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Superintendent's Message Welcome to a New School Year!

Where has the summer gone? The Back to School edition of *Paw Prints* always signals the coming of a new school year, and I am excited to begin my second year as the superintendent of what I believe to be the best high school district in the nation!

Over the past year, we have worked together; school, parents, and community, to ensure that our two high schools, Libertyville and Vernon Hills, continue to provide all students with excellent opportunities to learn and grow in academics, activities, athletics and the fine arts. Our continued partnership will guarantee that all students have access to the finest teaching, curriculum and instruction, and programs available. As a result, our students will have the greatest opportunities for success in the 21st century.

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

The primary question in District 128 is always: Are all students learning and growing? We embrace this challenge with passion, and we will work together to make certain that all students are in fact, learning and growing.

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year! In the coming year, District 128 will usher in the Classes of 2013 and graduate the Classes of 2010 at LHS and VHHS. For those of you who are new to District 128, we are excited to have you join our family and, for those of you who are returning to the District, we are excited to welcome you back.

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

Finally, I look forward to renewing acquaintances with those of you I have met during the last year as superintendent and the previous three years as associate superintendent, and I also look forward to meeting those of you new to the district. As your superintendent, along with other District and building administrators, teachers, and support staff, we are here to serve you and to ensure that your children continue to succeed. We take this mission seriously, and we will work with you to build on the legacy of excellence in District 128.

Have a great school year!

Prentiss G. Lea
Superintendent



Meet New Associate Superintendent Al Fleming

by Dr. Al Fleming, Associate Superintendent

As the newest member of the administrative team in Community High School District 128, I am excited to be part of such an exceptional school district. Having worked in nearby districts over the last several years, I was quite aware of the excellent reputation of District 128 before my arrival. The people I have met and the conversations I have had in my first few days in the district have only confirmed that reputation. I am impressed with the level of professional conversation surrounding good teaching and learning, and it is obvious that teachers and staff sincerely care about the students they interact with on a daily basis.

Research shows that the success of any school is built upon the support received from parents and the community. This is no different for LHS and VHHS. When teachers and parents partner in the education of our young people, support is seamless between home and school. Students who have parents with a vested interest in their school life understand the value of a quality education, come prepared to learn and are actively engaged in their own learning. As a result, success is much more likely and students develop an academic identity and social confidence as they mature over their four years in high school. As we partner together as parents and educators this year let's keep this in mind.

I would encourage you to participate in any and all activities Libertyville High School and Vernon Hills High School have to offer. As the father of two boys whose high school days are behind them, I can tell you that these four years do indeed fly by. Please check our schools' websites for additional information on all kinds of ongoing activities at both schools. Join us for a sports contest, a concert or a play. We would love to see you there.



District 128: A Year-Round Learning Community

by Deborah Larson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

While summer is a time to renew and refresh, it is also a time for learning. We hope our students are enjoying their summer reading suggestions and realizing that learning is a life-long pursuit. Many learning activities are underway in District 128 and I'd like to share with you how our students and staff are continuing to learn during the summer months. Some students are attending summer school to advance their studies or prepare for courses in the fall. Our second Incoming Freshmen Summer Academy is underway and helping a new group of freshmen prepare to navigate the transition to high school. In addition, our staff takes time to learn new things each summer.

We are fortunate to have a full-time technology trainer in District 128. Her name is **Kate Isabelli** and she spends each summer providing workshops for our staff on the latest and greatest tools. This summer she offered two, three-day workshops for teachers; one on Moodle, an electronic blackboard tool and the other on integrating video in the classroom. Twenty-four teachers attended each of these workshops and are ready with new units to use next fall. In addition, Kate provides many workshops during the summer and throughout the school year on the Microsoft Office tools that our Educational Support Personnel (our E.S.P.) use each and every day to communicate and support the educational environment.

This summer we also had teachers join **Dr. Jane E. Pollock**, who will be our opening day speaker on Aug. 18, for a three-day workshop on improving student learning. She shared current research and history about curriculum, instruction, assessment and feedback strategies in the classroom for teachers. Her work is guiding the work our faculty will be doing in the coming months and years to help each child succeed.

As I write this article, I am preparing to join two other colleagues, LHS Principal **Marina Scott**, and VHHS Assistant Principal **Jon Guillaume**, to teach a three-day workshop on classroom assessment for teachers. Next week, a group of our staff will spend time in a professional learning community collaborating on the five keys of quality classroom assessment and the strategies to involve students more in the learning process. I'm excited to be planning and preparing to be "in the classroom" again, so to speak.

Summer is a time for many teachers to take college courses and our staff is constantly seeking to improve their skills and knowledge base. Our staff also works on improving our curriculum through many collaborative summer projects which will be incorporated in courses when students return in the fall: New textbooks, new lesson plans, new syllabus. The work of providing the best for our students never ends. So you see, learning never really ceases in District 128. We are truly a learning community.

Community High School District 128 Board of Education Members 2009-10



District 128 Board of Education Members (seated) Ellen Mauer, Secretary **Marsha Oberrieder**, Vice President **Judy Sugarman**, **Karin Lundstedt**, (standing) **Alexander Delli Paoli Jr.**, **Stephen Arthur**, President **Pat Groody**. (photo by M. Todoric)



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Community High School District 128 Board of Education 2009-10 Meeting Schedule

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

Regular Board Meeting Dates 7:00 p.m. at the Vernon Hills High School Library 145 N. Lakeview Parkway, Vernon Hills

Monday, July 27, 2009
Monday, Aug. 24, 2009
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009
Monday, Oct. 26, 2009
Monday, Nov. 16, 2009
Monday, Dec. 14, 2009
Monday, Jan. 25, 2010
Monday, Feb. 22, 2010
Monday, March 22, 2010
Monday, April 26, 2010
Monday, May 24, 2010
Monday, June 28, 2010

Board Meetings Televised on Cable, Videotapes Available at Library

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

Libertyville
Channel 19
Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

Vernon Hills
Channel 4
Wednesdays following the 6:30 p.m. airing of the District 73 Board Meeting (approximately 8:00 - 8:30), and Sundays at 2:00 p.m.

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



Helping Teens Make Healthy Choices

by Margaret Pither, VHHS SAP Coordinator

Parents are the single most important reason teens don't use drugs and alcohol. Have you communicated your expectations about drug and alcohol use to your teens? Have you outlined the consequences that will occur if they violate your abstinence policy?

Do you and your teens have a PLAN? If your teens find themselves at a get together with friends and someone comes in with alcohol or drugs, do they know how to handle the situation? Have you talked to your teens about what they can do? It's best to know how to handle these situations before they arise. Perhaps you can devise a plan so they can call you and you'll know to come and pick them up - no questions asked! Make a plan that works for you and your family. This will empower your teens to know how to handle difficult situations and they won't feel pressured into doing something they don't want to do.

