

Heritage 2 Campaign Launches this Fall

Some may say it has been a long time coming! While the projects slated for construction or renovation in this Campaign have remained the same, namely the Chapel, Music instruction classroom and the Auditorium, their location, size and finishes have changed!

These changes were made in response to an earlier Feasibility Study that suggested we take a closer look at the existing available spaces in our building and a way to reduce the scope of the project without compromising the needs of our school and our students. After much study, several proposals and preliminary drawings of what might be, we are ready to take the next step in the journey to build our future.

That future that includes:

The construction of a new Chapel that will offer a more reverent worship space for the benefit of all students; the Chapel will be positioned front and center in our building, a more visible sign of who we are! The Chapel will provide a worship space that accommodates not just a few handfuls of students at any one time, but rather two full grade levels (nearly 300 persons)!

The construction of a Music instruction classroom to serve the needs of both the band and choir programs, providing an acoustical environment with practice rooms, instrument storage, music library and more. This construction will allow for the movement of these programs out of the school's lower level and the conversion of the space currently occupied by the music program to become a girl's locker room.

A top to bottom renovation and expansion of the Auditorium that will include new seating, stage floor, sound and lighting enhancements, new finishes to all spaces (ceiling, walls, floor), HVAC, expanded back stage with storage and more!

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Student-Led Parent Conferences

Student led, parent teacher conferences are scheduled for October 12 & 13 from 4:30-8 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Please be sure to bring a copy of your child's schedule to conferences. Schedules can be accessed from your child's skyward account. Students should attend conferences with their parents. This is a great opportunity for students to take leadership towards understanding their progress and achievement in each of their classes.



Upcoming Events

- October 2 Hallway Decorating, 1-4 p.m.
Family Potlucks, 4 p.m.
Powderpuff Football, 5 p.m.
- October 3 No School - Regional PD Day
Hallway Decorating, 6-9 p.m.
- October 4 Homecoming All School Mass, 8 a.m.
Hallway Decorating, 3-5 p.m.
- October 7 Noon Dismissal - Spirit Day
CougarFest, 7-10 p.m.
- October 8 Homecoming Game, 2 p.m.
Homecoming Mass, 30 minutes after the
game for all alumni, friends and family
of Lansing Catholic
- October 11 Picture Retake Day
- October 12 PSAT for Juniors
Student-led Conferences, 4:30-8 p.m.
- October 13 No School
8th Grade Visit Day
Student-led Conferences, 4:30-8 p.m.
- October 14 No School
- October 15 Tuition Due

A Note from our Chaplain

Father Gordon Reigle

"Come, Lord Jesus!"

As the days grow shorter and winter approaches, we come to the end of our Liturgical Year. The final Sunday of our Church calendar—just before Advent—is Christ the King Sunday. This solemnity serves as a reminder that time is passing swiftly into eternity and Christ will eventually come again to judge the living and the dead. This thought is not meant to scare us but to prepare us for the coming of God's Kingdom and our final judgment (our 'entrance exam' for Heaven). This will be the ultimate Homecoming and all of our little homecomings should be a preparation for our final destination with the saints. As we celebrate Homecoming this October (and our holiday family gatherings to come such as Thanksgiving Day), let us keep the big picture in mind and ask ourselves, "How are we serving and preparing for God's Kingdom by our prayers, words and actions?"

Our fall schedule at Lansing Catholic is busy with extra-curricular activities, retreats for our freshman and junior classes, and community events such as Homecoming which keep us united. In terms of the Church calendar, October is remembered as the month of the rosary (Oct. 7th – Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary) and Respect Life Month (Oct. 2nd – Respect Life Sunday). As we celebrate Homecoming and the blessings of family, let us renew our commitment to family prayer (particularly the rosary) and actively protect the sanctity of life from conception until natural death by our prayers, witness, service to those in need and civic duties. And thank you, parents, for your faithfulness and witness to the sanctity of marriage, the family and human life in all of its stages. Our high school community is truly blessed by its holy families. Let us continue to pray with and for one another! – Fr. Gordon, LCHS Chaplain

Homecoming 2011

OUR AMERICA

Sunday, October 2

Homecoming week will begin on Sunday, October 2 with **Hallway Decorating, Class Pot-Lucks** and the **Annual Powderpuff Football Game**. School will not be in session on Friday, September 30 or Monday, October 1 so make sure you put this important date on your calendar so you don't miss out on the fun! Hallway decorating will be from 1-4 p.m., the class pot-lucks will take place at 4 p.m. and the Powderpuff football game will begin at 5 p.m. outside on the football field.

