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Superintendent's Message Welcome to a New School Year!

I hope that you have had a great summer! The *Paw Prints* Back-to-School edition signals the coming of a new school year, and I am very excited to begin my third year as the superintendent at what I believe to be the best high school district in the nation!

Our continued work together; school, parents, and community, ensures that Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools provide all students with excellent opportunities to learn and grow in academics, activities, athletics and the fine arts. Our continued partnership will guarantee that all students have access to the finest teaching, curriculum and instruction, and programs available. As a result, our students will have the greatest opportunities for success in the 21st century.

District 128 has a long history of collaboratively developed strategic and school improvement planning goals, specific measurable objectives for each goal, the action plans to achieve the objectives, and success indicators to determine progress toward achievement and required course corrections, as necessary. These goal areas reflect our challenges to: increase student achievement and enhance curriculum, instruction, and assessment; ensure a technology base that supports cutting-edge curriculum, instruction, and assessment and enhances internal and external communication; and continue to maintain fiscal accountability and transparency to guarantee adequate resources to support learning opportunities.

The primary question in District 128 is always this: Are all students learning and growing? We embrace this challenge with passion, and we will work diligently to ensure that all students are well-prepared for their post-secondary education and experiences.

With that said, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2010-2011 school year! In the coming year, District 128 will usher in the Classes of 2014 and graduate the Classes of 2011 at LHS and VHHS. For those of you who are new to District 128, we are excited to have you join the D128 family, and for those of you who are returning to the D128, we are excited to welcome you back.

I encourage you to take some time as a family to review this issue of *Paw Prints*. It will provide you with invaluable information regarding opening school events and activities, policy and procedural changes, and an overview of the breadth and depth of activities and athletics available to District 128 students. As research continues to demonstrate, there is a significant relationship between higher student achievement and involvement in activities and athletics. We strongly encourage all of our students to get involved with school related activities and athletics beyond the regular school day.

As your superintendent, along with other District and building administrators, teachers, and support staff, we are here to serve you and to ensure that your children continue to succeed. As your children succeed, we continue to build upon the legacy of excellence in District 128.

Have a great school year!

Prentiss G. Lea
Superintendent



Hiring the Best: Where it All Begins

by *Dr. Al Fleming, Associate Superintendent*

There is a saying that hiring is the most important thing we do in education. Indeed, research shows that the teacher is the single most important factor in the education of a student. Of course a strong curriculum, the latest technology and diverse instructional strategies are vital components to delivering a well-rounded education, but nothing takes the place of an excellent teacher.

In District 128 we are fortunate to be able to attract some of the very best teachers in the state. But that doesn't come without effort. From December through February each year, District representatives travel to area universities and teacher job fairs to meet and screen potential candidates. Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School have excellent reputations and it is not uncommon for long lines of teacher candidates to form to get the opportunity to speak to someone in District 128. Hundreds of candidates also apply on our website and screening is done by answering several online questions. In addition, department supervisors spend time on the phone networking with colleagues at other schools and talking to potential candidates to find the strongest teachers possible. Once a pool of qualified candidates is identified they are asked to meet in each building for a series of interviews. Candidates are interviewed by a group of teachers from that department, the department supervisor, the principal, and other staff members as needed. Once there is consensus and a particular candidate is identified, multiple references are checked and an offer is made.

Teacher openings are relatively rare in District 128 because when teachers come to LHS or VHHS they tend to stay. They stay because they find the students to be dedicated, the staff supportive and the parents invested. But teachers do leave for a variety of reasons (e.g. retirements, spouse job transfer, career changes, etc.) and openings do occur. This year we have a particularly strong group of new teachers who will join us this fall. If you have the opportunity, please make these newest members of Community High School District 128 feel welcome.

Amy Belstra	CRC Counselor LHS
Caitlin Bye	Math Teacher - Part Time LHS
Patricia Chillemi	Special Services Teacher VHHS
Amy Christian	English Teacher VHHS
Avelino Cortez	English Teacher - Part Time VHHS
Jeffrey Daeschler	Music Teacher LHS
Jaqueline Newman	Mathematics Teacher LHS
Sarai Nieto	Spanish Teacher LHS
Tara Nieves	English Department Supervisor VHHS
Emily Ori	Spanish Teacher, LHS
Tara O'Sadnick	Social Studies Teacher LHS
Elaine Petricca	Spanish Teacher LHS
Todd Schneider	SAP Coordinator LHS
Ashley Simpson	English Teacher VHHS
Adam Stuart	PE/Drivers Ed Teacher - Part Time LHS
Siobhan Szabo	English Teacher VHHS
Mona Thornton	Special Services Social Worker LHS
David Tribley	Music Teacher - Part Time VHHS
Teri Weaver	English Teacher VHHS
Anthony Zoubek	English Teacher VHHS



Books, Buildings and Blueberries

by Deborah Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

It seems as if every year, summer is here and then it is gone! District 128 has been busy this summer with many projects that will enhance our learning environment. Our summer school program has come to a close. Our freshmen academy was a great success, helping incoming freshmen to be prepared and assimilate to the high school learning environment. Many freshmen took advantage of a new offering, our Computer Skills course this year. Our sophomore students are learning to drive and U.S. History is always a popular offering for juniors.