Different Ways to Prevent Teens from Using Drugs and Alcohol:

- ◆ Know where your teens are when they aren't home, and make sure they have a destination.
- ◆ Make a list of events of your teens' day - know their schedule.
- ◆ Know your teens' friends. Make sure you approve of the people with whom they are socializing.
- ◆ Work together with other parents. E-mail and call them to make sure you are all aware of what your teens are doing.
- ◆ Keep your teens busy after school. If you cannot be home, make sure your teens are involved in extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ Develop a relationship with your teens. Talk with them about things that are important to both of you.
- ◆ Spend time enjoying activities your teens like.

Parents: Start the School Year Right by Joining CPHY

The Community Partnership for Healthy Youth invites you to join the team to encourage continued health for our students and community. The goals of this task force include increasing awareness of underage drinking and substance abuse, and engaging parents and the community in developing proactive solutions to reduce risky teen behaviors. It is also a goal of this task force to increase educational opportunities for students and staff, and to empower students to be positive role models for prevention.

You are cordially invited to join one of the coalition's four committees:

- Parent Committee
- Community Committee
- Student Committee
- School Committee

We need you to help us reach our goal of keeping each and every student in our District safe and healthy. Please check our website, cphy.org, for the next meeting date in September, or call **Margaret Pither** (VHHS) at 847-932-2158 or **Lisa Hartman** (LHS) at 847-327-7030.



LHS Welcomes New SAP Coordinator

by Lisa Hartman, LHS SAP Coordinator

Hi! I'm **Lisa Hartman**, the new Libertyville High School Student Assistance Program Coordinator. I am very excited to become a part of the terrific team at LHS! I have worked in the addictions field since the early 1990's, including work in both inpatient and outpatient treatment. I've spent the last several years working as a substance abuse counselor with students at private and public schools. Most recently, I worked with the student assistance program at New Trier High School as I finished my Master's of Social Work degree.

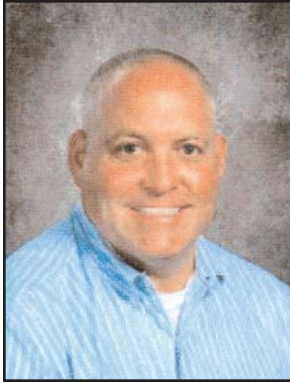
I'm looking forward to getting to know all the students and staff, and I am so thrilled to be a part of the Wildcat team!

Save the Date for This Year's Red Ribbon Race

Libertyville High School will host its annual Red Ribbon 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, Oct. 18. Join ACE, the Cross Country Team and SPARK as they provide a great family and competitive event.

ACE Adopts a Highway

In the spirit of making a difference, LHS ACE (Athletes Committed to Excellence) members have adopted a highway. Last spring, ACE members cleaned a one-mile stretch of Midlothian Road north of Route 176 in Mundelein. Following their hard work they enjoyed a fun barbecue. ACE is sponsored by **Nancy Dick** and **Sean Ferrell**.



The Application Season Begins

by Scott Birtman, VHHS College and Career Counselor

Welcome back! Within the next few weeks we should be in the full swing of college applications. The months of September and October will be the height of this time. Somewhere between 200 and 300 applications per month will travel through the CRC! We will process between 1,200-1,400 applications for the entire school year. The number of applications per student is on the rise. We averaged nearly five college applications per student for the Class of 2009. That does not mean each student applied to five different schools; it was an average of all who applied.

Be aware of deadlines. There are application deadlines, priority filing deadlines, early decision and early action choices. Each college or university has a preferred method, including the "near insistence upon" electronic filing. Applying on-line is approaching 90% of all applications submitted.

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

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

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

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LHS Orchestra Performs in Greece

by *Jeremy Marino, LHS Orchestra Director*

Thirty-nine students from the Libertyville High School Orchestra program, along with 10 chaperones and their director, **Jeremy Marino**, completed a 10-day tour to Greece on June 17, 2009. They performed three concerts while on tour: one in Athens, another in a reproduction of an ancient Greek theater and the final concert on the beach on the island of Aegina. All three concerts were warmly appreciated, the final concert performed for a standing room only crowd of nearly 600 local residents.

When the students were not performing, they had the opportunity to visit some of the most important archaeological sites in Western civilization. These included the Parthenon at the Acropolis, the Oracle at Delphi, and Olympia. In

addition, the group was able to enjoy the modern attractions of Greece, its food, shopping and, of course, its beaches.

The orchestra began preparing for this trip in the winter, rehearsing after school and in the evenings, putting together an hour-long program of American music. This year's trip continues an LHS orchestra tradition of sharing music via international tours. In previous trips, the orchestra has traveled to Rio de Janeiro (2007), Italy (2005), Austria and the Czech Republic (2003), and China (2001).



Vernon Hills High School 2009-10 Fine Arts Events

Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 22-24	Fall Play	Studio Theater	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 29 (Preview 28th)	Choir Festival (w/Hawthorn Schools)	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 12 (Preview 10th)	Orchestra Festival (w/Hawthorn Schools)	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 4	Band Festival (w/Hawthorn Schools)	Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 13 & 14	One Act Plays	Studio Theater	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 10	Holiday Music Festival	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 12	Madrigal Desserts - Chamber Choir	Sullivan Center	6:00 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat., Feb. 18-20	Winter Musical	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 24	Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 11	Jazz Concert: Jazz Strings & Jazz Band	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 24	Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 15	Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.-Saturday, May 6-8	Spring Play	Studio Theater	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 13	Orchesis Dance Recital	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tues., May 18	Student Art Show	Lobby	6:00 p.m.
	Awards in Theater		7:15 p.m.
Tues., May 18	Choir Cabaret Concert	Auditorium	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 20	Spring Band Concert	Auditorium	8:00 p.m.
Wed., May 26	Spring Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.

Libertyville High School 2009-10 Fine Arts Events

Wed., Sept. 23	Faculty Recital	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 15	LHS/Jr. High Choral Festival	Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
TBA	Orchestra Concert		
Fri.-Sun., Nov. 6-8/Nov. 13-14	Beauty and the Beast Musical	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 19	LHS / Jr. High Band Festival	Gymnasium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 3	LHS/ Jr. High Orchestra Festival	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 9	Holiday Music Fest	Auditorium	5:00 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 10	Holiday Music Fest	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec.16	Holiday Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 21	District 128/Jr. High Jazz Festival	LHS Auditorium	9:00 a.m.
	Jazz Concert	LHS Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Fri.-Sat., Feb. 12-13	Winter Play	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 18	Winter Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs. - Fri., Feb.	One Act Play Festival-Student Directed	Studio Theater	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 24	Cabaret	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.- Fri., March 11-12	Orchesis Dance Recital	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., March 19	Jazz Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 24	Winter Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
TBA	North Suburban Conference Art Show	TBA	
Fri.& Sat., April 23 & 24	Spring Play	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Fri., April 30	Collage	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
TBA	LISA Art Show	Great Frame Up	6:30 p.m.
Wed., May 5	Spring Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 13	Spring Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Wed., May 19	Spring Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., May 20	Art Show	Gymnasium	7:00 p.m.
Friday, May 21	Art Show	Gymnasium	8:00 a.m. - Noon

For more information, call the Fine Arts offices at LHS 847-327-7058, 327-7057 or VHHS 847-932-2283, 932-2282. Changes and updates will be posted on the District 128 web site - <http://district128.org>.

