



REPORT

May 2009

Newsletter for LMS parents and pastors. Fern Clemmer, editor

*Centered in Christ
Transforming Lives
Changing our World*

Superintendent's note

In a few days the class of 2009 will receive their LMH diplomas, and family and friends will reflect on how these graduates have changed since they entered kindergarten 13 years ago. This rite of passage is a time of emotion and celebration as our students participate in Commencement Celebration 2009.

During their LMS years, their lives will have been transformed through being in a Christ-centered educational community. Recently, I interacted with a number of high school students and was impressed with their clarity of purpose and plans for the future. I found them to be self-aware and realistic about the further training/education required to reach their goals. And they seemed grounded in faith and values that really matter.

Throughout the elementary, middle and high school years, LMS builds a community that enables holistic education to flourish. This community extends beyond the campus to include families, friends, congregations and the broader Lancaster community. Altogether these groups create a village that nurtures and educates our children to be involved in Christlike witness, peacemaking and service in a global society.

At the end of a school year it seems important to celebrate and thank you for your role in our education village. Some of you have your first child in kindergarten this year and will continue in the school journey for quite a few more years. Others of you will end the child-in-school part of the journey as you see your youngest graduate in a few days. But all of you remain a part of the village that comes together to provide excellence in Christian education for our children.

Shalom!
J. Richard Thomas

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LOOKING AHEAD

May 21	LG/ND joint spring concert at Lanc. 7 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day, school/offices closed
May 26-28	All-School Seventh Grade Retreat
May 29	Senior Class Dedication 7 p.m.
May 30	Commencement 10 a.m.
June 3	Last day of school, 11:00 dismissal
August 17	Practices for HS sports and JH cross country begin
August 21	Lancaster Campus New Student Orientation 6:30 p.m.
August 24	Practices for other JH sports begin
August 25	2009-10 school year begins

ALL CAMPUSES

Openings in all grades

Openings remain at all grade levels except for PreK and kindergarten at the Kraybill Campus which has a waiting list for both. Please encourage your friends to check out our excellent PreK-12 program by calling the Kraybill Campus at (717) 653-5236, New Danville at (717) 872-2506, Locust Grove at (717) 394-7107, or Lancaster at (717) 299-0436, ext. 312. Financial aid and scholarships are still available; contact Janet Kreider at (717) 653-5236, ext. 201, for more information.

High school commencement activities and eighth grade recognition

The Class Dedication for seniors will be held Friday, May 29, at 7:00. Commencement for seniors will be held Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center. Reservations are not needed for Friday, but for Saturday the entire auditorium is reserved for ticket holders until 9:50 a.m. Persons not holding tickets may watch commencement on video in Alumni Dining Hall.

Eighth grade recognition programs will be held Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. at the Lancaster and Locust Grove campuses, and Wednesday, June 3, at 8:45 a.m. at Kraybill.

Annual fund update

Letters are being sent to LMS friends in early June, inviting them to invest in our students before the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Approximately \$225,000 is needed to meet the gifts line in the operating budget. Please consider the most generous gift you can, and send it to LMS before June 30.

Seventh Grade Retreat—a reminder

The all-school Seventh Grade Retreat will be held May 26–28 at Spruce Lake Wilderness Camp in the Poconos. The cost is \$85 for transportation, food, activities, and lodging.

Starting next year, the Seventh Grade Retreat moves to the fall.

Parents of present sixth graders, please put September 15–17, 2009, on your calendar now! The location will be Refreshing Mountain Camp near Stephens, north of the Turnpike. The first day will mostly be experienced at Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area. The basic format will otherwise follow the Spruce Lake trip.

Golf tournament benefits Annual Fund

Thank you to all who helped raise approximately \$28,000 for the Annual Fund during the April 29 LMS Golf Tournament. A big thank you to our five corporate sponsors as well as our Eagle, Blazer and Lightning sponsors. Thanks, too, to our student helpers and our volunteer golf committee: Al Shirk, Lisa Horst, John Mattilo, Cheryl Miller and Fred Winey. Interested in being a corporate sponsor in next year's event? Contact Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 299-0436, ext. 308.

Linda Ebersole Memorial Golf Tournament

Mark your calendar for the Linda Ebersole Memorial Golf Tournament that will be held Friday, September 18, at the Lancaster Host Golf Resort. The shotgun start is set for 1 p.m., and the format is individual. A meal and the awards ceremony (more than 20 prizes) follow the round. The cost is \$85.00 each. Save the date!