The physical environments of our schools are given special attention during the summer. Many projects this year will enhance our learning environment from swimming pools, to softball fields, to dance floors to Career and College planning centers. Students will certainly notice some changes when they return to PE class and extra-curricular activities.

Once again, our teachers have been working on summer curriculum projects. During the past school year we wrote standards and learning targets for 96 of our 198 courses. Students and parents will see this as we begin the school year. In addition to continuing this work, new textbooks have arrived and syllabi are being developed. New lessons within our existing program are being designed and new common assessments are in development. Our staff works continually to enhance the learning experiences of our students.

All staff has been trained on PowerSchool and PowerTeacher this summer in anticipation of launching our new student information system. In the coming weeks, students will be provided with a username and password so that they can access the PowerSchool online portal system from any computer connected to the Internet. They can find this information in the student enrollment verification packet which will arrive in August. Parents will also be given a separate username and password as well to provide them with 24/7 access to student information and progress. We're excited to begin using this new system, and ask for your patience as we customize its features over the coming school year to improve communication with students and parents. Continual feedback is one of our goals and it is critical to helping each student improve their learning. Research shows that when children monitor their progress, it can have a positive effect on achievement. We look forward to partnering with students and parents in this conversation.

We begin a new school year with teachers arriving on Monday, Aug. 16 and 17 in preparation for the arrival of students on Wednesday, Aug. 18. This year our focus will be training and making sure our implementation of PowerSchool is seamless. Teachers will have a full day institute on Friday, Nov. 12 to learn more about Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) and how these professional opportunities are a critical component in the future of teaching. In PLC's, teachers gather to analyze student performance and achievement and make decisions to adjust instruction or curriculum to better meet the needs of each students.

As we begin another school year, we are proud of the achievement of our students. 729 students took 1,475 Advanced Placements tests last year and 88% of them earned a 3, 4 or 5 out of 5 on these exams. This potentially allowed these students to head off to college with some college credits saving their parents tuition dollars. We continue to make progress on improving our performance on the annual PSAT with 79.8% and 82.7% of our students meeting or exceeding state standards in reading and mathematics. We have added many interventions over the past three years to assist students with meeting these important goals. Some students require more time in learning and we work to provide opportunities year round to help all students succeed. CAT Table, Practice ACT tests, lunch time study support groups, ACT evening classes, are just some of the ways in which we try to assist students who are struggling.

Summer is always a learning time for all. I recently heard Jamie Vollmer, author of a newly released book, *Schools Cannot Do It Alone*, speak about the great work of public education. I enjoyed reading his personal journey to understand public education in America and his positive message about public schools. So, if you're wondering about the title of this article, you'll have to read "The Blueberry Story" in his book.

We at District 128 wish to thank each member of our community for the continued support you give us to provide the best educational experience for each child in our community. This is a great community in which to live and work. We look forward to meeting you this year.

Community High School District 128 Board of Education Members 2010-11



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2010-11 Student Representatives

Libertyville High School

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Vernon Hills High School

Nitya Bhagavatula, Representative

Andrew Wood, Alternate Representative

Community High School District 128 Board of Education 2010-11 Meeting Schedule

The Community High School District 128 Board of Education encourages parents and community members to attend its meetings. The following is a schedule of this school year's meeting dates. Additional information about the meetings, including agendas and minutes, can be found on the District 128 web site, www.d128.org.

Regular Board Meeting Dates

**7:00 p.m. at the Vernon Hills High School Library
145 N. Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills**

Monday, Aug. 23, 2010

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2010

Monday, Oct. 25, 2010

Monday, Nov. 16, 2010

Monday, Dec. 13, 2010

Monday, Jan. 24, 2011

Monday, Feb. 28, 2011

Monday, March 22, 2011

Monday, April 25, 2011

Monday, May 23, 2011

Monday, June 27, 2011

Board Meetings Televised on Cable, Videotapes Available at Library

Regular meetings of the Community High School District 128 Board of Education are televised on cable on the following days and times:

Libertyville

Channel 19

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Vernon Hills

Channel 4

Wednesdays following the 6:30 p.m. airing of the District 73 Board Meeting (approximately 8:00 - 8:30) and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

Videotapes of the meetings are also available at both locations of Cook Memorial Public Library.



SAP Information for Parents

by Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator

The Student Assistance Programs at VHHS and LHS assist students and families in coping with today's challenges. The goals of SAP are to provide programs, services and activities designed to keep students healthy and to intervene on behalf of students who may show signs of academic and behavioral problems within the school setting. Our program forms a partnership between school staff, students, parents, community service providers and volunteers to promote healthy lifestyles and to reach our goals.

According to our 2008 student alcohol and drug surveys, the majority of students in District 128 are making healthy decisions to not use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs. However, any substance use by teens interferes with their ability to learn and may also lead to many problems for students and their families. Research shows that you, the parents, exert the most influence over your youth's decisions to experiment with alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Here are some tips to help your student with their choices.

1. Communicate clearly that you don't want them using substances - no tobacco, alcohol, marijuana, ecstasy, inhalants, or other drugs. Explain to them that using over the counter pills or non-prescribed prescription drugs can be just as dangerous without a doctor's care or without your knowledge.
2. Encourage your teen to leave a party where drugs and alcohol are being used. Help them make a plan to exit uncomfortable and risky situations/parties.
3. Tell them that you will pick them up any time they need help. Riding in a car with a driver that has been using drugs or has been drinking is unacceptable.
4. Let them know that you want to meet and know their friends and that you may contact other parents to see if they will be supervising you and your friends in their home.