From the Principal's Desk . . .



by Dr. Marina Scott, Libertyville High School

Welcoming our new Wildcats.....

Education is one of the few fields where we enjoy the feeling of accomplishment that comes with closure in June and the renewed excitement that accompanies a new beginning in August. As our summer vacation draws to a close, we may find ourselves thinking about the upcoming year and all the opportunities it will bring. As the new Libertyville High School principal, I anticipate working with talented students, supportive parents and dedicated teachers whose work serves to carry on the great tradition of excellence at LHS. It is my hope that this tradition of excellence is a source of inspiration for the 498 new freshman students we will welcome to LHS this fall. They, along with the rest of us, will embark upon a new year with the goal of success in mind. As we start on our new path, let us consider the wisdom of Ralph Waldo Emerson's famous quote, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

It is easy to get seduced into believing other people's definition of success: expensive possessions, popularity, status, competitive achievement, trophies, awards, perfect grades, et cetera. Not that all those things aren't good - they are. But they are not the only important things. Success is also about self-acceptance, commitment to relationships, self-determination, positive decision making, creativity, energy, enthusiasm, and service to others. As we learn each year from our graduating seniors, it is the individual growth that each student experiences in their four years at LHS that is of utmost importance. Consider what you would like your legacy at LHS to be and begin to think what you will do to start your journey off right. The faculty and staff at LHS are anxious to help you find ways to challenge yourself and to enjoy your high school experience.

Please join me in welcoming our new teachers whose path has led them to LHS:

Applied Arts	Robert Kelch
English	Kristin Aiello Michael Gluskin Melissa Gorski Mary Kate Polzin
Fine Arts	Jason Heath
International Languages	Christie Cobo Maggie Earl Shore Shannon La Penna Jamie Reuben
Math	Lisa Ligmanowski Ben Snyder
Physical Education	Joyce Kleinheinz Carrie Niemet
Science	Tiffany Magliola
Social Studies	Erik Rogers Brian Voss
Special Services	Julia Coyne Joshua Kinnee
Student Services	Josie DiMarco Kelly Angelos Lisa Hartman

May you and your family enjoy the remainder of the summer and may we look forward to an exciting and successful school year for all of us!



Student Activities Update

by Jennifer Paul, Student Activities Director

How quickly the end of summer comes! The start of the school year is always a time to reflect upon the many great opportunities that we have for our students and to examine ways in which students can spread their wings and get involved in something new! Libertyville is proud to offer a generous amount of clubs and activities for students of all interests to pursue—from academic clubs to social and volunteer clubs!

Libertyville High School is excited to kick off the school year with two new Student Council advisors, **Dr. Sara Rogers** and **Mrs. Julie Delaney**, both faces you should know. Both are excited and show great enthusiasm to continue the traditions of Libertyville High School and bring fresh ideas to the student body with the help of the 2009 and 2010 Executive Board and Student Council. Congratulations to the students listed below. Freshman elections will occur at the start of the new school year in the fall.

Student Council 2009-10

Executive Board

President
Vice President
Corresponding Secretary
Recording Secretary
Treasurer

Kaitlin Woodyard
Michael Tanner
Alex "Nikki" Antrim Indart
Victor Jacobo
David Allen

Senior Class [2010]

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Nicole Smith
Courtney Kennedy
Alison Heimert
Molly Goldberg

Junior Class [2011]

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Matt Molitor
Ben Formica
Meg Ahlgrim
Zach Sekulich

Sophomore Class [2012]

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Orko Manna
Nicole Zhang
Alison Zupkus
Sandeep Balasubramanian

Freshmen Class [2013]

(Elected September 2009)

Students will be busy at the start of the school year getting ready for three very big events. On Thursday, Sept. 24, LHS will host a blood drive in partnership with Life Source. Students, parents and community members are invited to donate blood in the LHS main gym from 6:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. We hope that you will consider donating blood and saving the lives of potentially three people with your donation. Participants must be at least 16 years of age and students must have a parent permission form signed to participate.

Homecoming Week will start Tuesday, Sept. 29. The annual homecoming assembly will take place Friday, Oct. 2 at 2:00 p.m. The Homecoming game vs. Lakes will begin at 7:30 p.m. that evening, with a warm welcome to all of the LHS alumni! Saturday, Oct. 3 will be the homecoming parade with a start time of 9:30 a.m. with a route that begins at the Metra station, southbound on Milwaukee, westbound on Route 176 and ending at Libertyville High School. Be sure to come out and support your Wildcats! On the evening of Oct. 3, LHS will host the Homecoming Dance. Stay tuned for the 2009 Homecoming theme! Be sure to check out our website for further details! Check out what LHS has to offer. A complete list of advisors can

be found on the LHS website.

Academic Decathlon: The Academic Decathlon team is composed of nine students from different academic levels. Each student competes in ten different academic disciplines: math, science, literature, economics, music, art, speech, essay, interview and super quiz.

Amnesty International: Amnesty International is dedicated to making the world aware of human rights abuses around the world, actively petitioning governments and working in other ways to free political prisoners and oppressed people. Our club works to spread this mission by informing the school community of particular timely issues and inviting all in the school to participate.

Art Club: Do you find yourself always wanting to creatively express what you feel and think? Then Art Club may be the perfect activity for you! This club is designed for anyone (taking an art class or not) interested in the many fields of art, such as: ceramics, painting/drawing, and photography. Some of the group projects this club takes part in are painting the Spirit Store and creating artworks displayed throughout the school.

Athletes Committed to Excellence (ACE): This club is for any athlete, cheerleader, or pom pon squad member committed to a drug-free lifestyle. The club's goals are to promote the idea of being good role models for our school and community, while raising awareness of drug-free living. We will participate in service projects and promote our drug-free message to our feeder schools.

Athletic Clubs: Girls' & Boys' Lacrosse, and Ice Hockey.

Belle Choir: The "Belle" Choir is LHS's first-ever auditioned women's ensemble. Auditions for the Belle Choir are in the fall and are open to all LHS females students. The Belle Choir sings advanced choral literature for women and performs at the Holiday Music Festival, Cabaret, and Spring Concert.

Best Buddies: The mission of Best Buddies is to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment. By introducing Best Buddies to public and private high schools, we are crossing the invisible line that too often separates those with disabilities from those without. Best Buddies introduces socialization opportunities and helps provide the necessary tools for students with intellectual disabilities to become more independent and, consequently, more included in the community.

CAT-TV: Make your dreams of becoming a producer, director, news anchor, sports announcer, or cameraman come true. Members learn as much about television production as they are willing to pursue. Explore the use of digital equipment in a hands-on learning environment. Connect with industry professionals and CAT-TV alumni who can help provide an awareness of student and career opportunities.

