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## Registration Details

On January 14, grade level registration information meetings were held for students in 9–11th 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 to take to their current teachers.

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 17, families will 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](http://www.lansingcatholic.org). Students should select the classes that are listed on their recommendation sheet. Web course selection will end on January 31.

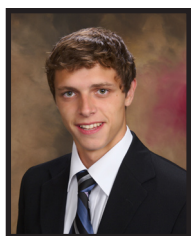
The counselors will meet with students to verify course selection and review their graduation requirement progress. Students must bring their signed recommendation form to this meeting; held during their Theology class.

Student/counselor meetings will be: Juniors on February 1, Sophomores on February 2, and Freshmen on February 3.

Registration packets will be mailed home beginning February 22. This mailing will contain registration materials for next year, including confirmation of course requests and the financial agreement form/tuition calculation worksheet. 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 1st. After April 1st, the registration fee will increase to \$150 per student. [\(continued on Page 3\)](#)

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## DAR Award Winner Announced



Congratulations to senior, Ben Allen 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, Ben is held in high esteem by his peers and teachers. Ben 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. Ben Allen is the son of Michelle and James Allen of Lansing.

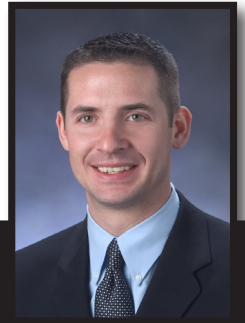


## Upcoming Events

- January 14–16 Urban Plunge Retreat
- January 15 Tuition Due
- January 17 MLK Day Mass
- January 21 Noon Dismissal – End of 2nd Quarter
- January 23–25 March For Life
- January 26 School Board Mtg, 6 p.m.
- January 29 Instrumental Solo & Ensemble
- January 30 Spaghetti Dinner 4–6:30 p.m.
- February 2 Talent Show, 7 p.m.
- February 4 Catholic Schools Week Mass, 8 a.m.
- February 5 Snowcoming Dance, 8–11 p.m.
- February 6 Community Info Day, 1–3 p.m.
- February 9 Cougar Club Mtg, 7 p.m.
- February 13–14 Junior Discernment Retreat
- February 15 Tuition Due
- February 16 Student-led Conferences, 4:30–7:30 p.m.
- February 17 No School, Staff Retreat
- February 18 No School
- February 21 No School
- February 23 School Board Mtg, 6 p.m.
- February 24–25 Choir Festival
- February 26 Band Festival
- February 27–28 Junior Discernment Retreat

## A Note from the Principal

Mr. Tom Maloney



As we embark on second semester, just a few weeks into a new calendar year, I am extremely grateful for the way our school community has come together throughout this school year. In his column, Mr. Kimball highlights the overwhelming success of our fall sports season. Our athletic teams brought home trophies, set school records, and won titles that make us all proud to be Cougars. However, it was the coming together of our community for which I am most grateful. If you were at our Homecoming football game you experienced this wonderful atmosphere of excitement and school spirit from not only our student section but also from our parents, alumni and the greater community. Our students have been supported (on and off the athletic fields and courts) in a way that allows them to more fully be the people that God is calling them to be. I am grateful to be a part of this Lansing Catholic HS community that is so committed to our mission to form disciples of Christ. I thank you for your support throughout this first semester and I look forward to seeing the wonderful things God has in store for our students throughout 2011.

Yours in Christ,  
Tom Maloney

# Office Notes

## First Semester Grades

The marking period for the 2nd quarter ends January 21, 2011. First semester grades will be posted to Family Access by 3 p.m. on January 28, 2011. If you need assistance with logging into Family Access or if you have misplaced your password please contact Mrs. Draminski in the main office.

## Office Closed

The main office will be closed on February 17 for the staff retreat. Regular office hours resume on Friday February 18.

