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Students in Mr. Zeuner's winterim CSI class collect data and evidence of a "crime scene."



Winterim Week Offers Students a Change of Pace

Winterim week serves as a new transition from winter break to the start of the second semester

by Hannah Dekker

For the first time at Sheboygan Lutheran High School, students did not start their second semester classes immediately after Christmas break. Instead, the students and faculty participated in a winterim week where each student studied in one class during the entire week contrary to the regular eight-hour class schedule.

During this week, each teacher was asked to teach a class that they were interested in. Starting with the senior class, each student was given the opportunity to select the class that they would like to participate in. Students were required to write a three-page paper or a portfolio at the end of the five-day class. This paper, along with class participation and other subject studies, then went into the students GPA as a high pass, pass, and fail grade.

Students were able to choose from a variety of classes like "Poetry Palooza" with English teacher Myrna Lastusky and "Txt Ur

F8th" with theology teacher Pastor Joel Howard.

"[The winterim week] was so relaxing," says senior Kirstin Feldmann "I liked having a different schedule and learning about something totally different than boring classes."

Feldmann participated in Mrs. Adameak's "Amazing Artists in Time" class where the students learned about the life of famous artists and worked on art projects related to the work of famous artists.

Feldmann says that her favorite part of the week was the art projects. The students made chiarocuros, self-portraits made from magazines, and action paintings.

"I loved the action paintings. We threw paint on paper and made different designs which was fun because we got to make a mess."

Whether wanting to learn about art and the artist's lives, religion and faith, or about science and labs, students focused on unique subjects different to their everyday schedule.

Science teacher Richard Zeuner's class focused on the science of crime scenes and forensics. His class studied a murder that had happened in Sheboygan, watched

the CSI television series, and learned how to find evidence in the scene of a crime.

"My class was awesome," says Zeuner. "The activities and videos were great but the guests I had were outstanding."

An officer from the Sheboygan police crime scene investigation unit visited the class and walked them through a Sheboygan murder. He outlined what happens in a crime from the telephone call to collecting the evidence. He also dispelled misconceptions that people have from the television show CSI which Zeuner says really helped his class understand forensics.

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The freshmen girls enjoy showing off their school spirit on green & gold day.

Raised Prices for Winter Formal Causes Disagreements

A slight increase in ticket prices causes mixed opinions from students of LHS

by Becca Quam

This year's Winter Formal still attracted a large amount of students despite the initial controversy over raised ticket prices.

Ticket Prices were increased to \$12.00 per person in order to raise more money for Prom.

Some students felt it was unnecessary to raise prices on Winter Formal tickets this year for Prom, while others saw it as a minor sacrifice that was overall beneficial.

Student body president, Hannah Dekker said that Lutheran High School's expenses have gone up because of no concession money this year for Prom.

"I think it [was] a good decision in order to raise money for prom," Dekker says, "Two dollars isn't crazy. Freshmen and sophomores will understand that it's fair when they are seniors."

Dekker said that there isn't anything else that LHS is doing right now to raise money for Prom.

Anna Heling, a senior at LHS and a member of Student Council agreed with Dekker that it was a good decision to raise money for Prom.

"I think that since we don't get funds from concessions anymore," says Heling. "It was necessary and we had to make up for it. Each class should support each other."

Heling says she has heard some people say they'll stay at home because of the

change in price but some will go regardless of the raised ticket prices.

"I know that it will be memorable," She says of her own experience.

Juli Nicholson, junior class president says that something needed to be done [to raise funds]. I think that student council should have voted on the raising of Winter Formal tickets," Nicholson says.

"I think it may not seem fair now for freshmen and sophomores that they have to pay more but when they have to plan for their prom they'll understand."

Nicholson says that even though prices have gone up people will still go."

A Junior and a member of Student Council, Stephanie Kempf says that raising the ticket prices was good because if Student Council didn't they would have to raise them even more for Prom.

Kempf does admit that it was unfair for the freshmen and sophomores because she said it would be easier to keep tickets at a set price so there'd be less confusion.

Jessica Christian, the sophomore class president says, "It [was] a bad decision to raise ticket prices because they're making everyone pay for a dance that not everyone gets to go to. It's not fair for the freshmen and sophomores."

Zachary Jensema, a sophomore at LHS and a member of Student Council says that they could have had a fundraiser or a brat fry [instead].

