

DECEMBER, 2011

L Z H S N E W S

Important Dates

LATE START MONDAYS

12/5, 12/12 and 12/19
1/9, 1/23 & 1/30

NO SCHOOL

12/22–1/3—Winter Break
1/16—Martin Luther King Day
1/20—Institute Day

HAPPENING IN DECEMBER

12/2—Coffee With The Principal, 9:00AM, Main Office Conference Rm.

12/5—Financial Aid Night at 7PM in the Pac

12/8—Talent Show 7:30 in the PAC

12/10—ACT Test @ 8:00 AM and Winter Charity Bash Dance at 7:30 PM

CONCERTS

12/9—Choir Concert @ 7:30 in the PAC

12/11—Band Concert @ 2:00 PM in the PAC

Orchestra Concert @ 5:00 PM in the PAC

12/20—Bare Voices & Chamber Strings concert @ 7:30 PM in the PAC

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving has come and gone and we are entering the last several weeks before winter break. I hope that you had a wonderful holiday, spending time with family and friends. Winter sports are already into their competitive seasons. We had a very successful Fall sports' season with Football finishing in the top four in the state, Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer winning their Regional competition, swimmer Ashley Balda advancing to the state competition after qualifying in the 100M Breaststroke, and Boys' Cross Country and Girls' Cross Country finishing 12th and 18th in the State respectively. Senior runner, Patrick Juras, was All State finishing 7th in the competition. Congratulations to all the coaches and the athletes on their accomplishments!

We just completed two nights of parent conferences. Our teachers had over 2400 conferences with over 700 parents. I hope as you walked our halls you were able to view the beautiful student art work that is displayed. I also want to thank our Bear Booster Organization for hosting meals for the staff during parent conferences. The food was wonderful and greatly appreciated.

I would like to welcome our long term subs to our high school community. Diane Orabutt and Tracy Kuhn will be subbing for Emily Boyas (Reading Specialist) and Carlye Hamilton (Spanish) respectively, who are both out on maternity leaves. Thank you to Vince Stubstad, Deb Gummerson, and Pam Skeels who were long term subs during 1st quarter for Becky Lewandowski (PE/Dr. Ed.), Lauren Katzman (English), and Laura Ronkoske (Social Worker) respectively while they were out on maternity leave also. LZHS would also like to welcome Mrs. Lisa Weldy as our new bookkeeper. Mrs. Weldy replaces Mrs. Brennan who has moved to California.

Congratulations to Director, David Harmon, and the cast and crew for great performances in our fall play, "Rumors". Next will be our Children's Theater, who will be presenting "Alice in Wonderland" in February. Our spring musical will be "The Sound of Music".

At our November Board meeting, our choir director, Mr. Nick Juknelis, was recognized as our Staff Member of the Month. Nick was the planner, organizer, and facilitator of the "9/11 Remembrance Concert", a wonderful, emotional, and heartfelt choir concert and tribute to the heroes and victims of 9/11. Many of our students were too young to remember this tragic event but through music, song, and speeches this concert taught our students about this moment in history. Congratulations Nick!

One of the high school's favorite events began on November 30 - Charity Bash! This is a wonderful ten days filled with many activities for our students and staff as we work together raising funds for a charity. This year's charity is Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America. If you would like to donate money or have any items for our silent auction please email Christopher.Bennett@lz95.org or call him at 847-540-4350. An agenda of activities is included in this newsletter.

The next coffee with the Principal is this Friday, December 2, from 9-11 in the Main Office Conference Room. No particular topic is planned for discussion so please bring ideas!

With best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

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NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

FINE ARTS: Carlos Ramirez

I would like to nominate Carlos Ramirez as our the Fine Arts Department's November Student of the Month. Carlos is an excellent leader in our Concert Choir because he consistently leads by example. He is attentive in class and is quick to make notes and corrections in his score. His sectional attendance is exemplary and it is noticed by his peers in class as well as younger students in other choirs. It is a pleasure to work with him every day and an even greater pleasure to see the positive effect that he has on those around him.