## NAEP Testing

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) test will be given on February 22, 2011. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is a nationally representative assessment of what our nation's students know and can do in both public and private schools in core subjects. LCHS has been selected as one of the schools nationwide to participate in this national test program. 30 senior students will be selected by NAEP to be tested. Those individual students will be notified by a letter in early January regarding test procedures and requirements. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation's Report Card. In 2011, results will be reported for four groups of private schools: Catholic, Lutheran, Conservative Christian, and Other Private. Assessments will include mathematics and reading at grades 4 & 8, science at grade 8, and computer based writing at grades 8 and 12.

The schools and students selected to take the assessment represent the diversity of our Nation's student population.

NAEP reports on student achievement nationally. Individual school and student names or scores are never identified. For more information about NAEP including past reports and sample NAEP assessment questions, visit <http://nationsreportcard.gov>.

## Registration info continued

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Private School Aid Services (PSAS) forms are due on March 14. Please contact Kris Kazmirzack at 517-267-2107 for any questions concerning financial assistance or the PSAS form.

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.

## Community Information Day

Lansing Catholic will hold a Community Information Day on Sunday, February 6 from 1-3 p.m. Interested students and families are invited to attend. Families who would like more information can contact Mrs. Gates at [gates@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:gates@lansingcatholic.org).

## 8th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Join us on  
Sunday, January 30

4 - 6:30 p.m.  
LCHS Cafeteria

Dinner will feature DeLuca's  
pasta and meatballs!

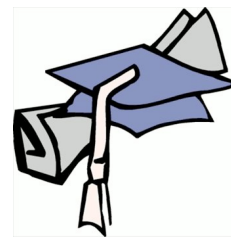
We will also be celebrating  
Lansing Catholic's 40th birthday with birthday  
cake from  
A Piece O' Cake.

Tickets are \$10 for adults (high school students with ID are \$7), \$4 for children ages 6-13 and 5 and under are free. Contact Colleen Murray at [murray@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:murray@lansingcatholic.org) or 267-2109 or pay at the door.

# Important information for Senior Families

## Cap & Gown Size Information – Due Now!

Cap and gown orders are paid through the student activity fee. There is no additional cost to students for the cap/gown and one tassel. All students must provide a height and weight to Mrs. Draminski if that information was not submitted with your announcement order in November. LCHS has custom rental graduation gowns, sized for each student. Sizing information is needed now in order to ensure each student is properly fitted for his/her graduation gown. The gowns will be shipped directly to the school in May, for distribution to students as part of the senior check out day.



## SENIOR DATES

Please review the list of senior events, and if you need more clarification please contact Mrs. Draminski in the main office.

- 03/01/11 Senior day of reflection at Dewitt retreat center, 8–Noon  
Seniors leave from school via Dean transportation & return to school by Noon
- 05/9/11 Exam waivers are distributed to seniors
- 05/13/11 Senior appreciation Mass & Brunch, school gym 8 a.m., brunch to follow in cafeteria.  
Seniors & parents are honored at the last all school Mass, immediate family only for Mass & brunch due to limited seating capability in the gym and cafeteria. Seniors and parents will gather in the auditorium at 7:45 a.m., & sit together in chairs on the gym floor. Siblings of seniors do not attend brunch. (Event duration approximately until 10 a.m., seniors are dismissed after brunch)
- 05/13/11 Prom, 7 p.m. – Midnight, at Eagle Eye

## AP Exam Dates

- 5/2/11 AP Environmental Science
- 5/3/11 AP Spanish
- 5/4/11 AP Calculus
- 5/5/11 AP English Literature
- 5/10/11 AP Government
- 5/11/11 AP English



## Regular Exam Schedule

Senior class exams are given during the regular class period during the school day.

