

**Important Dates**

**PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS**

**Homecoming Week**

9/28/08-10/4/08

**Band-O-Rama**

10/7/08

**No School-Columbus Day**

10/13/08

**PSAT TEST**

10/15/08

**PLAN TEST**

10/16/08

**Orchestra Concert**

10/16/08

**Picture Retakes**

10/17/08

**District Choral Festival**

10/18/08

**Public vs. Private College**

10/20/08

**Jazz Concert**

10/21/08

**Choir Concert**

10/22/08

**End of 1st Quarter**

10/24/08

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**

11/12/08; 11/20/08;

11/25/08

The 2008-2009 school year is off to a great start. The Freshmen are becoming familiar with the building and the Seniors are processing what they want to do with their futures.

We are also very proud of the increase in our ACT scores from 22.8 to 23.7. While we are above the state and national average, our goal is to continue to increase student achievement and improve ACT scores.

We have several new additions to our faculty this school year. I would like to welcome the following to **OUR** LZHS Learning Community:

*English Department*

**Lesly Bernstein (ELL)**  
**Amy Faith**

**Alexa Rodheim**

*Guidance Department*

**Mary Jones**

**Jennie Bentley (long term sub for Shaun Byrnes)**

*Math Department*

**Zach Eccles**

**Aaron Rogers**

*World Language Department*

**Holly Dorrington**

*Fine Arts Department*

**Ellen Singer (Choir)**

**Kristen LaJeunesse (Art)**

*Science Department*

**Ted Heyduck (Physics)**

*Social Studies*

**Julis Cantal**

**Corinne Cooper**

*Bookkeeper*

**Liz Brennan**

*Attendance*

**Karen Adams**

*Data Base Administrator*

**Marti Schak**

*Technology Support Specialist*

**Bruce Burkhalter**

I am also happy to announce that I will be starting "Coffee with the Principal" meetings beginning October 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Library Conference Room. A schedule for future meeting dates and discussion topics will be set at this meeting.

I am looking forward to a great 2008-2009 school year.

**HUGHES AND PLACEK NAMED SEMI-FINALISTS FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Congratulations to **Shannon Hughes and D. J. Placek** for being named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. Over 1.5 million students entered the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, [PSAT/NMSQT®](#). 50,000 of these students with the highest selection index scores

(critical reading + mathematics + writing skills scores) qualify for recognition. 16,000 of these high performers are designated as semi-finalists. The nationwide pool of semifinalists, which represents less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest scoring entrants in each state. The number of semi-finalists in a state is proportional to the state's per-

centage of the national total of graduating seniors. This is truly a great accomplishment.

## COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2009 NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Tom Bohac, Melinda Cartolano, Sara Drury, Holly Hadden, Kate Lancelot, Nathalie Rock, and Hongrui Wu** for achieving Commended status in the National Merit Scholarship Program. More than two-

thirds, or about 34,000, of the approximately 50,000 high scorers on the [PSAT/NMSQT®](#) test receive Letters of Commendation in recognition of their outstanding academic promise. Commended Students are named on the basis of a

nationally applied Selection Index score.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

### Family & Consumer Science

FACS wants to recognize Greg Frech because he is always willing to help out in any way, shape or form. He will stay after class to help clean up, not only his kitchen, but anyone else's if they need to rush out and catch a bus. He helps pack up leftovers and anything else that needs to be packed up for the night. This is just above and beyond what the normal student would do, and it is greatly appreciated.

### Guidance

The Counseling Department has nominated DJ Placek for Student Of The Month for his excellence in the classroom. DJ is involved in many honors classes as well as Advanced Placement. He thrives on the impossible. DJ has been named one of our National Merit Semifinalists this year. He plans on majoring in Engineering when he enters college.

### Social Studies

Shannon Hughes is a student in AP Government class. Ms. Hughes has the ability to take

the content from the textbook, supplementary readings such as primary sources and articles, and the topics discussed in class, and analyze it all to see the similarities and differences of the information. She stimulates conversation and brings up information from a different viewpoint, which allows the class to have deeper understanding of the concepts discussed. Shannon is a valuable part of our AP Government class.

### Science

Science's first student of the month is Miss Kelsey Wu. For AP Chemistry, she spent one afternoon using a reference text looking up physical and chemical properties for an experiment with an unknown chemical. She then typed up all the facts and shared this information with her classmates, so they wouldn't have to spend the time getting the facts and they could concentrate on the experimental portion of the lab. Thanks for being a great class helper Kelsey!

### Special Education

Andrew Glave is a conscientious student who consistently works above and beyond expecta-

tions. He strives to develop his skills and enjoys the challenge of working independently. He has positive peer and adult relationships, and he often displays a great sense of humor. It is a pleasure having him in class.

### Math

The Math Department has selected Jessica Wang for the September Student Of The Month. Jessica is very meticulous with her work and with her studies. She has an intense curiosity for learning that is seldom equaled. She is never satisfied with just knowing an answer, instead, she seeks to understand the why's and what-if's of the mathematical question. She is a valuable member of the math team and participated in the ICTM State Math Contest last Spring. Congratulations Jessica!

