--First Team All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Fox Tournament)  
Kate Holloway--First Team All Conference  
Liz Greenberg--Second Team All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Affton Tournament)  
Kiyerra Mems--Honorable Mention All Conference  
All Tournament Team (Fox Tournament)  
Claire Milton--Honorable Mention All Conference  
Cord Dockery--Suburban East Coach of the Year

## ***WRESTLING***

Suburban East Conference Champions  
Owen Blyth--3rd Place State, 3rd Team All Metro  
Brock Ridenour--State Qualifier  
Grant Sachs--State Qualifier  
Justin Mann--State Qualifier  
Chris Shirley--State Qualifier

## ***GIRLS SWIMMING***

9th Place State  
Maddie Wall--3rd Place State (200 Ind. Medley)  
3rd Place State (100 Butterfly)  
2nd Team All Metro  
Etinosa Ogbevoen--3rd Place State (50 Freestyle)  
5th Place State (100 Freestyle)  
2nd Team All Metro

200 Freestyle Relay--15th Place State (Wall, Ogbevoen, Helen You, Lizzie Green)  
400 Freestyle Relay--5th Place State (Wall, Ogbevoen, You, Riley Merdinian)

**LADUE HORTON WATKINS HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-11**

Thurs., April 28	Senior Award Night, 7 p.m.
Wed., May 11	Last Day for Seniors
Thurs., May 12	Graduation Rehearsal, 9:30 a.m.
Sun., May 15	Graduation, 5 p.m.
Thurs., May 19	Final Exams
Fri., May 20	Final Exams
Mon. - Tues., May 23 - 24	Final Exams /Half day (11:50 a.m. dismissal)
Tues., May 24	Last Day of Classes for Students

***The Ram Pride Award***

The following students were awarded with the Ram Pride Award at an all school assembly on April 15. Each staff member selected one student to receive this award. The Ram Pride Award Honors students who exemplify honesty, respect, responsibility, self-discipline or any other criteria deemed important by the nominating staff member.

**Congratulations Ram Pride Recipients!**

Heather Alton	Eliza Colby	Emily Isaacs	Clare Misko
Katherine Amrein	Grace Copeland	Kelly Jacobs	Abigail Mitchell
Chloe An	Reinhardt Criss	Quentin Johnson	Evelina Mkrtychyan
Abdulai Bah-Jalloh	Hannah Cropf	Margaret Jordan	Mitch Montaldo
Jesse Baker	John Crowley	Emma Kindt	Eddie Mungai
Anne Beath	Melanie Cytron	Sarah Kirchgessner	Camden Newton
Veronica Benduski	Barbara Dageforde	Eva Klingenberg	Faith Nichols
Derek Bergman	Ryan Daniels	Andrew Kloppenburg	Don Nickels
Emily Biest	Leonardo Di Cera	Maggie Knoedelseder	Josephine Peterson
Emily Binger	Blake Eastman	Ingrid Kocher	Nicole Pey
Owen Blyth	Peter Eckelmann	Samuel Koenig	Aaron Purnell
Daniel Boland	Antonio Escobar	Ashley Koesterer	Zari Rhodes
Peter Boudoures	Salar Fadavi	Alexandra Komorek	Andrew C. Rubin
Adria Brown	Sydney Fontaine	Adam Kopp	Wah Wah San
Bianca Brown	Matthew Fox	Milkiase Kumlachew	Fred Sanders
Taylor Brown	Katherine Gandlmayr	Molly Laycob	Julie Schaaf
Anna Buchanan	Jordan Garner	Zachary Levens	Neeti Shenoy
Kelsey Burrus	John Gaskin III	Benjamin Levy	Danielle Spellman
Madeline Cewe	Hannah Geesey	Joseph Maenza	Madison Thomas
Douglas Chapnick	Aisha Ghodbane	Robin Mayfield	Riley Thomsen
Jackie Chen	Christopher Goeckner	Gretchen Mc Carthy	Melissa Trelstad
Lindsey Chervitz	Kynnedi Grant	Timothy Mc Cormick	Ashley Turner
William Childs-Klein	Levi Greenberg	Kendall Mc Donald	Samantha Weil
Yunli Chu	Alex Guenther	Hugh Mc Monigle	Ambrosia Worthington
Dina Clark	Emily Harris	Yodit Mekonnen	
Sarah Cohen	Julia Heins	Joseph Milton	

