



# Paw Prints



*News and Information from  
Community High School District 128*

**August 2003**

**Back-to-School Edition**

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# How will YOU get involved this school year?

**Welcome  
back to  
District 128!**

**Administrative Offices**

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**Libertyville High School**

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Dr. Lester "Buzz" Perry, Director of Community Education and Grants

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**Superintendent's Message****Welcome to the 2003-04 school year!**

While the first day of school is still a few weeks away, it is my pleasure to welcome our District 128 families to the 2003-04 school year. This is the first back-to-school edition of *Paw Prints* that we have published. Our goal is to give our students and families an opportunity to plan for the activities that take place at the very beginning of the school year, to alert families to any important changes for this year, and to give students--especially those new to the District--an overview of the many clubs, sports and other activities that are available to students at Libertyville and Vernon Hills High Schools.

As our cover asks, "how will you be involved this school year?" I hope that we will find all of our students immersed in student activities as well as their studies. Research has shown an important link between student academic achievement and participation in school activities. I challenge all students in District 128 to use the next few weeks to reflect on your interests, review the opportunities available to you at school, and to join at least one student organization this year. You'll be glad that you did.

I look forward to meeting our new students and parents and wish all of you a happy and successful 2003-04 school year.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer!

David L. Clough, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

**LHS football field clarification**

This spring, the Community High School District 128 Board of Education approved several "immediate need" capital projects at both high schools. One of the approved projects is the renovation of the football field and track at LHS. Two items of misinformation have circulated in our community with regards to the field. First, the renovation will take place in the spring and summer of 2004 and will involve only the "field" itself and the track. The current playing surface will be excavated and replaced with appropriate soils, grass and the addition of an irrigation system. There will be no changes in the location of the field or other stadium facilities (bleachers, press box, concessions). Secondly, all 2003 Wildcat home games will be played at LHS. It is not planned, but there is a possibility that some 2004 home football games could be played at the VHHS stadium dependent upon the project completion date. The spring 2004 track season will find LHS and VHHS sharing the Cougar track at the Nike site.

Both the field renovation and track projects are being undertaken due to health and safety concerns related to the deterioration of the current field and track. If you would like further information please contact **Mary Todoric** at 847-327-7186.

## This VHHS student is perfect . . . times 3

Vernon Hills High School student **Stephen Heumann** earned perfect scores on the PSAT, SAT and ACT exams. Heumann, who just finished his junior year at VHHS, is the son of **Andrew and Elizabeth Heumann** of Vernon Hills.

Heumann's most recent perfect score was on the ACT Assessment which he sat for in April 2003. He is one of only 13 Illinois students and one of 51 in the country (out of 435,000 test takers) to achieve a 36 on that test date.

Heumann is a graduate of Hawthorn District 73 where he also had a successful academic career. "He's always tested well," said his mother, Elizabeth. "He took the SAT in 6th grade and scored fairly high then, so we expected him to do well this time."

VHHS math teacher **Jason Czarnecki** who recently had Heumann as a student in his Advanced Math Honors class, describes Heumann as tops in his class. "He's incredibly intuitive and has a very analytical mind," said Czarnecki. He noted that having Heumann in class caused him to look at his lesson planning in a different way. "In creating lessons, you want to challenge all of your students, but it was especially challenging to create lessons that would challenge Stephen."

Heumann has begun his college search and is interested in possibly majoring in computer science, but has not made any final decisions yet.

## LHS student participates in National Chemistry Olympiad Camp

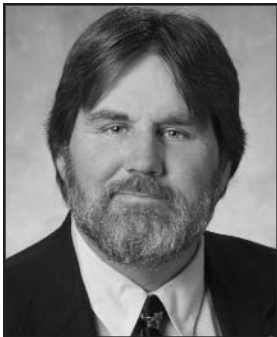


Libertyville High School student **Caleb Ng** had a opportunity of a lifetime this summer when he joined 19 high school students from across the United States to participate in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad Study Camp held at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Spring, Colo. The camp was held to prepare students for the International Chemistry Olympiad Competition in Athens, Greece in July. Caleb was one of only three sophomores selected to attend the camp, based on his results in the Chemistry Olympiad exam taken in April.

Above, Caleb joins members of the Olympiad for a photo with a plane on the grounds of the USAFA (photos courtesy of S. Ng)

## From Your Community Education Team

by *Buzz Perry, Director of Community Education*



".....change, transition, growth, diversity, and quality....." all words to describe our Community Education Program for the fall 2003 term. We are in the final stages of transitioning our Adult Education Program into a full Community Education Program that is reflected in our fall course offerings. The District 128 Community Education Program now includes components for children and young adults, online courses, travel opportunities both domestic and abroad, teacher professional development courses, business and corporate customized classes, and our continued education classes for adult learners. We have enhanced our program to meet the needs of all community members regardless of age, geographic location, or area of interest.

Your District 128 Board of Education and administration feel strongly that a quality program is essential in serving our community and meeting the educational needs of our residents. District 128's program is one of the most comprehensive avenues for learning opportunities in the area. Our program is unique in that we encourage residents from surrounding communities to take advantage of our many and diverse course offerings.

District 128 is a leader in community education and an educational asset for our own community as well as surrounding communities.

This fall term is exciting for our staff in that we have made so many programmatic changes. Our program is constantly evolving in terms of the number and diversity of our offerings. This current fall term we have broadened our scope to include more child and young adult classes to encourage families to sign up together in the pursuit of life-long learning. We have introduced a new partnership with Township High School District 214 that offers some outstanding travel opportunities. We have introduced over 100 online classes to provide an alternative learning environment that is flexible and convenient for our community members. Our program now provides teachers from all over the state the opportunity to participate in professional development classes for recertification. We also have made a commitment to businesses within the District to try to partner with them in offering classes in the community and also customize classes that will meet the needs of their employees. Partnerships like these strengthen our program by getting local businesses involved and also serve our learners by holding classes in facilities we do not have in our high schools (ie. ice skating rink, ballet studio, golf range, and racquetball courts).

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## Excellence is our standard

by Dr. Catherine Finger, Associate Superintendent



*“The Mission of Community High School District 128 is to provide quality educational opportunities for all students....”*

Have you ever wondered just what goes into providing quality educational opportunities? The staff members here at CHSD 128 have spent considerable time working together defining quality work and performance for both students and staff. We have created a series of documents articulating performance standards in academics, teaching and learning, technology, and leadership. Each document was created by a dedicated group of staff members working together with a facilitator over several months. Current research and best practice was reviewed and utilized in the careful crafting of each set of standards.

Student performance standards are being defined and discussed within each department at both schools. Teacher performance criteria and standards are being developed and will be ready for implementation for the 2004-05 school year. Technology standards for staff have been defined and are available for review on the District website. School leader standards were developed and are now being used as a performance

evaluation tool for all administrators, directors and department supervisors. An excerpt from the school leader standards document appears below. You may read more about our standards at our District web site, [www.district128.org](http://www.district128.org), under “Staff Development”.

### School Leader Standards

□ A school leader promotes the success of all students by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by the school community. A school leader promotes the success of all students by acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

□ A school leader promotes the success of all students by ensuring management of the organization, operations, and resources for a safe, efficient and effective learning environment.

□ A school leader promotes the success of all students by collaborating with staff, students, parents and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources.

□ A school leader promotes the success of all students by understanding, responding to and influencing the larger political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context. A school leader demonstrates relational and political acumen in dealing with issues and people that augment the dynamics of the school and district operations.

