

# LHS Guidance Newsletter

December 2011

## What Will They Take With Them?

Teachers sincerely want what is best for their students, and at the top of that list is to have every student leave Lutheran High knowing how deeply loved they are by their Savior Jesus Christ. Of course, only God can see the heart, so we are often left wondering what exactly students are taking with them as they leave our halls.

Parents have the same concerns. You want the best for your children and, along with a good job and a happy family, you want them to have a close relationship with their Lord. Sometimes that relationship is clear, while other times parents wonder if and when their child will demonstrate a growing, living faith in Christ.

The following letter was sent to the LHS faculty in September by one of our alums. It was encouraging for teachers and staff to hear the words, but I thought it might also be encouraging for parents, who rarely hear how appreciated they are. Even when your children don't say it, rest assured that the sacrifices you are

making to send them to LHS are having a lasting impact, and hopefully some day you will hear them say, "Thank you."

*Dear Lutheran High School teachers and staff,*

*Thank you. I never said that enough while I was at Lutheran High so better late than never, right? I appreciate all you did for me; for what you taught me about academics, sports, and even a few life lessons. Sometimes I feel lost here at college and the first thing I think of is my dog at home and the close second is Lutheran High. I'm not sure why this is since my time there is over, but I loved it so much. When I feel lonely or home sick, I think I know why LHS comes to mind: God. God is there, that's why I consider it home and it gives me comfort. I know a good handful of my classmates have moved on from high school, but I hope and pray they haven't moved on from Christ. I'm sorry I didn't understand or value what your goal at LHS was until now but again, Thank you. It made me find who I am, find the friends I have, and keep my faith and morals in college. If you are ever discouraged, please keep faith that you're impacting students' lives even if they don't realize it till they are more mature and send you a very, very appreciative thank you letter. One last time, Thank you.*

## Coming Soon to a Powerschool Near You

In January 2012, Pearson will launch two new mobile apps: **PowerSchool for Parents** and **PowerSchool for Students**.

These new apps will allow parents and students to access all the same information they would



normally access from a browser, but with the ease and convenience of an app installed on their Apple mobile device.

**Automatic login, a family overview, simplified "one-thumb" browsing,** and other features make accessing PowerSchool on the go faster and easier than ever before.

The apps will be **FREE** and available for download from the Apple iTunes App Store. Version 1.0 of the apps will be supported on any Apple iPod Touch, iPhone, and iPad running iOS version 4.0 or higher.

Lutheran High hopes to have everything ready once this becomes available to continue making parent-student-teacher communication even better. Stay tuned as the launch date approaches!

## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Jan. 19:** College Financial Aid Night at LHS at 6:00

pm. This night is primarily for seniors and their parents, but it is also a valuable resource to help



juniors start thinking about the financial aspect of heading to college. Mark

your calendars now to be there!

**Tuesday, Feb. 9:** Experience LTC from 8:30-1:00. This event is geared toward juniors and seniors and is a great opportunity to visit LTC's campus. Participants select two programs to explore, and they get to spend hands-on time learning more about that area. Whether or not a student is interested in attending LTC, this is a great chance to explore different fields. Students can attend multiple times and thus explore many different programs. Participants will also be able to speak with LTC students and staff and hear all about the services the college offers. As a bonus, attendees will have a chance to win a free Ipad Touch! Interested students should see Mrs. L. by the end of January.

**Monday, Feb. 27:** 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Apprenticeship Information Night at Sheboygan Falls High School. If you are interested in a career in Healthcare, Finance, Drafting & Design, Auto Mechanics, Lodging Management, Welding, Manufacturing, or working as an

Industrial Equipment Technician, Youth Apprenticeship is a great opportunity. Students are trained on the job and gain valuable experience. They earn college credits, high school credit, and a paycheck all during normal school hours. What a deal! Come to the meeting and find out if Youth Apprenticeship is the right fit for you. See Mrs. L. for more information on the program, as well. (We currently have 3 LHS students involved in YA).

**Sun, Feb. 19:** Wisconsin College Goal Sunday. 2:00 pm at UW-Manitowoc (this is not offered at



UW-S this year, but UW-S is offering their own version for your convenience. See below). Seniors & parents who are freaking out about the FAFSA, fear

not! Bring your financial information to UW-Manitowoc or other colleges around the state, sit down at a computer, and trained professionals will walk you through the process and answer any of your questions. This is especially good for first-time FAFSA filers, and best of all, it's FREE! For a list of locations on Feb. 18 or 19, visit [www.collegegoalwi.org](http://www.collegegoalwi.org).

