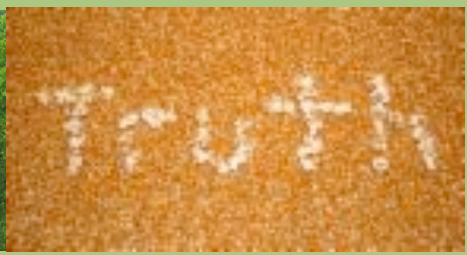
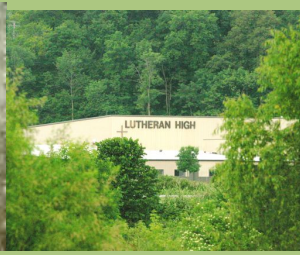
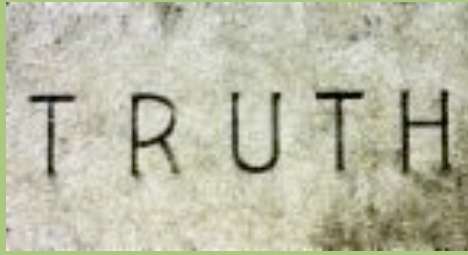


LHS Guidance Newsletter



September 1st, 2007



"Shaped by Truth."

Philippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is

noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (NIV)

Our theme this year is based on these great words from St. Paul. Amazingly, Paul wrote these words while in prison! I wonder how many of us would be able to encourage others to focus on the positive while in the midst of such dire circumstances. But that is what our Lord commands us to do. "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Phil.4:4).

Students at Lutheran High will be shaped by many factors this year: family, friends, teachers, life circumstances, and more. But most importantly, they will be shaped by truth - the truth of God's Word. Daily doses of the only real Truth in our world will give students plenty of excellent, lovely, admirable, and praiseworthy things to ponder. This will help mold them into the Christian leaders our world so desperately needs. God bless all our students, parents, teachers, and staff as we work together in being shaped by truth!

Senior Notes:

College Application Process:

- 1. Apply online! It is faster, easier, & colleges hate paper applications. 90% of students now apply online.**

2. **When you apply online, there will be a page to print and give to your guidance counselor. Bring this page in to Mrs. L. She will complete the form, print your transcript, and send the necessary paperwork to complete your application. You can expect this to happen within 48 hours.**
3. **If there is a registration fee and you did not pay by credit card, you should include a check to be sent with the other forms.**
4. **Apply to approximately 3 (or more, if you prefer) schools: one “sure thing”; one college that may be a bit tougher to get into; and one “long shot” - the college of your dreams. It doesn’t hurt to apply!**



Important Dates Coming Up:

Sept. 1st: The UW System has an all new application this fall (to go with its new admissions policy), and it is available online starting Sept. 1st. The new admissions policy is

more comprehensive, looking at students’ overall qualifications, not just academics and test scores. It is to students’ advantage to be involved in many activities, including volunteer work and leadership opportunities. Students who once despaired if their grades and scores were not up to snuff can now take heart at this more comprehensive approach to college admissions. Work hard in ALL areas of your high school life!

Sept. 22: Academy Information Day 2007 at the E.A.A. Education Center in Oshkosh from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reps from each of the military academies will be on hand to give presentations and answer questions. Contact Mrs. L. if you have questions about the day.

Mon, Sept. 24 (6:30-8:30 pm) & Tues, Sept. 25 (9-11 am) at Lakeland College: Wisconsin Education Fair. Meet with 100 professional admissions reps from the region - a great opportunity for juniors and seniors (www.wefs.org). **NOTE:** All juniors will be bussed to Lakeland on Tuesday morning to spend a couple hours meeting with college reps and checking out various colleges. Parents, visiting the night before would be a great chance to ask questions and have an opportunity to discuss options with your son or daughter. Also, I am in need of a few chaperones, so

if any parents would like to accompany us on Tuesday, please call the guidance office at 452-3323.

Monday, Oct. 1: Parent College Night 6:30-8:00 pm in the LHS Commons. This is for juniors & their parents (or seniors if you missed last year's mtg.) who want to get an early start and learn about the college search process. Students & parents are encouraged to attend!