## Student activities buses new for 2003-2004 school year



Students involved in extracurricular activities and sports this year will enjoy the new District 128 activities buses. The District purchased two buses as a cost-saving measure for transporting members of smaller student organizations and sport teams to competitions and events. The demand for the buses is high, and the District may increase the number of activities buses in the future. *(photo by M. Todoric)*

## Community Education continued from page 3

The following is a comparison by classes, sections, and categories for our Community Education offerings for the fall 2002 and fall 2003 terms to demonstrate the changes made to our program:

	Fall 2002	Fall 2003
Total Sections Offered	307	567
New Classes Offered	62	309
New Classes and New Sections	90	372
Travel Program	0 classes	20 classes
Online Program	0 classes	107 classes
Teacher/Staff Development Program	0 classes	29 classes
Family, Child and Youth Program	9 classes	72 classes
Business and Corporate Program	2 classes	3 classes
Adult Education Program	296 classes	336 classes
Learn to Swim Program	0 classes	TBD

Brochures will be mailed to our community Aug. 1. Our web page for the fall term will also go live on the same date. Please take the opportunity to look over our brochure or web page ([www.district128.org](http://www.district128.org)). We offer something for all our community members ranging from academic classes like international languages, computers, and finance, to fun classes such as gardening, crafts, and special interests. Our program is here to meet your learning needs.

## Board invites community to meetings



**Community High School District 128  
Board of Education**

(standing, left to right) **Scott Adams**, **Jan Foreman** (president), **Dennis Ryan**, **John Snow** (vice president), (seated left to right) **Judy Sugarman**, **Holly Jauch**, **Anne Landgraf** (secretary). (photo by M. Todoric)

## 2003-2004 Board of Education Student Representatives

Libertyville High School junior **Jenny Byelick** and Vernon Hills High School senior **Brittany Muller** will represent their respective schools on the District 128 Board of Education this year. Students are selected annually for the position of school board student representative following an application and interview process with the building principals. Serving as this year's alternates are LHS senior **Talia Hanselman** and VHHS seniors **Ian Djuric** and **Mike DeLaRosa**.

## District honored for financial profile

The Illinois State Board of Education presented Community High School District 128 with a certificate of financial recognition for the District's 2003 school district financial profile. This is the highest category of achievement under the State Board of Education School District's Financial Profile system. Only 334 out of 893 school districts in Illinois received this level of recognition.

## Community High School District 128 Board of Education 2003-2004 Meeting Schedule

### Regular Board Meeting Dates

**7:00 p.m. at the Libertyville High School Library  
708 W. Park Avenue, Libertyville**

Monday, July 28, 2003  
Monday, Aug. 25, 2003  
Monday, Sept. 22, 2003  
Monday, Oct. 27, 2003  
Monday, Nov. 17, 2003  
Monday, Dec. 15, 2003  
Monday, Jan. 26, 2004  
Monday, Feb. 23, 2004  
Monday, March 22, 2004  
Monday, April 26, 2004  
Monday, May 24, 2004  
Monday, June 28, 2004

### Regular Committee Meeting Dates

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

Monday, July 28, 2003 (prior to regular Board meeting)  
Monday, Aug. 25, 2003 (prior to regular Board meeting)  
Monday, Sept. 15, 2003  
Monday, Oct. 20, 2003  
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003  
Monday, Dec. 8, 2003  
Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004  
Monday, Feb. 16, 2004  
Monday, March 15, 2004  
Monday, April 19, 2004  
Monday, May 17, 2004  
Monday, June 21, 2004

Please note the building location for the Committee and Board Meetings. (Alternates year to year)

The Corporate Outreach, Negotiations and Property Committees meet on an as-needed basis. Please call the Administration Center at 847-367-3159 for additional information.

## Board meeting videotapes available at Cook Memorial Library

Community members unable to attend the District 128 Board of Education meetings can now watch them at their convenience by checking them out at Cook Memorial Library. Tapes, beginning with the May 2003 meeting, may be borrowed from both the Libertyville and Vernon Hills locations.

The 13th Annual  
RED RIBBON CLASSIC

2003  
RACE SPONSORS



The 13th Annual  
RED RIBBON CLASSIC



SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 5, 2003

8:45 AM - 5K Walkers  
9:00 AM - 5K Runners  
9:15 AM - 1 Mile Fun Run

Libertyville High School



**"IF YOU DON'T STAND UP FOR  
SOMETHING, YOU WILL FALL FOR  
ANYTHING."**

- ATHLETES COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE
- STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**RED RIBBON CLASSIC**

This event is a 5K Run or 1 mile Fun Run held to heighten the awareness of drug free living. It is held annually on a weekend in October to celebrate National Red Ribbon Week.

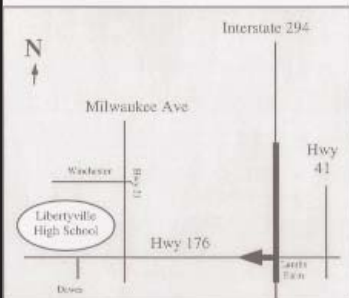
All proceeds from the race are used to start new anti-drug programs in our area, and also to continue established programs.

The race is coordinated by:

**ATHLETES COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE**  
and  
**THE STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**  
of  
**DISTRICT 128**

**Location**

The race will begin at the football stadium and end at the fieldhouse at Libertyville High School. The high school is easily accessible from 294 / Hwy 41 and located on Hwy 176.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
Mickie Kirschbaum 847-327-7027

**Registration Information**

\$ 20.00 5K before September 26, 2003  
\$ 25.00 after Deadline & Race Day

\$10.00 Fun Run before Sept. 26, 2003  
\$15.00 after Deadline & Race Day

**Race Day Registration**

Race day registration will be on Sunday October 5th in the Fieldhouse at Libertyville High School from 7:15- 8:45 a.m.

**Start Times**

8:45 AM - 5K Walkers  
9:00 AM - 5K Runners  
9:15 AM - 1 Mile Fun Run

**Checks**

All checks are to be made payable to:  
Libertyville High School

**Mail-In Registration**

All race entries should be sent to:  
Mickie Kirschbaum  
Libertyville High School  
708 W. Park Ave.  
Libertyville, IL 60048

**Post Race Activities**

Food & Drinks  
T-Shirts (for the first 500 pre-registered racers)  
T-Shirts (Fun Run)  
Raffle

**Awards**

We will honor all age categories set by CARA.

**Registration Form**

PLEASE PRINT

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size M L XL XXL

**Entry Fees**

\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Run \$ 20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Walk \$ 20.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fun Run \$ 10.00

**After the Deadline Sept. 26th**

\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Run \$ 25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ 5K Walk \$ 25.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fun Run \$ 15.00

Race Day Registration  
\$ 25.00

In consideration of acceptance of this entry, I, standing to be legally bound hereby to accept, my fees, expenses, and administration, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages against Libertyville High School District 128 and all other individuals or entities associated with the event or their representative successors and agree to any and all injuries suffered to me or someone with the event.

Runner or Guardian Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Under 18 must be signed by legal Guardian

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Male \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ 5KR 5KW

Female \_\_\_\_\_

Bib # \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## From the Principal's Desk . . .



by Dr. Joe Wojtena, Libertyville High School

### New Assistant Principal

Please join me in welcoming **Eric Maroscher**, our new assistant principal who has replaced the retired **Bill Cosmano**. Parents can reach him at **847-327-7004**. Eric received his Bachelor of Arts degree and his Master of Arts in Educational Psychology from Eastern Illinois University. He also holds a Master of Science in Educational Administration from Governors' State University. Eric started his educational career as a guidance counselor at Crete-Monee High School. While at Crete-Monee, Eric also worked as a dean of students then assistant principal. Additionally, Eric was an assistant principal at Rich East High School. Eric is a member of the Illinois State Deans Association, and the Illinois Principals Association. He has presented at the Illinois State Board of Education as well as throughout the Chicago's south suburbs on gang identification. Eric's educational recognition includes the Jaycees Outstanding Educator Award for his work in pupil personnel service, and an administrative honorarium for his work in educational collaboration and shared leadership. Eric's time away from LHS is spent in the weight room. Eric is a competitive powerlifter and as a member of the U.S. Powerlifting Team he is a two-time world, two-time national, North American, and Illinois State Powerlifting Champion. Additionally, Eric holds powerlifting records at the State, National and World level in his weight class.

