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LCHS Wins Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup is awarded annually to the school in each GHSA class with the highest average SAT score improvement over the past three years. Four of the winners were recognized recently, including two that tied for the Class AAAAA crown. The remaining two winners will be announced soon.

The Governor's Cup Challenge allows schools to compete on 3-year average gains from their most recent SAT average based on scores from participating seniors in critical reading, math and writing.



A regional champion trophy and a \$1,000 grant were also awarded to high schools with the largest numerical improvement in SAT scores among schools in their GHSA region. *Lumpkin County High School is this year's winner for GHSA Region 7AAA which includes most Hall County schools and several Forsyth County schools.*

The Governor's Cup Challenge is a part of Governor Perdue's efforts to improve students' performance on the SAT and their potential for success in post-secondary education. Along with the Governor's Cup challenge, Governor Perdue also launched gacollege411.org, an online resource providing post-secondary education planning materials to students statewide.

Governor Perdue and Superintendent Cox have also made free online SAT prep classes available to all high schools.

Join Your Student for Lunch!

The Administration, Faculty, and Staff of LCHS is thankful to parents and families for the support they offer us in so many ways. To show our gratitude, parents are invited to join their LCHS students for Thanksgiving lunch on November 19. There is no charge to parents for their meal and reservations are not needed. Find out from your student what time he or she has lunch; plan to arrive about 5 minutes prior to that time so you can sign in at the front office.

Red Ribbon Week

Lumpkin County High School participated in an art poster contest and a bulb planting at the middle school during Red Ribbon Week. High school art students along with other interested students created an original work of art involving a healthy choice theme and submitted their posters on October 15th. Middle school students will be judging the works of art and the winner will be awarded with a gift card.

High school students were also involved in a bulb planting activity with middle school students. High school students were recruited to serve as mentors for middle school students. These high school leaders traveled to the middle school on October 21st to discuss with middle school students the benefits of choosing healthy activities over harmful activities such as doing drugs and drinking alcohol. The high school students also helped each middle school student plant a tulip bulb to represent their choice to make healthy life decisions.



LCSS Gets Thumbs Up from SACS!

After spending time touring each of our schools, interviewing faculty, staff and students, and observing classrooms at each level, the SACS Accreditation team recommended that our system be fully Accredited as a Quality School District. They offered four commendations and recognized our faculty's hard work on developing Standards-Based classrooms. Their first recommendation was to continue this work. Congratulations to everyone!

Homecoming 2009

Dance

Homecoming was bittersweet for LCHS this year. Having lost our beloved French teacher on Friday, the dance on Saturday was a mix of sadness for our loss and gratefulness for what we still have. Many supporters worked tirelessly to ensure that the dance was meaningful and fun. Mrs. Kate Landrum's advice on décor saved Student Council time and money. Mr. Bearinger's second period built the backdrop that formed our Paris cityscape. Liz Curley, Diane Strickland, and Gay Abercrombie spent the entire evening serving up punch for the crowd. And although it was too heavy to hang, we thank Mr. Bruce Pilgrim for the use of his moon from the Dracula set. As for the actual labor in creating An Evening in Paris, the LCHS Student Council, Mr. Don Landrum, Mrs. Janet Tripp-Smith, and Mr. Wade Smith deserve a huge thank you for a job well done.

Parade

The Homecoming Parade was a great success this year and the competition for the best float was especially tough. It was a close race, and the judges were very impressed with the floats and the students working on them. With a combined score of 96 out of 100, Key Club took the best float award. In second place, the Class of 2012 (Sophomores) had a combined total of 91. In third place, the Modern Language Club had a combined total of 81. Great job

to all students, parents, and sponsors who worked hard on homecoming floats this year!

Homecoming Parade Coordinator and Teacher of the Year Jason Lemley extends a special thank you to our judges this year - School Board Member Dr. Susan Sockwell, Chamber of Commerce President Amy Booker, County Commission Chair Dr. John Raber, and Lumpkin County Sheriff Stacy Jarrard. Four very busy people in our community gave their time to participate in this year's homecoming parade, and their support of



our school is much appreciated. They also thank Mary Cooper for helping with the parade line-up and making sure our homecoming court was in order for the parade.

Lumpkin Family Connection News

Support your children and your community

Join us for dessert and a wonderful play at the high school on Sunday, December 6.

Plans are now in the works for you to enjoy a dessert buffet followed by the last performance of "The Rented Christmas".

Come out and enjoy good company, great food and a family-oriented play. This effort is being sponsored by Lumpkin County Family Connection, the drama club and Lumpkin County High School.

Tickets for dessert and the play are \$15 and can be obtained by contacting BCronan@windstream.net.



