



# Guidance News

Lakes Community High School

February 2010

## 2009 –2010 Dates to Remember

### Local Scholarship Applications

Available (Seniors)	Week of February 8
Lincoln's Birthday—No School	February 12
Institute Day—No School	February 26
Pulaski Day—No School	March 1
Progress 6 Distributed to Students	March 12
Local Scholarship Applications Due	March 15

### NATIONAL TEST DATES

~Late registrations possible with extra fee.

### ACT Test Dates 09-10 [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Fee \$30.00 \$44.50 for ACT + Writing

### Regular Registration Test Date

#### Deadline

March 5 \*April 10

May 7 June 12

\*LCHS is national test site

### SAT Test Dates 09-10 [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Basic Fee \$45.00

### Regular Registration Test Date

#### Deadline

February 4 March 13

March 25 May 21

April 29 June 5

## Seniors:

**Have you sent mid-year reports?**

**Do you need transcripts?**

If your college requires mid-year reports, please bring the proper forms to your counselors. Official transcripts include the school seal and must be mailed directly from the Office of the Registrar. Please allow 48 hours for processing.



## 2010-2011 School Year Enrollment

**Class of 2010** **Week of January 25**

**Class of 2011** **Week of February 1**

**Class of 2012** **February 9-18**

Current students will get materials and information from guidance counselors and then will enroll later in the week during English classes. Current teachers and counselors will communicate recommendations to the students during this process.

**Parents:** Please review course selections and sign the enrollment sheet in the upper right hand corner. Students will receive a Course & Activity Guide; it is also available online. To access this document from our school home page, select "Special—Electronic Documents." Power Point Presentations from January Parent Nights are available on the Guidance Office home page. In order to staff the building appropriately, course selections must be finalized before March 19, 2010.



## Seniors: Apply for Scholarships Now!

Now is the time to complete scholarship applications! Check the Guidance web site for monthly scholarship opportunity updates. Helpful web sites also include

[www.collegzone.com](http://www.collegzone.com)

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Please encourage your senior to apply for local scholarships. One application will allow the student to be eligible for a number of scholarships. Since these are locally funded, the probability of winning the scholarship is greater than those that are nationally based. Packets have been mailed to seniors and are due to the Guidance Office no later than March 15.

Check our Guidance Office often for new resources and information!

## *College Bound Checklist for February*

### **Seniors**

- Do your best second semester. Final transcripts *are* sent to colleges and can affect admission and/or scholarships.
- Research scholarship opportunities—see the LCHS Guidance web site.
- If you have not already done so, complete the FAFSA soon.
- Schedule college visits. Tips for college visits are available in the Guidance Office.
- Follow up with your counselor if your college requires a mid-year grade report.

### **Juniors**

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your options. If you plan to participate in college athletics, be sure to discuss NCAA regulations.
- Attend College Representative Visits at LCHS. Get a pass from the Guidance Office - 24 hours in advance.
- Use your ACT online account for help in test preparation.
- Second semester is prime time for taking college admission tests—observe deadlines.
- Schedule college visits, especially over three-day weekends and spring break.
- Enroll in the most rigorous schedule that you can handle for your senior year.

### **Sophomores**

- Continue to work hard in classes and get involved in co-curricular activities.
- Analyze your PLAN scores. Discuss them with your parents and counselor.
- Enroll in the most rigorous schedule that you can handle for your junior year.
- Explore post-high school plans.

### **Freshmen**

- Continue to work hard in classes and get involved in co-curricular activities.
- Develop and maintain good study habits.
- Enroll in the most rigorous schedule that you can handle for your sophomore year.



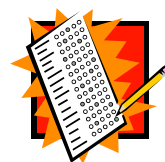
### ***Are You On Our E-mail List?***

In an effort to communicate effectively with families as we reduce mailings, we have completed and are testing a mass email list. If your email address changes or if you are not connected to the internet, please contact Ms. Kitty Wiegel at (847) 838-7110.

### ***ACT News***

Juniors should consider taking the ACT this semester, in addition to taking it as part of the PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Exam) in late April.

LCHS is a national test center on April 10. The test site code is 218370. Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office, or students can register online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).



### ***PLAN Scores***

We have just received scores for sophomores who took the PLAN test in November. Students will receive these scores during a group interpretation session in the next few weeks. These scores can predict performance on the ACT and can help students analyze strengths, weaknesses, and career opportunities. Sophomore parents will receive an email when this student presentation occurs with additional information.