### Opening of School

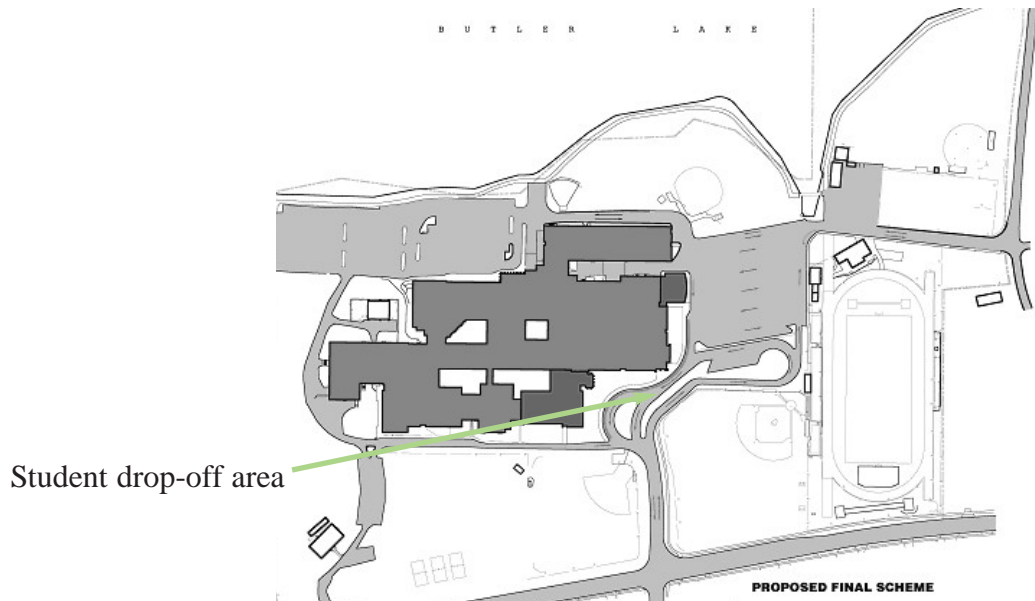
School will start on Aug. 19 and 20 with half-day student attendance. The first full day of student attendance will be Aug. 21.

### Freshman Orientation

Freshman Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 7:30 - 10:15 a.m. in the auditorium. The purpose of orientation is to provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with LHS prior to the beginning of school. Orientation activities will focus on expectations, attendance, academics, sports and clubs. Students will be allotted time to locate and familiarize themselves with their locker prior to bus departure. School buses will run at their regularly scheduled pick-up times. For further information, please contact **Jeff McKenzie** at 847-327-7026 or the main school number 847-327-7000.

### Construction Update

The new traffic pattern and re-alignment of the East parking lot is scheduled to be completed before the beginning of school. Please refer to the diagram below. Please see the August mailing for a more detailed diagram.



Once entering the East parking lot, traffic will continue East in a TEAR-DROP pattern returning traffic to the front gate (stop light). In addition, traffic before/after school can proceed from the tear-drop pattern along the football stadium (east side of parking lot) and exit the back gate. Back gate open hours are as follows:

**6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

**1:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

As a reminder, the front entrance and band wing entrance will be closed until the completion of construction (August 2004). The auditorium entrance will become the main entrance and will be open all year. Visitor parking will be provided adjacent to the baseball field.

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## Student activities update

by Diane Phillips, Assistant Principal



Congratulations to the following students who received honors this summer:

**David Hruska** finished 10th in nation in the Electronics Technology Skills USA/VICA in Missouri. **Heather Johnston** finished 1st in the nation in banking while **Matt Warren** finished 7th in nation in marketing and at the Future Business Leaders of America competition in Dallas, Tex. **Aaron Mowery** and **Marti Lyons** were selected to attend the Girls Nation and Boys Nation programs held in July in Washington, D.C.

**Get involved . . .** There is a club or activity for everyone. Here is a list of the current student activities. Watch the daily bulletin for times and locations of club meetings or call the sponsor directly. Diane Phillips, Director of Student Activities can also be reached at (847)327-7005 or [phillips.d@district128.org](mailto:phillips.d@district128.org).

### Student Activities List 2003-2004 School Year

Club/Activity	Advisor(s)	
ACE.....	<b>Randy Kuceyeski, Michelle Mantonya</b>	National Honor Society <b>Michele Talley, Julie Held-Lyons</b>
Academic Bowl.....	<b>Kristi Robertson and Sue Schwartz</b>	Orchesis ..... <b>Katie Calandra, Suzanne Torrence</b>
Academic Decathlon.....	<b>Mark Buesing</b>	Peer Mediation..... <b>Sharon Stevens</b>
Art Club.....	<b>Linda McDonald, Ray Gossell</b>	Ping Pong..... <b>Christophe Guiard</b>
Athletics/Intramurals/Club Sports.....	<b>Tim Albers</b>	Robotics Team..... <b>Sherri Rukes</b>
Bell Choir.....	<b>Jeff Brown</b>	Science Fiction Club..... <b>Mike Bush</b>
Best Buddies.....	<b>Lynda Ward</b>	Science Olympiad..... <b>Mike Bush</b>
CATS-TV.....	<b>Don Johnson</b>	Senior Class Council.....TBA
Cleftomaniacs (formerly Men's Choir).....	<b>Jeff Brown</b>	Seven Days Club..... <b>Michelle Mantonya</b>
Debate.....	<b>Craig Schmidt</b>	Skills USA/VICA..... <b>Harry Carlson</b>
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....	<b>Dale Eggert</b>	<u>Slant of Light</u> ... <b>Karen Schnobel, Meredith Tarczynski</b>
Fishing Club.....	<b>Bill Reichert, Matt Leone</b>	Sophomore Class Council.....TBA
French Club.....	<b>Christophe Guiard</b>	Sparks (formerly Snowball)..... <b>Diane Busch</b>
Freshman Class Council.....	TBA	Speech/Forensics Team . <b>Tom Bizosky, Jason Glick</b>
Future Business Leaders of America.....	.....	Sports Medicine Club..... <b>Ron Russ</b>
.....	<b>Bill Reichert, Wendy Mills</b>	Spotlight (formerly Fashion Club)... .. <b>Tom Bizosky</b>
Interact.....	<b>Tasha Fitzgibbons, Jennifer Paul</b>	Stage Players..... <b>Tim Frawley</b>
International Languages.....	<b>Angela Hainline</b>	Strategy Club.....TBA
Junior Class Council.....	TBA	Student Council..... <b>Chuck Beach &amp; TBA</b>
LEAF.....	<b>Karen Gibbs</b>	Topcats.... <b>Sally Hauck, Alice Leafblad, Jennifer Paul</b>
Master Singers.....	<b>Jeff Brown</b>	Treblemakers..... <b>Jeff Brown</b>
Math Team.....	.....	Wildcat Guard..... <b>John Fischl</b>
.....	<b>Wanda Gongol, Amanda Warfield, Rick Brenner</b>	WYSE..... <b>Patricia Sharp</b>
Model United Nations.....	<b>Sarah Kelly</b>	

As of 6/24/03, Clubs/Activities/Sponsors are subject to change. *continued on page 9*

## Principal's Desk continued from page 7

### Football field renovations

The School Board has approved an improvement project to our football stadium. Improvements include a new running track, football field, irrigation and new playing field. See page 2 for more information about this project.

### An Entrance to Remember: Become a part of LHS history

Purchase a personalized brick which will be a part of the main outdoor entrance to the new LHS addition. Funds raised will be used to enhance the high school marquee on Park Avenue. The

number of bricks is limited and will be installed as the final phase of construction, approximately the summer of 2004. Ordering deadline is Dec. 1, 2003. Parents have received an order form in the last summer mailing. If you have questions, please call **Paulette Young** at 847-573-7310.

### Parent CATS

Parent CATS (all parents are members) meet monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school's library. This is an open invitation for all parents to attend.

