



# LHCS Weekly Newsletter

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## 2010-2011 Renewal Package

Last Monday, you received a brown envelope containing a renewal package for the 2010/2011 school year. This package includes updates to your Parent Handbook, tuition information, GIFTS volunteer program information, fundraising information, a 2010/2011 calendar, supply lists and much more.... Please complete all of the required forms and return them to the school office by the required dates shown on the cover page.

Thank you in advance.

## Tuition Payment Schedule for 2010-2011

Last Monday, the 2010-2011 renewal package was sent home for your immediate attention. Please take a few minutes to complete the 2010-2011 Payment Schedule and return it, along with your post-dated cheques for tuition and all other related fees, to my attention by Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. It is preferred that you use the electronic version of the Worksheet, found under "Tuition" on the home page of the School website ([www.lhcs.ws](http://www.lhcs.ws)). This incredible little form, developed by the Finance Committee, will calculate the tuition and other fees perfectly, and will eliminate the need for me to check the calculations. Please note that your cheque for Student Fees and the Financial Assistance Fund should be made payable for September 1, 2010. When you write your cheques to LHCS, you may now combine payments for tuition, bus, band instrument rental and GIFTS; your properly completed Payment Schedule will provide me with the allocation information I need. Please contact me with any questions or for assistance in completing the form. Thank you for your kind attention to this very important matter. Blessings!

**Note: When making your cheques payable to CEAF, remember to avoid making any reference to LHCS, tuition or your child's name.**

Rick Embree, Bookkeeper

## ParentsWeb Survey

Parents, we would appreciate your input and ask that you please take some time to complete the attached survey. Please return this completed survey to the school office by **Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. This survey is also available through "Survey Monkey". You will receive an e-mail with the link to this survey. The "Survey Monkey" version will be open from Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> up to and including Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please answer the following questions and add any comments at the end of this survey so that we can fully benefit from your responses.



## June Calendar

June	14	Cheese Order Pick-Up 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
	15	Crawford Lake – Grade 3 and 3s of 3/4
	15	Oakridge Acres – JKA & JKB – a.m.
	17	PetSmart Store – Grade 2 – a.m.
	18	Grade 8 Grad Rehearsal – 9:00 a.m. Community CRC
	21	African Lion Safari – All Grade 2s
	21	Guelph Lake – All Grade 1s
	21	Science Centre – All Grade 6s
	21	Fair Glen Trip – All Grade 7s
	21	Ottawa Trip – All Grade 8s
	22	Fair Glen Trip – All Grade 7s
	22	Ottawa Trip – All Grade 8s
	23	Fair Glen Trip – All Grade 7s
	23	Ottawa Trip – All Grade 8s
	24	Pool Party at Fisher's – All Grade 7s
	25	Last Day of School
	25	Closing Assembly – 9:00 a.m.
	25	Pizza Lunch
	25	Pool Party at Hayhoe's – Grade 5/6
	25	Harry Class Pool – Grade 6
	25	Waterloo Rec Complex – Grade 3/4 & 4
	25	Grade 8 Graduation – 8:00 p.m.
	25	Report Cards Go Home

## General News

### **New Instrumental Band Teacher**

We are happy to announce that Mrs. Lisa Eelkema has been hired as our new part time instrumental band teacher for next year for our grade 7 and 8 students. Mrs. Eelkema has experience teaching at a number of OACS schools and has been a supply teacher and occasional teacher at LHCS for the past few years. She is currently teaching grade 2 for a maternity leave. Mrs. Eelkema has 17 years experience teaching instrumental music at both the elementary and high school levels. Please join us in welcoming her to our teaching staff.

