

Spring Musical slated for March

The Cast & Crew of Lansing Catholic High School's

Cinderella

*would like to invite you
to see their show*

March 5, 6, 12, 13

Lansing Catholic HS Auditorium

7 p.m.

Tickets? Call 267-2187



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LANSING CATHOLIC
PARENT NEWSLETTER

Parent Update

Upcoming Events

- January 27
Talent Show 7 p.m.
- January 29
Sadie Hawkins Dance
After game - 11 p.m.
- February 5
Catholic Schools Week
Mass - 8:10 a.m.
- February 7
Community Information
Day 1-3 p.m.
- February 10
Conferences 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Cougar Club 7 p.m.
- February 11
No School
Faculty Retreat
- February 12 & 15
No School
Winter Weekend
- February 15
Tuition Due
- February 17
All School Mass 8:10 a.m.
- February 24
Mid-Winter Concert 7 p.m.
- March 5 & 6
Spring Musical 7 p.m.
- March 12 & 13
Spring Musical 7 p.m.
- March 15
National Latin Exam 8 a.m.
Tuition Due
- March 26
End of 3rd Quarter
- March 29
Sports Banquet



Students help others for the holidays

The holiday season is a little bit brighter when we can share our plenty with others. Many of the students at Lansing Catholic experienced that lesson this year as we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas for fifteen families in need of assistance this year. Homerooms teamed up to provide a Thanksgiving food basket to the families. Students made sure that all of the trimmings for a spectacular meal were included for the turkey feast. Boxes of food, including a gift card for the perishables, went home to the families on November 24th, just in time for the cooking marathon.

Overwhelmed with the generosity, families sent pictures of their feasts, brought us homemade pies, and regaled us with great Thanksgiving stories. Several families reported to us that the provisions made it possible for them to host Thanksgiving for their families for the first time. Another family told of people living on their street that were planning to skip the holiday. The turkey and trimmings LCHS students provided made it possible for that family to spread the joy of giving and invite those people into their home to enjoy the bounty.

Not satisfied with providing only a Thanksgiving meal, LCHS students accepted the challenge of providing a Christmas meal and gifts to the same families. A flurry of gift purchasing, wrapping, and packing the boxes followed. The sight of Christmas food and gifts for fifteen families was quite something to behold as students brought more than a dozen cafeteria tables to the front to help in an effort to organize the distribution. Several students assisted with the distribution, pushing carts and loading gifts into waiting cars. Senior Beth Wilcox reflected on her participation and concluded, "I enjoyed passing out the presents and food to the Christmas families. Seeing their joy and appreciation over things as simple as green beans made me stop and think about things in my life that I take for granted." Joy is an apt word – it was everywhere that day. Students experienced as much joy giving to these Christmas families did in receiving.

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Office Notes

Volunteers Needed for Work-a-thon

Our sixth annual work-a-thon is scheduled for Friday, April 23 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. We are looking for many interested adults to help us be of service to the greater Lansing community. This is your invitation! Sign up by calling Mr. Moore at 267-2115 today.

Email Update

In order to improve communication with our families, we continue to send out e-mail notices regarding upcoming school events. Please review your e-mail addresses listed in your Skyward Family Access accounts and let us know any of any changes.

No School Days

There will be no school on February 11, 12 and 15 for winter weekend.

Spring Break Mission Trip Forms Available

Students who are interested in attending the 2010 Mission Trips over Spring Break - forms are available on the school website, www.lansingcatholic.org. Students, staff and parents will once again be traveling to Montgomery, Alabama and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Questions can be directed to Mr. Moore at 267-2115.

Summer Sports & Activities Camps

Do you have a young Cougar that is interested in one of our summer sports and activities camps? Our 2010 dates have been set and are now available on our school website, www.lansingcatholic.org. Visit our home page and download a copy of the registration form. Questions about our camps can be directed to athletic director, Mr. Kimball at 267-2113.



Lansing Catholic student earns DAR Good Citizen Award



Congratulations to Arnaud Muhimpundu of Lansing Catholic High School for being chosen as his high school's Good Citizen, through the DAR Good Citizen's program, sponsored by the Lansing chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Possessing a high degree of leadership, patriotism and dependability, Arnaud is held in high esteem by his peers and teachers. Arnaud has participated in numerous school and community projects, gaining practical, life-learning experiences that will continue to shape his future ideals and goals.

The DAR Good Citizens Program is an annual event to which high school seniors in the Lansing area are invited to participate.

Arnaud Muhimpundu is the son of Alphonsine Busabusa of East Lansing, Michigan.

National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist Announced



Senior Cassandra Flores was named a semifinalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program. She is one of 16,000 academically talented high school seniors earning this designation.