Adolescence is an exciting but sometimes challenging time for you and your student. If you have any questions or concerns please call your SAP Coordinator: **Margaret Pither**, VHHS, 847-932-2158 or **Todd Schneider**, LHS, 847-327-7030.

Parents - We Need YOU! **Community Partnership for Healthy Youth (CPHY)**

Our coalition has had a very productive year. Our goals are to reduce underage drinking and teen substance use through a variety of avenues. On May 28, CPHY met to review this year's accomplishments and activities at our end-of-year breakfast.

We celebrated reaching our goal of having monthly late night events for our D128 students including, Band Jams, Cosmic Bowling and an Improv Comedy Night. We introduced a DVD assignment into our health curriculum for all freshmen students about the prevention of underage drinking. This parent and student assignment included reviewing a film and a handbook to educate and promote conversations around drugs and alcohol and help families design a plan for students to manage risky situations.

We held several parent coffees in our community to enhance parental networking. These culminated in a district-wide parent presentation in March by the Illinois Judges Association entitled, "7 Reasons to Leave the Party". A student panel consisting of LHS and VHHS juniors and seniors provided additional information about what happens at parties and how parents can help students successfully navigate through these social events.

Students created a logo for CPHY this year that now graces our brochure and is part of a community awareness project. This project invites local business to partner with us in support our goals and help our students access safe and drug-free events, activities and businesses. Our partners will be proudly displaying our CPHY window clings to advertise their membership in the coalition. Some of our most active businesses were honored with plaques "for providing positive, safe and drug-free activities for the youth of Community High School District 128" Thank you to **Whirlyball, Brunswick Zone, The Chapel, Chipotle, Improv Playhouse** and **Wishing Star Theatre**.

As we look to the future, we need your help to continue to expand opportunities for our students. Please join the partnership and commit time to helping us to reduce underage drinking and substance use. If you can't join us, please contact us for other ways to contribute. Parent coffees will resume in the fall. Let us know if you are interested in being part of this program.

Parents we need your help! Please sign up to be a part of CPHY! Contact **Margaret Pither** at 847-932-2158 or at margaret.pither@d128.org.

Vernon Hills Parent/Guardian Passive Consent Form - Drug Use and Perceptions Survey

Vernon Hills High School is asking you to allow your child to fill out the Drug Use and Perceptions Survey that will be administered at VHHS in the fall (October 2010). This survey will serve as an assessment for the school, guiding future programming decisions in the area of substance abuse prevention. The survey, developed by Northern Illinois University, takes approximately 20 minutes to complete, and will be administered during a First Class lesson.

The survey is voluntary and anonymous. If there are any questions your teen does not wish to answer, he/she may skip those questions, or stop taking the survey altogether. Students will be reminded of these options before the survey is administered.

The questions included in the survey will address the following: personal alcohol and drug use, perceptions of peer alcohol and drug use, and perceptions of the school environment.

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this survey, please sign and return this form by **October 1, 2010** to: Margaret Pither, SAP Coordinator, Vernon Hills High School, 145 Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60060. Your decision will not, in any way, influence you or your child's relationship with Vernon Hills High School.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Margaret Pither at 847-932-2158.

Your signature below indicates that you DO NOT want your child to participate in this survey.

My signature below indicates that I have read and understand the above explanation and I DO NOT want my child to participate in the Drug Use and Perceptions Survey that is being administered at Vernon Hills High School.

Student's Name

Parent's Name

Date



The Application Season Begins

by Scott Birtman, VHHS College and Career Counselor

Welcome back! Within the next few weeks we should be in the full swing of college applications. The months of September and October will be the height of this time. Somewhere between 200 and 300 applications per month will travel through the CRC! We will process between 1,200-1,300 applications for the entire school year. The number of applications per student seems to be tailing off. We averaged nearly five college applications per student for the Class of 2010. That does not mean each student applied to five different schools; it was an average of all who applied. They applied to 230 different colleges and universities in the US and abroad.

Be aware of deadlines. There are application deadlines, priority filing deadlines, early decision and early action choices. Each college or university has a preferred method, including the "near insistence upon" electronic filing. Applying on-line is approaching 98% of all applications submitted.

The Common Application is now being accepted by more than 300 different schools. The Common Application is rapidly growing in popularity and can help streamline the application process. The "Common App" will include an individual college supplement for each school.

Just as a reminder, Vernon Hills High School does not send official scores to colleges. Colleges want to see "official" test scores from ACT or SAT. Therefore, it is your responsibility to send the scores! If you included the colleges (up to four) when you took the test, you will not need to do it again. SAT has implemented "score choice" this year, which allows students the opportunity to send a selective score.

The University of Illinois-UC will have a parent information program at Vernon Hills High School on September 22, 2010 at 7:00 in the auditorium. Parents from both Libertyville and Vernon hills are invited to attend this presentation.

Please do not forget to use the web-based program, Naviance. The more familiar you become, the better able you are able to fully utilize this wealth of information.

If you have any questions regarding the admissions process or financial aid, feel free to make an appointment to see the college counselor. The first few weeks of school will be a very busy time. Please remember... This is your future and the longer you delay, the harder it is to get admitted to the college of your choice!