## LADUE DADS CLUB

*“Supporting Our Kids for over 50 Years”*

Ladue Horton Watkins High School  
1201 South Warson Road  
Ladue, Mo. 63124  
<http://www.laduedadsclub.com/>

April/May 2011

Dear Horton Watkins Supporters,

Golfers and Tournament Helpers, reserve June 1, 2011. That is the date for the “9<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladue High School Golf Tournament” sponsored by the Dads Club. This year the tournament will be played at Forest Park; the Hawthorn and Dogwood Courses. Lunch and dinner is included. There will be prizes and auction items. Register and pay by May 13<sup>th</sup> for the reduced fee of \$150. Staff and faculty pay \$100. Singletons as well as foursomes are invited. A registration form is contained herein. More details to follow. If you have questions or want to help, contact Tournament Chairman Rich Jarrett at [gatewayrj@att.net](mailto:gatewayrj@att.net) or 314-954-7511.

So far this year the Dads Club has provided \$22,000 for projects affecting 2,231 Horton Watkins High School students. You will recall the total enrollment is 1,242. Most recently, the Dads Club sponsored the Ram Pride Breakfast. By the end of the school year, we will have contributed more than \$30,000 to help our kids.

The Dads Club is able to do what it does because of the support you provide. That support includes tax deductible charitable contributions you make to the Dads Club. It also includes your help with the many projects and events the Dads Club sponsors. They include the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Trivia Night held April 9<sup>th</sup>, the Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament last March and the many BBQ projects. All of these are in addition to the Annual Ladue High School Golf Tournament mentioned previously.

Without you, the Dads Club could not do what it does for our kids. Please know we are most appreciative and very grateful! Also know, we need and want your help. Please join us.

We meet the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings start at 6:30pm in Room 116 at the High School. We hope to see you there. Concurrently, where ever you see the Dads Club “working” and want to participate, introduce yourself and “jump in.” It is as easy as that!

Sincerely,

*Gary M. Hollingsworth*

Gary M. Hollingsworth, CPA  
President



9<sup>th</sup> Annual

*Horton Watkins High School*

*Golf Tournament*

*Sponsored by  
The Ladue Dads Club*

*June 1, 2011*

**Forest Park Golf Course**

*(Hawthorn & Dogwood Courses)*

12:00 - 12:30 pm Registration & Lunch (Dinner afterwards)

1:00 pm Four Person Scramble - Shotgun Start

Singletons or Foursomes

Register & Pay by May 13<sup>th</sup> for \$150 Per Player,  
\$175 After May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Golfer #1** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #2** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #3** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Golfer #4** \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Ladue High School Golf Tournament Payment Form

Mail to Dads Club, Ladue High School, 1201 South Warson Road, Ladue, MO 63124 or

Fax to Christina Schlager, 314-994-1467

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payment by Check \_\_\_ or Credit Card \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard. Card Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVC # \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*(Ladue Dads Club, Inc. is a Not For Profit 501 (c) 3 Corporation Federal Tax ID 20-0020961)*

For additional information contact Rich Jarrett; [gatewayrj@att.net](mailto:gatewayrj@att.net) or (314) 954-7511.

## News You Can Use from the LHWHS Parent Association!

Committed to developing innovative ways to improve the experience of students, staff and parents at the high school, the LHWHS Parent Association provides a framework and collective voice for parents to integrate into our school community through communication, collaboration, parent education, and volunteer opportunities.

### What has your Parent Association accomplished recently?

- Raised \$16,000 for the Ladue Scholarship Fund at Dollars For Scholars! Scholarships will be awarded at Senior Awards Night, April 28.
- Sponsored Post Prom at Dave & Buster's
- Financial assistance for Habitat for Humanity trip
- Co-sponsorship of the Annie Fox presentation at LMS
- Provided conference dinners for teachers
- Refreshments for College & Career Office meeting and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting

### Thank you!

- To Sherrie Hodgins and committee for a wonderful Post Prom at Dave and Buster's. We truly appreciate our parent chaperones who so generously donated their time in the middle of the night. A good time was had by all, and we had an outstanding group of students attend. We appreciate the financial assistance provided by the Dads Club!
- To Carolyn Jaeger and committee for providing two outstanding meals for our teachers prior to Spring Conferences.
- To the Hospitality Committee for refreshments at the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent meeting, and the College & Career Office meeting.