### **Thank You from Mrs. Herfst**

I want to send a great big thank you to all who were involved in my retirement event last Saturday night! We had a really great time with lots of laughter and fun. The meal was delicious! Thank you to the Board, community members and staff for the gifts. We will spend time relaxing in our chairs and enjoying the rose bush! Thank you, Mrs. Huinink and Mr. Zondag, for leading the program so well, and to the staff for the very creative song. Thank you to the students who helped to decorate the gym. Thank you to those who spoke words of appreciation, especially Andrea Bootsma on behalf of all my former students! It will be hard to leave LHCS, but we also look forward to the challenges God will present to us in the next stage of our lives. Mrs. Herfst

### **Joint Board/Committee**

#### **Communication Session**

#### **Saturday, September 11, 2010 at LHCS**

The Board of Directors is hosting a Fall Orientation Session for all members of the Board of Directors and LHCS committee members, to kick-off the KWCSS activities for the 2010/2011 school year, on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Board and Committee members are receiving a personal invitation attached to their newsletter today. Committees are requested to select at least two members to participate in this informative and interactive morning workshop. We will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a Continental Breakfast and continue with a workshop from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Thank you so much for your work in your committee and in the school! Your attendance is needed.

Please reply to Paul Goossen at [hpgoossen@rogers.com](mailto:hpgoossen@rogers.com) by Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Behalf of the Board,  
Paula Goossen

### **Library**

All library books must be returned to the library by Tuesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>.



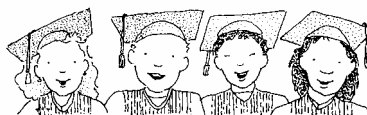
3<sup>rd</sup> term report cards will not be issued to students until all books are returned or you have paid the replacement value of the book. Thank you.

### **Library Volunteers Needed for 2010/2011**

Now that we have moved into our new addition and we have more space, we are able to have library two days a week for the 2010/2011 school year. We are looking at Wednesdays and Thursdays, all day. At this time most of the shifts needed to be filled are on Thursdays, but there might be some flexibility. Hours are flexible. You could work just mornings or afternoons either every week or every other week. Your job would be to help sign out books, shelve them as well as helping students find books. Training will be provided. We also would like to train someone to input books. This is more involved and you would need some training on the computer. This job could be done anytime the library is not in use. If you would be interested in joining our library team, please email Ms. Helen Van Dyk, grade 3 teacher at [hvandyk@lhcs.ws](mailto:hvandyk@lhcs.ws) or Mrs. Barb Van Pelt, grade 6 teacher at [bvanpelt@lhcs.ws](mailto:bvanpelt@lhcs.ws)

### **Grade 8 Graduation Ceremony**

**- Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 8:00 p.m.**



This year, we have 38 students who will be graduating from grade

8. Everyone is invited to join us for the graduation ceremony at Community Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleans Road on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Please join us.

### **Ad Hoc Committee Members Needed for Development**

**Needed:** Four (4) members are needed to serve on an Adhoc Committee for Development. An important theme from the new Strategic Plan is Financial Vitality. The purpose of this adhoc committee is to understand the variety of possible funding sources for LHCS by investigating best practices of other organizations for additional funding ideas, including charities, community resources, community partners.

For more information please contact Kim Topp ([ktopp@xylotek.ca](mailto:ktopp@xylotek.ca)) or James Vanderlaan at ([jimmyvan73@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmyvan73@hotmail.com))

## Ad Hoc Committee Members Needed for Recruitment

**Needed:** Four (4) members are needed to serve on an Adhoc Committee for Recruitment. Now that the addition is complete, we have room to grow. In order to develop a successful recruitment strategy, we need to review best practices of other schools. The mandate of this adhoc committee is to investigate best practices for recruitment.

For more information please contact Kim Topp (ktopp@xylotek.ca) or James Vanderlaan (jimmyvan73@hotmail.com)

## Volunteers Needed for Ad Hoc TRIP Investigation Committee

This committee has been struck by the Fundraising Committee to investigate the feasibility of, and to make recommendations to the Board, concerning the implementation of a Tuition Reduction Incentive Program (TRIP) for the 2011-2012 school year. Two more members from the school community at large are needed to join members from the Fundraising, Finance, and GIFTS committees. If you think that this program is an important one to pursue, please seriously consider being a part of this committee. The work of this committee is time limited and must be completed by March, 2011. This committee will have an initial meeting in June to facilitate information gathering over the summer. If you are interested in serving, please contact Sheila Dedman, Fundraising Chair at 519-696-3822 or [sldedman@yahoo.ca](mailto:sldedman@yahoo.ca).

