

LHS Guidance Newsletter

October 2010

Leaves of Change

While I enjoy the sunshine and freedom of summer, autumn always thrills me with the splendor of its colors. There are few sights like a Wisconsin fall, especially at Lutheran High, where we are blessed to be surrounded with so many gorgeous trees.



Sadly, it is not long before the colorful leaves are falling to the ground, and we are left with bereft-looking branches. This, too, is a reminder of how quickly life can change, leaving us feeling empty and forsaken.

As Christians, however, we have no need to worry about life's inevitable changes. While we live in a world of constant change, we have a Savior who never changes. As Isaiah 40:8 says, "The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever." As you travel through your own seasons of change, put your trust in our steadfast Lord.

Upcoming Events

Fox Valley Technical College Discovery Days. For any students floundering with decisions about their future, Discovery Days can be very helpful. Discovery Days offer in-depth explanation of a specific program area of your choice, as well as a general college overview and student panel discussion. Several dates are offered from October through April. Visit www.fvtc.edu/discover to find a date that works for you.

Tuesday, Oct. 19: UW-Sheboygan Precollege Program Kickoff & Orientation. 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 1202 (Main building) of the UW-Sheboygan. This is a FREE program to all students in grades 9-12 who want to learn more about college and how to get there.

Students will focus on personal and school needs, receive information on financial aid, college and career exploration, and personal development during monthly workshops throughout the academic year. Participants will increase self-confidence, learn how to handle new challenges, build study skills, and discover how education fits into their futures.

Monthly activities will begin in October 2010 and continue through May 2011. Workshops will be held one day per month from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Interested students can pick up a brochure from Mrs. L. or contact Jena Jaeckels at 459-4425 (jena.jaekels@uwc.edu).

Sunday, Oct. 24: National College Fair from 12:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Frontier Airlines Center in Milwaukee. Not only can students visit with admissions reps from hundreds of colleges and



universities, but other opportunities are available to help simplify the college process:

- ◆ **Resource Center:** Financial aid, scholarship organizations, and other professionals give free advice & info for financing college.
- ◆ **Counseling Center:** Counselors answer questions & help students find schools that fit their interests.
- ◆ **Workshops:** Presentations from experts give students & parents the inside scoop on various subjects to simplify the steps to college.

Register for the National College Fair at www.gotomyncf.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 26: College Financial Planning Night. 6:30 p.m. at Millhome Supper Club in Kiel. Riesterer Financial Services is hosting this FREE informative seminar. Students and/or parents can learn about:

- ◆ College Selection & Preparation
- ◆ Financing Resources including scholarships, grants, & loans
- ◆ Ways to save money now, including 529 college savings plans
- ◆ Completing the FAFSA

Dusty Rhodes of College Funding Solutions in Green Bay will be the featured speaker. Seating is limited, so call early to reserve your seats. 920-894-7835.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: Experience LTC. 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 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, one participant

will win a free iPod! For more information, contact Nikki Kiss at 920-693-1354. To register, type in www.StudentFirstNameStudentLastName.MyAppForSuccess.com in your web browser. For example, if your name was John Smith, you would type www.johnsmith.myappforsuccess.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 9: 6-7:30 p.m. **UW-Sheboygan Campus Preview Night** in Room 2114 at the UW-S. Participating students will learn more about entering the UW system, tuition costs, degree options, financial aid, the University of Wisconsin's Guaranteed Transfer Program, and much more. RSVP by November 8 by calling the Student Services Office at 459-6633 or emailing uwshb@uwc.edu.

Nov. 19: Right to Life Bowl-a-thon from 7-10 pm at Odyssey



Lanes. Interested students should see Bethany Berg to sign up and pick up a sponsor form. Our

Lutheran High goal is to raise \$2000 and bring home the Cup of Life trophy for the first time.

Dec. 21-23: Final Exams.

Tuesday, Jan. 12: Financial Aid Night at Lutheran High.

