

Class of 2010 - Senior Pictures

The deadline for seniors to turn in their senior picture for the yearbook and class composite is October 23, 2009!!! LATE ARRIVALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

Yearbook & Composite Picture Restrictions:

- The one (1) picture must be a color glossy with no white borders.
- The size must be a 2 1/4" X 3 1/4", with square corners, no rounded corners, undersized or horizontal photos.
- No studio identification or names on the face on the picture.
- Your head size must be between 1 1/4" and 1 1/2".
- You must be in a standard head and shoulders pose.
- No hats or cap and gowns may be worn.
- Background must be plain - no fancy poses, props, outdoor scenes, double exposures, or other special effects.
- DIGITAL PHOTOS PREFERRED!

Seniors who do not have their senior picture taken at Okemos Studio must also turn in \$6.00 payable to Lansing Catholic High School to cover the cost of the class composite fee.

Turn in your picture and money to Ms. Boehringer in Room 112 by the October 23 deadline!!!

Questions??? Contact Ms. Boehringer at 267-2116 or boehringer@lansingcatholic.org.

IMPORTANT #'s

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Principal's Office	267-2105
Athletic Director	267-2113
Counseling (Doherty)	267-2151
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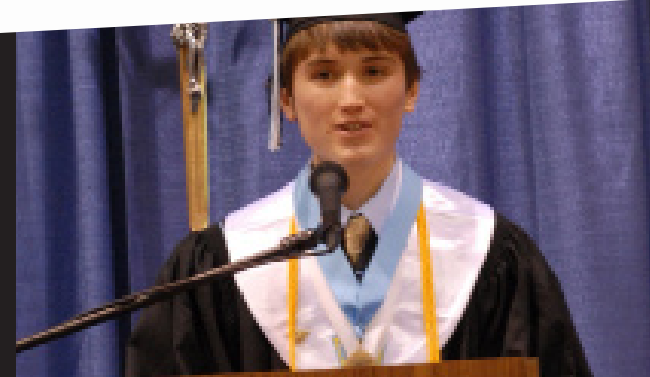
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PARENT NEWSLETTER

Parent Update

Upcoming Events

- August 15
Tuition Due
- August 17
Staff In-Service
Orientation for
Freshmen and Transfer
Families
- August 18
Staff In-Service
Meet the Cougars - 7 p.m.
- August 19
Staff In-Service
Parent Open House - 7 p.m.
- August 20
Freshmen Student
Orientation 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Freshmen Pictures 9-1 p.m.
Freshmen Activity 1-3 p.m.
- August 24
10-12th Grade Student
Orientation 8 a.m. - Noon
Pictures 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- August 25
Full Day of School
Opening School Mass
- August 28
Cougar Classic Golf Outing
- August 29
Michigan CC Invitational
- September 2
Parent Group Meeting
Family Access & Website
- September 4
No School - Labor Day Wknd
- September 7
No School - Labor Day Wknd
- September 9
College Planning Workshop
for Parents 7-9 p.m.
Freshmen Field Trip
- September 14
National Honor Society
Induction - 7 p.m.
- September 15
Tuition Due
- September 18
All School Mass
Maria Goretti Reception



Good Luck Class of 2009

Lansing Catholic welcomed the most recent graduating class into the alumni association on May 17 in the high school gymnasium. The Class of 2009 is preparing for the journey to the college of their choice and anxiously waiting the move into their dorm rooms or work field. We are very proud of our graduates and we wish them the best of luck in the future.

Summer Camps a Success

While some were vacationing, working and spending time with family and friends, others were working with our community at our 2009 Summer Sports and Activities Camps that took place in June and July.

Over 350 elementary and middle school students joined our Lansing Catholic students and staff for sports and fun.

Participants learned teamwork and athletic skill training at a sport camp of their choice.

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Participants also had the opportunity to attend one of our academic camps, spending time learning science experiments, creative writing skills, fun with mathematics and many more.

"I had a lot of fun helping the little kids make slime during science camp and watching them enjoy all of the cool activities we offered them.," said senior, Chelsea Kobus. Chelsea was a leader for the science camp under the direction of Ms. DeVries.

