

# LHS Guidance Newsletter

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## The Shelter of His Wings

“He will cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you will find refuge” (Psalm 91:4). This has always been one of my favorite psalms, but it really came to life for me when I heard the following story:

*After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage.*

*One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick.*

*When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.*

*She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had*

*remained steadfast. She had been willing to die, so those under the cover of her wings would live.*

Like this bird, Jesus Christ was willing to die to save us. He took on the sins of the entire world because of His great love for us.

No matter what life brings our way, we know that our Lord will protect and defend us. Next time there are fires raging in your life, take refuge in the shelter of His wings.



## Current GPA Now Available

Need your student's Grade Point Average for the Good Student insurance discount? The current GPA is listed at the bottom of the grades chart in Powerschool. 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. If nothing else, it is a nice feature to have for students and parents keeping an eye on the gpa. We do not have the ability to

also post cumulative gpa, so just let me know if you need that information.

## ACT Prep

### ACT Prep Courses

The UW Sheboygan offers one-day, seven-hour courses for juniors and seniors to learn the skills necessary to do well on the ACT exam. The course is taught by top-notch professors and instructors. Students will learn:

- \*Strategies in test taking
- \*Strategies in solving math problems with algebra, geometry and trigonometry
- \*Proper usage of English rhetorical skills & mechanics
- \*Analysis and interpretation of scientific research summaries and conflicting hypotheses

### Workshop Dates

November 28th, 2009  
January 23, 2010  
March 27, 2010  
May 29, 2010

Register no later than 2 weeks prior to the chosen date to reserve a spot. Call 459-6617 or email [jane.donlon@uwc.edu](mailto:jane.donlon@uwc.edu).

### Other ACT Prep Suggestions:

**StudentEdge.com:** If you have not signed up yet, you need to do so! This is a great site that has test prep for the ACT, SAT, and AP exams. There is also homework help, a resume builder, college/career assessments and searches, and much more. Our school I.D. is **WHFLXNHH**. Visit <http://www.studentedge.com/studentedge/default.aspx> to register as a new user.

[www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)

[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

[www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org](http://www.knowhow2gowisconsin.org)

### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 20:** Right to Life Bowl-a-thon from 7-10 pm at Odyssey Lanes.



Interested students should sign up on the guidance office door and pick up a sponsor form.

**Dec. 21-23:** Final Exams

**Mon, Jan. 11 at 6:00 pm.** College Financial Aid Night at LHS. 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!

## 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](http://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. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009:

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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Workbound:** Coming soon to Lutheran High! Workbound is nonprofit organization dedicated to



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investing in young people. The company brochure says, "Workbound participants enter a two-year program on a voluntary basis during their junior year. They investigate career possibilities through personality, interest and skills assessments. They receive valuable information and field experience during job shadow

assignments, mock interviews and opportunities to network with Sheboygan County's leading business professionals."

A big part of Workbound is the growth participants see in setting goals and developing their future plans. Having support from parents and mentors gives students the tools needed to make informed decisions about life after high school.

LHS parent Kym Leibham is volunteering her time to make Workbound a success. Watch for more information in the coming months. This year's sophomores should strongly consider being a part of Workbound next year. To learn more, visit [www.workbound.org](http://www.workbound.org).

## 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 America Still Have Heroes," then record it on a CD. Last year, LHS students Adon Brown, Reid Schmideler, and Kirstin Feldmann took 2nd, 3rd, and

4th in this competition. This year we want to send the 1st place winner to the state level, so get your entries in. The deadline is November 1st! Check out this and other scholarships on the guidance link of the LHS website <http://www.lutheranhigh.com/guidance.cfm>. Note that scholarships open to non-seniors are *italicized*.

## Student Accomplishments

**Senior Josh Mech** has already obtained his pilot's license and was the recipient of the **Leroy Homer**



**Aviation Scholarship** last spring. Follow this link for a great video <http://www.trinitysheboygan.org/media/videos/mechvideo.mp4>

**Congratulations to Seniors Nicolai Allman and Anne Bolgert.** Based on their stellar PSAT scores as juniors, both students qualified for the National Merit Scholarship program. **Nicolai** is a Commended Student, which means he placed in the top 5% of more than 1.5 million students who took the PSAT.

"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.”



**Anne Bolgert** is a Semi-finalist in the competition, which means we are waiting with bated breath for the final results. Of the 50,000 students who qualify for NMSC, only one-third become semifinalists. This is indeed a great honor! Updates will be given later this year as we hear more about Anne’s potential standing as a finalist. To God be all glory!

**Business World:** Sophomore Ben Steinert had a great opportunity to attend. Business World this summer. I asked Ben to share a little bit about his experience in hopes that other students would see it as one more avenue to explore their interests.

*I attended Business World at Edgewood College in Edgerton, WI*

*during this past summer, June 28 – July 1, 2009. It is a camp designed for high school students interested in the pursuit of a future in the business world. The activities are a comprehensive overview of the full nature of a business atmosphere, offering a variety of jobs within a business structure.*

*We were given a manual outlining each day’s activities. We each chose a position within our assigned business group, comprised of kids from all over the state of Wisconsin. I chose to be the vice president of finance, responsible for the accounting of our business decisions.*

*We were divided into groups of 6 led by a volunteer business leader from a company who took personal time from his/her paid*

*position to work with the camp. I happened to be placed with Erin Belot-Ott, originally from Kohler, who*



*now resides in Madison with her husband. A Wisconsin-based company or foundation also sponsored each camper, making it affordable for all to attend camp at the mere fee of \$100, which included registration fee, food & lodging.*

*Each day was packed full of activities including financial decision-making, guest speakers,*

*and marketing opportunities. General financial decisions such as how much product you would produce, and how much each unit would cost were some things you had to think about. Each team at the camp made these decisions. Once everybody entered them, a computer program would “spit out” results based on how the consumer was expected to act, taking our interests into consideration as well as our competition.*

*While many of us were making these financial decisions, there was yet “another part” to the program. This “part” is called marketing, and allowed the creative people to market an actual product. The actual product was built and assembled out of “junk.” Using visual aids and speaking skills we advertised our product at a trade show, and created a television ad as well.*

*The entire camp was a great experience and helped me to learn more about opportunities in today’s business environment. I highly encourage other students, especially those interested in pursuing a career in business, to attend Wisconsin Business World.*

*~Ben Steinert*

## **Spotlight on Carroll University**

Carroll University is a private school right down the road in Waukesha, Wisconsin. It is

affiliated with the Presbyterian Church but is nonsectarian and ecumenical in operation.

**\*Enrollment:** 2,518 full-time undergrads; 3,316 total.

**\*Student/faculty ratio:** 16:1

**\*Average class size:** 21

**\*Tuition & fees:** \$22,837 (but 98% of undergraduates receive financial aid!)

### **\*New Cultural Experience Program**

\*3-4 week short-term cultural immersion experience

\*Travel with Carroll students & faculty

\*Examples include South Africa, Tanzania, Japan, Australia, Belize, Europe, Russia

### **\*Study Abroad**

\*Semester or year-long

\*England, France, Australia, Mexico, New Zealand, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, but other locations can be approved

### **\*New Health Science Programs:**

Carroll now offers a Master of Science in Physician’s Assistant Studies, as well as a 2+2 program in Radiologic Technology and Sonography. Carroll also offers programs in Nursing, Athletic Training, and Physical Therapy.