



Ledyard High News

ISSUE 2

November/December 2011

PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Parents, Guardians, and the LHS Community,

Happy December, everyone, and thank you for accessing our newsletter despite how busy you must be during this holiday season.

I want to thank all of you who attended our first LHS Parent Conferences recently. I spoke with many of you that night and was pleased to hear that you found the visit worthwhile. I know I heard the same from many teachers. Naturally, we are interested in any suggestions which might help us improve the evening for you, so please don't hesitate to let us know if you have any. We will be holding a second night of conferences shortly after midway through semester two. If you were unable to make the first, I hope the second opportunity works out for you. I will be sending home the date and time shortly after the start of the new year.

Special congratulations go out to our drama club for the successful and well attended production of *Spoon River Anthology*. We are very proud to have a program with such talented performers and dedicated and creative coaches. I look forward to more excellent examples of high school theater at LHS. If you have never attended one of our performances, I hope you will soon take the opportunity to do so. You won't be disappointed.

Our recent Career Day brought representatives from over 70 professions to our school for what is certain to have been life altering experiences for at least some of our students. Without question, every one of our students learned a great deal about careers in the areas they chose to attend. Coincidentally, a graduate from the early 2000's came to speak to us about opportunities he wishes he had had late in high school and in college. When he learned what we are now doing (and Career Day is just one obvious example), he was greatly impressed. Many thanks go out to our guidance department and most especially our Career Center coordinator, Carol Schwenk. Yeoman's work, really.

We wish all of you the best of holiday seasons.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Gabordi

LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2011-2012

November

21	National Honor Society Induction	7:00 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
22	WINTER Athletic Mtg (Athletes, parents,coaches)	7:00 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
23	HALF DAY (Before holiday)		
24,25	NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break)		

December

5	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
7	HALF DAY (LHS Professional Dev)		
7	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
8	National Honor Society Coffee House	7-9 p.m.	LHS Cafeteria
16,17	Holiday Choral Concert	7:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
21	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
26-30	NO SCHOOL Winter Break		

January 2012

2	NO SCHOOL Winter Break		
4	HALF DAY (LHS Professional Dev)		
4	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
9	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
12	Winter Band Concert	7:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
16	NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)		
18	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
18,19,20	EXAMS (Dismissal at 12 noon)		

February

1	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
6	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
8	HALF DAY (LHS Professional Development)		
15	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
16	OPEN HOUSE	6:30 TO 9	Begins in auditorium
20	NO SCHOOL (February Break)		

March

2	SPRING Sports Mtg (Athletes, parents, coaches)	7:00 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
5	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
6, 7, 8	CAPT (testing) Actual schedule of these days will be posted closer to the date)		
9	Lasagne Dinner (Music)	5 to 7 p.m.	LHS Cafeteria
9	TALENT SHOW	7:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
13, 14	CAPT (testing) Actual schedule of these days will be posted closer to the date)		
21	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
22	National Honor Society Coffeehouse		LHS Cafeteria
23	NO SCHOOL (System-wide professional Development)		

April

2	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
4	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
6	NO SCHOOL (Good Friday)		
9-13	NO SCHOOL (Spring Break)		
18	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
25	HALF DAY (LHS Professional Development)		

May

2	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
5	S.A.T.s	8 a.m.	LHS
7	Parent Advisory Council	6:30 p.m.	LHS Media Center
12	JUNIOR PROM	6 to 11 p.m.	Port & Starboard
16	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
17	Eighth Grade Orientation	6:30 p.m.	
24	National Honor Society Coffeehouse	7 – 9 p.m.	LHS Cafeteria
26	SENIOR PROM	7 to 11 p.m.	Mystic Marriott
28	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)		

June

1,2	Choral POPS Concert	7:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
5	AWARDS NIGHT	6:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
6	Board of Education Mtg	7 p.m.	LHS Media Center
8	Band POPS Concert	7:30 p.m.	Gaucher Auditorium
13,14,15	EXAMS (Dismissal at 12 noon)		
23	Graduation		

PAWS AND CLAUS



DECEMBER 9

3:30PM-7:30PM

PHOTOS WITH SANTA

**VENDORS, RAFFLES
DESSERTS, HOT COCOA**

DEMOS!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**PETS AND KIDS CAN HAVE
PICTURES WITH SANTA!**

PETTING ZOO!