"It [was] a bad decision because not all of us are made out of money," says Jensema. "Why should [freshmen and sophomores] have to pay? Most of us don't have jobs. They could have had a brat fry in summer to raise money."

Kendra Lind, a freshmen at Sheboygan Lutheran High School agrees with Jensema that other methods of raising money would have been better. (Continued on page 3)

Sub-Zero Temperatures Prompt Lutheran High Closure

The school recently closes school for cold days

by Adon Brown

Last Thursday and Friday, Sheboygan Lutheran High School had cold days. Students did not come to school due to a cold weather warning, and dangerous road conditions. On Thursday, January 15, 2009 the high temperature was -3 degrees F, and the low for the day was -15 degrees F. For Friday the high temperature was 3 degrees F, and the low was -14 degrees F. These cold temperatures do not include wind-chill temperatures between -25 degrees and -30 degrees F.

Lutheran High will not be adding any additional days to the school calendar unless more school days are missed because of the weather. The Wisconsin Department of Instruction requires that all private schools have 875 hours of school. So far LHS has over 1150 hours scheduled. As well as school, all other sporting events and activities were cancelled, and are to be rescheduled.

Usually in cases as on Thursday and Friday, the Sheboygan Area Schools District, or SASD, tell the schools to close because of the wind-chill warning. LHS receives a call from the SASD telling them to close. Once LHS hears the news of the closing, they spread the word to other grade schools, notifying them of the impending closure.

In other cases, such as a snow day, the county highway department informs Lutheran High that the roads are not safe to drive on. Since many students who are enrolled at Lutheran High do not live near the school, they must drive a fairly long way, making it more dangerous for them.

Other Sheboygan area high schools are an influence to Lutheran High's closures because the weather is the same. If students cannot come to one school, usually that means the same for LHS.

* Due to the inclement weather on these days, the boys' game against Kohler has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 16 at Lutheran High. The freshmen game is at 4:30, JV at 6:00, and varsity at 7:30. In addition, the Lutheran High open house was rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 5 from 4:30-7 pm.

Lutheran High Citrus Sale Pick-Up and Brat Fry

Saturday, February 7, 2009
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Brat fry offers brats and hamburgers available for carry-out orders

-Proceeds from the brat fry will benefit the New York music tour and Lutheran High technology department



Doris Hofmeister (above) and Katja Yanovics (right), Lutheran High's two new foreign exchange students from Austria.



Experiencing the American Lifestyle

by Anna Heling

Rushing through the halls on their way to class, Lutheran High students may come across two unfamiliar faces – those of Doris Hofmeister and Katja Yanovics.

Hofmeister and Yanovics, ages 15 and 17 respectively, are Lutheran High's two new foreign exchange students from Austria. Together, they discuss their reasons for coming to the United States, their first impressions of Americans, and their lives back in Austria.

Coming to America

Though Hofmeister and Yanovics say they enjoy living in their home country of Austria, both girls are excited to have the opportunity to study in America.

"I want to have the best experience of my life," says Hofmeister.

In addition, Hofmeister and Yanovics say that they were especially eager to travel to the United States because of the appeal of "the American lifestyle" portrayed through television and movies, as well as the chance to improve their English-speaking abilities. Hofmeister, in her sixth year of speaking English, and Yanovics, in her seventh year, say that students in Austrian schools must learn the English language starting from a young age.

First Impressions and Culture Differences

"In Austria, people tell you that Americans are really nice and friendly," says Hofmeister, "and [I've found that] they are."

Though Hofmeister and Yanovics say they have been warmly received by students at Lutheran High, they still miss their families and friends back home.

"It's really hard [to get to know people better] because of the different languages," says Yanovics. She also says that, because of the short time she is here, she gets to know people, but not as well as she gets to know her long-time friends back home.

"I miss them [my friends]," says Yanovics, "but I am open to meeting new friends [at Lutheran High]."

The girls say they are trying their best not to think about home.

"I don't want to get homesick," says Hofmeister. She says she rarely communicates with her friends and family in Austria because, if she did, she would begin to think about them too much.

To keep their minds off of their home country, Hofmeister and Yanovics have been immersing themselves in the American culture, taking note of any differences between America and Austria along the way.