All participants received a Cougar tee shirt to wear when attending our events to join us in showing Cougar pride.

Stay tuned this winter for information on our 2010 Summer Sports & Activities Camps.



A Note from the Principal

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes, "I long to see you, that I may share with you some spiritual gifts so that you may be strengthened, that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith" (1:11).

The beginning of the school year brings excitement and anticipation as we look forward to gathering once again as a Catholic community.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend the Saint Mary High School Class of 1939 reunion. This 70th reunion was an exchange of spiritual gifts, as old friends shared stories, recalled memories, and found encouragement and strength in each other. I also joined my graduating class in celebrating our 21st reunion from Lansing Catholic. Our time was blessed as we reminisced about school days and recognized how this place played an integral role in our lives.

Standing on the brink of this new school year, let us be excited to reunite with each other as students, parents, teachers, and staff. As we come together, may we be willing to share our gifts and be encouraged and strengthened by this community of faith.

~ Thomas Maloney
Principal

Office Notes

Office closed

August 17	Staff In-Service
Sept. 4 & 7	Labor day holiday

Important Dates to Remember

August 17	6:30 p.m.	9th Grade & Transfer Family Orientation
August 19	7 p.m.	Parent Open House
August 20	9-1 p.m.	9th grade Student Orientation
	9-1 p.m.	Pictures for 9th Grade
	1-3 p.m.	9th Grade Activity
August 24	8-12 p.m.	Upperclass Orientation
	10-1 p.m.	Pictures for Upperclassmen

School Pictures

Students should plan to be neat, clean and modest for their student photos. Picture envelopes and package pricing are available in the main office (picture envelopes will not be mailed out).

Locker Assignments & Combinations

Locker assignments and combinations are available on Skyward family access. Click on the student information tab to view this information. Student ID numbers are also located on the student information page; look for the heading "other ID". It is not necessary to use the leading zeros that appear before the numbers.

Meal Magic

Meal Magic forms are posted on the school website. All new accounts require this form to be completed. Money for accounts can be mailed to the main office or students can add money to their account when they go through the lunch line.

Mailing Address Changes

Any family that does not want their mailing address and phone number printed in the family directory should contact the main office by August 25.

Reminder to families, in the student handbook there is a page to sign and return to the main office that you have read and understand the guidelines in the student handbook. Please make sure you bring this form with you to the Parent Open House on Wednesday, August 19.

Christian Service & Retreat Updates

Christian Service Change

Service that students complete over the summer with an approved agency counts toward their first semester requirement. Students need to complete ten hours each semester. In the past we have asked that students complete five hours each quarter, but realizing students may be heavily involved in activities during a particular quarter we've simplified it to solely a semester requirement now. Covenants and evaluations still need to be completed. For a complete list of authorized agencies and to download service forms, please visit the school website under Campus Ministry in the Student section. For questions about whether a particular type of service qualifies, please contact Mr. Moore at 267-2115.

Kairos Retreat Schedule

This year's Kairos retreats for juniors and seniors will be held September 22-25 and March 16-19. This retreat is optional for students but is an awesome spiritual experience that we encourage all students to attend. Cost is \$225 per person but scholarships are available. Under no circumstances do we want finances to keep someone from participating. Forms will be available outside the Campus Ministry Office and the school website by August 15.

NEW Junior Retreat!

As part of our ongoing mission to help students deepen their relationship with Jesus, we have developed an overnight discernment retreat for our juniors. This retreat is designed to help juniors realize where God is calling them, on a daily basis, as well as vocationally. All juniors will need to make one of these retreats and they will be filled on a first-come basis. Families should check their schedules now to avoid future conflicts. The dates for these are: October 25-26, November 8-9, January 24-25, and February 28-March 1. More information and registration materials will be forthcoming.