## Lost and Found

Check out our large selection of lost and found items available in the old resource room. Any items remaining after Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> will be donated to a charity.



## Voice Lessons

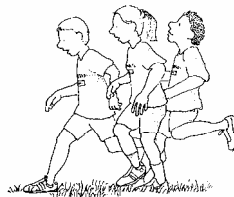
Mrs. Tonia-Joy Skipper will once again be teaching vocal lessons at LHCS for 2010/2011. She has her Grade 10 with the Royal Conservatory of Music and has studied extensively under a private teacher. She regularly visits retirement homes and performs.

Lessons will be held here at LHCS at a date and time that suits both the student and homeroom teacher as much as possible.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Tonia-Joy Skipper at [skippers5@rogers.com](mailto:skippers5@rogers.com) Registration forms are also available in the office.

## Sports News

### District Track and Field Day



Many of our students from grades 2 to 8 traveled to Burlington last week to participate in our annual District Track and Field Day, competing against seven other schools. We had a great day and our students did their best. Here are the results:

<b>Girls – Ages 7/8</b>		
High Jump	Rachel J.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ball Throw	Anna F.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Boys – Ages 7/8</b>		
Standing Long Jump	Kurtis S.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Running Long Jump	Caden H.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Girls – Ages 9/10</b>		
75M Dash	Jocelyn W.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
High Jump	Rachel O.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ball Throw	Sydney V.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Boys – Ages 9/10</b>		
Standing Long Jump	Marc D.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Ball Throw	Marc D.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Shuttle Relay		4 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Girls – Ages 11/12</b>		
100M Dash	Renee H.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
High Jump	Becca S.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
<b>Boys – Ages 11/12</b>		
100M Dash	Brendan V.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Triple Jump	Brendan V.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Shot Put	Nat S.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Relay		5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Girls – 13+</b>		
100M Dash	Emily P.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
1500M Run	Grace M.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Emma R.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
High Jump	Kaylee W.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
	Emily P.	5 <sup>th</sup> Place
Running Long Jump	Emily P.	4 <sup>th</sup> Place
Relay		5 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>Boys – 13+</b>		
High Jump	Matt C.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Triple Jump	Shane C.	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Running Long Jump	Colin S.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Shot Put	Matt C.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Relay		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

### Boys' Baseball Tournament Results

The boy's baseball team had a great day with beautiful weather, excellent competition and great sportsmanship. Our team placed third overall losing



some close games to Brantford and Cambridge. Thanks to all the parents who came out and cheered us on and provided a great lunch for our team! Thank you to Mr. Herfst and Mr. Timmerman for coaching the boys this year.



### **Girls' Baseball Tournament Results**

On Tuesday, the girls softball team headed out to the diamonds to play in their tournament. Our first game we played was against Cambridge. They won 20-0. We were a bit discouraged after that, but at least we got to warm up. Our next game was against Listowel and again we lost that game 12-2. Then our coaches decided to make a few changes in our batting order, and the next game against Dundas we won. We went off to lunch hungry and excited that we had won our first game. After lunch we moved to a smaller diamond in the shade and played against Burlington. We picked up the cheering and won our second game 8-0. We were now very excited and headed off to our next game full of energy and confidence that we could win. We played against Listowel again and when our time was up we had tied. We decided to play another inning, and were getting very excited. The Listowel team got three home and then it was our turn up to bat. At two outs we were feeling that they would win, but then our third batter hit a good one and got to first. On the next hit, the second baseman tagged our player to the ground, but lost control of the ball and our player scrambled up to second base and was safe! Then we got 4 more home and won the game 13-12. At the end of the day we were all happy and tired and ready to go home. All in all we had a great day full of good sportsman ship and good games. Thank you to Ms. Eelkema, Mr. Keyes and Mr. Zondag for coaching the girls this year. – Miriam – Grade 8 Student