### Upcoming Events and Opportunities

**Staff Appreciation Breakfast:** Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00AM. Please contact Stefanie Moore at [mocho-cl8@hotmail.com](mailto:mocho-cl8@hotmail.com) if you are available to help.

**Class of 2011 Parents:** Plans are well underway for our After Grad celebration, a fun night of music, dancing, casino games and amazing prizes. We still need your help. Please make a donation to help subsidize the prizes and/or volunteer to help chaperone the party. Contact After Grad chair Barb Smith [Bsmith5500@aol.com](mailto:Bsmith5500@aol.com) to find out what you can do to help ensure this event is extra special for our graduates.

**eScrip:** Remember to use your card every time you shop! It really does make a difference! If you don't have an eScrip card, please contact our eScrip coordinator Kelley Gaines at [kelley.gaines@sbc-global.net](mailto:kelly.gaines@sbc-global.net) to get signed up and start earning for the high school! Kelley can also check to see if you are currently signed up as a LHWHSPA eScrip supporter.

**Website – Communication Platform** [www.LadueHighPA.com](http://www.LadueHighPA.com):

- Please enter your information onto our [web site](#), access code: 09428.
- Shop online and support the LHWHSPA: <http://lhwhs.pplshare.com/affiliates>
- To sponsor the site, contact Sophia Tarlas at [starlas@earthlink.net](mailto:starlas@earthlink.net). Thank you to our current sponsors, Dielmann Sotheby's International Realty, Teachers as Tutors and Transitional Life Solutions LLC.
- Have you paid your dues? It's never too late!

**Weekly emails:** Contact Diane at [dpatershuk@gmail.com](mailto:dpatershuk@gmail.com) to receive our weekly reminders.

We are pleased to announce our **2011-2012 LHWSPA Executive Committee**, elected at our Annual Meeting in March:

President: Diane Patershuk [dpatershuk@gmail.com](mailto:dpatershuk@gmail.com)

12th Grade Vice-President: Tricia Soncasie [tsoncasie@aol.com](mailto:tsoncasie@aol.com)

11th Grade Vice-President: Nancy Spewak [rspewak@earthlink.net](mailto:rspewak@earthlink.net)

10th Grade Vice-President: Laura Fedder [feddcrew5@aol.com](mailto:feddcrew5@aol.com)

9th Grade Vice-President: Sherrie Hodgins [JSBJSTL@aol.com](mailto:JSBJSTL@aol.com)

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Parent District Council Representative: Linda Wielansky [Slamw4@yahoo.com](mailto:Slamw4@yahoo.com)

We are grateful for your support and welcome your questions and comments!

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*St Louis Section of the American Chemical Society*

Runpeng Liu was honored by the St Louis Section of the American Chemical Society at the Awards Night Banquet with other honors winners of the High School Chemistry Contest on April 11. This qualified Runpeng for the National Chemistry Olympiad Exam given April 16 at the St Louis Community College at Florissant Valley. Congratulations to Runpeng!

**TRIP OF A LIFETIME  
PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AT THE JCCA GALLERY  
MARCH-JUNE 2011**

ZOE KROUSE  
Grade 11

Photo Essay of the artist's journey with the Cultural Leadership program, summer 2010. The program and travel is designed to gain insights of diverse cultures in order to develop understanding, appreciation and respect.

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No Vacation from Reading  
by  
Student Support Services

A Google search about the *loss of reading achievement over the summer* yields more than 20 pages of articles. Since the 1970s, numerous studies have noted that one major way to decrease summer learning loss and bridge the achievement gap is reading. Research done in the last ten years shows that summer reading is associated with stronger **overall achievement**, not just differences in reading scores. Regardless of race, socioeconomic level or previous achievement, researcher J. S. Kim (*American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Mass, 2009*) found that students who read consistently during summer months score better on comprehension tests in the fall than peers who do not.

R. Allington and A. McGill-Franzen reinforce the need to read in *The Impact of Summer Setback on the Reading Achievement Gap* (9/2003). "Regardless of other activities, the best predictor of loss or gain is whether or not one reads during the summer." Students at every level need to read outside of school. One study cites as much as a 10,000-word gap between readers and non-readers by the high school years. Those who read possess significantly increased vocabularies compared to non-readers.

