

HS Board Report

June 21, 2016

Congratulations to the Class of 2016!!! This year we had 116 students participate in the graduation ceremony on June 11th. Students were recognized for their accomplishments and their participation in many organizations. Six students reported that they will or have enlisted in the military, 55 reported that they will attend a community or technical school in the fall and 55 reported that they will attend a four-year bachelor's program at a university in the fall. Twelve reported that they are planning on going directly into the workplace. These numbers are very exciting to see, representing how the work we are doing at LCHS supports students' dreams of furthering their education. There are also 12 students planning on coming back to complete their graduation requirements in order to earn their diploma, and 4 of those will do Running Start. Six seniors will return next year as 5th year seniors. We are also pleased to inform you that zero students are planning to drop out and not complete their high school education. We had several students transfer schools and finish their graduate requirements. A number of students are currently working on their GED through ESD112. I believe this has been a very successful year for our students and we graduated the largest class to date.

This year the graduating Class of 2016 has received a record number of scholarships, GI Bills, and awards. These 116 LCHS graduates had offers that totaled \$3,587,395. Thank you to Timm DiStefano, LCHS counselor, for his guidance in helping students find the appropriate scholarships to apply for and informing seniors of the opportunities available to them.

Congratulations to our Valedictorian, Jenna Melanson. Jenna has done an extraordinary job at LCHS and clearly earns the title of Valedictorian. She is a member of the National Honors Society, was the Senior Class President and as an athlete, broke seven school records in track and cross country. Even with all of these activities, Jenna stayed dedicated to her academics and maintained a 4.00 gpa her entire high school career. She is planning on attending MIT in Boston, MA this fall and working towards a degree in biological engineering.

This year we had two individuals who were honored with the title of Salutatorian. Ashley Denney is a member of National Honors Society, was the Secretary for the senior class and has been very involved in the soccer and basketball program. She plans on attending Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York and major in International Relations and Public Affairs.

Kasey Hibler was also presented with the title of Salutatorian. Kasey is also a member of National Honors Society. She plans on attending Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA to major in Pre-Med. Kasey plans on becoming a neurosurgeon.

Accreditation Renewal – On May 31st, the LCHS Administrative Team presented to members of the ESD 112 Accreditation Board the work we have accomplished the past three years. Included were the specific research data, statistics, SMART Goals, and programs which we have implemented to improve student success rates as listed in the School Improvement Plan as part of the state's Accreditation Renewal presentation. The ESD 112 Board responded with positive complements and approved our work. Thank you to the layers of work that has been done over the year from the individual departments, the Student Intervention Team, the Student

Improvement Planning team, Building Council and the LCHS staff. We also appreciate the parent and student involvement over the past three years to share with us their opinions and views on various issues.

Summer school for credit recovery and health online is full! We have a total of 100 seats available, 50 for each session, for students to sign-up for classes. Several students are taking multiple classes, taking up those ‘seats’ online. The health class will extend through both sessions because it is a complete course versus the credit recovery classes, which are scheduled to be completed in 4 weeks. The 1st session has 29 students registered for classes and the 2nd session has 37 students registered. Bob Hill is the teacher of record, opening up the Linx classroom two days a week for students to check in, get additional assistance, take exams, etc. Mr. Gray and Mr. Hill hosted a parent/student meeting at the beginning of the session to show stakeholders how to use the APEX program. They are offering another parent/student meeting at the beginning of the 2nd session as well. We are pleased to offer this to our students so they can complete their courses online this summer and stay on track to graduate.

Athletics/Activities

This has been an exciting school year in our extra-curricular activities. Our students celebrated many successes throughout the year. Here is a highlight of our placings in the Trico League, Southwest Washington 1A District 4, and the WIAA State Tournaments.

League

- 4th in League: Boys Basketball
- 3rd in League: Volleyball, Girls Soccer, & Girls Track
- 2nd in League: Football, Boys XC, Boys Soccer, Baseball
- League Champs: Girls XC, Girls Basketball, Softball

Districts 4:

- 4th in Districts: Girls Track
- 3rd in Districts: Boys XC
- 2nd in Districts: Boys Soccer, Girls Golf
- District Champs: Girls XC, Girls BB, Softball, and Knowledge Bowl

1A State:

- 7th in State: Girls Cross Country
- State Champs: Softball

Another success for our Wildcats occurred with our Boys Soccer team. After placing 2nd in the District Championships, we hosted Colville High School in the first round of the State Tournament. Colville is located in the Northeast corner of the state, and it takes 7.5 hours of drive time to get to La Center. This game was played at Woodland stadium on Wednesday, May 18. The Wildcats won by a score of 1 – 0, which gave the Wildcat Soccer Team its first ever state tournament victory. The next school we faced was Connell High School, and they hosted our team on Saturday, May 21. Unfortunately, we did not come out on top. They defeated us by a score of 1 – 5.

The softball and baseball team had several players recognized in *The Columbian* as “All-Region Players.” Sawyer Bierscheid received this award for his outstanding pitching and batting. Sawyer will be going on to further his education and continue to play baseball for Bellevue University in Nebraska. From the softball team, Alicen Smith, Megan Muffett, and Abby England were recognized with this award. Alicen

was an excellent centerfielder for the Wildcats and was our lead-off batter for the last 4 years. She is continuing her education at Concordia University in Portland and will also play softball for them. Megan and Abby were juniors, so we get to have them in the lineup for another year. Abby was also named the All-Region Player of the Year, which means she was the best softball player in all of Southwest Washington. During the State Championships, Abby pitched a no-hitter in the first game and then a perfect game during the second. We only used one pitcher during the whole tournament, and Abby gave it all she had during the 4 games at state.

After we won the State Title in softball, the girls made the long haul home from Richland. Thanks to the efforts of Dan Bierscheid, Scott Galster, and Wendy Chord, the team was welcomed home by a police and fire escort with their sirens going and cheered by a large number of community members who lined 4th Street on both sides. The celebration continued in the HS parking lot with family members, students, and community members. It was a night we will not soon forget.

Another piece of exciting news is the project for the victory bell on the high school field. Jennifer Miller, Josh Soske, and Matt Cooke have been working to get the high school bell up to the HS field. It is currently on a brick stand in the corner of the MS field. The Class of 1966 first donated that bell to the school, and then subsequent classes donated different supplies to get a bell tower. Well, the Class of 2016 (50 years later) purchased another bell to place on the K-8 campus so that we may bring the Class of 1966 victory bell up to the high school. There are still some more logistics to be worked out, but it is very exciting to see alumni and current graduates work together to ensure the success of this project.

Finally, one of the greatest successes came in track. Jenna Melanson broke numerous records in long distance running events. Not only was Jenna determined and gifted athletically, but she also is a brilliant student and carries her determination to her studies. Because of this, she has been rewarded an athletic and an academic scholarship to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is by far one of the most prestigious universities in our great country, and we have a Wildcat that is going to compete for them in cross country and track.

All of us at LCHS would like to thank you, the Board of Directors, for your continual support in extra-curricular athletics and activities. The climate and culture of the school is enhanced when we allow students to compete and represent their school. It gives students a sense of pride and a sense of self-worth, which spills over to the classroom.

I also want to thank you for your continued support of our academic endeavors. By offering advanced classes and finding ways to support our strugglers, students are striving for a feeling of self-worth, belonging, and success in their day. Our aim is to help build life-long learners and meet the 4 Ends Policies so every student can dream big and fly when they leave LCHS. I believe the results from this year's Class of 2016 have shown we are on the right path.

Respectfully Submitted,

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