## *Fundraising News*

### **Cheese & Peppermint Orders Ready for Pickup**

Please remember to pick up your Cheese orders on Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from the LHCS kitchen from 2:30-3:30 p.m. If you have indicated on your form that your child is to pick up your order, a volunteer will connect your child to the order that day. If it is a large order, pick it up in the kitchen yourself. Thanks again for supporting this fundraiser. Any questions? Call Annita Boer at 519-893-3212 or Milly Roorda at 519-570-1577.

### **Catering Organizers Needed for the Next School Year**

We are looking for a parent volunteer to help with organizing catering. A knowledge of basic catering skills is an asset but can be learned. Individuals need to be willing to work with others to satisfy the clients' requests.

50 fundraising hours are given for the time spent. Individuals will be working with me to help organize the events.

Please call Tonia-Joy Skipper for more info at 519-664-0348 or [skippers5@rogers.com](mailto:skippers5@rogers.com)

### **Catering Shifts Still Available Volunteers are Urgently Needed!!!**

#### **Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> (at Community CRC)**

- One (1) person is needed from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Two (2) people are needed from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. to serve

#### **Thursday, June 24<sup>h</sup> (at Community CRC)**

- Three (3) people are needed from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Two (2) people are needed from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Two (2) people are needed from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (Serving Shift)
- Six (6) people are needed from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Two men are also needed for this shift. (Clean-up Shift)

#### **Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (at LHCS)**

- One (1) person is needed from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Two (2) people are needed from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- One (1) people are needed from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> (at LHCS)**

- Three (3) people are needed from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

## *Bus Transportation News*

### **Attention W5 and W7 Bus Users (Rose and Derik's Bus)**

Due to Woodland Christian High School's study days, exam schedule and earlier finish to their school year, students on the W5 and W7 busses need to board their bus immediately after school on the following dates:

**Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to and including Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>**

The morning times remain unchanged. Please remind your children of these dates.



- Seven (7) people are needed from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to meet at LHCS and will need one van and two men to drive to Hidden Acres Campground (between Kitchener and Shakespeare).

**You are welcome to sign up for more than one shift per event if you would like.**

Please contact Ty White at 519-578-9101 or email [silo-bodilo@hotmail.com](mailto:silo-bodilo@hotmail.com) to sign up.



### **Golf Tournament Update - Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mark Your Calendars! Get your four-some together. This year's fundraising Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Grand Valley Golf Course. We look forward to an exciting day of great golf with a wonderful meal to follow. Stay tuned to your newsletter over the next few weeks for more details and registration forms.

### **Golf Committee Members Needed....**

The Golf Tournament Committee is looking for one more (female ☺) member to join in planning for this year's tournament. We are looking for someone that would be willing to help collect prizes from our sponsors and approach new sponsors. This is work that will occur from now until the Golf Tournament, in September. The good news is that you don't even need to be a golfer to help! Volunteers on this committee earn 50 hours towards your required Fundraising Gift Hours. If you are interested, please contact Doug Dedman at 519-696-3822.

### **Grocery and Tim Hortons Gift Cards**

Continue to purchase your grocery gift cards through LHCS. The following gift cards are always in stock and available everyday through our morning voucher sellers and from the school office:

Tim Hortons  
Zehrs/Super  
Store/No Frills  
Price Chopper/Sobeys  
Food Basics/Metro

Every \$400.00 in gift cards purchased earns you one hour of volunteer time. An easy way to earn volunteer hours.

If you are not regularly at the school, simply send your order with payment on a note to the office and your gift cards will be sent home with your child that day. Simple and easy!

### **Stock up on Gift Cards for the Summer!!!**

Purchase all of your summer's worth of groceries in gift cards now! Drop by the office with post-dated cheques, dated anytime up to **August 15, 2010** and receive your gift cards now!