**Feb 24 & 25:** FAFSA Filing Workshop at UW-Sheboygan. UW-S is offering this FREE workshop for students and parents who are unable to attend other dates. It takes place in the



Acuity Technology Center at UW-S, and it will take approximately 90 minutes to complete your online FAFSA. Participants will be assisted through the process. Hours are 4-6:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 24, and 9-11:30 am and 12-2:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 25th. **NOTE:** Please show up at the start of the time listed, as they will do a brief presentation that will be helpful in the filing process.

## Important Notes

**Selective Service Registration:** If you are a male and 18 years old (or about to turn 18), you must register with the Selective Service. This is the law and failing to do so can

result in a very stiff penalty.

Registration also ensures that you are eligible for benefits offered through the U.S. government.

Visit [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) to register (it only takes 2 minutes!).



## **Opportunities to Earn College Credit While in High School**

In January and February, students will be making course requests for the 2012-2013 school year. All students are encouraged to take a challenging curriculum. **Studies have shown that the same courses and skills required to succeed in college are also needed to succeed in the work place.**

Aside from choosing to take a solid selection of core classes, Lutheran High students have some other attractive options available. Check these out below and contact Mrs. L. if you have questions.

### **Distance Learning Courses**

Each semester Concordia University-Wisconsin (CUW) offers two college courses that can be taken in our unique Distance Learning lab. Students earn dual credit with these courses - they earn their typical half-credit at Lutheran High, and they also earn 3 college credits. These credits should transfer to ANY college or university, so a student does not need to be considering CUW for this to benefit him or her. We have never had a problem with these credits transferring to a student's school of choice.

It is to a student's advantage to enter college with some credits

already. Not only does it save money on tuition, room and board, but it allows them to select courses before their classmates - course selection is based on the number of credits with which a student enters each semester, so getting a head start on their classmates is a huge plus.

### **UW-Sheboygan Courses**

Our neighbor up the hill has been an option to students who have completed their required courses and want to gain more experience in a certain field. We have had students take foreign

language or Psychology courses, and even Calculus II.



While some courses have prerequisites,

students are able to test into certain classes. For the student wanting to explore an area or gain extra experience in a field, this might be a good option. Interested students should talk to Mrs. L. soon, as registration for next fall will begin in January. To view a list of UW course options, [click here](#).

### **Gaining an Edge with Youth Apprenticeship**

The Youth Apprenticeship program is an opportunity for students to earn college credits through LTC, gain on-the-job

experience from area employers, and stay on track for high school graduation. The seven areas offered are:

- \*Auto Technician
- \*Drafting & Design
- \*Financial Services
- \*Health Services
- \*Industrial Equipment Technician
- \*Lodging Management
- \*Manufacturing/Machine Tool
- \*Welding

Basically, students work at the job site for three hours of the day, then return to school for four or five classes. They receive 3 LHS credits for participating in YA in addition to any college credits they earn. They are paid for their time on the job, and the experience is invaluable. It also helps students to decide whether or not this is an area they want to pursue after high school.



For more information, call or email Mrs. L. or have students stop by the guidance

office to pick up a brochure. Students & parents should also attend the YA Information Meeting at Sheboygan Falls High School on Feb. 20th at 7:00 p.m.

### **Crusader Independent Academy**

Sheboygan Lutheran High teachers are preparing to launch an exciting new addition to course offerings, and these will be available starting the fall of 2012. Crusader Independent Academy (CIA) courses will be independent study courses that fulfill elective credit requirements. There are several reasons a student may wish to take a CIA course:

1. To experience taking a self-study modular/online course. Self-study classes force students to manage time and homework load & be more independent learners, moving them a step closer to being college-ready.
2. The courses may be taken at any time during the school day. Sometimes students cannot take certain classes due to schedule constraints. That is never an issue with CIA courses.
3. To take a class outside the traditional offerings. Students are able to explore a field that is not offered in the classroom setting but still offers valuable knowledge and skills.

Elective courses have been designed to require approximately 100 hours of student work time, so total time will be comparable to a traditional class.

Students will receive more information on specific classes when course request forms are

distributed during the third quarter. Keep this in mind as an attractive new option for your Lutheran High education.