ENGLISH: Theresa Miller

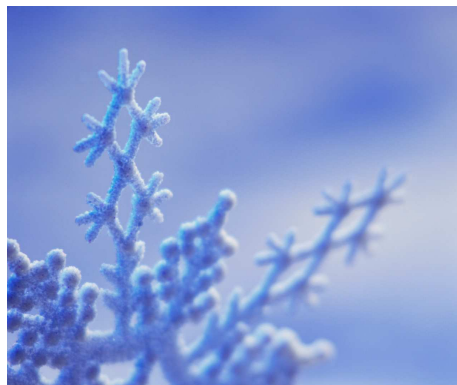
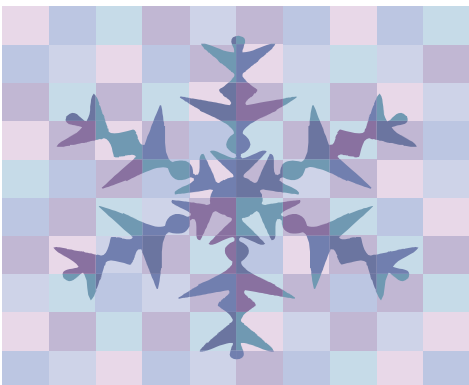
Theresa Miller has been chosen as the English Department's Student of the Month. Theresa is an outstanding English student. Her love of reading and language is evident through her insightful comments and questions during class discussion. Her positive attitude, work ethic, and analysis skills make her a "stand-out" in a class of exceptional students.

SCIENCE: Jessica Perez

Jessica Perez was chosen by Mr. Castans as his Student of the Month because she has proven herself to be an active learner and participant in his class. She is always ready with completed homework and any materials needed for the day. Jessica works hard in class and doesn't hesitate to ask questions. She even goes above and beyond by helping other students with any questions they might have. She volunteers during activities and works well with her classmates. Based on all of these traits, Jessica will have a bright future in Physical Science.

BUSINESS EDUCATION: Alexandra "Lexie" McNeil

My nomination for Business Education s\Student of the Month is Alexandra "Lexie" McNeil. Lexie is a Early Bird Consumer Education student. She is consistently the first person to class every day. She gives consistent and excellent effort. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to help other students throughout the day. Lexie is the type of person who quietly and effectively helps Lake Zurich High School achieves greatness.



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

SOCIAL STUDIES: Anthony Fontana

Anthony takes on a leadership role in the classroom and demonstrates a willingness to learn, showing particular curiosity about Global Issues. Anthony is a dedicated student who takes pride in his work, as well as one who understands the importance of a higher education. This is shown through his maturity level and the fact that he holds classmates accountable. Anthony can always be counted on to set a good example. He is always willing to help and does so without even being asked. He is a very responsible student that completes all his work on time and always comes prepared to class each day.

COUNSELING: Alex Rosdahl

On behalf of the Counseling Department, I would like to nominate Alex Rosdahl as our Student of the Month. Alex has a newfound drive in school and is really pushing himself to succeed in all of his classes. He began his senior year completing two graduation requirements during summer school and has continued to excel during his first quarter receiving his best high school report card to date. Alex, your potential and possibilities are endless. Keep up the hard work!

STUDENT SERVICES: Jordan Grizzel

Jordan Grizzel is a sophomore and has made tremendous progress over the past year. He had a great academic quarter! Jordan has made significant life changes that has a positive impact on his academic success! I have a multiple reports of Jordan being a hard worker, a role model and a delight to have in class from several of his teachers. I am very proud of the hard work that he has put into becoming a positive influence for himself and his peers. I would appreciate it if he could be recognized for his hard work, which is why he is the Student Services Student of the Month.!

WORLD LANGUAGE: Brett Pope

I nominate Brett Pope for Student of the Month in the World Language Department. In German 4 Honors, Brett is a fantastic participator and goes out of his way to apply advanced vocabulary and grammar, often in a witty and entertaining manner. Brett also enjoys working with others in class and is a good group leader. Brett has been very active in the German club for a couple of years, attending almost all of our events, and he helps guide the club as this year's president.