- 05/16/11 1st through 4th hours
- 5/17/11 5th through 8th hours

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- 05/18/11      Mandatory graduation practice, 12:30–3 p.m.  
Seniors will participate in graduation practice, then complete the senior check out process. Senior check out involves several steps in order to ensure that all obligations are taken care of. Steps include the following: Locker clean out—all senior lockers must be emptied and cleaned by the student. Any items remaining in the lockers after this day will become property of LCHS. Library check out—library must verify that all books or other materials checked out of the library have been returned. Graduation gowns and diploma may be withheld until items are returned to the library or fee is paid to replace the lost item. Tuition office—all tuition and fees must be paid in full prior to graduation. The tuition office will verify this with each student. Graduation gowns, diplomas and transcripts will be withheld until these financial obligations are completed. After these steps are completed students may pick up graduation gowns. Seniors will wear their graduation gowns at Baccalaureate Mass.
- 05/18/11      Baccalaureate Mass and Awards ceremony 7 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, Lansing  
Seniors report to church by 6:30pm for class picture. Seniors wear the graduation gown given to them earlier in the day (no cap is worn this evening). Students process into church for Mass, and sit in reserved seating. Families do not sit with the seniors at this event. The awards ceremony starts immediately after Mass. The church can accommodate a larger number of people, so this event is open to family and friends. There is a reception after the award ceremony in the parish hall. (Duration of event is approximately 2.5 hrs)
- 05/22/11      Graduation, 2 p.m., school gym  
Seniors report to auditorium by 1:30 p.m. There is no limit to the number of guests a senior can have at graduation. Seating is in the bleachers. There is a limited number of chair seating available for elderly & other guests that cannot sit in bleachers for graduation. Reservation for chair seating will be taken starting May 5.  
(Duration of event approximately 1 hour)

Graduation gowns are returned to the school at the conclusion of the graduation ceremony. Seniors should report to the cafeteria to return the gown, and pick up their diploma. Some seniors will have a senior Mass in their home parish (typically 1st week in June) for which they will need their graduation gown. In these cases, seniors should still return the gown after graduation, and they will be allowed to check the gown out again for Mass at their parish.

## You still have time - acknowledge your senior!

The yearbook staff still has room in the 2011 Reflections yearbook to acknowledge your senior student through a personal display of affection ad, also known as a senior baby ad. If you are interested in submitting a column of text and photo(s), please contact the yearbook advisor, Ms. Boehringer at [boehringer@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:boehringer@lansingcatholic.org) or 517-267-2116 by February 15 to be included. After February 15, advertisements will no longer be accepted. The cost of each block is \$25.00 and parents have the option to purchase up to 10 blocks. Forms are available from Ms. Boehringer.

# College Planning Updates

## Freshmen & Sophomores

- Dr. Bernier will visit your Theology class after the first semester classes are posted, to discuss college planning and related assignments. Students will be asked to share the information with their parents and obtain parental signatures after each assignment is completed.

## Juniors

- The practice ACT with Writing test was completed at the beginning of January. Dr. Bernier will return the test booklets and test results to the students on January 24.
- When the test results are returned, Dr. Bernier will discuss a three step method with the students so they can improve their scores. The method involves: 1. taking the practice test (4 hours) -- done. 2. Correcting and understanding their mistakes (4 hours) -- at home. 3. If necessary, completing another practice test (4 hours) -- at home. This three step method has been proven to be very successful and frequently results in a score improvement of 4-8 points.
- Dr. Bernier asks your help in two ways: review the practice test materials with your student, and give your student an opportunity to correct the mistakes before suggesting he/she attend another workshop or class. If the student does not understand how to correct the mistakes, he/she should seek help from a teacher.
- The college planning project is due on January 24. The project consists of each student completing and submitting the "College Matching Questionnaire" and an updated resume. Students were given the forms before the holiday break. If the forms were lost, both Ms. Walker and Dr. Bernier have extra copies.
- From January 25 to March 18 Dr. Bernier is prepared to meet with each junior to map out a customized college plan. Please remind your student to make an appointment to see him. The sign-up sheet is posted outside Dr. Bernier's office door (Room 101).
- If your student does not plan to go to college, Dr. Bernier is still interested in helping him/her develop a post high school plan.