The National Achievement Program, conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Program, is a privately financed academic competition initiated in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Program. It annually recognizes students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a number of the most outstanding participants.

Cassandra is the daughter of Catherine Sanford of Lansing.

Dividends For Life - Catholic Schools Week 2010

Join us for Catholic Schools Week festivities during the week of January 31-February 6. We have many activities going on for students, staff, parents and the community!

Sunday, January 31

Snow Games

Snow Games will take place at the high school from 3-5 p.m. Events are open to all Lansing Catholic students and staff. Please join us for a few outdoor grade level competitions to begin Catholic Schools Week. If the weather conditions do not support these events - join us for Wii games indoors!

Spaghetti Dinner - sponsored by DeLuca's Restaurant

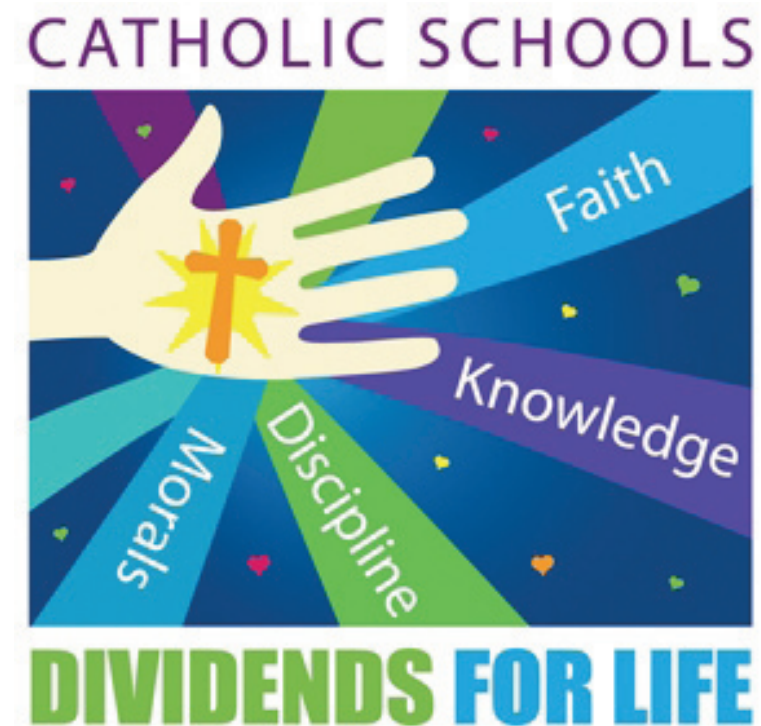
The annual-alumni sponsored spaghetti dinner will run from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All are welcome! Join us following snow games for a great meal and good times. DeLuca's Restaurant is sponsoring our dinner along with cookies by Tom's Mom! Tickets are available for the following prices: Adult - \$10, High School students with ID - \$8, Children (6-13) - \$5, Family (up to 5) - \$25, Children (5 and under) - Free. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door. Please contact Colleen Murray for tickets, 267-2109.

Monday, January 31 - Thursday, January 4

Lansing Catholic will be getting into the Catholic Schools week spirit by participating in theme dress days and spirit lunch games. Attire will be announced at a later date.

Friday, January 5

Catholic Schools Week mass will take place on Friday beginning at 8:05 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. All are welcome!



Event Info Relay for Life

Lansing Catholic will host its third annual Relay for Life on June 4 & 5. Join us to show your support for overnight adventure by walking, volunteering time by running special events throughout the day and just spending time with the community. We greatly appreciate all you can do to help make our event a success both in participation and dollars raised to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Stay tuned for information in later newsletters on how you can get involved!

Spring Kairos Info

The Winter Kairos Retreat will be held March 16-19 at Bethany House in DeWitt. This 3½ day retreat is for juniors and seniors. Forms will be available outside the Campus Ministry Office or from the school website. Spots are limited so pick up your form today! For more information contact Mr. Moore at 267-2115.

Registration Information for the 2010-11 School Year

On January 15, grade level registration information meetings were held for students in 9-11 grades. Students learned about required courses they will be taking and elective courses that students should consider taking in the 2010-11 school year. At this meeting students were given a recommendation sheet and a course description catalog. Teacher recommendations are required for every class and teachers will base their recommendations on the student's present performance. Students that receive an honors course recommendation are not required to take the honors course; they may take regular level courses.

Beginning January 16, families have an opportunity to select classes online using the student account in Skyward Family Access. The Family Access link is available on our school website, www.lansingcatholic.org. Students should select the classes that are listed on their recommendation sheet. Web course selection will end on February 2.

The counselors will meet with students to verify course selection and review their graduation requirement progress. Students must bring their signed recommendation form to this meeting; held during their Theology class.