**PETERSON'S ON-LINE ACT TEST-PREP COURSE**

This year we have a new service we are pleased to offer. We have contracted with Peterson's Student Edge to receive free ACT, SAT, and PSAT on-line test prep courses and practice tests for our students. Each course has "lesson path" options for the desired duration of the course depending on the amount of time a student wants to invest. A course typically takes 6-8 weeks to complete and has 3 practice tests. To take advantage of this free offer please stop by the guidance office and pick up an informational sheet or call Mr. Lehigh at 847-540-4118.

LZHS will still be offering the evening classroom Cambridge ACT prep classes to Juniors beginning in January. There is a fee for these classes. A flier regarding the Cambridge ACT will be mailed in December.

**Small Learning Community**

LZHS is working on a new learning initiative titled Small Learning Community. The pilot is to begin in Fall, 2009. The goal of the SLC is to present an interdisciplinary curriculum to a cohort of 96 ninth grade students. The community's flexible scheduling will enable students to work on extended projects and benefit from resources outside of the school environment through Problem-Based Learning, literature circles, I-search papers, and multi-media presentations. Students will earn four credits while synthesizing the elements of English, Math, Science, and Social Studies and work with a team of teachers who develop interdisciplinary lessons and assessments. The theme for this year will be the environment. Any current 8th grader who is interested please contact the high school.

**SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (CONTINUED)**

**Physical Education**

Chris Hurley, junior, 8th period. Chris is always on time, always on task & helps clean up the weight room at the end of class.

**English**

Kaleigh Dunn deserves recognition as English Student of the Month for her enthusiastic pursuit of journalism. Over the summer, Kaleigh spent time studying journalism with respected advisers at the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater. The Kettle Moraine Press Association's summer workshop is an intense study of myriad facets of journalistic production. One activity Kaleigh completed was a timed news writing, wherein she had to organize material, interview sources, draft a news story, and file by deadline. Kaleigh so impressed the adviser-judges that she was recently

announced as the winner of the Gephardt Award, only the second student in LZHS' history to win this award. In addition to her summer work, Kaleigh works as the business manager of Bear Facts and writes for the features section. Congratulations to Kaleigh on being named Student of the Month.

**CHARACTER IS WHAT YOU DO WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING**

**CHARITY SELECTED FOR CHARITY BASH**

Over 60 representatives of our clubs and activities met to choose the charity for this year's event. From a pool of over a dozen charities, four finalists were chosen. We are proud to announce that the charity selected for Charity Bash 2008 is the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Our donations will help fund research into this disease, and support families with children affected by it. All of our proceeds will be donated to MDA on behalf of District 95 students who are afflicted with the disease, and in memory of Ms. Kathi Surdyski, LZHS alumni, and LZHS teacher, who succumbed to the disease last year. Charity Bash begins December 3, 2008. If you would like to donate money or silent auction gifts please notify Mr. Chris Bennett at [Christopher.Bennett@lz95.org](mailto:Christopher.Bennett@lz95.org) or call 847-540-4693.

# BEARS JUNGLE BOOGIE

## ***Homecoming 2008: September 28<sup>th</sup> thru October 4<sup>th</sup>***

### Girls Football Meeting and Practices

- Player Meeting – Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am, Main Gym
- Wednesday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, Juniors 6-7:30, Seniors 7:30-9pm
- Thursday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Juniors 6-7:30pm, Seniors 7:30-9pm
- Saturday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Juniors 3-4:30pm, Seniors 4:30-6pm
- Monday, Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>, Juniors 6-7:30pm, Seniors 7:30-9pm

### Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

- Elections for Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior Prince and Princess of Homecoming Court

### Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

- Election for Senior Homecoming King and Queen

### Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

- *Hallway Decorating, 5-8pm*

### Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

- Lazy Late Start Monday
- Lucky Locker Lottery

### Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

- Cubs/Sox Tuesday
- Lucky Locker Lottery
- Senior Athlete Dance Rehearsal, 6:30pm

### Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

- Wild, Wild Crazy Boogie Jungle Wednesday
- Lucky Locker Lottery
- ***Girls Football Games, 7 and 8pm***

### Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Color Wars Thursday (Freshman-Yellow, Sophomores-Red, Juniors-Green, Senior-Pink, Faculty-Orange)
- Homecoming Court Breakfast, 7:15am, Library
- Lucky Locker Lottery
- ***The Homecoming Show and Parade 8pm***

### Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Bears Fanatical Friday
- ***Homecoming Assembly***
- ***Varsity Football Game 7:30pm***

### Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

- ***Homecoming Dance 7:30-10:30PM***

**We are on the web!**

<http://www.lz95.org/lzhs/index.html>

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RATE THEN YOU ARE  
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**CLAUDIA BLACK**

### **MILITARY RECRUITER ACCESS TO STUDENT INFORMATION**

Under the General Education Provisions Act Lake Zurich High School is required to provide military recruiters, upon request, student contact information, including names, addresses, and telephone numbers. You may request that your child's contact information not be released without prior written parental consent by sending an email to [Ann.Rosenquist@lz95.org](mailto:Ann.Rosenquist@lz95.org) or a letter to Lake Zurich High School c/o Ann Rosenquist.

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### **STUDENT PICK UP & DROP OFF INFORMATION**

Please be aware that students should be picked up and dropped off at the main entrance (Door 1) only. This entrance is on the south side of the school, by the football field. It is considered the flagpole entrance.

The north side of the building is for bus pick up and drop off only. Students should not be dropped off on this side of the building. Thank you.