In addition, Brett, along with his family, eagerly hosted an exchange student from Lake Zurich's German sister city, Nittenau, for most of the 2010-2011 school year. Brett has a very natural ability with and great enthusiasm for German, and for all these reasons I nominate him for Student of the Month.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

Free EKG Screening for all High School Students

On February 8, 2012 Lake Zurich High School and the Max Schewitz Foundation will offer free EKG screening to **all** students. Sudden cardiac death accounts for 300,000 deaths each year in the United States, more than deaths from lung cancer, breast cancer and Aids. 31% of sudden cardiac deaths occur in people ages 20-29. This means that sometimes the first sign of heart related problems is sudden death. A simple EKG can help in the early detection of a potentially life threatening problem.

Look for more information about this program and **how you can volunteer to help** in the coming months. Please visit the Max Schewitz Foundation web site for additional information about the foundation and the EKG screenings they have done with our neighboring schools.

IMEA ALL STATE SELECTIONS

The following students were selected to participate in the Illinois Music Educator's Association (IMEA) All State ensembles. By virtue of audition, these students were selected to district-level ensembles in November. Their high audition scores have advanced them to the All State level. This is the highest achievement for a high school musician.

Please join us in congratulating:

Orchestra

Maya Abboud—Viola

Alura Chung Mehdi—Cello

Annika Sundberg—Viola

Choir

Megan Deppen—Alto

Savannah Haeger—Alto

Isaac Honegger—Tenor

Sammy Lacsam—Alto

Nick Rossiter—Bass

Kimmie Volkman—Soprano

Band

Jared Cooney— Clarinet

Allison Kleppinger—Clarinet

Future Music Educator

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A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM THE BEAR BOOSTERS

Shop local! The LZHS Bear Booster Store is a great addition to your holiday shopping! This year, the Bear Booster Store is offering hand-made ornaments customized with sport and activity themed ribbon. "Bling" Shirts and Bags add holiday sparkle to your gift giving. LZHS Bear t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, performance wear, jewelry, hats, gloves, mittens, license plate holders, car flags, travel mugs, decals, tattoos, mohawks are some of the gift-giving ideas that fit any budget. Don't forget your favorite LZHS Bear fan; student; parent; teacher; friend; or coach!

The store is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10:45am-1pm. An added convenient shopping experience will be on Sunday, December 11 from 3-5pm at the PAC. Everyone is welcome to stop in and find all of your LZHS spirit wear!

Another convenient way to shop for all of the LZHS Spirit Wear is online at the Booster website store: <http://www.lz95.net/lzhs/bearbooster/SchoolStore.htm> or contact Kathy Donahue (847)438-5780 or kdonahuex@sbcglobal.net.

Support the LZHS Bear Boosters and enjoy easy holiday shopping!

2012-13 ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS

*Please join us in congratulating the 109 LZHS students who have
been named*

Illinois State Scholars.