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LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL

Agri-Science Department

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Oxford English Dictionary

<http://oed.com>

(Hint: *ledyard & leyard*)

SIRS – Social Issues Researcher <http://proquestk12.com>

(hint: *ledyard & leyard*)

Gale E Reference Books

<http://access.gale.com/ledyardhs/>

(hint: *ledyard*)

Gale Literature Research Center

<http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/s0722>

(Hint: *ledyard*)

ABC-CLIO Databases

<http://databases.abc-clio.com> (hint: *lhs2 and leyard*)

American Government

American History

World at War

The American Indian Experience

Pop Culture

Daily Life through History

World History: Modern Era

iconn.org – CT State Digital Database
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Use your library card for complete

Inner Visions at Ledyard High School

Inner Visions is Ledyard High School's online and print arts magazine. It is a great place for students and their friends and families to enjoy the poems, short stories, plays, photographs, drawings, paintings, videos, and music created by our talented student body. Also posted are links to other websites of interest to creative young people and a round-up of contests available for young writers and artists.

Inner Visions meets during activity period, and adviser Barbara Park invites all interested students to attend meetings and submit their original work in any digital media.

Log on to www.innervisionslhs.wordpress.com



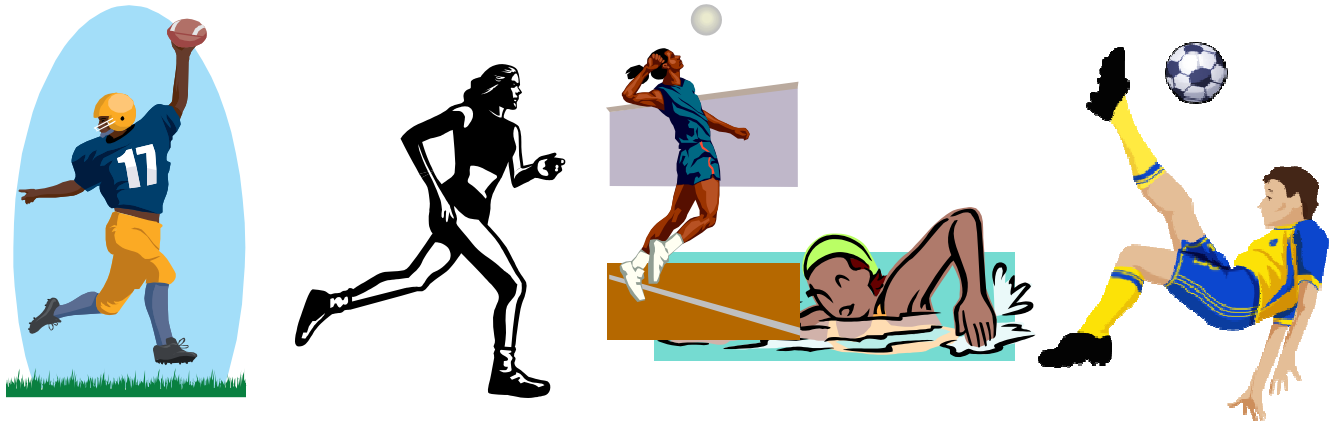
Ledyard High School Athletics

The 2011 fall sports season has been one of the most successful in years at Ledyard High School. Boys' and Girls' Cross Country, Volleyball, Boys' Soccer and Football all captured ECC divisional championships. Congratulations to all of our teams for their hard work and efforts on and off the field.

We also had some outstanding individual accomplishments. Junior swimmer Jessica Hespeler won the state championship in the 500 free and set multiple school records this fall. Senior football player Alex Manwaring set a new rushing record and was featured in Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd".

I ask the Ledyard school community to continue to support our student-athletes as we continue through the fall season and enter our winter campaign. Athletic schedules can be found on ledyard.net or casciac.org. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Athletic Director Jim Buonocore at 860-464-9600 ext. 123.

GO COLONELS!



News from the School Nurse:

In December the Nurses will start the state mandated scoliosis screening for ninth graders. We will be examining students during their physical education classes so no special clothing will be required. Students with PE in the spring will be screened during the second semester. If parents don't wish to have their children screened, please inform us by calling 860-464-8940.

DID YOU KNOW...