Monday, October 3

School will not be in session on this day but the evening will be full of **hallway decorating** from 6-9 p.m. Come out and help your classmates win the hallway decorating contest. Contest points will go towards the Spirit Trophy that will be awarded during the homecoming football game on Saturday, October 8.

Tuesday, October 4

We will begin this day by celebrating **Homecoming Mass** with Bishop Boyea beginning at 8:05 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. We welcome all family and friends to attend! In the evening, classes will wrap up **hallway decorating** from 3-5 p.m. Students will be in regular dress code on this day.

Wednesday & Thursday, October 5-6

Class dress-up days begin on Wednesday with the students earning points for participation. Wednesday, students will compete in Color Wars, wearing grade specific colors and earning points for each piece. On Thursday, students will dress up for Twins Day and match other classmates in the same outfits.

Friday, October 7

Students will begin this day with the **Homecoming Pep Rally!** Following our pep rally, students will participate with their homerooms in a variety of games and contests at our **Annual Spirit Day!** Points will be awarded to winning grade levels for the homecoming spirit trophy. Student dress for this day is Cougar Spirit wear!

Cougarfest will take place Friday evening. This event is a hit for all family, friends and alumni. Join us back under the tent for a night of food, cash bar and live music by Suzi & The Love Brothers (formally known as the Old Town Blues Band). Guests must be 21 to attend. Cost is \$10/person. Tickets can be purchased in advance at 267-2109 or at the door that night.

Saturday, October 8

Join us on Saturday for our 2011 **Homecoming Football Game** against the Portland Raiders beginning at 2 p.m. at LCHS. Lots of fun will take place during the game including honoring our 1970 O'Rafferty Boys Golf State Champions, our Triple A+ Award Recipients, and the crowning of our 2011 Homecoming King and Queen. You don't want to miss it!

Thirty minutes after the game we will celebrate **Mass** in the auditorium for all of our family and friends. Please come and join us!

The **Homecoming Dance** will take place Saturday evening from 8-11 p.m. Cut-off for the dance is 8:30 p.m. Dress attire is casual for this dance.

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT

From the Other End of the Building

People often ask, "Are you ready for all those crazy kids to return to school making your life harder?" The Property Services Staff work all year and the summer presents different challenges from the school year. We work on large building projects such as stripping and waxing all the floors, carpet cleaning all carpets and mats, re-surfacing the gym floor and working on our irrigation system just to name a few. During the school year we do more mundane yet unlimited work that puts us into contact with students and all that comes with that. Yet, we always look forward to the energy and spirit that pervades this facility from August till June. It is, after all, why we are here.

This month, the LCHS staff is having their annual instruction on how to use fire extinguishers. You might be interested to know that we, at LCHS, have a state-of-the-art fire safety system which was installed during our classroom remodeling of 2005. It not only has the obvious pull boxes but also has sensors installed in various locations in order to accomplish four things:

- evacuate the building if a smoke or fire threat occurs out of sight.
- to shut down the heating/air conditioning system so smoke will not be blown around the building.
- close hallway doors automatically to isolate the building into sections to, hopefully, to contain a fire.
- monitors the entire system with a master panel so we can tell where any alarm comes from without having to search the entire building.

This system is inspected annually and every component is tested and certified. Any component found to be working improperly is replaced. We take the safety of your children very seriously and we are always looking for ways to improve. I will discuss some of those in future articles. If you have any questions please Email me at wheeler@lansingcatholic.org. Blessings to you.

Heritage Campaign Continued

This auditorium renovation will provide a space that is infinitely more suitable and comfortable for performers and audience alike.

It will be an exciting year as we undertake this awesome challenge. We will need each and every member of our community to participate in every way they can to make the Heritage 2 Campaign the success we all want it to be. Together we will build a bright future for our students, our school and our community. Please keep all of us at Lansing Catholic in your prayers as we move forward.

To volunteer your time, talent and energy for the success of this effort or to learn more, call Mary Frank at 517-267-2114 or email her at frank@lansingcatholic.org.

Coming Soon SPIRIT & SONG

Join us on Friday, December 2 as we kick off the Christmas season with our Spirit and Song event at Perspective 2 Studio in Old Town. This event features a Wine and Beer tasting experience and entertainment by the Lansing Catholic Choir with solo and group performances for your listening pleasure. Also featured is a Silent Auction of our student's digital photography work. The photos have been outstanding and are perfect for framing and gift giving.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available from the Development Office (Colleen 267-2109) or at the door. This is a festive night sure to infuse your soul with good cheer.

Senior Picture Requirements

The 2011-12 senior portrait specs for the Lansing Catholic yearbook are as follows:

The Reflection staff needs to have your senior pictures delivered by October 29, 2011. They can either be delivered to Mrs. Kramarczyk at the high school or emailed.