Vernon Hills High School 2010-11 Fine Arts Events

Thursday, Oct. 14	Choir Concert	
Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 4-6	Fall Musical - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Band Festival (w/Hawthorn Schools) - Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 16	Orchestra Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 18	Orchestra Festival (w/Hawthorn Schools) - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11	Madrigal Dessert (Chamber Choir) - Sullivan Center	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Holiday Music Festival - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 10-12	Winter Play - Studio Theatre	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16	Band Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday- Saturday, Feb. 25-26	One Act Plays - Studio Theatre	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 10	Jazz Concert: Jazz Strings & Jazz Band - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23	Orchestra Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 14	Choir Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday April 15	North Suburban Conference Art Show LHS - Auditorium, Studio Theater, Gym	
Thursday-Saturday, May 5-7	Spring Play - Studio Theatre	7:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, May 12-13	Orchesis Dance Recital - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17	Student Art Show - Lobby	6:00 p.m.
	Awards in Theatre	7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17	Choir Cabaret Concert - Auditorium	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 19	Spring Band Concert - Auditorium	8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25	Spring Orchestra Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday, May 27	Theater Awards and Banquet - Auditorium	6:00 p.m.

Libertyville High School 2010-11 Fine Arts Events

Wednesday, Sept. 15	Faculty Recital - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 14	LHS/Jr. High Choir Festival - Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21	Fright Night Orchestra Concert - Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday- Saturday, Nov. 4-6	Musical - <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i> - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 18	LHS/Jr. High Band Festival - Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 8	LHS/Jr. High Orchestra Festival - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 14	Holiday Music Festival Performance #1 - Auditorium	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 15	Holiday Music Festival Performance #2 - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 16	Dance III- Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21	Holiday Band Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 19	District/Jr. High Jazz Festival - Auditorium	10:00 a.m.
Friday.-Saturday, Feb. 11-12	Winter Play- <i>Look Homeward, Angel</i> - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 17	Winter Band Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 23	Cabaret - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday.-Friday, Feb. 24-25	One Act Plays- Studio Theater	7:30 p.m.
Thursday- Friday, March 10-11	Orchesis Dance Recital - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 18	Jazz Concert -Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, March 23	Winter Orchestra Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Friday April 15	North Suburban Conference Art Show LHS - Auditorium, Studio Theater, Gym	
Fri.-Sat., April 29-30	Spring Play - <i>The Three Musketeers</i> - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4	Spring Band Concert - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 11	Spring Choir Concert - LHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 12	Dance III - Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 18	Spring Orchestra Concert - LHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 19	Art Show	7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 20	LHS Gymnasium	8:00 a.m. -Noon
Wednesday, May 25	Collage - LHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Fine Arts offices at LHS 847-327-7058, 327-7057 or VHHS 847-932-2283, 932-2282. Changes and updates will be posted on the District 128 web site - d128.org.

Foundation for Learning

by Anne Landgraf, Foundation for Learning Chairperson

The District 128 Foundation for Learning is embarking on its fourth year of providing exciting enriching opportunities for the students of Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools. Many of you are already aware of the Foundation's existence when you found a newsletter from the Foundation in your back to school registration packet. Our goal is to raise funds to support enhanced learning by financing teacher projects in the classroom, new technology, social interventions and student training. In an effort to raise additional funds we are looking to plan a large social event for our community to provide awareness of our organization and the opportunity to gain their support.

The Foundation is totally run by volunteers, and we are looking for more people to join us. If you may be interested, visit our website, d128foundation.org, to learn more about our organization, or call at 847-247-4500 Extension 8030. We thank all those families that have so generously contributed to the Foundation during online registration to provide funding for the innovative projects that may impact your students this school year.

HELP BUILD A STRONGER
COMMUNITY.
Donate today!



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From the Principal's Desk . . .



by Dr. Marina Scott, Libertyville High School

Taking the first step....

With the promise of an exciting school year ahead, we welcome 516 new freshmen to the Libertyville High School community. Many freshmen have already begun to experience some of the 'newness' that makes transitioning to high school exciting: new sports and competitive activities, new clubs, new classes, new teachers and new friends. High school is the perfect time to take the risk inherent in trying something different. If taking the initiative seems overwhelming, it's important to remember the wisdom of Chinese philosopher Lao Tzu who said, "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." The LHS staff members are eager to assist new students in taking that first step!

Our upperclassmen have undoubtedly learned that motivation encourages the first step. However, it is the formation of good habits that sustains the effort. Every school year offers fresh opportunities for returning students as well. Although no one can ever go back in time and create a brand new start, anyone can start from where they are and fashion a new ending. Consider starting the 2010-2011 school year by identifying new goals, such as, improving grades, exploring a new interest, or finding an opportunity to serve others. LHS is proud to offer a multitude of classes and activities for students of all interests to pursue. It's important to take the first step and begin somewhere. A reputation cannot be built on what we intend to do. The variety of opportunities at LHS allows each student's experience to be unique.

