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A Note from our Chaplain

This has been an exciting year at Lansing Catholic in so many ways! I am proud to see our students growing in their academic, artistic and athletic achievements, but, most of all, I am delighted to see this community grow together in faith through good times and bad. For instance, last fall, we held our largest Kairos retreat ever, and plans are underway to expand the retreat follow-up programs for next year. Once again, we had several priests and religious sisters come to talk on the subject of religious vocations and discernment, but this year was special. In addition to a trip to Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit for our junior & senior men, a group of junior & senior women attended a weekend discernment retreat with the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, in Ann Arbor. That was a first, and I hope it will become an annual offering. Also this year we scheduled Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on First Fridays, and this will continue next year. As busy as our students are, it is a true blessing to have a moment of quiet prayer with our Lord on a regular basis.

In short, I am very proud of our students and their response to these new offerings. And I am most pleased at the support of students and staff alike in the mission of shining the light of Christ on everything we do. Lastly, as the Church in America will be implementing a new translation of the Mass parts in Advent 2011, this coming school year will bring new opportunities to explore and better appreciate our common worship. May this experience enliven the prayer life of our entire Catholic community.

Have a blessed and safe summer vacation. May we grow together in faith—and avoid taking a “vacation” from our relationship with Christ.

God Bless! – Father Gordon Reigle

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Congratulations

Zach Zingsheim and Jackson Kennedy, both members of the Class of 2012, have been nominated for and will attend, American Legion Boys State at Northwood University in Midland, from June 19 to 25. Boys State helps outstanding young men learn about government and how it works. Zach is the son of Michael and Carol Zingsheim of Lansing. Jackson is the son of Jeffrey and Juanita Jackson of Lansing.



Upcoming Events

June 13	Week 1 Sports Camps
June 20	Week 2 Sports Camps
June 21	Golf Outing
June 27	Week 3 Sports Camps
June 28	Book Swap, 6–7:30 p.m.
July 3–9	LCHS Building Closed
July 15	Tuition Due
July 25–28	Language Camp
August 1–4	Band Camp
August 9	Student Fundraiser Mtg.
August 15	Tuition Due
August 16	9th Grade/New Family Orientation for Students & Parents, 6:30 p.m.
August 17	9th Grade Orientation for Students Only, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
August 18	Student Fundraiser Mtg.
August 22	10–12th Grade Orientation for Students, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
August 22	Parent Open House, 7–9 p.m.
August 23	First Day of School Opening School Mass, 8:05 a.m.
August 31	Mandatory Parent Mtg.,

From the Tuition Office

Tuition

Individual tuition payment plans (including T.R.I.P. and Meijer Community Rewards credits) will be mailed to all registered school families before the end of June. Tuition payments for the new school year begin July 15 and continue through May, 2012. 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 11/12 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.

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 LCHS 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.

After 17 years as a member of our Lansing Catholic community, Tuition/Financial Aid Advisor, Kris Kazmirzack, has retired. Any questions regarding your tuition account should be directed to Mrs. Jeri Lynn Jensen, Business Office Manager. Please call her in the Tuition Office at 267–2107.

Office Notes

Summer Office Hours

Summer office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, June 13 – August 5. Regular hours resume on Monday, August 8. (7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

The main office will be closed on the following days in the summer: June 27 – July 8, on August 15 the main office will close at Noon and on August 17 the office is closed all day for a teacher/staff in-service.

Report Cards/11–12 Schedules

Final report cards will be posted in family access on June 17. Report cards will not be mailed to families. Be sure to login to Skyward Family Access before the end of June to print your child's report card.

Student schedules will be available for viewing in Skyward Family Access June 26. Only 9th grade students will have schedules mailed home. The schedules will be mailed with the 9th grade "survival guide".

If you need assistance using Skyward Family Access contact Mrs. Draminski, 267-2105.

Locker Assignments

Locker assignments for the 2011/2012 school year will be viewable in Family Access on August 1. Locker numbers and combinations will be on the student demographic page located in Family Access.

Parking Lot Assignments

Parking lot tags will be distributed during upperclass student orientation on August 22. Vehicle registration forms are on the school's webpage and should be turned into the main office.