## Seniors

- If your student was denied or wait-listed by his/her top choice college, please ask him/her to see Dr. Bernier. There is a strategy that has worked quite successfully.
- The Lansing Community College scholarship program application deadline is January 28. Dr. Bernier has the forms required. Private donor scholarship forms are kept in the library. Please ask your student to see Ms. Webster for the file.

# From the Tuition Office

**Tuition:** Reminder: 2nd Semester tuition payments are 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, 2010 and Meijer credits earned from May 1 through October 31, 2010 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 regular, normal 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, 2011. Any questions, please call Kris at 267-2107.

## Tuition Assistance for 2011/12

### Important Changes

All applications for Tuition Assistance for the 2011/2012 school year must be applied for through PSAS (Private School Aid Services). This one application form will cover grants from the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation (GLCEF), Lansing Catholic High School (LCHS), and from two of our partner schools, St. Gerard and St. Thomas Aquinas. Families with elementary students in other partner schools must still complete an application from PSAS in order to be eligible for grants from the GLCEF (GLCEF grants, Diocesan grants, Holy Cross Crusaders grants) but they should also contact their own school for other tuition assistance information. PSAS applications will be available through the GLCEF website [www.glcef.org](http://www.glcef.org) or the LCHS website [www.lansingcatholic.org](http://www.lansingcatholic.org) by the end of January. The PSAS application for tuition assistance requires that you attach a complete copy of your 2010 Federal Tax Form 1040 and a \$23 processing fee. Applications must be mailed directly to Private School Aid Services and must be postmarked by March 18, 2011. Lansing Catholic High School families will only need to complete one application for tuition assistance (PSAS) in order to be eligible for all assistance grants available. There will no longer be a separate application form from Lansing Catholic HS. Current school families who will require tuition assistance for the 2011/12 school year must apply through PSAS by March 14, 2011. Please contact the tuition office if you have any questions (267-2107).

**T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program):** T.R.I.P. credits being earned now through May 31, 2011 will be applied to your 2011/12 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.

\* \* L & L Food Centers gift cards are no longer available. If you have any cards, please use them immediately.

# Fall Sports - A Season to Remember!

What a wonderful fall it was for Lansing Catholic Athletics! Led by our Girls' Golf Team which went undefeated the entire season culminating in the Div. IV State Championship. These young ladies set several school records and never let the pressure of their march to a championship get the best of them.

Right behind the Golf Team was the Boys' Soccer Team and the Boys' Cross Country Team. The soccer team lost 1-0 in the State Championship game after a season that saw them win league, district and regional championships. Boys' Cross Country put it all together on the first Saturday in November to run a great race as a team, finishing in second place in their division at the State Championship.

Boys' Tennis went on a late season spurt to qualify for the State Championship after a great finish at Regionals. Overall the team finished 4th in the State while Paul Heeder was named State Champion at #1 Singles and Peter Murray and Greg Waddell won the State Title at #1 Doubles. For Greg Waddell this was his third state title at doubles, a rare feat in high school tennis.

Girls' Cross Country also had an excellent season finishing 11th in the state and Megan Heeder made first team All-State based upon her third place finish at the State Meet.

Boys' Football was at the top of the heap in our league finishing in first place. Overall for the season the boys were undefeated at 9-0 and ranked in the top 10 in the state most of the regular season. The team lost their first playoff game and finished the season at 9-1.

Girls Volleyball was in a rebuilding year on the court but off the court their "Dig Pink" night which raised awareness for breast cancer raised over \$1000 for breast cancer research at Sparrow Hospital.

All of our teams accomplished great things both on and off the court and have set the bar high for both winter and spring sports in the upcoming seasons!

## Winter Sports Banquet

All winter sport athletes and parents are invited to attend our winter sports awards banquet on March 28, 2011. Please join us in the gymnasium for our opening awards at 6:30 p.m. Individual sports will then split into rooms for awards and more team recognition. For more information, contact athletic director, Rich Kimball at [rkimball@lansingcatholic.org](mailto:rkimball@lansingcatholic.org) or at 517-267-2113.