In the Spotlight

Graduate earns Eagle Scout Award

Alexander Richard Silvano Tombelli received the Eagle Scout Award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest achievement, on Sunday, May 31. The Court of Honor ceremony was held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

To achieve the Eagle Rank, a Scout must demonstrate leadership and citizenship while earning 21 Merit Badges before reaching the age of 18 years. He must complete a service project for the benefit of his community. As a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop 109, Okemos, and during his enrollment at LCHS, Alexander completed a service project to design, manage the building of and oversee the completion of a Stations of the Cross meditation and prayer garden at LCHS. This included 14 mounted stations connected by a walking pebble path and other features including a berm, shrubbery, and benches. Alexander and 25 volunteers worked 240 hours, including 113 planning hours, to design, discuss, fundraise, construct and complete the Stations of the Cross garden.

Alexander is a graduate of LCHS Class of 2008, and just completed his first year at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California.

Alexander is the son of Richard and Cecilia Tombelli of Okemos, Michigan.

Event Info Relay for Life

Lansing Catholic hosted its second annual Relay for Life on June 5 & 6. Many came out to show their support for the overnight adventure by walking, volunteering their time with planning, running special events throughout the day and just spending time with the community. We greatly appreciate all you did to help make our event a success both in participation and dollars raised to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

Event Info Homecoming 2009

Homecoming will take place beginning the week of October 11 and conclude on Sunday, October 18 with the annual alumni mass.

Events to remember:
October 11-13
Hallway Decorating

October 12
Homecoming Mass

October 16
Pep Rally & Spirit Day
Cougarfest

October 17
Homecoming Football
Game vs. Ionia - 2 p.m.

October 18
Homecoming Mass

Office Notes Continued...

Graphing Calculators Needed

A graphing calculator is required for all math and science classes. The TI-84 Plus Silver Edition is highly recommended over all other graphing calculators. This calculator can also be used on the ACT, SAT, MME, and AP exams, as well as college math and science classes. Please contact math or science department chair Karen Gavin or Stacia DeVries by e-mail if you have any questions gavin@lansingcatholic.org or devries@lansingcatholic.org.

Summer Reading Update

If you haven't started your summer reading, the first day of school is just around the corner. Here is a reminder for students:

All freshmen	The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros
Regular US Literature	Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Honors US Literature	My Antonia by Willa Cather The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck My Antonia by Willa Cather
Regular English Literature	Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Honors English Literature	The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins
World Literature	Confessions of St. Augustine
-	check the bookstore website for recommended translation
AP Literature	Story and Structure Cry, the Beloved Country by Allen Patton Turn of the Screw by Henry James All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren

Save the Date!
August 28, 2009

Cougar Classic Golf Outing

Contact Colleen Murray at
murray@lansingcatholic.org to register!

There's still room - Ireland 2010

There is still room on the 2010 Spring Break trip to Ireland. The trip is open to any Lansing Catholic student enrolled for the 2009-2010 school year. A \$95 deposit is due no later than October 1, 2009. For more information, pick up a packet in the front office or contact Ms. Cheryl Weiss at weiss@lansingcatholic.org.

AP Biology Students

Juniors enrolled in AP Biology will have summer assignments due the first day of school. They should be practicing the root words daily.

Medications

All medications that students need to take during the day must be dispensed by the staff in the main office.

Class Mailing and Email Blasts

Look for a mailing from the Class Moderator for your son/daughter. This will include class specific activities, volunteer form, locker information, and more. These should have arrived in your mailbox during the first week of August.

Also, if you have an email address please check it periodically as we send email blasts about upcoming events or urgent news that we want to communicate as quickly as possible. If your email or any contact information changes throughout the year, please notify our office.

Asbestos Report

The Environmental Protection Agency requires inspection of any building containing materials to be inspected every three years. Our building was inspected the summer of 2006. The results of this inspection are on file in the main office. Anyone is welcome to view them at any time during normal school hours. For more information, please contact Clint Wheeler, property manager, at 267-2198.

Pesticide Report

We are in compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Pesticide & Plant Management Division regulations. If you would like to be notified when chemicals are being used at LCHS, please call Clint Wheeler, property manager, at 267-2198.