**Student Council elected officials for 2003-04****Student Council Executive Board**

President	Jenny Byelick
Vice President	Bruce Jones
Corresponding Secretary	Tom Engstrom
Recording Secretary	Madeline Tebon-Tazzioli
Treasurer	Yasmin Husain
Advisor Assistants	Nina Pilacoutas Matt Mosconi Brittany Alamshah

**Senior class officers**

President	Ryan Snow
Vice President	Mary Sturgeon
Secretary	Jocelyn Miller
Treasurer	Grace Ding

**Junior class officers**

President	Dennis Hoyle
Vice President	Jimmy Deng
Secretary	Steven Ok
Treasurer	Jeff Thomas

**Sophomore class officers**

President	Katrina Bruen
Vice President	Mary Beth Jurewicz
Secretary	Emily O'Leary
Treasurer	Michael Ding

**Freshman class officers**

Elected during the first three weeks of school

**Parent CATS meetings**

All meetings are held on the following Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 10, 2003	Feb. 4, 2004
Oct. 8, 2003	March 10, 2004
Nov. 12, 2003	April 14, 2004
Dec. 10, 2003	May 12, 2004
Jan. 14, 2004	

**Homecoming 2003**

**Wednesday, October 1**

**Friday, October 3**

**Tuesday, October 7**

**Wednesday, October 8**

**Thursday, October 9**

**Friday, October 10**

**Saturday, October 11**

Sweet 16 Elections	
Sweet 16 Assembly	
Spirit Week / Float Building	
Spirit Week / Float Building / Powder Puff Game	
Spirit Week / Float Building / Dance Ticket Sales During Lunch Periods	
Homecoming Elections	
Spirit Week / Float Building / Dance Ticket Sales During Lunch Periods / Homecoming / Fall Recognition Assembly	
Parade Begins at Train Station at 9:30 a.m. Football Games at 10:30 a.m. & Approximately 12:30 p.m. Dance in Gym from 8:00 – 11:00 p.m.	

**Upcoming dates to remember****August 2003**

8/13/03	Freshman Orientation 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Auditorium
8/13/03	Football Begins
8/18/03	Teacher Institute – No School
8/18/03	Fall Sports Begin
8/19/03	Half Day – Students in a.m. only
8/20/03	Half Day – Students in a.m. only
8/21/03	1 <sup>st</sup> Full Day of Student Attendance
8/21/03	Sophomore & Junior Yearbook Pictures
8/22/03	Freshman Yearbook Pictures
8/25/03	Make-up Yearbook Pictures
8/27/03	7:00 p.m. Freshman Athletic Orientation

**September 2003**

9/01/03	No School – Labor Day
9/02/03	Community Education Classes Begin
9/02/03	Musical Auditions
9/03/03	Musical Auditions
9/03/03	Freshman Class Officer Elections
9/04/03	Musical Auditions
9/05/03	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Freshman Dance Gym
9/09/03	Freshman Representative Elections
9/10/03	Full Day Institute – No Students
9/10/03	7:00 p.m. Parent CATS Meeting
9/13/03	7:30 – 10:30 p.m. Kickoff Dance Fieldhouse
9/18/03	7:30 p.m. District Faculty Recital Auditorium
9/23/03	Open House
9/24/03	Late Start/First Class
9/24/03	Midpoint 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter
9/24/03	6:30 – 8:30 p.m. CRC Open House
9/25/03	Senior Voting for Sweet 16
9/26/03	Sundown Rosh Hashana Begins
9/27/03	ACT at LHS

**October 2003**

10/01/03	Sweet 16 Elections
10/03/03	Freshman “Walk On” Petitions Due
10/03/03	Sweet 16 Assembly Gym
10/05/03	Sundown Yom Kippur Begins
10/06/03	Non Attendance Day
10/07/03	IMEA District String Audition
10/07/03	Homecoming Spirit Week/Float Building
10/08/03	Late Start/First Class
10/08/03	Homecoming Elections
10/08/03	Homecoming Spirit Week/Float Building
10/08/03	Powder Puff Football Game Football Field
10/08/03	7:00 p.m. Parent CATS Meeting
10/09/03	Homecoming Spirit Week/Float Building
10/09/03	Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales
10/09/03	Make-up Yearbook Pictures
10/10/03	Homecoming Spirit Week/Float Building
10/10/03	Homecoming Dance Ticket Sales
10/10/03	Homecoming/Fall Recognition Assembly
10/11/03	SAT at LHS
10/11/03	9:30 a.m. Homecoming Parade
10/11/03	Homecoming Football Games
10/11/03	8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Homecoming Dance Gym
10/13/03	No School – Columbus Day
10/14/03	5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Class Ring Ordering

## News from the Hills

### Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick



On the World War I and II United States governmental poster, Uncle Sam calls out, WE WANT YOU!!! Vernon Hills High School wants to extend a warm Cougar welcome and invite all parents to become more involved with their teen's life at VHHS. WE WANT YOU to be a integral part of life at VHHS and partner with us to make our school a special place for all students.

Secondly, I would like to thank all our parents who already have done so much to help put VHHS on the map. Your tireless enthusiasm and support means so much to our students and staff. Your efforts to arrange fund-raising projects, host staff appreciation lunches, supervise our Spirit Store and plan and coordinate the post-prom and Senior Party activities are greatly appreciated. The list goes on and on and you have our heartfelt thanks. We would not be where we are today without you.

The following article explains the structure of our parent organizations with Cougar Council as our main governing body. A main goal of Cougar Council for this school year is to continue to increase parent involvement. Please take some time to see which organization peaks your interest. Why not attend their first meeting, and bring a friend? Partner with us to achieve the Cougar Council goal!



## We want you in a parent organization

by Norma Sachs, Cougar Parent Council President

The Vernon Hills High School parent group organizational structure was developed to ensure communication, support and continuity among the three different parent organizations. Cougar Council is comprised of the presidents, vice presidents and treasurers of Cougar Parent Connection, Cougar Athletic Boosters and Cougar Arts Support Team along with the Principal of VHHS and Directors of Fine Arts and Athletic departments.

Our philosophy is that all students, parents, faculty and the community benefit from active participation in the school community. Each of our parent organizations serves a specific purpose and group of school interest. Cougar Parent Connection (CPC) serves as Vernon Hills High School's main parent organization and supports the activities and needs of the high school. Cougar Arts Support Team (CAST) provides assistance and support to an excellent fine arts department at VHHS. Cougar Athletic Boosters (CAB) promotes the interscholastic athletic program at VHHS and boosts participation and school spirit at athletic events and activities.

### Good for your student, fun for you

Our school is only as successful as parent involvement. A partnership between administration, faculty, parents and community is critical for the success of Vernon Hills High School. Perhaps contrary to your child's belief, your volunteer involvement is an extension of your child's school career. Your involvement will result in meeting other parents, being informed about school activities and "feeling" the VHHS spirit.

Some ways to get involved include: 1) attending parent organization meetings, 2) joining a committee of interest to you, 3) helping with specific school activities and student/staff appreciation events, 4) helping with fine arts and sports events, 5) sell Spiritwear at the Spirit Store, 6) get involved with the Cougar parent newsletter publications. These are just a few popular suggestions.

### Bring your ideas, bring a friend

Cougar Parent Committees are continually evolving. So bring your ideas to a CPC, CAST or CAB meeting. The following are meeting dates: CPC: 1st Thursday each month at 7:00 p.m.  
CAB: 2nd Thursday each month at 7:00 p.m.  
CAST: 1st Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

Join the first collective organizational meeting of CPC, CAB and CAST: Thursday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the VHHS Library.  
TOPIC: Parent guidance in making social decisions, parent networking, and setting limits and boundaries for your high school child.

Following this half-hour presentation, CPC, CAB and CAST will hold their individual organizational meetings.

Any questions can be addressed to the presidents of the organizations by contacting:

**Norma Sachs** (CPC) @ njsachs@prodigy.net or (847) 680-3944

**Mary Plucinski** (CAB) @ (847) 680-3826

**Mary Skeehan** (CAST) @ arwen\_evenstar@msn.com or (847) 367-7978

## VHHS student activities update

by Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director



Participation in student activities enables a student to develop leadership qualities, make new friends, learn leisure time activities, pursue special interests and just have fun! Following is a representative list, along with the 2003-2004 school year sponsor, of the various activities presented to the student body.