Catalina Abad	Megan M. Deppen	Lissa N. Mandell	Collin R. Roto
Katherine M. Anderson	Taylor M. Dever	Justin Marais	Kayla T. Ruppe
Kayla M. Back	Christina G. Dionesotes	Emily R. Melavic	Christina Sandstedt
Peter A. Batridge	Emily A. Ekl	Adam J. Michael	Keith Scheiwiller
Kyle J. Baum	Laura M. Ekl	Maggie J. Monson	Elizabeth Schleich
Kendall C. Beaver	Kaitlyn N. Etienne	Blake T. Moskal	Ruman A. Shahriar
Elizabeth M. Berton	Megan E. Ewan	Olivia A. Murray	Brent A. Skupien
Patrick J. Bieniek	Laura A. Extrom	Ben Myshkowec	Bryan A. Smith
Kevin W. Blume	Eden E. Ezsak	Quinn R. Nelson	David M. Smith
Alex H. Bockman	Lauren Fanta	Samantha L. Padiak	Mark A. Solinski
Marc T. Bondi	Charles M. Filson	Jon David Parcheta	Alexandra L. Sopocy
Mariaelana Brenner	Miranda R. Flores	Ryan J. Pyczak	Cathryne J. Spear
Cameron Bresn	Krista N. Fortcamp	Patrick K. Juras	Kathryn Steinberg
Zackery Briesemeister	Emily Fredette	Shikha K. Kahlon	Ali L. Summers
Mick J. Bunten	Filip R. Gajowniczek	Miya K. Kakuda	Eric Z. Sun
Abigail E. Carpenter	Gregory R. Geimer	Krystyna E. Keena	Annika E. Sundberg
Jared J. Chambers	Nathan J. Grambo	Da Som Kim	Matthew Swiatek
Rachel M. Chessky	Savannah J. Haeger	Joseph J. Koncol	Francois Marc Truc
Megan E. Coffey	Mi-Eh R. Han	Jeffrey D. Kreutz	Francois Paul Truc
Brenna M. Cooney	Justin H. Heuer	Matthew G. Lammers	Ryan N. Trudeau
Jared Cooney	Hayley M. Hinsberger	Nina C. LaRoe	Eric G. Villadsen
Alexander B. Cooper	Emily A. Hoehne	Kevin J. Lee	Kimberly Volkman
Madeline M. Cox	Morgan S. Hollenbeck	Dana M. Lehmann	Evan R. Williams
Chandler W. Croneigh	Ezekiel S. Honegger	Alice J. Lin	Kathleen A. Williams
Olivia W. Dalporto	Anastasia R. Iakiviak	Brendon H. Lin	Matthew R. Wilson
Dorthea V. Darras	Dietrich J. Ihm	Michael W. Lutz	Melissa A. Wilson
Sean S. Delanty	Christopher G. Johlle	Julia K. Makarieva	Lauren A. Wolf
			Evan L. Yerger

Charity Bash 2011 Events

Wednesday, November 30th

Charity Bash Kickoff Assembly

Jazz Band Concert

Thursday, December 1st

Student Leaders \$2000 Day

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Time Theater

Drama & Art Club Coffee House, 7 pm

Friday, December 2nd

Talent Show "Front Row Seats" on sale in B109

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Time Theater

Italian Club Gelato during lunch

Wrestling @ home, 5:30 PM

Saturday, December 3rd

Girls Basketball game @ home, 6:30 pm

Monday, December 5th

Talent Show Tickets on sale at lunch

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament, 7 pm

Tuesday, December 6th

Talent Show Tickets on sale at lunch

Spanish Club Soccer Challenge during lunch

Science Club Cookies for Crohn's

Talent Show Rehearsal, 6—9 pm

Boys Basketball game @ home, 7 pm

Wednesday, December 7th

Auction Wall opens

Talent Show tickets on sale at lunch

Soph. Class Candygrams on sale during lunch

Science Club Cookies for Crohn's

French Club Croissants & Nutella

Interact Badminton Tournament, 7 pm

Thursday, December 8th

Auction Wall open

Talent Show tickets on sale at lunch

Bear Facts Duct Tape a Teacher

Soph Class Candygrams on sale during lunch

Talent Show @ 7 pm

Technical Theater Club Concessions @ Talent Show

Friday, December 9th

Habitat for Humanity Lunch Time Theater

Soph Class Candygrams on sale during lunch

Auction wall closes @ 3:20 pm

Wrestling @ home, 5:30 pm

Girls Basketball @ home, 6 pm

Choir Concert @ 7 pm

Saturday, December 10th

Winter Dance @ 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 11th

Holiday Band Concert @ 2 pm

Holiday Orchestra Concert @ 5 pm

Monday, December 12th

Claim your Auction Prizes

Soph Class Candygrams delivered

Tuesday, December 13th

Claim your Auction Prizes

Boys Basketball game @ home, 7 pm

Wednesday, December 14th

Dodgeball Tournament, 7 pm

Concessions @ Dodgeball—Frosh Class

Friday, December 16th

Boys Basketball @ home, 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 17th