"It's horribly cold," says Hofmeister. "[In my hometown of Apetlon, Austria], we have a little bit of snow, but not this much."

Another major difference they have noticed is the taste of the food and beverages in America, in comparison to Austria.

Though they say the water in America tastes very different, they have enjoyed trying new foods and both agree on their favorites as sloppy joes and banana bread.

They have also noticed a major difference in the two cultures' food advertising strategies.

Hofmeister says that in Austria, the majority of the food advertised is fruits and vegetables, while in America, it is generally cookies, cakes, and muffins.

"In Austria," says Yanovics, "there is more healthy eating."

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"Instead of raising Winter Formal tickets they should go traditional and have bake sale."

Dekker agrees that other fundraisers could have brought in money for Prom, however the committee members were not able to make the time commitment needed to organize those types of events.

"We just didn't have time this year," says Dekker. "It's a possibility for next year though."

Heling felt that with the brat fry fundraiser held during Homecoming week and the upcoming citrus sale and Lutheran High Culver's Day, another fundraiser would have been too much.

"I think people are overloaded [with other fundraisers] already."

Aside from the Winter Formal dance alteration in ticket prices there were a variety of activities that remained the same such as the dress up days during the week, the obstacle course, and Powder Puff volleyball.

"I'm most excited for Powder Puff because I'm coaching," said Freshmen President Emily Mech just before Friday's Powder Puff tournament.

Mech's coaching earned her team third place. The Senior boys took the title of champions with the Juniors in a close second.

Jensemata says that he enjoyed the dress up days, especially green and gold day.

Other dress up days included pajama day, Disney character day, Winter blues day, and class color day.

"The week [was] fun," Dekker said, "but the dance [was] the most fun because you can just have fun and act goofy with your friends."

Heling agrees.

"The night will be most exciting knowing it's my last Winter Formal dance."

BE MINE!

Share the Love!

NHS is sponsoring a candy sale for Valentine's Day on February 4th-6th.

Students may purchase candy treats for their friends for \$.50 at lunch. The candy will be delivered to students during their 8th hour classes.

Buy a sweet treat for a sweet friend!

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Life in Austria – Hofmeister

Living in Apetlon, Austria, with a population of 2,000 people, Hofmeister enjoys activities such as biking with her dog, as well as ice skating with her friends in the wintertime because she says that Apetlon boasts one of the biggest natural lakes for ice skating [in all of Austria].

In the summertime, she says she and her parents move to the city of Podersdorf in order to be closer to the small hotel they own and operate. She describes it as “kind of in between a bed-and-breakfast and a hotel.”

Since in her own family she is an only child, Hofmeister has been enjoying her time with her host family, the Linse’s.

“With brothers and sisters,” she says, “you always have someone to speak to, to talk to. I don’t like being an only child.”

She enjoys being around people and hopes to pursue a career in the health field.

“I want to do something that helps people,” she says.

Life in Austria – Yanovics

Yanovics’s schooling is not that of a typical teenager.

“I go to fashion school,” she says. “We make our own clothes and, once a year, we have a fashion show [modeling our own designs].”

In between designing outfits, sketching them, and putting them together,

Yanovics says she and her classmates must learn French because “Paris is the fashion capital of the world.”

Quite different than Hofmeister’s family of only one child, Yanovics has two brothers and one sister, and lives with her mom in a house near the city of Vienna, where she enjoys going to discos and dancing with her friends at night.

Austria – A Must See

Hofmeister and Yanovics are enjoying their time in the United States, and encourage Americans to visit Austria as well.

“You can see so many different things,” says Yanovics. “Austria’s very nice.”

“We have a lot of good culture and food,” adds Hofmeister.

“ . . . like wiener schnitzel,” says Yanovics.

Both girls agree visiting different locations around the world is a must, and they seek to do more of it themselves.

“I want to travel,” says Hofmeister. “I want to get to know [other peoples’] lifestyles. Later, when I’m older, I may not have the chance.”

Service Hours- “A Part of Christian Life”

Pastor Joel Howard and Theology teacher Jeff Jurss respond to the change in service hour requirements

by Giulia Weyrich

At the start of second semester, there has been a change in the semester service hour requirements for juniors at Sheboygan Lutheran High School. Prior to this semester, juniors could fulfill their service hour requirement by completing ten hours at the end of each semester.