Used Uniform Sale

Donations of used uniforms will be accepted in the main office. Items should be cleaned, and in good condition. Donated uniforms will be available for purchase at the book swap on June 28. Pants and skirts will be \$3, shirts and blouses will be \$2.

Textbook Information

We are working hard to keep our textbook costs at a minimum for families and have implemented a policy that all classes must use a textbook for a minimum of five years and that any course using a different text must use an edition that is at least one year old so there are used texts available at a cheaper price. The textbook list for the 2011/2012 school year is currently posted on the school webpage under "News You Need to Know". Please note what courses are getting different textbooks for next year.

LCCHS no longer partners with MBS Direct for the purchase/resale of textbooks, therefore, there will be no book drop this year. While it was convenient for some families, most found a greater resale value selling to other LCCHS families. **The annual textbook swap/family sale is scheduled for June 28 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria (this is a change from an earlier schedule).** For this family sale the cafeteria will be set up according to grade levels, and families will be present to sell or swap textbooks to other school families. Please note that the school does not establish textbook prices for this sale, prices are determined by each family selling books. You may wish to preview prices on-line before attending the book swap/sale.

If you do not participate in the family book sale/swap, you can purchase textbooks from any on-line bookstore such as amazon.com, half.com, or barnes&noble.com. It is possible to rent textbooks from sites as well. The textbook list has the ISBN information so you will know which book to purchase.

Medications

All medications kept in the main office, including over the counter medications should be picked up by June 10. Unless other arrangements are made, all prescription and OTC medications will be destroyed.

Counseling Office - Summer Schedule

During the summer counselors are not bound to A-K and/or L-Z, and will be available by appointment during the times listed below.

Monday, June 13	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko Ms. Nichols
Tuesday, June 14	9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ms. Nichols
Wednesday, June 15	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko Ms. Nichols
Thursday, June 16	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko Ms. Nichols
Monday, July 11	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko
Tuesday, July 12	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko
Wednesday, July 27	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ms. Nichols (Testing)
Thursday, July 28	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ms. Nichols (Testing)
Tuesday, August 9	9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Ms. Nichols
Wednesday, August 10	11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko Ms. Nichols
Thursday, August 11	11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko Ms. Nichols
Friday, August 12	11 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Mrs. Laakko

To make an appointment please email Mrs. Laakko at laakko@lansingcatholic.org or Mrs. Nichols at nichols@lansingcatholic.org. Emails will be checked on a weekly basis during the summer. Counselors will not be checking phone messages throughout the summer (June–August).

Credit Recovery Options

If your student has failed a course for one or more semesters please contact the counselors June 1st through June 10th to discuss remedial options. Counselors will meet with parents and students by appointment only.

Senior Credit Audit

Senior credit audit letters will be sent home to seniors at the end of June. Please check the audit and your student's schedule carefully to make sure they are registered for the classes needed for graduation. If you have questions regarding graduation requirements, please contact your student's counselor.

World Language News

LCHS students perform for St. Martha's Spanish students

On Thursday, May 19 a group of seniors in Spanish classes from Lansing Catholic performed songs for the students at St. Martha School. The group calls themselves “Manos en mi Mantequilla”, and consists of David Thomas, Mac Spitzley, Greg Waddell, Eric Watson, Scott Thayer and Anthony Valli. They performed ten songs for the students, including Spanish versions of “Party in the USA” and “Hey There Delilah”. After the performance, the band answered questions from the students at St. Martha about their band and their Language studies at LCHS. The students had a great time, and Manos en mi Mantequilla looks forward to performing in an upcoming quincenera!



French Club Events & Contests



French Club, under the leadership of President Avery Clinton and officers Jimmy Hicks, Maddie Brogan, and Faith Krogulecki, hosted several events this year. Members and friends baked and decorated cakes for the annual Buche de Noel baking contest in December, then sold and delivered Valentines for Valentine's Day, and prepared desserts to eat while watching student video projects at the Soirée de Gala in March. French Club members also participate in the annual International Fiesta Night, held in April. This year's Bûche de Noel contest was won by a team led by McKenzie Scofes whose entry was a traditional chocolate log cake decorated with real pine branches and pine cones. They won in the category of Best Decorations as well the category of Best Tasting. Professional Chef Linda Nuttall was present for tasting and shared her expertise in judging.