Cleftomaniacs: If you are a male and like to sing pop music from the 70's, 80's, and 90's, this group is for you. The Cleftomaniacs

meet once a week after school and is open to any male LHS student. No audition is required. The Cleftomaniacs perform three times a year at the Holiday Festival, Cabaret, and Spring Choral Concert.

Cosmetic Club: The Cosmetic Club is open to all students interested in developing personal care products. The club members have to pay for the raw materials they use while developing various products. The cost is usually around \$5 which includes the container and label. The club will focus on learning the basics of chemistry used in developing personal care products.

Debate Team: The Debate Team offers bright, energetic students a chance to compete at conference, regional, and state levels in two-person debate. Each year from September through March a problem of significant social impact is examined.

Dramatic Events: The Fine and Performing Arts department produces three stage presentations each year: a fall musical and two dramatic productions. Any LHS student may audition for a production or sign up to work on the tech crew, which includes scenery construction, painting, costumes, lighting, props and house management.

DDR: DDR is a club, open to anyone who enjoys playing Dance Dance Revolution. Members meet once a week after school and compete against each other or practice by themselves.

East Asian Cultural Organization: The East Asian Organization is designed for students who want to learn to speak and write Japanese. An instructor from Japan will teach the students.

Students pay a small fee for materials and instructor.

***Fellowship of Christian Athletes:** FCA allows student/athletes the opportunity to strengthen their Christian faith through athletics.

Film Society: The club offers students an opportunity to watch a variety of films from the 1930s to present day and discuss them. We also talk about film history, important people, media messages, and other issues related to film.

Fishing and Outdoors Club: The fishing and outdoors club is open to all LHS students. Several outings will be planned each year focusing on fishing and all aspects of outdoor education and activity, such as rock climbing, camping skills and conservation issues. The club promotes catch and release.

Freshman Class Council: This council is open to all freshmen and will represent the entire freshman class. The elected Freshman Student Council Class Officers will direct this group. The Freshman Class council will have bi-weekly meetings to organize and plan homecoming activities, community service projects and dances.

Fret Boarders: Fret Boarders Acoustic Music Club is a regularly scheduled musician's jam. All skill levels and instruments are welcome. This club offers a safe place to learn to perform as well as meet others to share, practice and learn. We will choose a music related service project every year.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA): FBLA is a national organization providing youth with an interest in business a venue to share, network, and compete with others on local, state and national levels.

Gay Straight Alliance: The Gay-Straight Alliance is a club that promotes the celebration, awareness and advocacy of issues facing students of all sexual orientations and gender identities. Meetings are composed of team-building activities, discussion of current events related to GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) issues, formulation of advocacy and awareness opportunities in our school and community, as well as out-of-school attendance at AIDS benefits, movie nights and GLBT organization activities. The club is open to all gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning teens, as well as their heterosexual allies.

High Schools Against Cancer: Developed at the college level by the American Cancer Society, this group gives students an opportunity to organize efforts towards eliminating cancer. Our focus at

LHS is cancer prevention and awareness, and Relay for Life. We look for creative ways/activities to engage students, staff, and the community, to support efforts in raising awareness and financial support of cancer education and prevention. Opportunities to volunteer with American Cancer Society programs and other community events are available through this group.

Interact: Interact is a student organization and is co-sponsored by the Libertyville Rotary. The primary focus is to provide volunteer services to fit area needs. Some activities include helping at a home for women and children, volunteering at a senior center, working with the Park district and a wide range of other community-oriented activities.

Intramural Athletics: Intramural activities offered throughout the year include boys and girls weight lifting, basketball, coed volleyball, badminton, flag football and bowling. Announcements concerning these activities can be found in the daily bulletin.

Junior Class Council: This council is open to all juniors and will represent the entire sophomore class. The elected Junior Student Council Class Officers will direct this group. The Junior Class council will have bi-weekly meetings to organize and plan homecoming activities, community service projects and dances.

L.E.A.F.: The Libertyville Environmental Action Force, LEAF, was formed to serve the communities of Libertyville and Vernon Hills and the LHS students and faculty. LEAF's objectives are to promote environmental awareness and encourage environmental activities at LHS while networking with existing programs locally, nationally and globally.

Library/Anime Club: This activity is more than a traditional book discussion club. Students who enjoy reading and who like to share ideas and reflections will want to join this club. The club also discusses Japanese animated videos and art forms.

Master Singers: From the madrigals to vocal jazz, the Master Singers cover the musical spectrum. Auditions are required. The group performs at the Holiday Festival, Cabaret, and Spring Choral Concert, as well as the IHSA Solo & Ensemble Contest.

Math Team: Do you like to be challenged, to think in new ways, and to broaden your mathematical horizons? If so, you will fit in perfectly on the Math Team. The Math Team participates in monthly competitions covering topics ranging from counting to calculus. Meetings are held weekly on Tuesday after school.

Mock Trial: Bring the excitement of courtroom drama to life! This team prepares a case, either criminal or civil, and competes against other schools in the area. Team members will serve as attorneys, witnesses, or both throughout the competition season. The year culminates with the state competition held in March in Springfield. In addition to the school sponsor(s), local attorneys volunteer to help the members hone in their litigation skills.

Model United Nations: This club trains students to understand the problems of different countries throughout the world. Students interested should apply and train for the annual excursions, area contests and to the national Model United Nations Conference.

National Honor Society: Membership into the LHS chapter of the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors a student can receive in District 128. NHS is open to juniors and seniors with a minimum 3.4 GPA. A committee elects members. In addition to scholarship, members must show evidence of service, character and leadership.

Orchesis: This group is an audition-based dance company that rehearses three times a week after school. Orchesis dancers perform a variety of dance styles including jazz, ballet, modern, tap, etc. They have the opportunity to choreograph their own dance in addition to learning other student, faculty, and guest artist choreography. Orchesis is open to all grade levels, and auditions are held in mid-November with performances in early March.

Peer Mediation: An organization that uses a process for students to listen, negotiate, and design a mutual agreement to promote

peace among their peers. These students capitalize on their communication skills, and are involved in a variety of activities, to work towards peace and cooperation among the students of LHS.

Physics Club: This team consists of students selected from the physics classes to compete in several competitions. Students participate in the AAPT Physics Bowl the U.S. Physics Team Competition and the Physics Olympics. The team also sponsors several outreach activities for the feeder schools and parents.

Ping Pong Club: For those who want to have fun playing ping pong once a week. No experience needed. Just come hit the ball.

Production Services: This organization is responsible for the technical work for most any event at LHS. These events consist of anything from a simple set up for a meeting in the Studio Theater to special effects lighting and complex sound systems for the Jazz band concert. Their ultimate responsibility is to produce a professional looking and sounding show. Members of Production Services are in charge of lighting crew and sound crew for the musical and both plays.