Prayer and Praise

A Prayer and Praise flyer is sent out bi-monthly that includes numerous LMS prayer requests and praise items. If you would like to receive this flyer, please contact Deborah Sprunger at sprungerdl@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 299-0436, ext. 701.

Photo art show

The high school's Photo 2 students will open an art exhibit in the Sound and Vision Gallery at Glick Audio and Video with a reception on Friday, May 22, from 7–9 p.m. The show will run through August.

Middle School Fine Arts Festival a success

The third annual LMS Middle School Fine Arts Festival on April 2 drew an even larger crowd than last year. The event included a combined band and strings group (from all campuses), two handbell choirs, and five choirs (including three from Kraybill). There were 26 individual/small group entries this year which included instrumental, vocal, and piano categories.

Parents were delighted with the talent and training represented in the outstanding art show, organized by art teachers from all campuses. The music judges noted that students who participated last year were even better this year.

Thanks to the work of many, this event has not only provided a forum for featuring the arts in our schools, but it has also helped our music and art students grow.

Sign up before May 30 for the special reduced price! LMS summer sports camps & enrichment

Basketball

Girls basketball, grades 5–10July 6–10
Boys basketball, grades 5–10July 20–24

Field hockey

Jr. high field hockey, grades 6–8June 22–26
Sr. high field hockey, grades 9–12August 10–14

Lacrosse

Elementary boys "Learn to Play" lacrosse, grades 3–6 ...June 22–26
Boys "Learn to Play" lacrosse, grades 7–9June 22–26
Boys Beginner/Intermediate lacrosse, grades 10–12June 22–26

Phila. Eagles Football, ages 6–14July 13–17

Soccer

Elem. coed soccer, grades 1–5June 15–19
Jr. high boys soccer, grades 6–8July 6–10
Girls soccer, grades 6–12July 27–31
Sr. high boys soccer, grades 9–12August 10–14

Tennis

Intermediate/Advanced tennis, grades 9–12August 10–14
Beginners/Intermediate tennis, grades 5–8August 3–7

Volleyball

Jr. high girls volleyball, grades 6–9June 15–18
Jr. high boys volleyball, grades 6–9June 15–19

Other camp opportunities

Spiritual Fitness, grades 10–12June 12–14
Intro to Digital Photography, grades 6–10June 15 & 16
Digital Video Editing, grades 6–12June 17–19
Coed Culinary Arts, grades 4–9July 20–24
Sewing/Crafts, grades 4–9July 20–24
Youth Choir, grades 4–8July 20–24
Middle School Drama, grades 6–8July 27–31

For more information, go to www.lancastermennonite.org or call (717) 299-0436, ext. 310.

Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO) Elementary Programs

This fall the MSO will offer two sports: boys soccer (grades PreK–6) and girls field hockey (Grades 1–6). Please go to www.mennonitesports.org to register. For more information, contact Susan Burkholder at (717) 394-7107 or burkholdersr@lancastermennonite.org.

Accomplishments

- This spring **girls soccer** won their section championship.
- Aaron Gish, Seth Moffett, and Taylor Wenger** have been invited to enter the 2010 Merit Scholarship Program. These juniors are among the 50,000 highest-scoring participants of the 1.5 million program entrants.
- Kaela Landis** will represent LMH at the 2009 Best of the Class Luncheon at Millersville University in May. Throughout the summer, she will be featured with other seniors on WGAL's Best of the Class updates.
- Juniors **Mollie Lehman** and **Jonathan Hershberger** will attend the Rotary Leaders Conference at Messiah College this summer.

