

HIGHLIGHTS

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Winter Activities Gain Momentum

Numerous Fine Arts events were held this winter, including the **Festival of Music**, which combined choruses and bands. This year's **Pops Concert** was dedicated to the memory of *Lancer for Life* Daniel Christophe, who was a 2004 graduate and had been a member of the Marching Band and the Student Council.

This year's **Jazz Swing Concert** marked the 10th anniversary of our association with the Glen Ellyn Jazz Ensemble, which once again provided musical accompaniment for the choir and the senior soloists who performed for an appreciative audience of our Distinguished Senior Citizens, family, and friends.

IHSA Music Solo and Ensemble Contest - Choral students Hannah Jones, Liz Hutchinson and Diane Toomey were selected to the All State Choir.

The drama department's **Winter Play** was *Two Precious Maidens Ridiculed & The Doctor in Spite of Himself* and the **Winter Musical** was *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Mathletes enjoyed a highly successful year by qualifying for the State Competition on April 27 & 28.

Chess Team qualified for the State Tournament and placed 62nd out of 125 teams at the tournament.

Family Career & Community Leaders of America - 12 students qualified for State Competition in Springfield; 6 received Gold Medals, 3 Silver Medals, and 1 received a Bronze Medal.

Science Team qualified for the State Contest in Champaign and placed 7th overall. They received 7 top 4 medals in their division.

DECA / USA - 30 members participated in the State DECA Competition and 3 qualified for the National Competition.

Group Interpretation had 16 contestants. *Into the Woods* placed 3rd at the IHSA Sectional Contest. They also placed 9th at the State Contest.

Contest Play- *The Cover of Life* placed 2nd at the IHSA Sectional Contest and 10th at State.

The **Winter Guard** enjoyed an historic winter season. The squad was ranked first in the nation during most of the season, winning several competitions, including the Midwest Regional, the Midwest Circuit Championship, and the St. Louis Regional. They then placed 3rd in the World at the International Contest, where they competed against 117 Guards in the Scholastic A Division.

Three Lancers for Life were inducted into the **Alumni Hall of Fame**. They are Candice A. Bowen, Kathryn (Frank) Krasnewich and Christian Lachel - all members of the class of 1991. Pat Buchenot, Director of Activities, stated, "We spent a wonderful day with these distinguished alums, sharing their stories and their passion for learning and life with our current Lancers."

The ninth annual **Mother Son Banquet** had 93 mothers and sons enjoying an evening of dinner, dancing, and hearing the SADD/Lancers for Life message about making safe decisions.

Exchange Programs - This is the tenth anniversary of our association with sister school, the Helene-Lange-Gymnasium, in Hamburg, Germany. Our largest group of students will leave for Hamburg in June to live with host families and visit cultural, educational, and historical sites.

The **Junior Class Council** sponsored its annual Mr. Lancer Contest that gives our Junior & Senior boys a chance to vie for the coveted title and show off the *Spirit of the Lancer*. Eight contestants vied for the title and Emilio Ramirez won.

Charitable Donations - LP students and staff continue to give back to the community, including:

- **Thespians** raised \$750 for the Illinois Military Family Relief Fund in memory of Paul Latourney, class of 1998, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq.

- **SADD/Lancers for Life Battle of the Bands** just raised nearly \$1,500 for the Mr. Holland's Opus Fund.

- WC annual **Hoops 4 Hearts** 3-on-3 basketball tournament raised \$3,423 for the American Heart

Association.

District Develops Crisis Management Plan

The District is developing a Crisis Management Plan, based on the National Incident Management System, which details how it will operate during critical incidents affecting students, faculty, staff or facilities. It is designed to provide guidance for staff who discover or are notified of any critical incident. The plan provides flexibility and adaptability to a wide variety of situations including incidents such as severe weather,

school bus accident, plane crash, hostage situation or the pandemic flu.

LPHS already has numerous security measures in place, including:

Both buildings are locked down during school hours and visitors must enter through main entrances which are monitored by staff.

Hall monitors continually walk around

the buildings assisting in student management and security.

Access is controlled via swipe cards during school hours and access codes for staff after hours.

Communication devices include Nextel phones and two-way radios.

A uniformed police resource officer is in each building daily.

Both buildings hold a minimum of 3 fire, 2 tornado, and 3 bus drills evacuation drills each school year.

Board Approves Bond Sale to Finance Capital Projects

As discussed at last month's Board meeting, numerous capital improvements have been outlined in the District's capital improvement plan. Projects are divided into Life Safety and District project needs. Major Life Safety projects include replacing the boilers (\$1.2 million), resurfacing the driver's education lot (\$530,000), and replacing the chillers (\$500,000).

Three major District projects being considered by the Board include renovations to the WC auditorium and its lobby and renovations to the ESC building.

Total estimated cost for all projects (Life Safety and District) is \$8.7 million. Financing for these projects will be through District cash reserves of nearly \$2 million and the sale of up to \$6.5

million in limited tax debt certificates.

Costs for the District projects include \$1.5 million earmarked towards renovating or moving the Educational Service Center, \$1 million for renovations to the WC auditorium, and \$660,000 for the addition of a lobby to the WC auditorium.

New Phone System Needed

The District will be purchasing a new phone/voice mail system to replace the outdated analog system, which is 15 years old. The new voice mail system will allow in-house initiation of mass calling to District employees and parents. Currently, the District uses an outside vendor which charges \$200 per month to provide the service.

In addition to that \$2,400 annual cost savings, the new system eliminates the need for 265 Centrex lines, which saves an additional \$12,000 each year. The Board voted to approve the purchase of the new system by Forward Telecommunications Services for \$184,166.49 which includes the purchase, installation, and training.

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"Saving the World" Presentation

Concerned about global warming, Mrs. Roll's 7th hour Chemistry class presented "Saving the World" - their ideas on how LPHS can help save the environment while also saving money. In looking at ways LPHS already conserves energy, they discovered there are occupancy sensors, dimming lights,

and classroom wiring which allows using only half the light in the room.

They suggested using two lights rather than three in the classrooms which have windows and one light in the hallways rather than three during passing periods. If LPHS did this, they calculated that \$9,000 could be saved annually.