### **V.I.P. Gift Card Program**

Currently we have a full stock at the school office for the following stores:

Canadian Tire  
Cara (Swiss Chalet, Montanas, Harveys)  
Esso  
Petro Canada  
Shoppers Drug Mart  
Starbucks

If you are not able to get into the school, please contact Jennifer Mantel ([jmantel@rogers.com](mailto:jmantel@rogers.com) or 519-888-6111) to make arrangements or place an order. Remember that V.I.P. offers several other gift cards from different stores. A list of gift cards available for order through the V.I.P. gift card program is available on ParentsWeb, under the tab Resource Documents. V.I.P. orders e-mailed to Jennifer Mantel by Friday of each week will be received by the following Friday. Payment for V.I.P. orders should be given to the school office, payable to LHCS.

# ParentsWeb Survey

Parents, we would appreciate your input and ask that you please take some time to complete this survey. Return this completed survey to the school office by **Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. This survey is also available through "Survey Monkey". You will receive an e-mail with the link to this survey. The "Survey Monkey" version will be open from Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> up to and including Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Please answer the following questions and add any comments at the end of this survey so that we can fully benefit from your responses.

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1. Which statement best describes your home connection to the Internet? (circle one)
  - a. no Internet connection
  - b. dial-up
  - c. high speed
  
2. What was your initial reaction when LHCS announced that we were moving towards an on-line format for school communication and information? (circle one)
  - a. Wow! I cannot wait to use it!
  - b. Good. It will save on paper use.
  - c. Okay. Let's see how this works.
  - d. Oh no! I am getting nervous!
  - e. Horrors!
  
3. Now that LHCS has used ParentsWeb for this school year, how do you feel about our use of this format? (circle one)
  - a. Wow! I have great access to the information I need and want!
  - b. Good. I feel it is working for me.
  - c. Okay. I have some issues but I can get what I need from it.
  - d. Not good. I have found the experience frustrating.
  - e. I gave up and could not get at the information I need.
  
4. Which aspects of ParentsWeb do you really appreciate? (circle all that apply)
  - a. I appreciate access to the LHCS Weekly Newsletter.
  - b. I appreciate access to my children's classroom news.
  - c. I appreciate the school calendar.
  - d. I appreciate the Family/Student Directory.
  - e. I appreciate being able to enter/update family contact information, health information, emergency contact information, volunteer hours, etc.
  - f. I appreciate being able to access documents through Resource Documents on ParentsWeb.
  
5. Which aspects of ParentsWeb do you not appreciate? (circle all that apply)
  - a. The LHCS Weekly Newsletter.
  - b. The classroom news.
  - c. The school calendar.
  - d. The Family/Student Directory.
  - e. Entering/updating family contact information, health information, volunteer hours, etc.
  - f. Documents on Resource Documents.

6. Regarding the LHCS Weekly Newsletter, what advice would you suggest?  
(circle one)
- a. Putting all of it on ParentsWeb, including classroom news.
  - b. Keeping it the way it is having the general information sent home by paper.
  - c. Having the general newsletter information and classroom news all in one document and emailed to parents in a pdf format.
  - d. Go back to having everything printed and sent home with students.
7. Regarding the Classroom News, what advice could you suggest? (circle one)
- a. Continue using ParentsWeb to post Classroom News.
  - b. Include this information with the LHCS Weekly Newsletter.
  - c. Use class websites.
8. Do you use the ParentsWeb school calendars? (circle one)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
9. Do you use the ParentsWeb Family Directory? (circle one)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
10. Do you update/add information such as new address, updated health card, new cell number, emergency contact information, volunteer hours, etc. on ParentsWeb? (circle one)
- a. Yes
  - b. No
11. One consideration when printing the LHCS Weekly Newsletter or going on-line is our desire to be stewardly with our resources both in terms of paper and the cost of printing. Do you agree that LHCS should strive to communicate in an electronic format rather than on paper?
- a. Agree
  - b. No opinion
  - c. Disagree

General Comments:

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