Please join me in welcoming several new teachers who are stepping into new roles at LHS:

Fine Arts
International Languages

Jeffrey Daeschler
Saira Nieto
Emily Ori
Elaine Petricca

Math

Caitlin Neuworth Bye
Jacqueline Newman

Physical Education
Social Studies
Special Services
Student Services

Adam Stuart
Tara O'Sadnick
Mona Thornton
Amy Belstra
Todd Schneider

Lastly, we encourage all LHS parents to get involved. We want parents to be an integral part of life at LHS and partner with us to make school a special place for all students. Please consider joining one of our parent groups:

Parent CATS (Parent Community for the Advancement of Teamwork and Spirit) is an organization that seeks to support the educational programs at LHS by enhancing school-home communication and providing volunteer services. All parents or guardians of an LHS student are automatically members. Parent CATS meets on the second Wednesday of the month (starting in September) at 7:00 p.m. in the Library.

FAST is the LHS parent Fine Arts Support Team. They represent the interests of all elements of the fine arts curriculum and extra-curricular activities at the school, including music, art, theatre, dance, speech and technical crew. Any parent/guardian of a student enrolled at LHS is welcome. Their goal is to offer volunteer and financial support to continue the outstanding quality of the LHS fine arts program. Information on meeting time and place for FAST can be accessed at fastparents@yahoo.com

There are also multiple athletic teams with parent booster organizations. Their goal is to offer volunteer and financial support to continue the outstanding quality of LHS athletic programs. Information on specific sports programs can be obtained through the head coaches of each team.

May our LHS families enjoy the remainder of the summer and may we look forward to an exciting and successful school year for all of us! Go Cats!



Student Activities Update

by Jennifer Paul, Student Activities Director

Libertyville High School is proud to offer a variety of clubs and activities for students of every grade level. The start of the school year is a wonderful time for students to get involved and try something new. Clubs offered at LHS range from academic in nature to social and volunteer. There is something for everyone! Participating in a club or team at LHS enhances the students' high school experience and provides opportunities for social development, team work, creativity, camaraderie and leadership.

The clubs that are currently available are listed below. A complete description of each club can be found on the LHS website. Students should watch for announcements and refer to the daily bulletin for meeting times throughout the school year.

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| Acabellas | Math Team |
| Academic Decathlon | Mock Trial |
| ACE (Athletes Committed to Excellence) | Model United Nations |
| Amnesty International | National Honor Society |
| Art Club | Orchesis |
| Athletic Club | Peer Mediation |
| Bass Fishing | Physics Club |
| Best Buddies | Ping Pong Club |
| CAT-TV | Production Services |
| Cleftomaniacs | SAFE - Save Animals Forever |
| Cosmetic Club | Scholastic Bowl |
| Debate Team | Science Fiction Club |
| Dramatic Events | Science Olympiad |
| East Asoam Cultural Organization | Senior Class Council |
| Exceed | Skills USA |
| FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) | <i>Slant of Light</i> |
| *Fellowship of Christian Athletes | Sno Catz |
| Film Society | Sophomore Class Council |
| French Club | Spanish Club |
| Freshman Class Council | SPARK (Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids) |
| Fret Boarders | Speech Team |
| Gay-Straight Alliance | Sports Medicine Club |
| High Schools Against Cancer | Stageplayers |
| Interact | Student Ambassador Services |
| Intramural Athletics | Student Council |
| Junior Class Council | Topcats |
| L.E.A.F. (The Libertyville Environmental Action Force) | Treblemakers |
| Latin Club | VIP (Voices in Prevention) |
| Library/Anime Club | Wildcat Guard |
| Master Singers | WYSE (Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering) |

Student Council News

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Student Council elected positions. Below is a list of sophomore, junior and senior students who will lead our student body this coming school year. Freshman officer elections will occur within the first couple of weeks of school.

**Student Council
2010-2011****Executive Board**

President	Kaitlin Woodyard
Vice President	Nikki Antrim Indart
Corresponding Secretary	Stephen Stanis
Recording Secretary	Jason LeBlanc
Treasurer	Sammi Chow

Senior Class [2011]

President	Landon Eyre
Vice President	Anthony Fancher
Secretary	Sean Bell McDermott
Treasurer	Teddy Amdur

Junior Class [2012]

President	Orko Manna
Vice President	Sandeep Balasubramanian
Secretary	Ali Zupkus
Treasurer	Mike Babowice

Sophomore Class [2013]

President	Michael Esposito
Vice President	Annie Rigali
Secretary	Dana Humen
Treasurer	Charlie Payant

Freshmen Class [2014]

(Elected September 2010)

Blood Drive Oct. 27

On Wednesday, Oct. 27, LHS will host a blood drive in partnership with LifeSource Blood Services. Students, parents and community members are invited to donate blood in the LHS main gym between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. We hope that you will consider donating blood and saving the lives of potentially three people with your donation! Participants must be at least 16 years of age and students must have a signed parent permission form to participate.

Homecoming 2010

Homecoming Week will start Monday, Sept. 27. The annual homecoming assembly will take place Friday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. The Homecoming game vs. Zion-Benton High School will begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening with a warm welcome to all of the LHS alumni. Saturday, Oct. 2 will be the homecoming parade with a start time of 9:30 a.m. with a route that begins at the Metra station, south bound on Milwaukee, west bound on Route 176 and ending at Libertyville High School. Be sure to come out and support your Wildcats. On the evening of Oct. 2, LHS will host the Homecoming Dance. Stay tuned for the 2010 Homecoming theme. Be sure to check out our website for further details.