Student/counselor meetings will be:
Freshmen - February 3
Sophomores - February 5
Juniors - February 9

Registration packets will be mailed home beginning February 22. This mailing will contain registration materials for next year, including confirmation of course requests, financial agreement form/tuition calculation worksheet and financial aid forms. These forms should be filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. The \$100 registration fee, per student, is due by April 1. After April 1, the registration fee will increase to \$150 per student.

The deadline for all family initiated course changes is April 1. Also all requests for a waiver meeting must be completed by this date.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, please contact Kathy McManus at 267-2124.

We are all called to share in the mission of Christ

A Note from Father Gordon Reigle

In this Year for Priests, I have been working with the theology department to explore the vocational possibilities of our students. We all have a vocation, a calling, a mission from God. For most of us, that calling will be to live our lives as mothers and fathers. Since we are more familiar with the vocation of marriage, I have been concentrating this year on introducing the students to religious life (spiritual motherhood and fatherhood) through a series of visitors: Fr. Jerry Vincke (diocesan vocations director), Sr. Mary Ann Foggin & Sr. Rachel Benjamin of the Servants of God's Love (SGL), and others to come throughout the year. On Monday, January 11, Fr. Vincke and I spent the day visiting Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit with many of our young men who may be interested in diocesan priestly life. Since our youth do not get many opportunities to interact with religious sisters and brothers, I plan to continue to help our students experience the variety of spiritualities and religious vocations in the Church by bringing some of these communities into the school for a visit. May God bless us and help us all to discern the plans He has made for us!

Father Gordon can be reached at 267-2123 or by email at reigle@lansingcatholic.org.



5th Annual Student Fundraiser slated

The 2010 Student Fundraiser began this month with a special Kick-off celebration on January 22. LCHS alum, Mike Repovz C08 spoke at the kick-off inviting students to help build the future at Lansing Catholic. Like last year, our fundraiser is a pledge drive and we will be asking students to make a gift of \$15 from their personal resources. Our Student Leadership team is busy putting together the details for our 5th Annual Pledge Drive.

All dollars raised during the 2010 Student Fundraiser will benefit our Tuition Assistance fund. It was clear in our student fundraising committee meetings that students wanted to contribute to something significant! Throughout the year, our school community has been mindful of the needs of many both within our school community and the community at large. Earlier this year, our families were invited to share their blessings by making a gift to the Cost to Educate Fund. These dollars benefit tuition assistance and more than \$30,000 was raised to assist current families within our school. Likewise, our faculty and staff were also invited to join in this effort. They too responded admirably. Our students have rallied to support the needs in our community with a strong push to fill Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for a number of families. Continuing with this theme of serving others, proceeds from the 2010 Student Fundraiser will benefit tuition assistance here at Lansing Catholic



The Student fundraiser is designed to build unity among students, encourage a sense of ownership for our school, strengthen community, and raise student interest in our school's future planning. It is also an opportunity to teach the values of stewardship.

You, our parents can help us meet these objectives by encouraging your sons and daughters to actively participate in the 2010 Student Fundraiser. As Catholics, we are called to serve others, to share our blessings and to lighten their burdens whenever we can.

For many of our students, making a gift of \$15 is an achievable goal. Over the course of our three week fundraiser, that is just \$1 per day. Choosing not to buy that specialty coffee drink, go to a movie or stop for fast food after school are just a few of the ways our students can find the dollars to give to this fundraising event. Collecting cans, babysitting or doing an add job or two are other ways they can find the dollars to give to our student fundraiser. Perhaps you might consider matching the gift contributed by your son or daughter. This is a great way to support your child's efforts. All matching gifts will benefit the student's gift total and will earn them additional chances to win prizes.

One last request...Please pray for our success while you encourage and support your son or daughter in this important fundraising effort.

From the Tuition Office...

Tuition: Reminder: 2nd Semester tuition payments were due on the 15th of January. Payments not received in the school office by the 20th of the month will incur a \$15 late fee. T.R.I.P. credits earned from June 1 through November 30 and Meijer credits earned from May 1 through October 31, 2009 were posted to the tuition accounts in early December. Statements were included in the TRIP orders or were mailed. If you have not already done so, you may deduct those credits from your tuition payment. If you have any questions regarding the status of your tuition account, please call the Tuition Office at 267-2107.

Parish Subsidy: If you indicated on your registration form that you would be receiving a subsidy from your parish and you have not received your parish approval, please be aware that the subsidy amount (\$600 per student in most cases) remains your responsibility and is due in the Tuition Office by January 15, 2010. Any questions, please call Kris at 267-2107.

Tuition Assistance for 2010/11: Tuition assistance applications for grants from the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation will be available through the foundation's website www.glcef.org by the end of January. Applications must be mailed to Private School Aid Services and must be post-marked by March 8, 2010.