Jeff Jurss, the junior Christian leadership teacher, has altered this policy to five service hours per quarter. Jurss says he changed the policy, which only effects the juniors, two years ago in order to spend more classroom time discussing service opportunities and share service experiences.

“I felt like since service hours are during the semester it would be nice to have the service occurring each quarter,” says Jurss.

While this doesn’t change the ten hour time requirement, Jurss says, it does ensure that the service hours are spread evenly across the quarters.

The completion of these service hours is a theology requirement that must be met in order to graduate. The service hours requirement is not defined in the student handbook because each theology teacher manages the hours for their own classes.

Joel Howard, head of the theology department at Sheboygan Lutheran High School, says that in his theology classes he manages the student service hours by talking about them at the beginning of the semester. Howard says he explains requirements and the purpose of service hours.

Howard keeps track of all the students service hours and provides students with updates of new service opportunities and the current status of students completed hours.

Howard defines service hours as hours of volunteer work for which the student receives no pay and no formal recognition.

“Service should be a part of Christian life,” says Howard.

Howard says that the basis for Christian service can be found in Acts 2:42-47

which expresses the importance of serving one’s brothers and sisters in Christ.

“In the world today, people are selfish,” says Howard. “Service hours help students look outside of selfishness and focus on others.”

The students, however, expressed a mixed reaction to the change in the service hour policy and the requirement of service hours in general.

K.D Liebl, a junior, feels that the change is not helpful because students can’t accumulate more than five hours each quarter toward the requirement. For some this makes it more difficult to reach ten hours during the semester.

However, Alex Emmer, a junior, thinks she will benefit from the change.

“It will help me get it done because now we have a smaller time period to do it,” says Emmer.

Some students are still upset about the fact that service hours are a requirement. These students believe that those serving should be providing service as a result of their Christian beliefs instead of being forced.

“You should be doing service hours for your own Christian belief,” says Liebl. “You should not have to be graded on your level of Christian service.”

Jurss says that people may not take advantage of service opportunities without the requirement, but with this requirement one will experience the joy of service and look for other opportunities.

Howard agrees that service hours should be mandatory because otherwise students would not complete them.

“Service hours teach students what service is all about and provides an experience that helps students want to continue in a pattern of service.”



Junior Anne Bolgert helps vacuum at the Above & Beyond Children’s Museum on LHS’s annual Service day.

Meet the New Sader Sentinel Staff



Ms. Kali Manning, advisor



Hannah Dekker, senior



Anna Heling, senior



Giulia Weyrich, junior



Adon Brown, junior



Rebecca Quam, sophomore

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Zeuner says he enjoyed his week and loved learning along with his class. However, not having a prep period to relax and prepare for the class became tiring and challenging for him.

The change in scheduling was different for the students and teachers as the day was set as a block schedule. Breaks were given throughout the day and every class had an arranged class time to work in the computer lab on papers and projects. Also, every morning a different speaker held a one-hour chapel for the student body.

In a survey taken at the end of winterim week, the school found that many students wanted more or longer breaks than the six that were already given to them. Also, many students wanted the school day to start at 9:00 am instead of the 8:00 am schedule that the winterim week ran on.

"I really liked [winterim]," says Freshman Sam Dekker. "It was something new and interesting and I really want to do it again next year."

Like Dekker, many students are excited to participate in a winterim week next year.

"I think we should have a winterim next year," says Sophomore Tessa Timler.

"It was a good transition into the second semester."

The week served as a change in the basic schedule and a fresh start to the second semester.

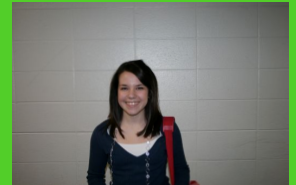
"I'm excited for next years winterim," says Dekker. "I hope it's as good as this years."

Opinions -

"What was your favorite dress-up day during Winter Wonderland Week?"

"I liked the Disney day because I got to see all the costumes and creativity put into it."

Natalie Carrier, freshmen



"I think disney was good because i got to dress up like eeyore."

Brandon Kramer, sophomore

"I think class color day is my favorite because of the rivalry between classes and the weekly activities."

Megan Osladil, junior



"The disney character day was the best. Most people actually tried to dress up and be crazy with it."

Jon Christian, senior