Americans are the heaviest of all people in developed countries with 61% of us overweight or obese. The number of overweight people in the world now equals the number of those who are

undernourished. Calories can creep up on us without our realizing it. A trend made worse by the fact that most people eat far larger serving sizes than they realize.



The Nurse's office has a great handout that shows what a normal serving size consists of. Feel free to stop by and pick one up, you might be surprised by what you will learn.



National Honor Society

From the start of the school year, senior NHS members have been diligently working to help out in the school and community. Our first coffee house of the year was on October 20, and showcased a wide variety of student talent. Our next coffee house will be on December 8 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in performing must sign up in Kurt Jannke's room beforehand.

Several members donned black cloaks and passed around fake body parts for their vignette as part of the Haunted Trail to benefit the Lauren Candler Memorial Fund. Despite the near freezing temperatures, our members went out on a Friday night to participate in this cause. Due to snow, the event was only held one night, but over \$2,000 was raised.

Members were also spotted working at the Ledyard Youth Football League Concession Stand in the beginning of November. Students interacted with community members while making cheese fries and putting their math skills to use using a cash register.

Collaborating with Student Council, the Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Ledyard families ran from November 7-18. Members encouraged students and faculty members to bring in stuffing, yams, rolls, gravy and other assortments of Thanksgiving goodies to morning meetings. Morning Meetings that brought in all of the items on the checklist were rewarded with a baked good. Baskets are going to be made up with various items and distributed to local families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Twenty-five (25) students were inducted into the Serena B. Mowry Chapter of the National Honor Society on November 21. Amanda Fagan was the keynote speaker. Poet Laureate, Callie Bateman, also read one of her poems.

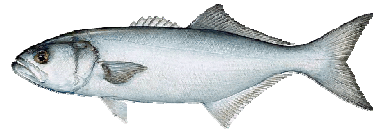
The Toy Drive will be held from December 5-16. Students and faculty members should bring in toys or money to donate to benefit the less fortunate in Ledyard. Items can be brought to morning meetings, the main office, or room 211.

MARINE SCIENCE

News from UCONN ECE Marine Science



In mid October, students went aboard the R/V Envirolab II for a bluefishing trip. This trip marked the end of our unit on production & life.



Twenty-two fish made it into the boat!

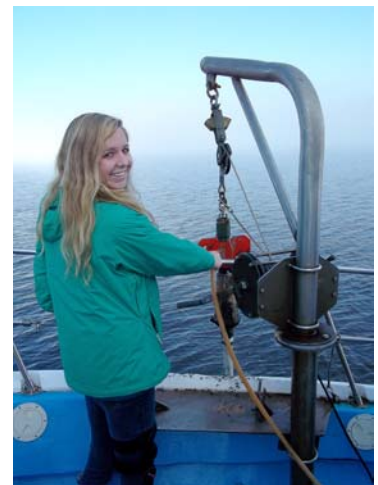
Students helped to cook the catch the next day.... Thanks to the foods program for supplying space for us in the kitchen!



News from UCONN ECE Marine Science

In November, the class took a trip to visit New London Ledge Lighthouse. Project Oceanology ferried us to the light on a very foggy morning. A member of the Lighthouse foundation lead us on the tour. We had studied navigation including course plotting and set/drift early on in the year. This trip was a culminating activity for that unit. There was a strong desire to see “Ernie”, the ghost of the lighthouse. No sightings were documented or substantiated, although many students felt “creepy”!

After our lighthouse visit, we spent the rest of the day conducting studies in physical oceanography aboard Project Oceanology’s vessel the R/V Envirolab II. Students measured parameters such as nutrients, sediments, temperature/ salinity & oxygen as well as the amount of light that penetrated the water column at depth.

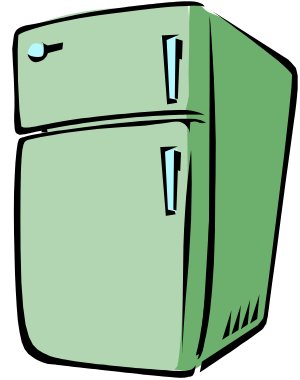


A request for HELP from the Biology teachers ...

If any parent has a working refrigerator that could be spared, the Biology teachers would be most grateful.

We lost ours with tropical storm Irene and have no where to store classroom materials

Can You Help?