Every student is encouraged to select one or more of the activities in which to actively participate. However since the primary purpose of high school is to promote scholastic achievement, a student is advised to select activities wisely and to budget their time effectively. There are activities that provide for (1) an extension of interest provoked in the classroom, (2) an opportunity to develop special interests and abilities and (3) social and service activities in the school and community. For a complete description of each activity listed below refer to the student activity section of your student handbook.

Please direct any questions to **Deborah Beagle**, Student Activities Director at ext. 2195.

### Vernon Hills High School Clubs and Activities 2003-04

#### CLUB

A.C.E. (Athletes Committed to Excellence)  
Academic Bowl  
Art Club  
Backlight Theatre  
Best Buddies  
CAT -T.V.  
Cougar Guard  
DECA  
F.B.L.A. (Future Business Leaders of America)  
First Class  
Freshman Class Council  
Interact  
International Club  
Intramurals  
Junior Class Council  
Junior National Association for the Deaf  
Literary Magazine  
Math Team  
Model United Nations  
National Honor Society  
Orchesis  
Outdoor Adventure Club  
Science Olympiad  
Senior Class Council  
SKILLS USA- VICA  
Sophomore Class Council  
SPARK (Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids)  
Special Olympics  
Speech  
Spotlight (Fashion Club)  
Strategy Club  
Student Council  
VIP (Voices in Prevention)  
WYSE

#### SPONSORS

**Paul Brettner**, Asst. **Vince DeLuca**  
**Claudia Estep**, Asst. **Kim Olson**  
**Jim Savage**, Asst. **Stefanie Dahlstrom**  
**Kevin Phelan**  
**Jennifer Fatajczyk**  
**James MacAyeal**  
TBA  
**Sheryl Olson**  
**Janet Kovarik**, Asst. TBA  
TBA  
**Leslie Nardini**  
**Kate Wicklander**, Asst. TBA  
**Rebecca Page**  
TBA  
**Megan Alex**  
**MaryBeth Rosell**, **Karen True**  
**Sean Conroy**, **Eileen Orzoff**  
**Jennifer Tye-Spytek**, Asst. **Jean Thiry**  
**Frank Underbrink**  
**Wendy Meister-Louria**, Asst. TBA  
TBA  
**Jerry Miceli**  
**Craig Bomgaars**, Asst. **Josh Ravenscraft**  
**Peggy Cope**  
**Kip Baxter**  
**Kelly Brausam**  
**Margaret Pither**  
**Andy Compton**  
**Sean Conroy**, Asst. **Sharon Arbiture**  
**Sandy Gerbasi**  
**Sean Conroy**  
**Laura Bertermann**, Asst. **Leslie Nardini**  
**Margaret Pither**  
**Steve Rietsel**



*Attention VHHS Class of 2007:*

**Mark your calendars for  
Freshman Orientation**

**Thursday, August 14, 2003**

**8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
(Buses will be provided)**



**Presentation    Entertainment    Tours**

**More information regarding Freshmen Orientation  
will follow in the August mailing.**

**Questions? Call Marla Pierce at  
847-932-2002**

**VHHS Homecoming Week 2003--Oct. 14 - 18**

The theme for the VHHS Homecoming 2003 will be determined during the first week of school.

**Spirit Days and other events!**

- Wednesday, Oct. 8:**      Class voting for Homecoming Court
- Friday, Oct. 10:**      **Fall Recognition Assembly**, featuring announcement of Homecoming Court
- Monday, Oct. 13:**      No School- Columbus Day
- Tuesday, Oct. 14:**      **Pajama Day**  
**Float building**, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Storage USA--all students welcome
- Wednesday, Oct. 15:**    **Favorite TV/Cartoon Character Day**  
**Float building** continued, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m., Storage USA
- Thursday, Oct. 16:**    **Class Color-War Day** (frosh, red, soph- green, junior- yellow, seniors- tie-dye, faculty- royal blue)  
**Float building** finishing touches, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Storage USA  
**Parade** (time to be determined at beginning of school year) followed by **pep rally and fireworks**
- Friday, Oct. 17:**      **Cougar Spirit Day**  
**Homecoming Assembly** and crowning of the queen
- Saturday, Oct. 18:**    **Homecoming Dance**, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Dress code suggested for the dance is semi-formal (khakis and a shirt for guys, skirts or informal dresses for girls)

## Getting a jump on post high school planning

by Dan Gin, LHS College and Career Counselor



As we begin a new school year, it is important for the class of 2004 to begin thinking about post high school plans. The first three years of high school have come and gone quickly, and this year will be no different. Now that you are seniors, everything will be magnified a little more because this will be the last time you will participate in activities as a high school student. Attending your last football or basketball game, or dancing the night away at prom, and even graduation will be hard. Instead of thinking about the past, or what you would do differently, it is important to begin thinking about the future. It is all lying at your feet.

**Now** is the time to think about life after high school, before the school year gets going and your schedule gets packed. Next fall, most of you will be off to college. If you are in this category, it would be wise to apply early to the schools of your choice. Many schools are seeing an increase in the number of applications. Thus, many colleges and universities are closing the applications deadline at an earlier date than expected. Also, with an intense pool of applicants, the longer you wait, schools will begin to increase their admission standards, and it may be a little harder to be accepted at that school.

Shortly after you have been admitted to the school of your choice, you will receive a housing package. If you want a choice of residence halls or an area on campus you would like to live, it is imperative that you turn in your housing forms and housing deposit quickly. This will insure that you will have a place to sleep on campus and not be forced to live in temporary housing.

So, do not snooze on this important process because the longer you wait, you may lose not only your chance of being admitted but also the chance to live in the best residence hall or area on campus.

### Checklist for applying to college

Obtain applications by contacting each school. You may also check in the CRC for applications.

Completed application including signatures.

Make an appointment to see your counselor.

Bring completed application, application fees, if required, and \$1.00 for each transcript.

Test scores must be on file at the schools to which you are applying. The test scores are **NOT** printed on the high school transcript. It may take up to five weeks for ACT and SAT to process this request. Do it in a timely fashion.

If necessary, obtain a letter of recommendation. Please give your counselor and/or teacher two weeks to write your recommendation.

## Making high school count

by Vic Capron, VHHS College and Career Counselor



Freshman year is crucial in determining what your options will be – what doors will be open for you – at the end of your high school experience. To assist you with this critical transition of entering high school, we are providing the Making High School Count Presentation Program at a Freshman Assembly on Oct. 3 during period 2 at VHHS and on Nov. 13 during period 3 at LHS.

This program provides first semester high school freshmen with important information on how to recognize their potential for future success. Making High School Count offers advice on topics that are key to help students understand the importance of high school and what students need to accomplish to maximize their opportunities upon graduation such as:

#### *Optimizing the High School Experience*

- . Creating the greatest number of possible options after high school

#### *Grades Really Matter*

- . The major impact of freshman year performance on students' future opportunities

#### *Better Grades*

- . Great reasons to get better grades and six ways to do it

#### *Steps for Success*

- . Developing test-taking and studying skills
- . Getting organized
- . Recognizing the importance of core classes

#### *Outside the Classroom*

- . Keys to extracurricular success – why just “joining” clubs and organizations doesn't work.

#### *Getting it all done*

- . Ways to create a personal plan for success

Parents are invited to attend this one period assembly-style presentation which has received praise from students, parents, and school administrators. If you have any questions about this program, please call **Vic Capron** at VHHS or **Dan Gin** at LHS.

## Fine Arts notes

by Frank Lestina, VHHS Fine Arts Supervisor



### LHS and VHHS announce 2003-04 theater season

The 2003-04 season will bring many changes to the District 128 theater program. Perhaps the biggest change will be the move from one District musical to two. Last year, the District production of *Les Miserables* was a huge hit and a wonderful cooperative effort between LHS and VHHS. This year, LHS will still present its musical in the fall while VHHS will present its first-ever musical in the winter.