## Sophomore Stretch

I included these suggestions in last year's December newsletter, but I thought I should repeat them since we



have a whole new batch of sophomores this year. Below are a few suggestions that apply to sophomores (but also any other grade level!):

1. Register with Student Edge. You can do this through my guidance website (visit the LHS website and click on Guidance). There is an access code there to use in registering. Once you are registered, you can use this site for many things - homework help, test prep, searching for colleges, researching careers, building a resume, finding scholarships, etc. It's a great tool to use in exploring some of your questions & interests.

2. It's really not too early to think about college visits. If students are already thinking about that, plan to at least drive through a

campus or two when you're on a trip. Or encourage them to find one or two they would really like to check out and make a day or weekend of it. If you have questions about planning a visit, contact Mrs. L..



3. Keep working hard in school! The best way to prepare for college and the ACT is to take tough classes and work hard. Read a lot - build your vocabulary and writing skills by reading in your free time.

4. Start looking at scholarships. On my website, there is a link for [Scholarships](#). ALL students should be checking this out, as there are quite a few that are open to 9-12 graders. These are mostly essays, but again, this is good practice with your writing skills and you could win some scholarship dollars as well. It's not too soon to save some cash!

5. Volunteer and/or be involved in plenty of extracurricular activities and/or have a job. These are the big 3 after keeping grades up.

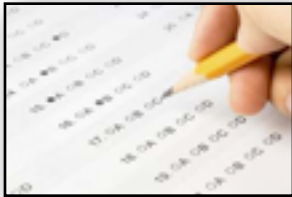


Colleges and scholarship committees want to see a

well-rounded individual who is active beyond schoolwork. You don't need to do all 3, but having a commitment to one or more areas will only help you in the future.

## Juniors! Sign up for the ACT!

The time has come. If you have not already taken a crack at this test, you need to do so in the next few months. Below are the next available test dates. Be sure to sign up well in advance of the registration deadline, so you can be assured of testing as close to home as possible. See Mrs. L. for a test prep book or check out some of the online resources, such as [www.studentedge.com](http://www.studentedge.com) or [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com).



Test Date	Reg. Deadline
February 12	January 7
April 9	March 4
June 11	May 6

Visit [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to register for the ACT.

**College Athlete Wannabe?** If you plan to participate in college athletics, now is a good time to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center. This helps with planning and gives you a head start on this

important process. Visit [NCAA](http://NCAA) to get started.

## Regional Placement Testing

Students who are attending a University of Wisconsin school in the fall will need to take placement tests this spring. Students may take these tests at the school they will be attending, but they can also save a trip and take them at the UW-Sheboygan. Below are the spring testing dates for the UW-S. Click [here](#) for more information.

- Saturday, March 19
- Saturday, March 26
- Saturday, April 2
- Sunday, April 3
- Sunday, May 1

## 1st Semester Final Exams

### Tuesday, December 20, 2011

- 8:00 – 9:30 **First Hour Classes**
- 9:30 – 10:05 **Chapel**
- 10:10 – 11:40 **Fourth Hour Classes**
- 11:40 – 12:10 **Lunch**
- 12:15 – 1:45 **Eighth Hour Classes**
- 1:45 **Students Dismissed**

### Wednesday, December 21, 2011

- 9:00 - 10:30 **Second Hour Class**
- 10:30 - 10:40 **CMT**
- 10:45- 12:15 **Third Hour Class**
- 12:15 - 12:45 **Lunch**
- 12:50 - 2:20 **Fifth Hour Class**
- 2:20 **Students Dismissed**

## Thursday, December 22, 2011

8:00 – 9:30	<b>Sixth</b> Hour Classes
9:30 – 9:40	CMT
9:45 – 11:15	<b>Seventh</b> Hour Classes
<b>11:15 - 11:30</b>	<b>Chapel (gym)</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>School Christmas Dinner</b>

## Spotlight on ...

### Cardinal Stritch University

Just north of Milwaukee, Cardinal Stritch is well known for its rigorous masters and doctoral programs, but many student dismiss it for undergraduate work. Cardinal Stritch has a great deal to offer students at all levels of post-high school education.

- ◆ Largest Franciscan institution of higher education in North America.
- ◆ Enrollment: 1200 traditional undergraduates
- ◆ Student/Faculty Ratio: 16:1
- ◆ Average Class Size: 14
- ◆ 97% of traditional undergraduate students receive financial aid
- ◆ Semester abroad opportunities in more than 25 countries
- ◆ NAIA members with 5 sports offered for both men & women

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