The School Store is open for business!

Need supplies?

The LCHS School Store offers a wide range of school supplies such as paper, pencils, pens, binders, composition books, folders, poster board, etc. Flash drives are also available for purchase.

Hungry?

Healthy snacks are available between class changes.

Proud to be an Indian?

Spirit Wear such as t-shirts and sweatshirts are also available.

Key Club News

Key Club has been very busy for the month of October. In the Homecoming parade, the Key Club won the best float award for the high school. The highlight project of this month was Gold Rush. Key Club sold pork skins, fried apple pies, fresh-squeezed lemonade, apple cider, and bottled drinks at the booth. The booth raised over \$1500 for community and national non-profit charities and organizations. In recognition of Bus Driver Appreciation Day, the Key Club made appreciation bags for all forty-five bus drivers, mechanics, and office staff that serve LCHS. An ongoing project of Key Club has been selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts after home football games. This effort has helped raise money for the Lumpkin Literacy Coalition. Information about future doughnut sales will be announced at club meetings. Key Club also sponsored a donation can drive for the family of Debbie Heaton. In two weeks, Key Club collected \$685 for Ms. Heaton's family. On October 31, the Key Club went trick-or-treating for canned goods to donate to The Community Helping Place. For more information about Key Club, contact Chase Grizzle (President), Jason Lemley (advisor), Lisa O'Rear (advisor), or Mary Cooper (advisor).



Key Clubbers served up fried apple pies and pork skins at Gold Rush to raise money for Relay for Life and other community organizations.

JROTC News

Fall is here and the LCHS JROTC is moving forward. The students are learning valuable life skills in hands on situations; everything from medical skills to self confidence. Recently the JROTC, along with the Healthcare Science classes, participated in a mock massive evacuation. With the students from Mr. McGee's Social Studies class playing the victims, the JROTC cadets raced to help the "victims" by applying first aid and carrying them up to the Healthcare students for more intensive care. The Homecoming parade had a good turn out, with about sixty cadets marching.

The Raider team went to Griffin County to compete in their first competition. The male team placed third in the litter carry and thirteenth out of twenty-one over all. The mixed team placed thirteenth out of twenty.

The Color guard is doing well. They perform at all the home foot ball games and do a spectacular job. Their competitions start in the spring.

LCHS Teacher of

Jason Lemley, a Language Arts teacher in the Freshman Academy, has been selected by the Faculty



of LCHS as the 2011 Teacher of the Year for our school.

The Teacher of the Year is selected a year in advance due to the many papers the honoree has to write and the many levels of competition involved such as District, State, and National.

Mr. Lemley is a Distinguished Alumni of our fine institution having graduated with the Class of 2003 as an Honor Graduate. He went on to earn his Bachelor's Degree at UGA (Go Dawgs!) and is currently finishing up his Master's Degree at NGCSU (Go Saints!).

Jason is involved in a plethora of activities at the school including sponsoring the Key Club and leading our Relay for Life Team. As a dedicated educator, however, the preponderance of his efforts always go first and foremost to the students of our school. He has put in many long hours helping our freshmen improve their performance and is an outstanding mentor to those in need.

The Administration, Faculty, and Staff all extend a hearty congratulations to Jason and wish him continued future success here at LCHS (Go Indians!).

Book Fair is Coming Soon!

**The LCHS Book Fair will be held
November 30 - December 4**

Volunteers are needed.

Call 706.864.6186 ext. 1019

H1N1 Flu Shot Information

H1N1 flu immunization survey forms were sent out Wednesday, October 14. The purpose of the survey is simply to get an idea of how many vaccine doses will be needed for Lumpkin County High School. If you did not get a form and wish your child to have the vaccine, please contact Marty Palmour at mpalmour@lumpkin.k12.ga.us or call 706-864-6186 x 1020 as soon as possible. You may simply leave a message with your child's name.

The vaccine will be given only with an additional signed parent permission form. This form will go out at a future date.

The date of the vaccine will be available on this website as soon as arrangements are finalized between Lumpkin County Schools and Department of Public Health.

Who is recommended to receive the 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine?

When the vaccine is first available, the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has recommended the 2009 H1N1 vaccine for the following five target groups (approximately 159 million persons nationally):

- Pregnant women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age (e.g. parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have medical conditions associated with a higher risk of influenza complications

Once providers meet the demand for vaccine among persons in these initial target groups, vaccination is recommended for all persons 25 through 64 years of age. Current studies indicate that the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk for younger age groups. However, once vaccine demand among younger age groups has been met, programs and providers should offer vaccination to people 65 or older.

For more H1N1 flu vaccine information, go to http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/public/vaccination_qa_pub.htm#recommendations

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