Notice of Disclosure of School Directory Information

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that requires the school district, with certain exceptions, to obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's educational records. However, the school may disclose some student information without written consent when the information is designated "Directory Information" unless you have advised the school in writing to the contrary.

The primary use for Directory Information by the district is to include this type of information in certain school publications. It is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. Examples of schools publications are: a playbill or program showing your child's role in a drama or music production, yearbook, honor roll or other recognition lists published in school or in newspapers, graduation programs, school/student directory, school website, sports statistics listed in programs which may include height and weight of team members.

Directory information may also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organization include, but are not limited to: other schools the student is seeking to attend (transcripts, etc), class ring manufacturers, state or federal requests for evaluating programs, court order subpoena.

Two federal laws require schools that receive assistance under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three Directory Information categories: names, addresses and phone numbers. Private schools may request that families which are interested in having information released to military recruiters indicate so on the school application. Only those names given to the school will be released to military recruiters.

If you do NOT want LCHS to disclose Directory Information about your child without your prior written consent, you must notify the school in writing including what information may not be released.

Looking for Student Ambassadors

Students serving as ambassadors should be willing and able to:

- Speak to small and large groups of parents/students
- Assume leadership roles,
- Be enthusiastic about Lansing Catholic High School
- Share personal success stories
- Assist others to be the best they can be
- Foster a sense of belonging

Ambassadors serve Lansing Catholic through:

- Acting as hosts/greeters for open houses
- Leadership roles for 8th grade visit day
- Making visits to grade schools for recruitment
- Assisting with special events at Lansing Catholic
- Hosting prospective student visitors

Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors who are interested and would like to apply please email Mrs. Murray at murray@lansingcatholic.org by Aug. 21st.

College Planning Update

Parents:

1. There will be a College Planning 101 Workshop for Parents. This workshop is open to all parents, grades 9-12 on Wednesday, September 9, 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. No registration required. Each family will also receive an updated college planning guide edited by Dr. Bernier. Visitors are welcome.

2. There will be a College Financial Aid Workshop for Parents, open to all parents, grades 9-12 on Thursday, December 3, 7-9 p.m. in the cafeteria. No registration required. Each family will also receive an updated college financial aid guide edited by Dr. Bernier. Visitors are welcome.

Seniors:

1. Each senior should have met with Dr. Bernier and completed on-campus visits by the end of the summer regarding their college intentions. Based largely on these visits, each student should have a list of two or more colleges he/she wants to apply to. OCTOBER 15 is the recommended deadline to submit applications to the student's top choices. Most applications are done on-line as this method is much faster than the paper application. After submitting each application, the student MUST give the "counselor's page" from each college, as well as, an updated resume to Dr. Bernier. Dr. B is responsible for completing and submitting the "counselor's page", transcript, test scores and the updated resume to each

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From the Tuition Office...

Tuition

Individual tuition payment plans were mailed to all registered school families before the end of June. Tuition payments for the new school year began July 15 and continue through May, 2010. All tuition payments are due by the 15th of each month. Payments not received in the school office by the 20th of the month will incur a late fee of \$15.

Parish Subsidy

If you indicated on your Tuition Calculation Worksheet that you would be receiving a tuition subsidy from your parish, your tuition plan was based on that information. In order to receive that subsidy for the 09/10 school year, you must contact your parish office for approval. Please be aware of your parish's procedures for handling subsidy requests. All parish subsidy approvals are due in the school tuition office by September 30, 2009.

T.R.I.P. (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program)

Start using the T.R.I.P. program today and you could earn hundreds of dollars of tuition credit toward your future tuition costs at Lansing Catholic. Information packets are available in the school office. T.R.I.P. credits being earned now through November 30 will be applied to the tuition accounts in early December.

Please note: If the credit amount earned in a six month period is less than \$10, it will not be posted to your tuition account and will be retained by Lansing Catholic. All credits are posted as designated on your T.R.I.P. registration form. If you leave the school, the accrued credits are not transferable or refundable. T.R.I.P. or scrip credits earned at other area parishes or schools and forwarded to Lansing Catholic on your behalf are treated like tuition payments on



your account. If you have questions about the amount of those credits or when they will be applied to your account, please call the T.R.I.P./scrip coordinator at your parish.