VHHS has always presented a winter play and a spring play, both directed by **Stephanie Freichels**. This year, VHHS will present a fall play, a winter musical and a spring play. Ms. Freichels will direct the musical and the spring play, and **Kevin Phelan**, VHHS Theater Technical Coordinator, will take on a new role as director of the fall play. Mr. Phelan has directed in the past, but this will be his directing debut at VHHS.

There are no changes in store for LHS this year, but **Gary Saxvik** who directs the spring play, will take a final bow as an LHS director as he retires at the end of the 2003-04 school year.

### Announcing 2003-04 musicals

LHS has selected a popular Sondheim musical, "Into the Woods" for this year's musical, while the first VHHS musical will be "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Much thought is always given to selecting a musical. This year VHHS spent even more time selecting its first musical performance. "Joseph is an excellent choice for many reasons," said **Frank Lestina**, VHHS Fine Arts Supervisor. "Most students are familiar with the show, students of all ages like Joseph, and it should be very popular at the box

office."

In addition to "Into the Woods," LHS will also present "Playing for Time" and "Merchant of Venice" this year. At VHHS, "Joseph" will take the line-up with "On the Razzle" and an additional show to be named.

### Auditions

Auditions for the fall productions at both schools will be held the first few weeks of school. Students are encouraged to pick up audition packets the week before school starts in the Main Office or Fine Arts Office at both schools. Auditions are open to ALL students regardless of experience or year in school.

Look and listen for announcements regarding auditions for "Joseph." In addition to VHHS students, smaller children will also be needed for roles in "Joseph." Please look for announcements in October or November to see if there will be separate auditions for younger students.

In addition to the roles on stage, every production has opportunities for students to get involved behind the scenes. Many of these positions require no special experience at the beginning. There are also orchestra positions to fill for the musicals. Instrumentation varies with each musical and students will receive information in band and orchestra class at the start of the year regarding instrumentation needs for the musicals.

### IMEA State Convention

The LHS Symphony Orchestra and Concert Choir, and the VHHS Wind Ensemble and Symphony Orchestra were all selected to perform at the Illinois Music Educators' Association State Convention next January. The groups were selected for this honor via tapes and CDs submitted by each group. Having four groups selected to perform at this prestigious event makes a powerful statement about the strength of the music programs in District 128. More details will follow regarding the exact dates and times of these performances.

## Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School 2003-04 Fine and Performing Arts Events

Thursday, Sept. 18 7:30 p.m.	District Faculty Recital LHS Auditorium	Thursday, Nov. 6 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Orchestra Festival VHHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Oct. 1 7:30 p.m.	High School Orchestra Invitational VHHS Auditorium	Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 6-8 7:30 p.m.	LHS Musical LHS Auditorium
Thursday, Oct. 16 7:30 p.m.	LHS/Jr. High Choral Festival LHS Gymnasium	Thursday, Nov. 13 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Band Festival VHHS Gymnasium
Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 23-25 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Fall Play VHHS Studio Theater	Thursday, Nov. 13 7:30 p.m.	LHS Orchestra Festival LHS Auditorium
Tuesday, Oct. 28 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Choir Fest VHHS Auditorium	Saturday, Nov. 15 3:00 p.m.	IMEA-Jazz Barrington H.S.

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Thursday, Nov. 20 7:30 p.m.	LHS Band Festival LHS Gymnasium	Tuesday, Mar. 23 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Band/Orch Concert VHHS Auditorium
Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 20-21 7:30 p.m.	VHHS One Act Plays VHHS Studio Theater	Friday, April 16 P.M.	IHSA Organizational
Saturday, Nov. 22 3:00 p.m.	IMEA-Band, Orch.,Choir Evanston Twnshp H.S.	Saturday, April 17 All Day	Music Contest
Thursday, Dec. 11 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Holiday Music Fest. Auditorium	Friday, April 16 TBA	NSC Art Show Antioch HS
Tuesday, Dec. 16 5:00 p.m.	LHS Holiday Fest. Dress rehearsal/Sr. dinner	April 23, 24 7:30 p.m.	LHS Spring Play Performances LHS Auditorium
Thursday, Dec. 18 7:30 p.m.	LHS Holiday Music Fest. Auditorium	Friday, April 30 7:30 p.m.	LHS Collage LHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Jan. 21 10:00 a.m.	District/Jr. High Jazz Festival LHS Auditorium	Wednesday, May 5 7:30 p.m.	LHS Spring Band Concert LHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Jan. 28 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Band Concert VHHS Auditorium	Thursday - Saturday May 6-8 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Spring Play Performances VHHS Studio Theater
Wed. thru Sat. January 28 – 31	IMEA Peoria	Saturday, May 8 TBA	VHHS/LHS Superstate
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 6-7 7:30 p.m.	LHS Winter Play LHS Auditorium	Wednesday, May 12 7:30 p.m.	LHS Spring Choir Concert LHS Auditorium
Wednesday, Feb. 18 7:30 p.m.	LHS Winter Band Concert LHS Auditorium	Thursday, May 13 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Orchesis Dance Recital VHHS Auditorium
Thurs.-Fri., Feb.19-20 7:30 p.m.	LHS One Act Plays LHS Studio Theatre	Tuesday, May 18 8:00 p.m.	VHHS Band Concert VHHS Auditorium
Thursday, Feb. 26 7:30 p.m.	LHS Cabaret LHS Cafeteria	Tuesday, May 18 7:00 p.m.	VHHS Art Show VHHS Lobby
Thursday – Saturday Feb. 26–28, 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Musical VHHS Auditorium	Wednesday, May 19 8:00 a.m. – Noon	
Thurs.-Fri., March 4-5 7:30 p.m.	LHS Orchesis Dance Recital LHS Auditorium	Wednesday, May 19 7:30 p.m.	LHS Spring Orchestra Concert LHS Auditorium
Saturday, March 6 All Day	IHSA Solo/Ensemble Music Contest TBA	Thursday, May 20 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Orch/Choir Concert VHHS Auditorium
Thursday, March 11 7:30 p.m.	VHHS Cabaret VHHS Lobby	Thursday, May 20 7:00 p.m.	LHS Art Show LHS Gymnasium
Saturday, March 13 7:30 p.m.	LHS Jazz Concert LHS Auditorium	Friday, May 21 8:00 a.m. – Noon	
Thurs., March 18 7:30 p.m.	LHS Orchestra Concert LHS Auditorium		
		For more information, call the Fine Arts offices at LHS (847) 327-7058, 327-7057 or VHHS (847) 932-2283, 327-2282	

## Athletic Director's Corner

by Tim Albers, LHS Athletic Director



The summer months are just racing by us and before you know it we will be starting the 2003 – 2004 school year. I would like to provide you with information, dates and important events that will happen in our Libertyville High School athletic programs this fall.

### Fall/Winter/Spring Athletics - What I will need to have **BEFORE** I tryout?

**Eligibility** - You must be eligible (IHSA by-law) which means that if you are a sophomore, junior or senior you must have passed 4 subjects (20 semester credit hours) the previous semester to be eligible to compete this fall. Incoming freshman athletes are not included in this by-law until they become a student at the high school.

**Permit card (Orange card)** - You will need to have an athletic permit card (orange card) completed and returned to the athletic office. The card must be complete with all signatures including a signature and stamp from your physician indicating that the student/athlete has been given a physical and the doctor approves his/her participation in our athletic programs.

**Emergency information sheet (Green sheet)** - You will also need to have the emergency green

information sheet signed and returned to the athletic office. Any changes in phone numbers or address should be noted on this sheet.

**Athletic user fee (per year)** - \$50.00 will be charged for the first sport and \$25.00 for each sport after the first one per year will be charged. Checks should be made out to Libertyville High School.

FALL SPORTS – What is offered, when and where do they start?