ACT Prep

UW-Sheboygan ACT Prep Courses. The UW-S hosts several prep courses throughout the year. The course is a one-day (8-2:30) class with a cost of \$69. For some students, this is a valuable review opportunity that reduces the stress of the test. To register, call the UW-S at 459-6633. Dates available are:

- ◆ November 20th
- ◆ January 22nd
- ◆ March 19th
- ◆ May 2nd

Quarter Report Cards & GPA

Printed report cards are not automatically sent home. If you need a paper copy, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Also, if you need your student's Grade Point Average for the Good Student insurance discount, we now have a feature in Powerschool that might help. The current GPA will be listed at the bottom of the grades chart in Powerschool. This number will change daily as a student's grades fluctuate. But once the quarter is over, I will leave the final GPA of the previous quarter posted for a week or two. If you print this page at the end of the quarter or semester, it may be sufficient to

give to your insurance company. If not, though, I am always happy to print a transcript or sign a form. This is a nice feature for students and parents keeping an eye on the gpa and how it can change for the positive or negative. We do not have the ability to also post cumulative gpa, so just let me know if you need that information.

Growth Opportunities

HOBY: HOBY Application (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar) now open to sophomores.



“Inspiring, Educational, Altruistic, Energizing, Enthusiastic, Motivating, Transforming, Long-Lasting, and Life-Changing. These are some of the words that students, schools, parents, alumni, volunteers and supporters use to describe Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) . . . HOBY programs provide youth selected by their schools to participate in unique leadership training, service-learning and motivation-building experiences” (www.hoby.org).

The HOBY application is open to all LHS sophomores who have a desire to further develop

their leadership skills. The following information was give to students in late September: The ONE sophomore who is selected as the HOBY Ambassador will have the opportunity to attend the HOBY Leadership Seminar, a great honor. The seminar does cost \$150, but this is a relatively small fee compared to what you get in return. This program is so highly regarded that simply having it on your resume will make people take notice. Plus, you may have the opportunity to go on to the World Leadership Congress in Washington, D.C., where you can interact with student leaders from over 20 different countries. Very cool!!

To apply, submit the following to Mrs. Lastusky no later than Thursday, Oct. 27th, 2010:

1. Heading including your full name.
2. Essay of no more than 300 words, typed and double-spaced, on the following question: “Please describe the most rewarding and challenging aspect of being a leader in your school and community.”

NOTE: A scholarship committee will select the HOBY Ambassador from the pool of applicants. The winner will be notified by November 19th, 2010.

Republican Page Positions for U.S. House of Representatives Open Now!

This is open to juniors only. Pages serve as support staff for the House of Representatives. They will live in Washington, D.C. and work and study as Pages. The program includes the House Page School, the House Page Residence Hall, and work responsibilities within the House of Representatives. Pages are paid for their time in the program, as well.

Representative Tom Petri will recommend one nominee and one alternate from the Wisconsin pool of applicants. Interested students can download the application form



at <http://petri.house.gov/pageprog.shtml>.

Application deadline is Nov. 5, 2010.

Specialized Preview Days:

These are unique opportunities at various schools that allow students to find out more about a given field — risk-free! Below are a few upcoming preview days at UW-Oshkosh. Keep in mind, any time you go to an event at a particular school, part of the day will be dedicated to showing you the positive attributes of that school.

Health & Science Preview Day

Friday, October 22

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

A special Preview Day for students interested in Nursing, Athletic Training, Environmental Health, Chemistry, Biology/Microbiology, Kinesiology, Healthcare Emphases, Medical Technology or Pre-Professional areas including: pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-chiropractic, pre-occupational therapy, pre-optometry, pre-osteopathic medicine, pre-pharmacy, pre-physical therapy, pre-physician's assistant, pre-podiatry, and pre-veterinary medicine. Your day will include a department presentation, facility tour, student service sessions and campus tour. [Register now!](#)

Express Yourself Preview Day

Wednesday, November 3

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an interactive day on campus designed for students interested in the creative and expressive arts, including the following majors: Music, Art, Radio-TV-Film, Theatre, English (creative writing), and Journalism. There is no fee to attend the Express Yourself Preview Day other than the cost of your lunch! Check back soon to register online!