Meijer Community Rewards

Families who are registered in the Lansing Catholic T.R.I.P. program may apply directly to Meijer and participate in the Meijer Community Rewards program. Applications are available at Meijer, or online at www.meijer.com/rewards. The 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 as designated in the T.R.I.P. program. These credits will be posted two times annually in the same manner as T.R.I.P. credits. Credits less than \$10 in a six month period will not be posted to tuition accounts. As with T.R.I.P., credits earned will be applied as designated and are not transferable or refundable. Friends and relatives can earn credit to be applied to your account but they must link to your Meijer credit card through the Meijer application. Remember, in order to receive personal tuition credit from the Meijer Community Rewards program, you must be a registered member of Lansing Catholic's T.R.I.P. program. Whether earning personal credit or general school credit, all families are encouraged to use the Meijer Community Rewards program.

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

Cougar Club Meeting Dates

Please join us for our monthly Cougar Club meetings at Jimmy's Pub beginning at 7 p.m. on the dates listed below. All are welcome to attend!

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

January 13

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 11

June 9



In Sport News

On May 21, 63 runners representing nine parochial schools in the Lansing area participated in the first annual Cougar Mile Championship which was held on Lansing Catholic's track and hosted by members of the high school track and field team and their coaches. Fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and girls ran a one mile co-ed race for each grade represented. The top five boys and top five girls finishers in each race were presented a medal. Results of these races can be found on <http://www.lansingcatholicrunning.blogspot.com/>.

Meet the Cougars evening slated

On Tuesday, August 18 beginning at 7 p.m. Lansing Catholic will have a "Meet the Cougars Night" for all fall sports parents and athletes. Each fall team will be present and in uniform tops or warm-ups for this night. All teams and at least one parent per athlete must attend this meeting. Each Head Coach will be introduced; the team captains will be introduced and the remainder of the team will be introduced as a team. After introductions, athletic director, Mr. Kimball will go over the code of conduct and other info that all teams and parents need to hear for the 2009-2010 athletic seasons.

Facilities Update

Many things have been accomplished over the summer and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize some of those people who help contribute their time and energy to making our facilities a better place.

The boys and girls locker rooms have had make-overs with newly painted walls, repaired shower heads, new hooks in all lockers and logos accenting our walls. 60 new lockers have been ordered for our girls locker room to be installed soon. Also, our gym and east entrance has a new look. Fresh paint now covers our walls and ceiling in the east entrances and our gym walls are a bright white! New lights have been ordered for our gymnasium and our water fountains have been removed and repaired. Stay tuned as some of the remaining work is in progress and come check out our updated facilities!

A special thanks to: Mick Krogulecki, Jerry McKenna, David Flint, Bob Bullock, Jim Solomon and Dave Bartlett!

College Planning Update Continued...

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2. Seniors must be reminded to maintain their grades throughout the senior year. Colleges usually red-flag a drop in grades, and will frequently rescind a decision to admit a student.

Juniors:

1. The Practice "ACT with Writing" Test Preparation Workshop is on Wednesday, January 6 from 7-11 a.m. in the cafeteria. This workshop helps prepare the students for the March "real" ACT test. It is mandatory for all juniors and is free.

2. The College Planning Quarter will take place January 25-March 26. Students will complete all stages of the college planning process, culminated by a 1:1 private consultation with Dr. Bernier. It is mandatory for all juniors and it will be graded as a part of their Theology class.

Sophomores and Freshmen:

1. Dr. Bernier will meet with both classes through a regular classroom, after the first semester grades are posted. Each student will be asked to complete a Student Information Profile and a Resume. In March, the sophomores will take the Plan test (sophomore version of the ACT) and the freshmen will take the Explore test (freshman version of the ACT).

If you have any college planning questions, please call Dr. Berrnier at 267-2111. I very much appreciate all of the kind words so many of you expressed during my rehabilitation following double-knee surgery. The doctors tell me I should be good to go for the fall.