Senior Class Graduation Party

The planning and fundraising has begun. Our primary communication method is thru School Messenger. If you have not been receiving emails about ongoing events and you would like to, please e-mail Polly Ash pash@ledyard.net. Our next meeting is at the Gales Ferry Public Library at 7pm on December 8th. Come and join us.

Our current fundraisers are:

- We had a WalkaThon November 19th at the Ledyard High School Track
- Benefit hours at McDonalds in Gales Ferry on December 15th from 5-8pm.
- We will be having a benefit Bingo night! Look for more information after the holidays.

We have raised \$1600 thru corporation donations so far. Please begin gathering your photos for the memory wall. We are unable to return photos so make copies.

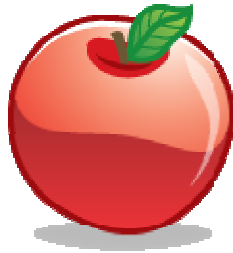
The Graduation party will be June 23rd. The cost for the party is \$125.00. Checks can be made out to LHS Grad Party. You can pay in 2 payments. The first payment of \$75.00 is due February 6th, with the second payment due April 6th. Payments can be sent into the High School main office in a sealed envelope addressed to "Sr. Class Grad Party".

President: Polly Ash pash@ledyard.net

Treasurer: Robin Loy rals991@aol.com
Secretary: Janet Farquhar ct_farquhar5@yahoo.com
Memory Wall Coordinator: Kerri Charette
kerri.charette@comcast.net



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STOP & SHOP

School rewards

WITH CARD

Dear Parents:

Welcome to another year of A+ School Rewards. Starting October 7, 2011 through March 29, 2012, LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program.

**We have earned \$304.54 for the month of
October!!**

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop & Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at www.stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL using ID #05724.

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.

School Counseling and Guidance

NAVIANCE- Family Connection

Naviance is an on-line program consisting of several tools used for researching colleges, and exploring careers. These applications are used to promote college and workplace readiness. Naviance provides students with the framework to direct their own education, establish long and short-term goals, and plan for post secondary success.

If you are a parent of a junior or senior and have not set up your Naviance account. Go to the Ledyard High School main website –click on [Naviance](#) to view the login page. Please contact us if you need your access code at 860-464-9600 x109 or x113.

FACEBOOK- LHS Guidance has joined Facebook to keep students updated on all department information. **BECOME A FAN TODAY!** Just search for "LHS Guidance" on facebook.

College Goal Sunday - On January 29, 2012 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at [The New London Science and Technology Magnet High School](#). 490 Jefferson Avenue New London, CT 06320. Students and parents can talk to experts and get in-depth help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In addition to receiving assistance in filling out the FAFSA, participants will receive general information regarding state and federal financial aid programs.

DEADLINES:

Seniors- Please remember, if you are applying to schools with a January 1st deadline you must complete the application process by December 9th. If you have a January 15th deadline, you must adhere to January 3rd. These dates allow 10 school days for the processing of supporting documents (including teacher recommendations in many cases).

PSAT Scores - will be distributed in mid-December at an assembly held to explain the score reports. In addition any student, who took the PSAT/NMSQT in October, will have **FREE** access to My College QuickStart™, a free online personalized college and career planning kit based on their test results. Students are able to take the next steps towards college with these unique features:

- An online score report, including projected SAT score ranges, state percentiles, and the power to sort answer explanations by difficulty and by question type.
- A customized SAT study plan.
- College Matches- get a starter list of colleges based on the information you provided when you took the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Major and Career Matches- view a personalized list of suggested majors and careers.

- Access to MyRoad- a personality test to learn more about majors and careers that fit your strengths and interests.

Students will have online access to My College QuickStart until she/he graduates high school.

Students register for My College QuickStart by visiting www.collegeboard.com/quickstart and entering the access code printed on their official PSAT/NMSQT paper score report along with some identifying information. If you or your student needs assistance with registration, please contact our school counseling and guidance department.

ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB



Would you like to purchase fleece jackets, gym bags, tee shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants, etc. with a Ledyard logo on them for gifts?

The Athletic Booster Club sells all those items and more. They will have an exhibit of many of their items for sale in the front showcase at Ledyard High School beginning Tuesday, November 29th until January 3rd. Order forms will be available by the front showcase or in the Main Office. You may place an order or get information also by calling Mrs. Patti Burton at 860-464-7031.

Take care of some of the presents you need to buy and help the athletes of Ledyard at the same time.