- Freshman **Nick Bybel** remained undefeated in the regular season boys tennis schedule and went on to win the Lancaster Lebanon League Class AA crown as well as the District 3 Championship.
- Senior **Matt Hostetter** won golds in the long and triple jumps during the L-L League Track and Field Championship Meet on May 9.
- For the 12th year in a row for the girls and the 7th year in a row for the boys, **Kraybill track teams** placed first in the Commonwealth Christian Athletic Conference and the Mid-Atlantic Christian Schools Association.
- In the Lancaster-Lebanon County Safe Driving Competition, **Andrew Krieder** finished first in the Perceptual Driving Test with the highest score ever recorded in this particular category. **Kori Wenger** tied for first in the Pre trip vehicle check, and **Brandon Dimmig** finished third.
- The following students are the top three winners in the pie baking contest held this spring: **Greg Ebersol**, first; **Seok (Daniel) Ahn**, second; and **Lauren Longenecker**, third. The pies were auctioned off at Locust Grove's annual auction.
- **Forty-two LG students had poems selected** to be published in Creative Communication's "A Celebration of Poets" this Spring. **Fifth graders:** Luis Arauz, Jonathan Becker, Hannah Brubaker, Vanessa Charles, Joshua Imhof, Hadassah-Sara Lanson, Heather Leiby, Madeline Mast, Emily Peifer, Ashley Smoker, and Tara Stoltzfus. **Sixth graders:** Sophi Ali, Mikayla Eby, Alexa Evans, Erin Groff, John Hursh, Lindsey Kreider, Shayna Landis, Michelle Nathan, Wandy Ortega, Rudy Rigano, Austin Sauder, Mason Stoltzfus, Keeton Yost, Ben Zook. **Seventh graders:** Elizabeth Byler, Emely D'Oleo, Julianna Dorozynsky, Joe Eberly, Bethany Eby, Lucas Forte, Kate Frey, Carolyn Krasley, Sophia Mast, Caleb Prescott, Franesca Rosario, Heather Rudy. **Eighth graders:** Danielle Godfrey, Marshall Horst, Zac Hummel, Priscilla Perez, Sara Schlosser.
- Locust Grove eighth grader **Marshall Horst**, and seventh grader **Sophia Mast** both received a Certificate of Merit during the 2009 Scholastic Writing Contest.
- Go to www.lancastermennonite.org for details for the following accomplishments:
 - On April 14, **68 HS students were inducted into the National Honor Society**. The students were chosen by the faculty on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership and service.
 - Twenty incoming ninth graders have been awarded **Freshman Scholarships** of \$1,000 each, for 2009-10. The scholarships were awarded on the basis of academic performance, character, leadership, and school and community involvement.

Have a wonderful, refreshing summer with your family!

KRAYBILL CAMPUS

May 21All-school rollerskating at the Castle 6–8:30 p.m.
June 38th grade ceremony 8:45 a.m.

Kraybill Benefit Auction

Preliminary figures show gross receipts over \$145,000. We praise God for the many generous supporters who attended both the pork roast dinner and the merchandise auction. The net proceeds go toward the annual fund. Special thanks to all the volunteers, especially Brad and Natalie Wagner and Lolly and Ron Kratz for giving leadership to the auction committee.

Eighth Grade Promotion Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 3, there will be an 8:45 ceremony celebrating the passage of our 8th graders from middle to high school. Parents and friends are invited to join the 6th & 7th graders in recognizing our 8th grade class.

Kraybill Campus End-of-Year Rollerskating

All students are invited to a night of rollerskating at The Castle in Lancaster on Thursday, May 21, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. The cost is \$1.75 for student admission and \$2.00 for skate rental. This is a school-sponsored Parent-Teacher Fellowship time of fun and friendship building. The Castle is located behind WGAL on Columbia Ave. Turn right on Elm Street and drive to the end of the street. Students of all grades and their parents/caregivers are welcome. The activity is limited to current Kraybill Campus students.

Hershey Park Program Contributes to Kraybill

Kraybill parent Allison Young has offered to coordinate a program with Hershey Park whereby park employee's wages will be given to the school and the employee receives a voucher. Kraybill Campus is now registered with Hershey Park in a program that will contribute financially to the school and give you a voucher to the park as well. Hershey Park will give Allison Young certain dates that employees are needed to work at the park or stadium. Most of the shifts are for one voucher, but sometimes they offer two vouchers depending on the shift. Please contact Allison at 367-9279 or Foreveryoung03@comcast.net to volunteer at Hershey Park and receive a park voucher with your wages being donated to Kraybill Campus.

Bus Driver Openings

Kraybill Campus is in urgent need of two bus drivers. One driver is needed for a regular student route and another for the direct E-town to Lancaster Campus route. The school will pay for the training and licensing for persons who do not have the bus driver certification. For more information or an application contact Principal John Weber at 653-5236 or weberjs@lancastermennonite.org.