Questions on student activities may be directed to **Jennifer Paul**, Director of Student Activities, at (847) 327-7258 or Jennifer.paul@d128.org or contact the sponsor of the organization. Watch the daily bulletin for club/activity meeting dates, times and website.



News from the Hills

Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick

There is something invigorating and refreshing about the start of a new school year. New backpacks, bright Cougar team shirts, and fresh, clean classrooms and facilities warmly welcome new and returning students to the beginning of the school year. I encourage students to take some time in the next few weeks to reflect upon your interests and review opportunities available to you at Vernon Hills High School. Look at the upcoming school year as a fresh, new start, and challenge yourself by taking an honor's class or joining a club that you have been meaning to investigate.

For the past 16 months, our District Technology Committee has been supporting our Strategic Plan's goal of implementing a new student information system. This goal has become a reality this summer as we moved to PowerSchool. This has been a tremendous undertaking by our Instructional Technology Departments. I am confident that PowerSchool will meet the data needs of our staff, students, and parents. I want to personally thank **Mick Torres**, Director of Technology and his VHHS team of **Jon Guillaume, Kate Isabelli, Peggy Cope, Tami Fisher, Bob Bartnik, Sue Butler, and Bo Warmbold** who put in an exorbitant amount of time and effort to make this transition successful.

I want to extend best wishes to **Tara Nieves**, our new English Department Supervisor. Tara comes to us from Marengo High School where she has been the Assistant Principal/English Division Chair for the past three years. Tara is an innovative leader and I am looking forward to working with her. We are also excited about the following new teachers joining our Cougar family. Please welcome:

English:

Avelino Cortez

Amy Christian

Ashley Simpson

Siobhan Szabo

Anthony Zoubek

Music

David Tribley

Special Education

Pat Chillemi

Ninth graders, welcome to your new Cougar home! Get involved and remember, your first semester grades as a freshman count the same as your last semester grades as a senior. Start your freshman year off on a positive note utilizing strong study habits! Go Cougars!



VHHS Student Activities Update

by *Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director*

Start the school year off by getting involved in Student Activities at Vernon Hills High School. The best time to get involved is the beginning of the school year. Participation in Student Activities allows you to develop leadership skills, participate in social or service activities, extend interests sparked in the classroom, meet new people, learn new activities, pursue special interests, just to name a few. Following is a representative list of the various activities presented to the student body, along with the advisor for the 2010-2011 school year. Further information can be obtained on the Student Activities section of the VHHS web site.

Please direct any questions to Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director (deborah.beagle@d128.org) or you may email the advisor directly by using the format: firstname.lastname@d128.org.

Student Activity	Advisor	Student Activity	Advisor
Academic Bowl	Shawn Healey & Megan Geltner	Intramurals	Brian McDonald
Anime Club	Monica Tolva	Junior Class Council	Jamie Meyer
Art Club	Jim Savage & Stefanie Dahlstrom	Junior State of America	Eileen Orzoff-Baranyk
Athletes Committed to Excellence (ACE)	Rachael Blanton	Math Team	Cheryl Ballenger, Jessica Chapman & Steve Korney
Backlight Theater Company	Kevin Phelan & Stephanie Freichels	National Honor Society	Wendy Meister-Louria & Kim Raciak
Bass Fishing Team	Jerry Miceli & Doug Dusthimer	Outdoor Adventure Club	Jerry Miceli & Kedric Greenawalt
Best Buddies	Karen Martin	Ping Pong Club	Doug Dusthimer
Book Club	Ellen Macias, Sonya Stevens & Monica Tolva	Robotics	Jay Walgren
Choir (Voice Male: Men's Choir, Love Notes: Women's Choir)	Jeremy Little	Senior Class Council	Rebecca Austin & Amy O'Neill
Cougar Cycling Club	Adam Lueken	Sophomore Class Council	Amy Christian
Cougar Guard	Jim Pardun	Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids (SPARK)	Margaret Pither & Laura Tracy
Cougar-TV	Sandy Martin	Special Olympics	Andy Compton
DECA	Sheryl Olson & Madeline Powell	Speech Team	Sean Conroy
Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	Kelley Whitescarver & Jeanne Wolff	Spotlight	Rebeca Garcia & Sarah Stoub
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	(student lead organization)	Strategy Club	Sean Conroy
First Class	Tom Chinske	Student Council	Leslie Nardini
Freshman Class Council	Siobhan Szabo	VH20 (Environmental Club)	Karen Day
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Sean Crevier & Amanda Carroll	VICA - SKILLS USA	Kip Baxter
Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)	Craig Bomgaars	Voices in Prevention (VIP)	Margaret Pither & Rebecca Austin
Guitar Club	Doug Dusthimer	Whispers of Immortality (Student Literary Magazine)	Sean Conroy
Interact	Sean Kelly, Kelley Whitescarver & Nancy Skeffington	Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE)	Josh Ravenscraft
International Club	Teri Weaver		

Student Council 2010-2011 Elected Officials

Congratulations to the 2010-2011 Student Council Class Officers and Representatives. Students are encouraged to contact their Class Representatives to get involved. Students can contribute to their class by helping plan homecoming week, assisting with the class charity event, offering suggestions for future school events and/or being a part of planning the next dance. Walk-ons are welcome.