Scholastic Bowl: The Academic Bowl Team competes to answer questions in categories such as social studies, math, literature, science, language, and popular culture. This is an IHSA activity, also known as Scholastic Bowl. The season runs from September through the end of April, with weekly practices and competitions on Wednesdays and several Saturdays. Watch the bulletin in September for information about try-outs for both Varsity and Freshman/Sophomore level teams

Science Fiction Club: This club offers students an opportunity to exchange information about, and debate issues on the artistic genre of science fiction. Weekly meetings feature a forum in which members share the latest news followed by a specific activity.

Senior Class Council: This council is open to all seniors and will represent the entire senior class. The elected Senior Student Council Class Officers will direct this group. The Senior Class council will have bi-weekly meetings to organize and plan homecoming activities, community service projects, dances, graduation and a class gift.

SKILLS USA: Skills USA is open to all students involved in skilled areas such as automotive technology, electronics, wood-working, graphic communications, drawing, television production, photography and advertising design to mention a few. Students may also get involved in leadership contests such as extemporaneous speaking, prepared speech and many more. Students compete in their area of expertise at the state and national level.

Slant of Light: *Slant of Light* is the LHS literary magazine. It is staffed and compiled by students of all levels who are interested in student-generated poetry, short stories, plays, artwork, etc.

Sno Catz: The Sno Catz is the ski and snow boarding club that provides students of all experience levels with an opportunity to refine their skills at various resorts in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Sophomore Class Council: This council is open to all sophomores and will represent the entire sophomore class. The elected Sophomore Student Council Class Officers will direct this group. The Sophomore Class council will have bi-weekly meetings to organize and plan homecoming activities, community service projects and dances.

Spanish Club: Spanish Club is open to all LHS students who have an interest in expanding their knowledge about the Spanish speaking world. Students will explore the language and culture through music, movies, fiestas, food and crafts.

SPARK (Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids) (formerly SNOW-BALL): This is an organization open to all students committed to living a drug-free lifestyle. Students participate in local, state and national conferences, and also visit local schools relaying messages to area youngsters.

Speech/Forensics Team: The LHS Speech/Forensics Team is a spirited group of individuals interested in communication, acting

and performing skills. Competition runs from October-February.

Sports Medicine Club: Students in this club are involved with athletic teams as student athletic trainers. The program offers students seeking a career in any medical profession, the chance to experience and assist in the area of Sports Medicine.

Stageplayers: This is your chance to work behind the stage or in the spotlight. Every year, stageplayers participate in the Illinois High School Association Theater Festival.

Student Ambassador Services: This group helps those students new to the district successfully transition into the LHS community. Students are utilized throughout the school year on an as-needed-basis.

Strategy Club: Provides members with the opportunity to sample a variety of strategy games ranging from the traditional (chess and backgammon) to the contemporary (role playing and card games). This is not an IHSA chess club.

Student Council: Student Council represents the entire student body. The council consists of four elected officers along with five elected representatives from each class. Students may petition to join the council as non-elected "walk-on" members. The student body, at large, elects a five member Executive Board to supervise and plan all council events. The council serves to relay student concerns and opinions to the administration.

Topcats/Big Brothers/Big Sisters Afterschool Program:

Topcats will provide opportunities for LHS students to mentor "at-risk" elementary students one afternoon a week at the elementary school. Topcats is open to any student at any grade level who will commit two hours weekly after school from 3:00 to 5:00 to this activity for the duration of the school year.

Treblemakers: If you are a female and like to sing pop music from the 70's, 80's, & 90's, this group is for you. The TrebleMakers meet one day a week after school in the music department and is open to any female at LHS, grades 9-12. No audition is required. The TrebleMakers perform three times a year at the Holiday Festival, Cabaret, and Spring Choral Concert.

Voices in Prevention (VIP): VIP reaches out to the youth and teen communities through skit performances. VIP is one of the voices that teaches about healthy and real life experiences.

Wildcat Guard: The Guard is comprised of those aquatic enthusiasts who want to help the school and community through our swim program. Guard members help teach at our Learn-to-Swim program on Saturday mornings, and weekdays during the summer. They also work as lifeguards for our weekend and evening community programs.

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE): WYSE has several competition teams. The Academic Challenge Team is a group of 14 students selected to compete in seven subject areas. The TEAMS group consists of eight selected students who work cooperatively to solve engineering problems. The Science Bowl is a tournament-style academic competition.

Young Investors: Young Investors is for students interested in investing, especially the stock market. The group meets weekly to discuss the latest stock market and big business news. Veteran members and the club sponsor also help teach and explain stock market trends and information to less-experienced members. Participants pick their own stocks to buy and sell while competing against fellow club members and student groups from other area schools.

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

*A student sponsored club



News from the Hills

Principal's Report

by Dr. Ellen Cwick

As we begin the 2009-10 school year, my message for students is that high school is a very unique time in your life. This is a period where you get to try all kinds of new ventures. You will probably narrow your focus and specialize in a particular area when you go off to college or work. Take this opportunity in high school to investigate your interests. Try a new sport or club/activity. Challenge yourself by taking an honors class. Choose an elective course that intrigues you.

The Cougars of VHHS extend a warm welcome to **Dr. Al Fleming**, our new Associate Superintendent. Dr. Fleming comes to us from Grayslake North High School, where he has been the principal for the past two years. Secondly, I want to thank **Dr. Jim Whittington** and **Mr. Mike Stevens**, co-principals last school year at Libertyville High School, for all their hard work and leadership. It truly has been a pleasure working with both of them. I also want to extend best wishes to new LHS principal, **Dr. Marina Scott**. Dr. Scott and Dr. Fleming are strong, innovative leaders and I look forward to working with them.

I invite all parents to become involved with their teen's life at VHHS. We want you to be an integral part of life at VHHS and partner with us to make school a special place for all students.

Calling all parents to be a part our various parent organizations! This past school year and this next school year, we are in the midst of losing several of our key veteran parent leaders due to the graduation of their sons/daughters. These parents have done a terrific job and have strongly supported VHHS. We need your help. Please consider joining at least one of our three parent groups. The Cougar Parent Connection (CPC) serves as the VHHS main parent organization and supports the activities and needs of the high school. Cougars Arts Support Team (CAST) provides assistance and support to an excellent fine arts department at VHHS. Cougar Athletic Boosters (CAB) promotes the interscholastic program at VHHS and boosts participation and school spirit at athletic events and activities.

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

Jackie Monteith (CPC)- Jacqueline.monteith@grainger.com or 847-549-0347

Bruce Mahrenholz (CAB)- Bruce.A.Mahrenholz@us.ul.com or 847-816-9559

Deann Mealey (CAST)- deann.mealey@allstate.com or 847-402-7784

Ninth graders, welcome to your new Cougar home! Get involved and remember, your first semester grades as a freshman count the same as your last semester grades as a senior. Start your freshman year off on a positive note by studying hard!



VHHS Student Activities Update

by Deborah Beagle, Student Activities Director

Start the school year off by getting involved in Student Activities at Vernon Hills High School. The best time to get involved is the beginning of the school year. Participation in Student Activities allows you to develop leadership skills, participate in social or service activities, extend interests provoked in the classroom, meet new people, learn new activities, pursue special interests, just to name a few. Following is a representative list of the various activities presented to the student body, along with the advisor for the 2009-2010 school year. Further information can be obtained on the Student Activities section of the VHHS web site.