Computer Science Preview Day

Friday, November 5
9:30 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

If you are interested in the Computing Profession this visit day is for you. During your visit you will meet faculty and current students, learn about coursework and program objectives, participate in a hands-on, computer-based activity, take a campus tour and find out if you might be eligible for one of our \$10,000 PFG Scholarships. [Register now!](#)

Special Education Preview Day

Friday, November 19
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Your day will include an overview of the College of Education admission requirements, a demonstration of a special education class, question and answer sessions with faculty and current students and a walking campus tour.

[Register now!](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

Have you been checking out the scholarship list lately? They are NOT just for seniors! In fact, there are several scholarships and essay competitions for grades 9-12 and even younger, so spread the word if you have children or siblings who are still in middle school.

One opportunity is the Voice of Democracy competition, where students write an essay on the topic, “Does My Generation Have a Role in America’s Future?”

They then record it on a CD. Last year, LHS

students Christiana Jacobson, Ben Steffen, Rachel Bohnhoff, Sara Schumacher, and Adon Brown all placed (and won money!) in this competition. This year we want to once again send the 1st place winner to the state level, so get your entries in (pick up entry forms from Mrs. L.). The deadline is November 1st! Check out this and other scholarships on the guidance link of the LHS website <http://www.lutheranhigh.com/scholarshiplist.cfm>.



Student Achievements

Three LHS seniors are being honored for their high performances on the PSAT/NMSQT exam. Juniors across the country take this test each October. Of the 1.5 million program entrants, only 50,000 qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program. **Reid Schmideler, Seth Menzer, and Erika Herrmann** are among these elite students. All three have been named Commended Students,

which means they are in the top 5% of all students who took the PSAT. As Commended Students, they are no longer in the running for National Merit scholarships, but we are extremely proud of their hard work and give praise to God for the academic gifts with which He has blessed them.

“Recognition of high-achieving students is essential to advancing educational excellence in our nation,” commented a spokesperson for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. “As demonstrated by their outstanding performance in our highly competitive program, the young men and women named Commended Students represent some of the most academically talented students in our country. We sincerely hope this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and encourage them in their pursuit of academic success.”

Alumni Brag Spot

Joshua Mech (class of 2010) is one of only five students (out of 100) who tried out for and made Southern Illinois University’s competitive flight team! The nationally ranked “Flying Salukis” compete in National Intercollegiate Flying Association sanctioned meets against teams from across the country. Competitions involve



seven different ground events and five flight

events. Joshua received his private pilot license at age 17 and is majoring in Aviation Flight/Aviation Management at S.I.U. It is a great honor to be on the Flying Salukis, especially as a freshman. The best part (according to his parents!) is that the university pays for all his flight training for the team. Sometimes it’s good to have your head in the clouds! 😊

Spotlight on ... Robert Morris University

With multiple campuses throughout Illinois, Robert Morris University (RMU) has much to offer. Below are a few quick facts about the Chicago campus, in particular:

- ◆ RMU’s graduation rate is in the top 10% of schools in its category.
- ◆ 50 intercollegiate teams.
- ◆ 91% of RMU grads finish their Bachelor’s Degree in 4 years or less.
- ◆ RMU is one of the most affordable private universities in Illinois.
- ◆ RMU awards more than \$22 million in scholarships each year.

◆ RMU is a state leader in providing educational opportunities for women.

◆ Located close to Soldier Field, the Museum of Science & Industry, Shedd Aquarium, and other Chicago landmarks.

◆ Some of RMU's unique degree opportunities include:

- ◆ Computer Studies
- ◆ Pharmacy Technology
- ◆ Digital Animation
- ◆ Hospitality Management
- ◆ Culinary Arts
- ◆ Architectural Technology

◆ Enrollment: 7, 277

Visit www.robertmorris.edu for more information.