Student Council Executive Board

President	Alexander Guletsky
Vice President	Alex Porter
Treasurer	Meghan Wilgus
Recording Secretary	Lauren Ship
Corresponding Secretary	Hannah Kahn
Student Council Advisor	Leslie Nardini

Senior Class Officers

President	Bryan Sanoshy
Vice President	Abigail Ling
Secretary	Rachel Wells
Treasurer	Liezel Jacobson
Representatives	Nitya Bhagavatula, Sharon Singh, Jinyoung Lee, Kori Cotteleer, Jennifer Camello

Junior Class Officers

President	Krishna Mundada
Vice President	Sanchita Agrawal
Secretary	Kate Lee
Treasurer	Grace Lee
Representatives	Samrah Mahmood, Mark Juhn, Nicole Wagner, Tanaya Bhardwaj, Priyanka Mangtani, Edgar Nevarez Flores

Sophomore Class Officers

President	Dina Paykina & Allison Tran
Vice President	Matt Tabrizi
Secretary	Gaby Vidal
Treasurer	Hannah Chung
Representatives	Kimberly Kim, Shivon Shah, Amy Dolan, Diana Foster

Freshman Class Board

(TBA - Elected during first few weeks of school)



Athletic Director's Corner

by *Briant Kelly, Athletic Director*

On behalf of Libertyville High School and the Athletic Department, we would like to welcome you to Libertyville High School. We truly believe that athletics are an integral part of the educational program for the students. The Athletic Department will provide every opportunity for the student-athlete to participate in athletics, and also provide the proper facilities and educated coaches.

Libertyville High School has a tradition of producing competitive teams that also display good sportsmanship. As you become a Wildcat, we encourage you to become involved in athletics through coaching, working or attending athletic events. In 2009-2010, there were 1,165 student-athletes that made a commitment to athletics.

We would like to remind spectators who attend our contests that one of the goals of the North Suburban Conference and the Illinois High School Association for interscholastic competition is to teach important values while enriching the education experiences of young men and women.

Please visit our website, <http://lhswildcats.org/athletics> for more information about LHS athletics. If you have any questions, or if we can help in any way, please contact us.



Briant Kelly
Athletic Director



John Fischl
Assistant
Athletic Director



Michelle Jones
Athletic Department
Secretary

LHS Welcomes New Head Coaches for 2010-2011



David Kahn
Boys' Bowling



Greg Pedersen
Girls' Golf



Cory Deacon
Cheerleading

North Suburban Conference Sportsmanship Mission

Good sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic programs of the North Suburban Conference (NSC) as well as for the individuals who participate in these programs. People involved in all facets of the interscholastic program are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship. One of the goals of the NSC for interscholastic competition is to teach important values while enriching the educational experiences of young men and women. Good sportsmanship is one of those values.

Participant Expectations

- Accept and understand the seriousness of your responsibility and the privilege of representing your school and your community.
- Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents, fans, and fellow students.
- Treat opponents the way you would like to be treated. Taunting will not be accepted.
- Wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in victory or defeat.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials.
- Obey the rules and regulations set forth when a guest of any NSC host school.

Spectator Expectations

- High School athletics are learning experiences for students, and sometimes mistakes are made. Praise student athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, athletes and individuals.
- A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others.
- Learn the rules of the game
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Refrain from the use of any controlled substances before and during contests.
- Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- Obey the rules and regulations set forth when a guest of any NSC host school.



From the Cougar Den . . .

by Brian McDonald, Athletic Director, VHHS

We hope you are enjoying the last few days of summer break and are looking forward to another terrific season of Cougar Athletics. This past summer, most of our Cougar athletes worked hard in perfecting their game, improving their skills and enjoying the time together with their coaches and teammates. We look forward to seeing what they can do this fall, winter and spring. It should be another great year.

Listed on the following page are some important dates to remember for fall sports. Please be advised - the athletic teams get started before school starts, so please check the dates and times carefully.

We strongly encourage all of our students, especially our incoming freshman, to get involved in the extra-curricular programs at VHHS. Play a sport, join a club, play an instrument or, better yet, do all of these things and more. Every study that has ever been done regarding future successes of high school students shows that the more you get involved in while in high school, the greater your level of success in your future. Win or lose, you will learn lots of things that will lead you to future successes! Get involved - Do something - Do Lots of Things! We have lots of opportunities for you!

Two years ago, we changed our Athletic Department paperwork to make it simpler for all to get signed up for a team. You need to complete a single Athletic Permit Card which incorporates all the signatures you need to get started. Your doctor signs it (verifying you are fit for competition - these are good for one calendar year), your parents sign it and the student/athlete signs it. Once you have all your signatures, please write in the fall, winter and spring sport you want to participate in and you are all set. If you change your mind about a sport, just stop in the office and we will change it to whatever sport in which you want to participate.

Fall photo day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14 and we have a make up day on Friday, Aug. 20. Freshman Athletic Orientation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Homecoming will be the week of Sept. 20-25. It should be a fun week for the kids, coaches, alumni and parents.

We have some new coaches joining our staff this year. In the fall, **Avelino Cortez** is joining our English Department and coaching on our football staff. Coach Cortez comes to us from Lakeview High School. **Kurt Krupa** will be joining our Boys' Soccer staff. Coach Krupa comes to us from St. Charles East High School. In the winter, Cougar graduate **Beth Plucinski** will be joining the Girls' Basketball staff working with the sophomore team. In the Spring, **Shannon Etnyre** will be moving from an assistant Girls' Soccer Coach to be an assistant Boys' Tennis Coach. Taking Coach Etnyre's place on the Girls' Soccer staff will be **Kevin Thunholm**. Coach Thunholm was a volunteer Girls' Soccer coach for VHHS last Spring.