Research by D. Hayes and J. Grether indicates that differences of 2.7 years in achievement are **not** connected to the pace at which students learn during the school year, but instead are connected to the loss suffered during cumulative summers of non-reading. Jim Trelease writes about the "summer setback as the smoking gun in the reading gap" in articles published in 2005, 2006 and 2007. The definitive, classic 1978 study, *Summer Learning and the Effects of Schooling* by B. Heyns, notes that the "number of books read during the summer is consistently related to academic gains." Students in every income group who read six or more books over the summer gained more in reading and general achievement than those who did not.

In short, build reading time into vacation months. Set goals to read for 30 minutes daily or one book a week. *Unleash the Power of Reading* in yourself (K. Stephen, 1993) because "reading as a leisure activity is the best predictor of comprehension, vocabulary and speed." In addition, outstanding high-school writers report extensive summer reading. Summer reading is cumulative and results in stronger comprehension, vocabulary, grammatical development, spelling and writing style. Come see Mrs. Curran in Room 141 if you'd like some books to take home for the summer with no worry about due dates or waterlogged pages while at the beach! Relax with a great book!

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2011 SENIOR DIRECTED ONE-ACT PLAYS  
WILL BE PERFORMED MAY 6 AND MAY 7 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE BLACK BOX

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**Fill the Bus**

Thank you to those who contributed to the Fill the Bus District wide canned food drive on March 16th. This drive was supported by the Culinary Arts class who donated \$100 of their profits from the pizza bagel and crepe sales to buy over 300 cans and boxes of mac & cheese. They also helped load them on the bus when it arrived Wednesday, March 16th. Our cafeteria staff contributed almost 100 to reach a total of 494 for the high school. Hunger Outreach Project also donated \$300. All together the district donated 3,372 cans and \$370 in cash. Half of the bus was unloaded at the Jewish Food Pantry and the other half went on to St. Patrick's Center.

### ***May 20 Schedule Change***

Due to the number of snow days this year, the high school is a little short on required time in school according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. As a result, May 20 will be a full day of school rather than a half day. Please see the revised schedule for final exams below.

### ***May 19, 2011***

PERIOD	STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME
B1 (Class)	7:40 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
B2 (Class)	8:45 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
B4 (Class)	9:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
B3 (Class)	10:50 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
<b>Lunches - during B3 Class</b> <i>TBA</i>		
W8 Final Exam	12:20 p.m.	2:20 p.m.

### ***May 20, 2011***

PERIOD	STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME
B2 (Class)	7:40 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
B1 (Final)	8:45 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
B4 (Class)	10:50 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
<b>Lunches - During B4 Class</b> <i>TBA</i>		
B3 Final Exam	12:20 p.m.	2:20 p.m.

### ***May 23, 2011***

PERIOD	STARTING TIME	ENDING TIME
W6 Final Exam	7:40 a.m.	9:40 am
W7 Final Exam	9:50 a.m.	11:50 a.m.

### ***May 24, 2011***

B4 Final Exam	7:40 a.m.	9:40 a.m.
W5 Final Exam	9:50 a.m.	11:50 am

LHWHS Parents & Student:

Unfortunately, people steal and students at high schools or middle schools are not immune to this. Statistics show that people ages 12-17 are more likely to be victims of property crimes than adults, and most of these crimes occur while at school.

Here are a few steps students can follow to help protect themselves from becoming part of these statistics:

1. Do not bring valuables to school. Leave your valuable items at home unless they are necessary to the learning experience.
2. Never leave valuables unattended. The majority of reported thefts result from students leaving items unattended in classrooms, halls, locker rooms, or at lunch. This includes leaving these items on a desk while standing just a few feet away. Keep your valuables on your person.
3. Always secure your locker. Ensure the locker is properly closed and there are not any items preventing it from sealing shut. Double-check and rotate the lock's dial to ensure it cannot be pulled open.
4. Be aware of your surroundings. Pay attention to who is around you and what is happening. The best way to prevent thefts and practice safety is for students to take a proactive approach to protect not only themselves, but also their peers.

Detective Ken Andreski  
Ladue Police Department

### ***Summer School Information***

Due to budgetary limitations, summer school will be limited to core credit recovery courses only for 2011. This will allow students who have failed a core course in math, science, social studies, or English to make up that credit. Please check with the counseling office for more information.

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