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

<u>Student Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Student Activity</u>	<u>Advisor</u>
Academic Bowl	Paul Kemp, Megan Geltner	Junior Class Council	Ellen Macias, Emily Kline
Anime	Monica Tolva	Junior State of America	Eileen Orzoff-Baranyk
Art Club	Jim Savage, Stefanie Dahlstrom	Math Team	Cheryl Ballenger, Jessica Chapman, Steve Korney
Athletes Committed to Excellence (ACE)	Rachael Blanton	Model United Nations	Jim Seward
Backlight Theater Company	Kevin Phelan, Stephanie Freichels	National Honor Society	Wendy Meister-Louria, Kim Raciak
Bass Fishing Team	Jerry Miceli, Doug Dusthimer	Outdoor Adventure Club	Jerry Miceli, Kedric Greenawalt
Best Buddies	Karen Martin	Robotics	Jay Walgren
Book Club	Ellen Macias, Sonya Stevens, Monica Tolva	Senior Class Council	Ben Horwitz, Rebecca Austin
Choirs: Voicemail (Men's)/Chord On Blue (Women's)	Jeremy Little	Sophomore Class Council	Jamie Meyer
Cougar Guard	Jim Pardun	Supporting Peers and Reaching Kids (SPARK)	Margaret Pither
Cougar-TV	Sandy Martin	Special Olympics	Andy Compton
DECA	Sheryl Olson, Madeline Powell	Speech Team	Sean Conroy
Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA):	Kelley Whitescarver, Jeanne Wolff	Spotlight	Rebeca Garcia, Sarah Stoub
Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)	Tom Chinske	Strategy Club	Sean Conroy
Student lead organization	Janet Kovarik	Student Council	Leslie Nardini, Jane Wenzel
First Class	Sean Crevier, Amanda Carroll	VH ₂ O (Environmental Club)	Karen Day
Freshman Class Council	Craig Bomgaars, Jen Denis	VICA - SKILLS USA	Kip Baxter
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Doug Dusthimer	Voices in Prevention (VIP):	Margaret Pither, Rebecca Austin
Sean Crevier, Amanda Carroll	Sean Kelly, Kelley Whitescarver, Nancy Skeffington	Whispers of Immortality (Student Literary Magazine)	Sean Conroy
Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)	Jodie Cusick-Acosta, Megan Geltner	Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE)	Josh Ravenscraft
Guitar Club	Brian McDonald		
Interact			
International Club			
Intramurals			

Student Council 2009-2010 Elected Officials

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 Student Council Class Officers and Representatives. Students are encouraged to contact their class representatives to get involved, offer suggestions, help organize the class charity event and/or be a part of planning the next dance. Walk-ons are welcome.

Student Council Executive Board

President	Alexander Guletsky
Vice President	Alex Porter
Treasurer	Meghan Wilgus
Recording Sec.	Andrew Wood
Corresp. Sec.	Kori Cotteleer

Senior Class Board

President	Steven Sprieser
Vice President	Mansi Kathuria
Secretary	Anisha Arora
Treasurer	Jessica Block
Representatives	Angela Cao, Lindsey Davis, Dustin Lee, Juliana McLain, Candice Song, Eddie Rumzis

Junior Class Board

President	Bryan Sanoshy
Vice President	Nitya Bhagavatula
Secretary	Rachel Wells
Treasurer	Liezl Jacobson
Representatives	Drew Abarca, Abby Ling, Jinyoung Lee, Sharon Singh

Sophomore Class Board

President	Jaelyn Bernas
Vice President	Sanchita Agrawal
Secretary	Bineeta Monga
Treasurer	Grace Lee
Representatives	Mouna Ben Hadj Tahar, Chris Chong, Kate Lee, Priya Mangtani, Krishna Mundada

Freshman Class Board

TBA - Elected during first few weeks of school



Athletic Director's Corner

by Briant Kelly, Athletic Director

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

LHS has a tradition of producing competitive teams that also display good sportsmanship. As you become a Wildcat, we encourage you to participate in one or more sports throughout the year. In the 2008-09 school year, 110 student-athletes made a commitment to athletics and participated in three sports.

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

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

NSC Sportsmanship Mission

Good Sportsmanship is the attitude and behavior that exemplifies positive support for the interscholastic programs of the North Suburban Conference as well as for the individuals who participate in these programs. People involved in all facets of the interscholastic program are expected to demonstrate respect for others and display good sportsmanship.

One of the goals of the North Suburban Conference for interscholastic competition is to teach important values while enriching the educational experiences of young men and women. Good sportsmanship is one of those values.

Participant Expectations

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

Spectator Expectations

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

LHS Athletic Department



Briant Kelly
Athletic Director



John Fischl
Assistant
Athletic Director



Patti Mascia
Physical Welfare
Department Supervisor



Michelle Jones
Athletic Department
Secretary

Welcome New Wildcat Head Coaches



Greg Loika
Girls' Volleyball



Joe Roth
Girls' Cross Country



Erik Rogers
Girls' Swimming



John Taylor
Girls' Gymnastics



David Sill
Boys' Bowling

LHS Athletic Program Start Dates

Fall Sports

Girls' Cross Country
Football
Boys' Golf
Girls' Golf
Boys' Soccer
Girls' Swimming
Girls' Tennis
Girls' Volleyball
Boys' Cross Country
Cheerleading
Pom-Poms

Starting Date

Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 13, 2008
Aug. 18, 2008
Teams already selected
Teams already selected

Spring Sports

Boys' Gymnastics
Baseball
Girls' Soccer
Softball
Boys' Tennis
Boys' Track
Girls' Track
Boys' Water Polo
Girls' Water Polo
Boys' Volleyball

Starting Date

Feb. 16, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009
March 9, 2009

Winter Sports

Boys' Bowling
Girls' Basketball
Girls' Bowling
Boys' Basketball
Girls' Gymnastics
Wrestling
Boys' Swimming
Cheerleading
Pom-Poms

Starting Date

Oct. 27, 2008
Nov. 3, 2008
Nov. 10, 2008
Nov. 10, 2008
Nov. 10, 2008
Nov. 10, 2008
Nov. 24, 2008
Teams already selected
Teams already selected