We have two current assistant coaches who will be taking on head coaching roles during the 2010-11 school year. In the Winter, **Adam Lueken** will be our Head Boys' Swimming and Diving Coach. Coach Lueken has been with us a few years in an assistant coaching role. In the spring, **Steven Korney** will be our Head Softball Coach. Coach Korney has been an assistant coach with the program for six years. We expect that both coaches will build upon the successful legacies of their predecessors.

Starting Dates for VHHS Fall Sports

Listed below are some important fall dates to remember for fall sports. Please be advised that the athletic teams get started before school starts, so please check the dates and times carefully.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Notes/Inclement Weather</u>
Cheerleading	Varsity JV	Shaunna Rivera Teri Moree	Aug. 11, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010	5:00 - 7:30 p.m. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Gymnastics Gym Gymnastics Gym	
Boys' Cross Country	All	Michael Roberts	Aug. 11, 2010	3:00 p.m.	VHHS Track	Northeast gate/Foyer
Girls' Cross Country	All	Suzanne Richert	Aug. 11, 2010	3:30 p.m.	VHHS Track	Northeast gate/Foyer
Football	Varsity Soph Fr	Tony Monken Jeff Morello Dave Schroetter	Aug. 11, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	AHR East Field AHR East Field AHR East Field	
Boys' Golf	All Varsity Fr/So. Fr/So.	Shawn Healey Shawn Healey Vic Capron Vic Capron	Aug. 10, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010 Aug. 11, 2010	10:00 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Room 0211 White Deer Run White Deer Run White Deer Run	Preseason Meeting (Var. & F/S) Questions call Coach Healey @ 847-644-7544 Golf Course - Play 18 holes Driving Range Golf Course - Play 9 holes
Girls' Golf	All	Sean Crevier	Aug. 10, 2010	10:00 a.m.	VHHS - Room 2408	Preseason Meeting (Var. & JV) Questions, call Coach Crevier at 847-372-2738 or email sean.crevier@d128.org. Tryouts will begin Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. Location TBA
Pom Poms	Varsity JV	Brittany Henley Michelle Sawicki	Aug. 16, 2010 Aug. 16, 2010	3:30 - 5:30 p.m. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	TBA TBA	
Boys' Soccer	All	Shannon Etnyre	Aug. 11, 2010	9:00 a.m.-Noon	American Hotel Register Field	Room 2224 - 8 - 10:00 a.m. Questions, call Coach Etnyre @ 847-932-2500 x 8573 or shannon.etnyre@d128.org
Girls' Swim/Dive	All	Kedric Greenawalt	Aug. 11, 2010	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	VHHS Pool Balcony (stands)	All athletes should report to practice. Returning Varsity and those trying out for Varsity should come prepared to swim.
Girls' Tennis	All	Doug Gerber	Aug. 11, 2010	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	VHHS Tennis Courts	In case of rain, meet in the foyer.
Girls' Volleyball	All	Abbie Gutzmer	Aug. 11, 2010	9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Main Gym	Wear proper volleyball attire including knee pads

Register today for **Libertyville High School's Annual Fall Red Ribbon Classic 5K Walk/Run and 1 Mile Fun Run Sunday, Sept. 26, 2010**

This event, held annually each fall in celebration of National Red Ribbon Week, heightens the awareness and importance of drug and alcohol free living.

The Fall Red Ribbon Classic sponsors include:

Athletes Committed to Excellence (ACE)	Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids (SPARK)
The Student Assistance Program Team	Libertyville's Cross Country Team
Parent CATS	Runner's Edge

Location: The race begins at the football stadium located at Libertyville High School, 708 W. Park Avenue, in Libertyville.

Registration information:

Cost:	\$10.00 for Libertyville High School Students	\$10.00 1 Mile Fun Run before Sept. 22, 2010
	\$20.00 5K before Sept. 22, 2010	\$15.00 after Deadline and Race Day
	\$25.00 after Deadline and Race Day	

Race Day Registration:

Online registration: lhwildcats.org (online registration ends Sept. 23, 2010 - late registrations can be in person on race day).
 Paper Registration: Checks to be made out to Libertyville High School and mailed with registration form below to:
 Nancy Stetter, Libertyville High School, 708 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048

Packet Pick-Up:

Friday - 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday-9:30 a.m.until Noon at Runner's Edge, 111 E. Cook Avenue, Libertyville.
 Race -Day Packet Pick-up: Libertyville High School Football Stadium

Race Day Activities:

T-shirts for the first 250 (pre-registered)
 Drawings, Food & Drinks - Awards will be given following the race.
 For more information call: Nancy Stetter 847-327-7035

Registration form:

Please Print

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

T-shirt size: S M L XL XXL

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, intending to be legally bound hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, and administrations waive and release any and all rights and claims against Libertyville High School District 128 and all other individuals or sponsors associated with this event or their representative successors and assign afor any all injuries suffered to me in connection with this event.

Runner or Guardian Signature _____

Under 18 must be signed by legal guardian.