All senior pictures are printed in color. We are also requesting that photos be submitted digitally if possible. It is our strong preference. If you are unable to submit digitally, glossy prints are still acceptable as long as they adhere to our specifications. (Glossy paper. No matte finish. No laser printer or jet printer prints. Must be a continuous tone print.)

Please adhere to these portrait specifications:

- Width: 1 2/3 inches
- Length: 2 inches
- Head size: 1 inches
- Background: Dark. Preferably Yearbook Gray, but it must be a dark color (black, brown, blue, etc.) No outdoor scenes. No wood. No bricks.

Please make sure your poses follow these guidelines:

- Head and shoulders pose with both eyes showing (no full body shots will be accepted)
- Color (no black and white images)
- No props (balls, jackets, pets, equipment, etc.)
- No hands should be showing in the picture
- No names or dates are allowed to be showing on the photo

Please make sure your digital images meet these guidelines:

- 300 dpi
- RGB or CMYK
- JPG or .TIFF format
- Submitted on CD or email attachment is preferred

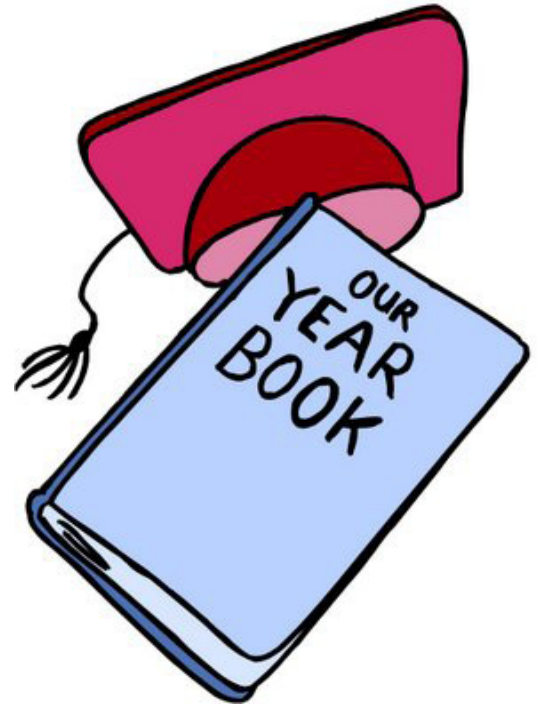
NOTE: Those photos not meeting the guidelines will not be used in the yearbook. A standard school photo may be substituted. Photos submitted after the due date cannot be guaranteed a place in the yearbook.

IN ADDITION: Seniors who do not have their picture taken at Okemos Studio will also be required to turn in a \$6.00 class composite fee to Mrs. Kramarczyk. This composite is created by Okemos Studio, therefore, students who have their photos taken at another studio are responsible for this cost. This fee is also due by October 29, 2011.

If there are any questions or problems, please feel free to contact Mrs. Kramarczyk at 517-267-2116 or kramarczyk@lansingcatholic.org.

Underclassmen Picture Retakes

School picture retakes are scheduled for October 11 from 1-3 p.m.. Students must bring with them their original picture packet and dress in neat, clean and modest attire. Details will be announced to students on their homeroom announcements.



Fall Sports Banquet

Each fall athlete and their families are invited to attend our fall sport banquet which will be held on Sunday, November 13. Dessert will be available for families beginning at 6 p.m. A special presentation will take place in the gym immediately followed by individual sport presentations in separate areas of the school. Come out and support our Cougar athletes on their fantastic fall sports season!



College Planning

Seniors

1. College applications: You should have submitted your first and second choice to Dr. Bernier by now. This will give the admission departments and scholarship chances some leverage.
2. Financial Aid: Parents are reminded to submit their FAFSA application between January 1 and March 15. Dr. Bernier will conduct a college financial aid and scholarship search workshop in the cafeteria on December 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Juniors

1. The junior college planning project will be conducted this winter (beginning in January 2011). Dr. Bernier will work with you during your Theology classes. The final step in the project is a meeting with Dr. Bernier individually to work out a specific college plan.

Sophomores & Freshmen

1. Immediately after the first semester grades are official, Dr. Bernier will meet with both classes to review planning relevant to their class levels, and to give homework assignments which we ask the parents to sign. If you have any questions, regarding college planning please contact our College Guidance Advisor, Dr. Frank Bernier at 267-2111.

Spread the Word

Lansing Catholic will be hosting our annual

Community Info Day

Sunday, October 23 from 1-3 p.m.

Please spread the word to prospective families who might be interested in LCHS. This event is for families with children of all ages.