Club Sports

Ice Hockey
Boys' Lacrosse
Girls' Lacrosse

Starting Date

Fall
March 2, 2009
March 2, 2009

Libertyville High School Athletics - Coaches 2009-2010

Boys' Sports

Fall	Cross- Country			Head Coach	Mark Buesing
				Assistant	Brian Twadell
				Assistant	Matt Condron*
	Football	Head Coach	Randy Kuceyeski	Assistant	Sean Ferrell
		Assistant	Karl Jennrich*	Assistant	Mike Larsen*
	Assistant	Mike Jones	Assistant	John Teichman*	
	Assistant	Tom Bauman*	Frosh Coach	Dale Eggert	
	Assistant	Greg Pritchard*	Assistant	Ray Albin	
	Assistant	Jim Schurr	Assistant	Jim Savage	
	Assistant	Brad Krupinski*	Assistant	Kevin O'Neill	
	Assistant	Tim Budge	Assistant	David Kreutz	
	Golf		Head Coach	Sean Matthews	
			Assistant	Pete Dawson	
	Soccer	Head Coach	Andy Bitta	JV Coach	Al Beard*
		Assistant	Vince DeLuca	Soph coach	George Goodnature
				Frosh A Coach	Scott Schinto
				Frosh B Coach	Matt Tooley
Winter	Basketball	Head Coach	Scott Bogumil	Soph A Coach	Jim Goodwin
		JV Coach	Tim Budge	Soph B Coach	George Goodnature
				Frosh A Coach	Billy Pitcher
				Frosh B Coach	Jeff McKenzie
	Bowling		Head Coach	David Sill	
			Assistant	David Kahn	
	Swimming	Head Coach	Kevin Zakrzewski	Frosh Coach	John Fischl
		JV Coach	Stacy Golden	Diving Coach	Dave Fowler*
	Wrestling	Head Coach	Dale Eggert	Frosh Coach	Kevin O'Neill
		Assistant	Roy Seeger*	Assistant	Ray Albin
		Asssitant	Brian Bernard*	Assistant	Charles Droessler*
Spring	Baseball	Head Coach	Jim Schurr	Soph Coach	Matt Thompson
		Assistant	Sean Ferrell	Assistant	Greg Sternaman
		Assistant	Dan Gooris	Frosh A Coach	Andy Thomson
		Assistant	Tom Carlucci*	Frosh B Coach	Matt Wiggins
		Gymnastics		Head Coach	Curt Austin
				Assistant	Onilo Caraballo*
				Assistant	John Taylor
	LaCrosse	Head Coach	Brady Sullivan	Assistant	Dale Haase*
		Assistant	John Teichman*	Assistant	Brian Longly*
		Assistant	Mike Eddy*	Assistant	Dan Henneberry
	Tennis		Head Coach	Dan Kiernan*	
			Assistant	Craig Hunter*	
	Track	Head Coach	Ray Albin	Assistant	Shawn Murphy*
		Assistant	Joe Roth	Assistant	TBA
		Assistant	Mike Larsen*		

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	Volleyball	Head Coach Assistant	Steve Rochon Cindy Sullivan	JV Coach Frosh Coach	TBA Greg Loika
	Water Polo			Head Coach Assistant	Kevin Zakrzewski Sara Rogers
	<u>Girls Sports</u>				
Fall	Cross- Country			Head Coach Assistant Assistant	Joe Roth Bill Etnyre* Mary Kate Polzin
	Golf			Head Coach Assistant	Billy Pitcher Greg Pedersen
	Swimming	Head Coach JV Coach	Erik Rogers Greg Herman	Frosh Coach Diving Coach	Hillary Olech Dave Fowler*
	Tennis			Head Coach Assistant	Dan Kiernan* Craig Hunter*
	Volleyball	Head Coach Assistant	Greg Loika Patti Mascia	JV Coach Soph Coach Frosh Coach Frosh Coach	Josh Kinnee TBA Lynn Pate* TBA
Winter	Basketball	Head Coach Assistant	Kathie Swanson* Melissa Gorski	Soph Coach Frosh A Coach Frosh B Coach	Greg Pedersen Don Zeman* Amy Holtsford
	Bowling			Head Coach Assistant	Allison Wilkin Alex Adams
	Gymnastics			Head Coach Assistant Assistant	John Taylor Onilo Caraballo* Tiffany Magliola
Spring	LaCrosse	Head Coach Assistant Assistant	Dana Brady Andra Hjelm* Nathan Sather*	Assistant Assistant Assistant Assistant	Scott McDowell* Nora Kunio Jamie McCulley* Helen Reetz Whiting
	Soccer	Head Coach Assistant	Scott Schinto Jim Goodwin	JV Coach Frosh Coach Frosh Coach	JJ Gregoire* Jeff McKenzie TBA
	Softball	Head Coach Assistant	Mary Tiegs* Jessica Dart*	JV Coach Frosh Coach	Amy Gonzales* Jennifer Rocque
	Track	Head Coach Assistant Assistant	Tom Bizosky George Goodnature* Dawn Shannahan	Assistant Assistant	Bill Etnyre* Mary Kate Polzin*
	Water Polo			Head Coach Assistant	Chris Crawford* Hillary Olech
	Cheerleading	Head Coach Head Coach JV Coach	Laura Taylor* Tiffany Taylor* Jaimie Taylor*	JV2 Coach JV2 Coach	Christie Cobo* Sara Roggi*
	Pom-Pons			Head Coach Assistant Coach	Nikki Lazzaretto* Brooke Adams*
	Trainers	Ron Russ	Sarah Wright* Erin Medley*		*non-faculty

Fall Athletics Starting Date Information

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Email</u>
Boys' X-Country	All	8/17	3:10 p.m.	Track	Mark Buesing	mark.buesing@d128.org
Girls' X-Country	All	8/12	8:00 a.m.	Track	Joe Roth	joseph.roth@d128.org
Football	V,So	8/12	7:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 2:00- 4:00 p.m.	Report to game field Team Meeting Practice	Randy Kuceyeski	randy.kuceyeski@d128.org
	Frosh	8/11	1:00 p.m.	Studio Theater	Parents do not attend this meeting. Dale Eggert	dale.eggert@d128.org
		8/12	8:00 a.m.	Organizational meeting. Field by Lake		
Boys' Golf	All	8/11	8:00 a.m.	Cafeteria (meeting)	Sean Matthews	sean.matthews@d128.org
		8/12	6:00 a.m.	Village Green GC		
Girls' Golf	All	8/12	2:00 p.m.	Sports Complex	Billy Pitcher	william.pitcher@d128.org
Boys' Soccer	Frosh Soph	8/12	8:30-10:30 a.m.	Rte 176 & Dymond	Andy Bitta	andrew.bitta@d128.org
			10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Rte 176 & Dymond		
	Jr/Sr	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Dymond Field	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.		
Girls' Swimming and Diving	All	8/12	8:00 a.m.	Pool - meeting	Erik Rogers	erik.rogers@d128.org
Girls' Tennis	All	8/12	9:00 a.m.	Tennis Courts	Dan Kiernan	dan@club-net.com
Girls' Volleyball	All	8/12	Frosh	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Main Gym	Greg Loika
			Soph	10:00 a.m. - noon		
			JV/V.	12:00-2:00 p.m.		greg.loika@d128.org

Introducing the 2009-10 LHS Varsity Poms Squad



Libertyville High School is pleased to announce the members of its 2009-10 Varsity Poms Squad. The members are **Rachel Campagna, Abby Cauble, Kendra Dean, Jess DiCarlo, Britty Donovan, Dana Easton, Kimmie Engle, Nikki Krumm, Captain Stephanie Marsh, Madeline Partain, Sara Pritchard, Ailie Taylor, Gabby Vondrak** and **Katherine Watson**. The squad is coached by **Nikki Lazzaretto**.