Applications for assistance through Lansing Catholic's Education

Opportunity Grant program will be included with registration materials. The deadline to apply is April 1, 2010. Both applications for tuition assistance require that you attach a complete copy of your 2009 Federal Tax Form 1040. Please contact the tuition office if you have any questions.

T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program): T.R.I.P. credits being earned now through May 31, 2010 will be applied to your 2010/11 tuition account as designated on your T.R.I.P. registration



form. Credits less than \$10 earned in a six month period will not be posted to the tuition accounts and will be retained by Lansing Catholic. Your T.R.I.P. or scrip credits earned at other area parishes and forwarded to Lansing Catholic on your behalf are treated like payments on your account. If you have questions about the amount of those credits or when those credits will be applied to your tuition account, please call the T.R.I.P./Scrip coordinator at your parish. Credits are earned on the date an order is processed. If you leave the school, the credits accrued are not transferable and will remain the property of

Lansing Catholic.

Reminder: Availability of gift certificates, merchant policies, and discount rates are subject to change without notice.

Meijer Community Rewards

Program: All school families are encouraged to participate in the Meijer Community Rewards Program to benefit our school. Families who are also registered in the school T.R.I.P. program may earn individual tuition credits. The school code # to designate your credit to Lansing Catholic is 775130. Credits earned through the Meijer program (less 10%) will be credited to personal tuition accounts two times annually in the same manner as the T.R.I.P. credits. Credits less than \$10 in a six month period will not be posted to the tuition accounts. Credits earned are not refundable or transferable. Friends and relatives can earn credit to be applied to your account but they must link to your Meijer card through the Meijer application. Purchases must be made with a Meijer credit card, cash, or a debit card. Simply scan your Meijer credit card or guest card each time you make a purchase and Lansing Catholic (or your own tuition account) will earn a credit. It's quick and easy! Applications are available online at Meijer.com/rewards.

If you have any questions, please call Kris Kazmirzack in the Tuition Office at 267-2107.

College Planning Update

Senior Parents:

1. Most of our seniors have submitted applications to at least their top two choices. Once they give Dr. Bernier the Counselor Page (one for each application) and their resume (one for each application), he will promise to send both, as well as the student's official transcript and test scores to each college within two days.
2. Dr. Bernier is hoping all applications, except perhaps Lansing Community College, have been submitted by now. There is little question, early applications enhance a student's chances for admission and for merit scholarships.
3. Letters of Recommendation. As a common courtesy, students should first ask any teacher, then give the teacher a copy of his/her resume, a paper or online recommendation form, a deadline, and a stamped envelope addressed to the college's admissions office. Dr. Bernier is getting disturbing reports from teachers that our students are simply assuming the teachers will write the letters and are not first asking. The process of asking gives the teacher the option of saying yes or no, and allows the student to select teachers who will give a positive recommendation. He is also hearing that students rarely say "thank you" to the teachers for writing such letters.

Juniors:

1. The mandatory "ACT with Writing" practice test workshop was conducted on January 6. Students should have received their scores and self-improvement tips by now. Students will take the "real" ACT on March 9, and will be advised to take it a second time in June. As a rule, a student's second score is usually the better score. Oddly enough, taking it more than twice doesn't seem to make much difference on the score.
2. The college planning project for juniors will occur during the third quarter. Included in the activities is a 1:1 consultation with Dr. Bernier, where a college plan will be discussed, with a copy will be mailed to the parents. As usual, parental reaction will be sought.

Sophomores and Freshmen:

1. Dr. Bernier will visit both classes soon after fall semester grades are posted. We will review college planning expectations for each level and will have a project for each student. Parents will be asked to sign each page of the project before it is returned by the student.

Important College Planning Dates for Students & Parents

Tuesday, January 26 - In Ms. Walker's Theology classes.

College planning project explained and assignments given.

Practice ACT scores returned, and the "Self-Help Method for Improving Your ACT Score" is assigned.

Monday, February 1 - In Ms. Walker's Theology classes.

Steps one and two of the project are due. They will be graded by Dr. B and returned the same hour.

Monday, February 8 - In Ms. Walker's Theology classes.

Step three of the project is due. It will be graded by Dr. B and returned the same hour.

Thursday, February 16 through Friday, March 26 - Mandatory individual student appointments with

Dr. B. Appointment sheets will be posted on Dr. B's office door. You are responsible for making and keeping your appointment time. Dr. B will review each student's project assignments and help the student develop a customized post high school plan.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (March 9, 10, 11) - Michigan Merit Exams. The state requires all juniors to take them. Free. Registration occurs at each high school in Michigan. Tests include the "real" ACT with Writing, Workkeys and the Michigan Components.