Wed, Oct. 17: Future's Day. Freshmen will be taking the EXPLORE test, sophomores will be taking the PLAN, and juniors will be taking the PSAT. All 3 are tests to prepare students for the ACT and SAT down the road. NOTE: Seniors do not have classes today and are encouraged to schedule a college visit. See Mrs. L. if you need help with this.

Sun, Oct. 21: National College Fair in Milwaukee at the Midwest Airlines Center. 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Reps from approximately 200 colleges and universities from around the country will be there - from Boston University to Seton Hall to University of Arizona. Best of all, it's FREE! Visit www.nacac.org for a complete listing of the schools represented, as well as other FAQs. This is an ideal event to visit with your freshman, sophomore, junior, or

senior to help them start thinking about their future.

January 7, 2008: Future Fair. UW-Sheboygan from 6:00-7:30 p.m. More information to follow.



College Visits/Info Nights:

Sept. 10, 11, or 17: UW-Stevens Point Pointer Info Nights. For those considering UW-SP, this is a local one-hour info night to attend in addition to a college visit. These 3 are in Green Bay, Appleton, and Brookfield, respectively. Log on to www.uwsp.edu/admissions/visitus.aspx to make an online reservation and get more information.

Sept. 16: Marquette Open House (1st one). Visit www.marquette.edu for more info or to register for the open house. **NOTE:** Marquette has some great opportunities for students interested in pursuing a career in **science**. Please see the flyer outside the guidance office and/or check out the following links: <http://www.biology.marquette.edu/>

<http://www.marquette.edu/physics>

<http://www.marquette.edu/chem>

Sept. 19: Discover Duke University. At 7:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Milwaukee/Brookfield. An Admissions officer will present information on Duke's programs, people, admissions, and financial aid processes. **ALSO, on Sept. 29th, from 8:15 - 4:00 is Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering In Focus:** an open house to welcome prospective engineering students and their families to visit the campus and learn about the engineering education at Duke. For more information, visit www.admissions.duke.edu.

Sept. 24: Notre Dame Information Program. 7:00 p.m. at Dominican High School Auditorium in Whitefish Bay.

Sept. 24: Yale Information Session. 7:00 p.m. at University School of Milwaukee.

Sept. 26: Yale Information Session. 7:00 p.m. at Brown County Downtown Library in Green Bay.

Sept. 29: Michigan Tech Open House. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Visit www.mtu.edu/openhouse or call 1-800-688-1885.

Oct. 2: Fox Valley Technical College Open House: 3:00-7:00 p.m. at the Appleton campus. It will highlight programs and services offered. Faculty and students will host booths and demonstrations, as well as provide campus tours throughout the evening. Visit www.fvtc.edu for more information.

Oct. 8 @ CMT: Wisconsin Lutheran & Bethany Lutheran Reps will be visiting at LHS.

Oct. 12 @ CMT: Concordia-Chicago Rep at LHS.

Oct. 14: Marquette Open House #2.

Oct. 15 @ CMT: MSOE (Milwaukee School of Engineering) Rep at LHS.



Scholarship Opportunities:

Scholarship opportunities are now starting to trickle in and the downpour will begin in the next month or so. I will begin posting

these on the LHS website, where students and parents can regularly check out opportunities. Information posted will include: deadline, amount of award, requirements, and contact information. Many scholarships will have online application links; for others, students will have to stop in the guidance office to pick up an application. Please check the website every 2-3 weeks, as the list will be updated frequently.

There are also websites students can check out that allow one to apply and search for scholarships. This is a fairly easy way to search for scholarships and get one's name into many lists. Honestly, the payoff is not real great because most of these are national competitions and the pool of names is very large. But someone has to win, so go for it! Spend most of your time and effort applying for the local scholarships that will be posted on our website. Keep your eyes open for any other opportunities at your employer or your parents' employers, also, as these scholarships do not always come through the guidance office.

Please take advantage of any or all of these opportunities. Applying for scholarships is time-consuming, but the reward can be great. I will make the information available to you, but it is the student's

responsibility to follow through and meet important deadlines.