The Varsity Squad attended the Universal Dance Association poms camp at Northern Illinois University June 19-22, where they captured 4th place in their home routine. They also received the Superior Trophy, which was based on superior ribbons earned by each team member for individual performances. They qualified as a team for the Nationals held in Florida each year. The All-American recipients for the team were **Stephanie Marsh, Kimmie Engle** and **Ailie Taylor**. All-American awards invite elite dancers, through a judging process, to perform in Italy with other All-American recipients. The Varsity girls are excited to begin their year with the football season. The first home game is Aug. 28 against Barrington High School. Come out and see the Poms team!

JV Squad News

LHS is also pleased to announce the members of its 2009-10 JV Poms Squad. Squad members, coached by **Brooke Adams**, are: Captain **Grace Ahern, Gracie Bohl, Elise Eidson, Co-Captain Kelly Hackendahl, Annie Kondraske, Katie Kucharyszyn, Alissa Malec, Samantha Marsh, Lizzie Pagura, Danielle Pickus, Maddie Rodbro** and **Bbella Westphal**.

The JV Squad also attended poms camp at NIU in June. They received the Superior Trophy and qualified for Nationals in Florida based on the number of blue ribbons the girls earned individually. They also received a spirit stick each day from the UDA staff acknowledging the team's hard work and commitment on each day of camp.



From the Cougar Den . . .

by Brian McDonald, Athletic Director, VHHS

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

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

Get Involved!

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

Registering for Athletics

Last year, we changed our Athletic Department paperwork to simplify the process for signing up for a team. Students need to complete a single Athletic Permit Card, which incorporates all the signatures you need to get started. The student's doctor signs it (verifying you are fit for competition - these are good for one calendar year), parents sign it, and the student/athlete signs it. Once all of signatures are obtained, please write in the Fall, Winter and Spring sport you want to participate in and you are all set. If you change your mind about a sport, just stop in the office and we will change it to whatever sport you want to participate in.

Important Fall Dates

Fall photo day will be held on Saturday, Aug. 15 and we have a make up day on Friday, Aug. 21. Freshman Athletic Orientation will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Homecoming will be the week of October 5-10. It should be a fun week for the kids, coaches, alumni and parents.

Welcome New Cougar Coaches

We have some new coaches joining our staff this year. This fall, **Shaunna Rivera** will re-join our cheerleading program as our head coach. She is joined at the JV level by **Liz Lass** who comes to us with a few years of experience at Antioch High School. Our girls' volleyball program has four new coaches joining the staff. **Paul Zickert** will be the varsity assistant coach. He comes to us from Lake Forest High School. **Karen Kraus** will be coaching the sophomore team and she is a local product as a Vernon Hills resident, mother to a couple of Cougars, and has an extensive volleyball coaching background. **Laura Tracy** will begin her second year teaching social studies at VHHS by adding the coaching of freshman girls' volleyball to her responsibilities. She will be joined on the freshman level by **Alyssa Tangney** who is a new science teacher at VHHS. She comes to us from Elk Grove High School. **Adam McCloud** is a new special services teacher at VHHS and he will be joining our football and boys' basketball staffs, coming to us from Prospect High School. Our girls' basketball staff has gone international with the hiring of **Jennifer Fijalkowski** who has been coaching in Egypt for the last few years. Closer to home, we have also hired **Joyce Kleinheinz** as a girls' basketball coach and she comes to us from Mundelein. Coach Fijalkowski and Coach Kleinheinz are both LHS grads. Our girls' track program will be headed in the 2010 season by **Jason Rush**. Coach Rush will be teaching in our science department this fall and comes to us from Ridgewood High School.

Starting Dates for VHHS Fall Sports

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

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Notes/Inclement Weather</u>
Cheerleading	Varsity JV	Shaunna Rivera Liz Lass	Aug. 12, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009	5:00 - 7:30 p.m. 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	Gymnastics Gym Gymnastics Gym	Varsity Junior Varsity
Boys' Cross Country	All	Michael Roberts	Aug. 12, 2009	3:00 p.m.	VHHS Track	Northeast gate/Foyer
Girls' Cross Country	All	Suzanne Richert	Aug. 12, 2009	3:00 p.m.	VHHS Track	Northeast gate/Foyer
Football	Varsity Soph Fr	Tony Monken Jeff Morello Dave Schroetter	Aug. 12, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	AHR East Field AHR East Field AHR East Field	
Boys' Golf	All Varsity Fr/So. Fr/So.	Shawn Healey Shawn Healey Vic Capron Vic Capron	Aug. 11, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009 Aug. 12, 2009	1:00 p.m. 6:45 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Room 0211 White Deer Run White Deer Run White Deer Run	Preseason Meeting (Var. & F/S) Questions call Coach Healey @ 847-644-7544 Golf Course - Play 18 holes Driving Range Golf Course - Play 9 holes
Girls' Golf	All	Sean Crevier	Aug. 11, 2009	10:00 a.m.	VHHS - Room 2408	Preseason Meeting (Var. & JV) Questions, call Coach Crevier at 847-372-2738 or email sean.crevier@d128.org. Tryouts will begin Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 9 a.m. Location TBA
Pom Poms	Varsity JV	Brittany Henley Michelle Sawicki	Aug. 17, 2009 Aug. 17, 2009	3:30 - 5:30 p.m. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	TBA TBA	
Boys' Soccer	All	Shannon Etnyre	Aug. 12, 2009	8:00-11:00 a.m.	American Hotel Register Field	Room 2224 - 8 - 10:00 a.m. Questions, call Coach Etnyre @ 847-932-2500 x 8573 or shannon.etnyre@d128.org
Girls' Swim/Dive	All	Kedric Greenawalt	Aug. 12, 2009	7-9:00 a.m.	VHHS Pool Balcony (stands)	All athletes should report to practice. Returning Varsity and those trying out for Varsity should come prepared to swim.
Girls' Tennis	All	Doug Gerber	Aug. 12, 2009	8:00 a.m.-Noon	VHHS Tennis Courts	In case of rain, meet in the foyer.
Girls' Volleyball	All	Abbie Gutzmer	Aug. 12, 2009	8:30 - 11:30 a.m. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Gym/Fieldhouse	Wear proper volleyball attire including knee pads

Having Fun at 2009 Cougar Summer Camps



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Volleyball



Tennis



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Attention LHS Class of 2013!

Freshman Orientation
Tuesday, Aug. 11
9:15 a.m. - Noon

Freshman will be introduced to LHS and become familiar with their classroom locations. Bus transportation will be provided to and from orientation for students who would normally take the bus.

More information will be mailed home in August.



Attention VHHS Class of 2013!

Freshman Orientation
Tuesday, Aug. 11
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Presentation Entertainment Tours

More information regarding Freshman Orientation
will follow in the August mailing.

Questions? Call Marla Pierce at
847-932-2002