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Boys' Cross Country	All	8/18	3:10 p.m.	Track	Buesing
Girls' Cross Country	All	8/18	3:10 p.m.	Track	Carlson
Football	V/Soph	8/13	7:30 a.m.	Fieldhouse	Kuceyeski
	Frosh*	8/13	1:00 p.m.	Brainerd	Egert

\* Frosh players only (not parents) will have an organizational meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Brainerd Gym. (enter through the northeast doors) Players who have not turned in their permit card and emergency green information sheet or paid their athletic fee will not receive equipment until this is taken care of.

Boys' Golf **	All	8/15	9:00 a.m.	LHS Rm. 157	Estep
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\*\* Meeting only. Tryout information will be distributed at this meeting.

Girls' Golf***	All	8/15	9:00 a.m.	LHS Cafeteria	Seward
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\*\*\* Meeting only. Tryout information will be distributed at this meeting.

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Boys' Soccer	All	8/18	3:00 p.m.	Dymond Field	Schinto
Girls' Swim					
Diving	All	8/18	3:00 p.m.	Pool	Herman
Girls' Tennis	New Players	8/18	3:30 p.m.	Tennis Cts.	Lapish
	Only				
	All	8/19	3:00 p.m.	Tennis Cts.	Lapish
Girls' Volleyball	Jr/Sr	8/18	3:00 p.m.	LHS Gym	Trzyna
	Soph	8/18	3:00 p.m.	LHS Gym	Trzyna
	Frosh	8/18	4:30 p.m.	LHS Gym	Trzyna
	Jr/Sr	8/18	6:30 p.m.	LHS Gym	Trzyna

### Important Dates

#### Wednesday, Aug. 27--Freshman Athletic Orientation

All freshman athletes and parents must attend a mandatory meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the LHS auditorium. This meeting will provide the athlete and parent with pertinent information on our athletic programs, procedures, policies and will ensure a smooth athletic transition from the junior high school to the high school. If you plan on going out for a sport you **MUST** attend this meeting.

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### Athletic team and individual fall picture day

Visual Image Photography will be at LHS on the dates given below to take team and individual pictures for our yearbook and also for parent purchase. Picture day forms will be handed out to our athletes one week prior to their picture date giving information on purchase and prices. The forms handed out will be pre-paid envelopes on which you may designate the picture package you wish to purchase. Coaches will provide the players with schedule times for the designated days.

Football	Saturday, Aug. 16	Stadium Football Field
Cheerleaders	Saturday, Aug. 16	Stadium Football Field
Poms	Saturday, Aug. 16	Stadium Football Field
Boys' Golf	Monday, Aug. 25	Stadium Football Field
Girls' Golf	Monday, Aug. 25	Stadium Football Field
Girls' Tennis	Monday, Aug. 25	Stadium Football Field
Boys' Cross Country	Monday, Aug. 25	Track
Girls' Cross Country	Monday, Aug. 25	Track
Boys' Soccer	Tuesday, Aug. 26	Stadium Football Field
Girls' Swim	Tuesday, Aug. 26	Pool

### Homecoming 2003

Saturday, Oct. 11 will be the LHS Homecoming. The parade will begin in the morning through downtown Libertyville followed by the football game vs. Warren High School. The sophomore game will be played in the stadium at 10:30 a.m. followed by the varsity game, which will also be played in the stadium at 1:00 p.m. The freshman football game will be played on Friday, Oct. 10 at 4:30 p.m. The games are followed by an evening homecoming dance.

### Athletic invites or tournaments that LHS will host this fall

Sophomore Girls' Volleyball Tournament	Saturday, Sept. 13	8:30 a.m.	LHS
JV Girls' Tennis Tournament	Saturday, Sept. 20	8:30 a.m.	Tennis Ct.
Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Invite	Saturday, Sept. 20	9:30 a.m.	Adler Pk.
Boys' NSC Conference Golf Tourn.	Tuesday, Sept. 30	8:00 a.m.	Midlane
Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Conference	Saturday, Oct. 18	2:00 a.m.	Adler Pk.
Girls' Volleyball Lake County Tourn.	Friday, Oct. 24	5:00 p.m.	LHS
	Saturday, Oct. 25	12:30 p.m.	LHS
Boys'/Girls' Cross Country Invite	Saturday, Oct. 25	2:00 p.m.	Adler Pk.

We are truly looking forward with great anticipation to the 2003-04 school year and are excited about our student athletes that are returning to us as well as our incoming freshman class. We hope that you will become a part of our athletic family and take part in the wonderful tradition that has been established in our community and in this high school. You will have four very short years, which will provide you with a lifetime worth of memories. We look forward to seeing all of you soon.

## LHS/IHSA spring athletic team academic achievement awards

The Illinois High School Athletic Association recognizes those athletic teams throughout the state that maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher throughout their respective seasons. The grade point average for all varsity teams must be computed on a 4.0 system and the grade point average must include **EVERY** member of the varsity team that enters the first level of state qualifying competition.

LHS spring athletes did outstanding not only on the athletic playing fields but also academically. Out of 10 IHSA athletic spring sports at LHS, eight varsity teams were honored with the IHSA Team Academic Achievement Award. Congratulations to the players and teams for their excellence in the classroom as well as on the field.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Total Cumulative GPA</u>
Varsity Baseball Team	3.08
Varsity Girls' Soccer Team	3.30
Varsity Softball Team	3.06
Varsity Boys' Tennis Team	3.08
Varsity Boys' Track Team	3.01
Varsity Girls' Track Team	3.45
Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team	3.00
Varsity Girls' Water Polo Team	3.19

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## From the Hills . . .

by Alan Janulis, VHHS Athletic Director



It seems like just yesterday that we were recognizing the accomplishments of our spring sport athletes, and now the fall season is fast approaching. Fall sports begin in mid-August, so get out your calendar and mark these important dates, times, and locations:

Football	All levels	Wed., 8/13/03	8:00 a.m.	Studio Theatre
Girls' Cross-Country*	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	6:00 a.m.	Sled Hill- Century Park
Girls' Golf	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:30 p.m.	White Deer Run G.C.
Pom Pons	All	Mon., 8/18/03	4:00 p.m.	Main Gym
Boys' Soccer	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:30 p.m.	American Hotel Fields
Girls' Swim	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:15 p.m.	Swimming Pool
Girls' Tennis	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:30 p.m.	West Lobby H.S.
Girls' Volleyball	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:15 p.m.	Fieldhouse
Boys' Cross Country	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	3:30 p.m.	West Lobby H.S.
Cheerleading	All levels	Mon., 8/18/03	4:00 p.m.	Gymnastics Gym

\*Those girls who can't make the initial cross-country practice may meet Coaches Compton and Richert at the Vernon Hills track on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

In addition, Head Boys' Golf Coach **Shawn Healey** will hold a brief pre-tryout meeting for all potential golf team members on Friday, Aug. 15 at 8:00 a.m. in Rm. 0211. The first tryout session is scheduled at White Deer Run Golf Course on Monday afternoon, Aug. 18.

As a reminder, all athletic participants must have on file in the Athletic Office a completed Permit Card for the fall season, a signed District 128 Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities, evidence of a satisfactory physical examination within the past 12 months, and have paid the participation fee. Incoming freshman should receive athletic information in a separate mailing. Upperclassmen may pick up and submit forms and fees in the Athletic Office.

While most athletic teams can accommodate all interested students, some sports such as volleyball, boys' and girls' golf must limit the number of participants. Cheerleading and Pom Pon squads have already been selected. Those students that try out and are not selected for squads which have limits on numbers of participants are encouraged to join another of the many programs available. There is also special recognition for those who choose to participate in sports each of the three seasons.

When our students return to school this fall they will see some new faces in the coaching ranks, as well as some familiar faces in new roles. The Girls' Volleyball program has a new head coach, **Kathleen Rizzo**. Coach Rizzo brings with her a wealth of high school and club experience. She has coached at Cary-Grove, New Trier, Glenbrook North and South High Schools, in addition to working with club teams at Adversity and Circus.