Girls Basketball @ home, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, December 20th

GRAND TOTAL ANNOUNCEMENT

- During 8th hour -

LUNCH ACTIVITIES

Math Team Checkers

German Club—Gummi Bears

Yearbook—Ozark Lollipops

Math Team Candy Jar Count

German Club Gingerbread House Raffle

OTHER CHARITY BASH EVENTS

Senior Class—Charity Bash T-shirt

Band/Choir/Orchestra—Penny Wars

NHS Middle School Dodgeball (Nov. 16th)

Business Classes—Selling Pine Trees

Yearbook—Auctioning off a 2-page spread in
the yearbook



CROHN'S & COLITIS FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

CHARITY BASH 2011 IS COMING SOON!!!

Believe it or not, Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and that means it's almost time for Charity Bash 2011. This year we celebrate our 9th year of the event. In our previous eight years we have raised over \$275,000 for children's charities, including last year's total of \$41,132 for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation of Illinois. None of this would be possible without the help of the Lake Zurich School District 95 families and area businesses.

This year, we have selected the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation as our charity. We have two criteria for selection: first, the charity must have a connection to Lake Zurich, and second, the charity must benefit children. CCFA was recommended to us by several LZHS students who have a close personal connection to the charity. Crohn's and ulcerative colitis are both in the family of inflammatory bowel diseases, and they are affecting a growing number of children. The cause for the disease has not been discovered, it can go into remission and then re-appear without warning, it has no cure, and most treatments are still in the experimental stage. Our goals are to raise awareness of Crohn's and Colitis among our student population and the community, and to raise money that will go towards education programs for children.

Charity Bash runs from November 30th thru December 11th. Over the years, one of our most successful activities has been the Auction Wall, which has raised more than \$47,000 in total. Auction items are placed on a wall in our cafeteria. For three days during Charity Bash (Dec. 7-9), students, their families, and faculty will have access to the wall and can place bids. By the end of the week, the highest bid wins the item. Since the inception of the Auction Wall, about 90% of the items up for auction have sold for more than their original value. The Auction Wall only works with generous donations from our community, so that is where we are asking for your help. What would be great donations? Bears/Bulls/Cubs/Sox/Hawks tickets, gift baskets, gift certificates, homemade items, just about anything can go on the Auction Wall. All donations are tax deductible and we can provide you with the necessary tax information. If you have any questions or would be interested in making a donation, please contact our sponsor at Christopher.Bennett@LZ95.org or 847-540-4350.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Michelle Morand
Student Council Auction Wall Co-Chairs

Chris Orabutt

Erin Vanderpas

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION

Under the General Education Provisions Act, Lake Zurich High School is required to provide military recruiters, upon request, with student contact information, including names, addresses and telephone numbers. You may request that your child's contact information not be released without prior written parental consent by sending an email to ann.rosenquist@lz95.org or a letter to Lake Zurich High School c/o Ann Rosenquist.

IT'S GREAT TO BE A BEAR!

BEAR FACTS NEWSPAPER ONLINE EXCLUSIVES

Bear Facts has expanded its website (www.LZBearFacts.com) this year with online exclusives, and starting this week, *Bear Facts* will be expanding its coverage to include daily updates on Charity Bash! The staff hopes to cover all the events and fundraisers during Charity Bash and to post fundraising totals for each event when possible.

The *Bear Facts* website focuses on recent high school news and events, as well as up to date sports results, which are too timely to run in the monthly print edition. The site also has stories about new teachers at LZHS and "flashback" stories originally published decades ago in previous *Bear Facts* issues.

Readers who sign up for e-mail updates (available through a box on the right side of the *Bear Facts* homepage) will receive an e-mail notice when *Bear Facts* posts new articles.

We hope you will visit *Bear Facts Online* today and come back again soon!

**THE ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY AND STAFF OF
LAKE ZURICH HIGH SCHOOL, WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU A
HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON AND A
WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.**