Scholarship/Financial Aid Websites:

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.schoolsoup.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.finaid.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.collegeanswer.com

www.cappex.com

www.salliemae.com

www.studentaid.ed.gov

Remember! Any scholarship that requires you to send money is most likely not legitimate. A scholarship opportunity should never cost you more than the cost of a stamp. Watch out for scholarship scams!

College Websites:

www.collegeview.com National College Listing

www.wisconsin.edu UW Schools

www.wisconsinmentor.org
Wisconsin Private Schools

www.witechcolleges.org Wisconsin Technical Colleges

www.anycollege.net National College Listing

Looking for Answers . . . If you are not sure what you want to do “when you grow up,” check out the websites below:

www.livecareer.com

www.careervoyages.gov/students-links.cfm

www.collegetoolkit.com

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

Other Opportunities:

Rep. Tom Petri is now accepting applications to Air Force Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, Military Academy (West Point), & Naval Academy (Annapolis). This is open to 17-22 year old residents of the 6th Congressional District of Wisconsin. The deadline is Oct. 15, 2007, but interested students should contact him asap. Visit www.house.gov/petri/academy or call 1-800-242-4883. Note: Students interested in this should take the October ACT & see Mrs. L. for more information.

VFW Voice of Democracy Contest: This year's theme is “My role in honoring America's Veterans.” This essay/speech contest is a great way to show your patriotism AND earn some scholarship money. LHS's own Nic Lindau took 1st place last year, so we would love to see another

Crusader honor our veterans in this great contest. See Mrs. L. asap for more details. Deadline is Oct. 15th.

Wendy's High School Heisman Award:

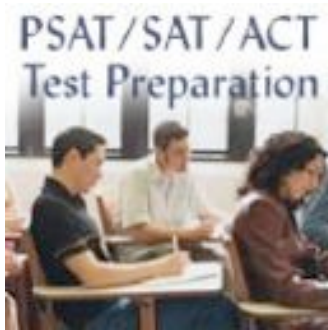
Until this year, each school was able to nominate only 2 students for this elite award. Now, any student-athlete who meets the criteria can apply online at www.wendysheisman.com. It is open to seniors who have at least a “B” average and participate in at least one sport. They should excel in academics, athletics, and student leadership. As a bonus, the first 36,000 students who apply will win a Wendy's Gift Card in amounts ranging from \$5 to \$50. Go for it!

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:

Volunteers, this is a great opportunity! If you have made a difference in your community, you could win \$1,000 and a fabulous trip to Washington, D.C. Visit www.prudential.com/spirit and click on the “Apply Now” link. Follow the instructions, fill out the application, print it, sign it, have a parent sign it, and submit it to Mrs. L. Students can also pick up an information sheet in the guidance office.



ACT/SAT Information:



Seniors, if you have not taken the ACT or SAT yet, sign up NOW for the October test. This is a critical step

as you start applying to colleges! Juniors, you should start taking the test by next spring but begin preparing now. Below are the test dates and registration deadlines:

ACT Test Date Registration Deadline

Oct. 27, 2007	Sept. 21, 2007
Dec. 8, 2007	Nov. 2, 2007
Feb. 9, 2008	Jan. 4, 2008
Apr. 12, 2008	Mar. 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

*Register at www.actstudent.org

SAT Test Date Registration Deadline

Oct. 6, 2007	Sept. 10, 2007
Nov. 3, 2007	Oct. 2, 2007
Dec. 1, 2007	Oct. 30, 2007
Jan. 26, 2008	Dec. 26, 2007
Mar. 1, 2008	Jan. 29, 2008
May 3, 2008	Apr. 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008

*Register at www.collegeboard.com

Note on ACT/SAT: For the majority of students, the ACT is the test they will need to take. In general, colleges and universities across the middle of the country require the ACT for admission. Schools on the two coasts are more likely to require the SAT. More and more schools, however, are moving to the ACT as their exam of choice. Some students will take both tests in hopes that they will score better on one. See Mrs. L. if you have questions about either test or ask the schools you are considering what they prefer.



"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

~Helen Keller