**Doug Williamson** returns to his "roots" to lead the Cougar Boys' Cross-Country and Track & Field programs. Doug, a graduate of LHS, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the State Cross Country meet and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the mile run as a senior for Coach **Gary Hodgson's** Wildcats. He retained his "Wildcat" status, and, as an undergraduate at Northwestern University, earned All-Big Ten honors in both Cross-Country and Track. After teaching and coaching at both Lockport and Naperville North High Schools, Doug joined the ranks of college coaching by accepting an assistant mens' track coaching position at the University of Arkansas. He became the head men's and women's track and cross-country coach at the University of Virginia in 1985, and, the following year took the helm of the same programs at the University of Alabama. He has coached 13 Olympians, 180 NCAA All-Americans, 10 National Track & Field Champions, and has to his credit five NCAA Division 1 Team Titles.

**Matt McCarty** will direct the Cougar Boys' Basketball Program this winter. "Coach Mac" has been our varsity assistant coach for the past three seasons and is looking forward to working with our Cougars in his new capacity. He has already organized and scheduled a basketball camp at Vernon Hills High School with Chicago Bulls players, **Eddie Curry** and **Jamal Crawford** for the Cougars of the future and is working with the Cougar

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## Boys' volleyball receives certificate from IHSA

This spring the VHHS Boys' Volleyball team received an honor from the IHSA of which to be proud. Coach **Chris Curry** and his varsity team received the "Sport a Winning Attitude Award" for doing an exemplary job of sporting a winning attitude at an IHSA interscholastic contest. The team was chosen for the award after the IHSA's receipt of the following letter from an IHSA official:

"I want to applaud the entire program of Vernon Hills Boys' Volleyball. I had the privilege to officiate their LAST contest of the season at Stevenson sectionals. The team, led by Chris Curry, is the measure of class in boys' athletics. The team is respectful of each other, their coaching staff, the opponents and the officials. Their uniforms are clean and worn correctly. The shorts on their waists with shirts tucked in. (I even hear one of the boys say "thank you" to a mom who had brought his drink to the bench.) Additionally, there were two incidents that magnified their sportsmanship training and are a credit to them, their parents and school. After the almost two hour contest, I sat behind the scoring table to change my shoes. (Keep in mind this contest was the swan song for one team that would not travel out of the Stevenson gym that night. The contest when three games with the second game score 19-17.) At separate times, four adults passed and said, "Thank you, you did an excellent job tonight."



It is rare to hear any parent say something nice, let alone multiple times. The last gentleman that passed with an elementary aged child said the same. I jokingly said, "You must be a Buffalo Grove parent." He said no, that his son played for Vernon Hills. How wonderful that the emotion of his son's loss in an extremely intense match with them losing still allowed him to make that statement.

The second of the two incidents was the reaction to the outcome of the match. The intensity of the match would have led any high school athlete (and/or coach) to a dejected, tearful end. This club was amazing. They accepted the outcome, congratulated the victors and were pleased with their performance with unselfish pride. This does not happen over night.

I would like to acknowledge the parents for what they have done to mold their young men; they have obviously been inspirational from their homes. I would like to acknowledge Chris Curry for his exemplary performance in guiding these athletes to demand all that they can from themselves and to accept the outcome of their efforts. Knowing that the win-loss column is just that but giving these young men something that is meaningful that they will use as they go through their lives is a much more valuable lesson. Last, but certainly not least, I would like to acknowledge the athletes. They have standards of the highest level. I hope they take what they have learned in the athletic arena from Vernon Hills and apply it in every instance as they go forward. They are an inspiration to each other, the underclassmen and all who saw this contest and how they handled the outcome as well as myself.

The measure that I have used in making this assessment is the 25 years that I have officiated high school athletics, the years that I have coached and evaluating all that I have observed through the ears and eyes of a mother. My gauge is "would this be a program that I would want my son or daughter to be affiliated with?" With NO hesitation, I would say I would be proud to be associated. Please offer my observation of an outstanding attribute to boys' athletics to all associated with Vernon Hills High School."

Congratulations to Coach Curry and the members of the 2003 team.

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Summer Basketball Camp and summer shoot-outs. Coach McCarty will continue to emphasize those aspects of the game for which the Cougars have become known; aggressive defense and hustle on the court. He will also bring some new wrinkles to the program from his past experiences working with legendary high school coaches such as **Bob Trimble** of Monticello and **Ed Molitor** of Palatine.

Vernon Hills High School will also add Boys' Bowling to its list of sport offerings with a team this winter. The Illinois High School Association held the inaugural state championship series last winter. One hundred eleven teams entered the competition and Rockford Jefferson High School took home the first team trophy. Former Head Boys' Track & Field Coach **Ron Long** will entertain prospective bowlers at Hawthorn Lanes as the season begins on Oct. 27. He leaves the track position after 24 years with mixed emotions, but is enthusiastic about working with our kids to develop this new program.

There remains at this writing a few assistant coaching positions yet to fill, and we will continue to work hard to seek out and bring quality coaches to VHHS. We are very proud of the caliber of the new staff.

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### Poms look forward to 03-04 season



This year's Pom squad will be headed by **Ashley Grantin**. Coach Grantin, a native of Wisconsin, has been dancing since the age of three. She was a four-year member of the Sauk Prairie High School Varsity Pom/Cheer squad. Ashley also attended the University of Arizona, where she recently graduated with a B.F.A. in Dance. While attending college she was a Junior Co-Captain, Senior Captain and a four-year member of the University of Arizona Pomline. She led the squad to both finalist competitions and a USA Collegiate National title.

Ashley finds teaching the most rewarding aspect of dance. She has several years of experience and has choreographed routines for both amateur and professional dance and pom teams. She looks forward to sharing this knowledge with the LHS Poms.

The LHS Poms began its season on a high note by receiving a superior award given by the United Spirit Association at its Summer Camp this June. It is the highest award granted by the association. "The material at camp was very useful", said captain **Katie Finch**. "Everyone was pushed and worked very hard. Because of this, the squad is accomplishing more and performing different styles of routines than in the past." This enthusiasm was echoed by co-captain **Corina Harwood** who stated, "I have a really good feeling about the squad this year. Camp was fun. I

## Swimmers named All-Americans

LHS senior **David Hedge** and junior **Heather Kiluk** have been named All-American Swimmers. All-Americans are swimmers who place in the top 100 times in their events in a championship meet. Heather qualified at last year's state sectionals, while David qualified at the state meet. Both David and Heather, who have been members of the LHS swim teams since their freshman years, set LHS school records with their qualifying times. "David and Heather both have a tremendous work ethic, and dedication to the sport that carried them to this level of success," said LHS swim coach **Greg Herman**.

feel we are going to be very successful." Co-captain **Darcy Loeb** stated, "Camp was such a success because we learned so much in a short time. My teammates are remarkable and we are ahead of the game. I am looking forward to the upcoming season."

In addition to Libertyville's team awards, All Star Performer awards were given to the following: second-time recipients **Corina Harwood** and **Tiffanie Hancock**; first-time recipients **Katie Finch**, **Darcy Loeb**, **Tracy Branding**, and **Annie Freyman**. This year's All-Star performers are invited to perform with the United Spirit Association All-Star team in London, England later this year.

The following are members of this year's pom squad: **Corina Harwood** (co-captain), **Katie Finch** (co-captain), **Alysa VanAsten Werchek**, **Jacqueline Hill**, **Meg Shafer**, **Ashley Mayworm**, **Tiffanie Hancock**, **Samantha Mattimiro**, **Darcy Loeb** (co-captain), **Emily Perse**, **Kate Saxon**, **Tracy Branding**, **Bridget Quinn**, **Ani Gafka**, **Nicole Notaro**, **Annie Freyman**, **Kendall Carroll**, **Megan Lowecki**, **Karyn LaRoi** and **Brittany Wunsch**. (photo courtesy of the LHS Pom Squad)



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