Gateway to Kraybill Campus

Contributions to the Gateway to Kraybill Campus Capital Campaign are needed to help accommodate current early childhood enrollment and build for the future. Currently, enrollment for PreK and kindergarten has reached its maximum with students on a waiting list. The Gateway Campaign seeks \$1.2 million to add a PreK classroom, enlarge the entrance lobby, increase student security and connect elementary buildings. The Lancaster Mennonite School advancement office has begun making individual contacts to the community on behalf of this campaign.

End of Year Report Cards

Starting this year, student report cards will be sent home in the US mail rather than with students on the last day of school. Mailing report cards at the end of the year avoids embarrassing a student who does not receive a report card due to outstanding tuition balances. Report cards can be expected a couple days beyond the last day.

Host Families Needed

Kraybill Campus has an urgent need for two families to host this year's international volunteer from Egypt. Each family provides lodging and food for half the school year August–January and February–May. Please prayerfully consider responding to this opportunity to provide Christian hospitality and develop a rich cross-cultural friendship. Call 653-5236 or e-mail to weberjs@lancastermennonite.org for more information.

Parent Night

Sylvia Weaver, teacher of the Kraybill Campus elementary Challenge classes, recently held a parent night with numerous awards going to students. A plaque was presented to 5th grader Bryce Yoder for the "Best of Show." Bryce's project was an animation of 3,500 drawings to make a 15-minute cartoon skit complete with sound effects. Tim Hoover, an animator for Mennonite Central Committee, was Bryce's mentor.

Others receiving blue ribbon awards were Roman Wagner, grade 4, "Comparisons of Homemade and Commercial Ice Cream;" Anna Farmer, grade 4, "American Dolls and the Great Depression;" Lauren Becker, grade 4, "Alpacas;" Alexis Waltz, grade 3, "Fashion Through The Ages;" Andrew Nell, grade 3, "The Underground Railroad;" Olivia Lechene, grade 3, "Charles Schultz and His Peanuts Characters;" Lauren Novosat, grade 2, "Butterflies;" Natalie Fellenbaum, grade 2, "Horses and Ponies;" Kyler Enck, grade 2, "Dragonflies;" and Kayla Azaroff, grade 2, "Horse Communication."

LOCUST GROVE CAMPUS

Auction

Thanks to everyone who helped make our auction a wonderful success! Over \$57,000 was raised for the LMS Annual Fund. A special thank you to Jeff Shank, auction coordinator, the chair persons of each committee, and Mrs. Ashley and Mrs. Burkhart for their hours of work in the office, receiving and organizing donations and putting together the auction booklet.

Thank You, Volunteers

Thanks to volunteers who contributed 90 hours in April and to everyone who has faithfully served the school in this way throughout the year.

Spring Program

Join us for our 4th–6th grade year-end band and choral concert on Thursday, May 21, at 7 p.m. The event will be presented with New Danville in the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center, Lancaster Campus. This will be a wonderful evening of celebrating the achievements of our students and God's gift of music!

Site Council Members

Locust Grove welcomes nominees for the Parent Site Council. All present Locust Grove families are eligible to serve, pending board approval. Your suggestions for council members can be given to Judi Mollenkof, principal, by May 29. The council serves in an advisory capacity and meets four times a year.

Field Day

Middle school field day will be held Friday, May 29, and Elementary Field Day will be held the morning of the last day of school on Wednesday, June 3. More information will be sent home with class letters.

Chapel and 8th Grade Promotion

The final all-school chapel of the year will be held Friday, May 29, at 9:15 a.m.. This will be a time to celebrate the year and honor our 8th graders; parents are invited. Everyone is also invited to 8th Grade Promotion which will be held on Tuesday evening, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Please remember the class in prayer as they transition to high school.

Summer Tutoring

Research shows students often lose valuable reading and math skills over the summer vacation. To reduce the amount of this loss and to gain additional momentum, Jessica Newswanger, third grade teacher at the Locust Grove campus, is offering summer tutoring. Several flexible programs will be offered for students in grades 2-5 which can meet a variety of summer schedules. For more information about schedules and fees, please call 572-8018 or e-mail newswangerjl@lancastermennonite.org.

Memory Book

The 2008-09 yearbook will be a memory book including class pictures of activities from the year. By using this new format the cost will be reduced from \$15.00 to \$5.00. Students may purchase the book from their homeroom teachers the last week of school.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be mailed home the week of June 15. All outstanding bills must be paid in full to receive a report card.

Summer Hours

Summer office hours are 9:00–12:00 daily beginning the week of June 8.

2009-10 School Year Mailing

There will be a mid-summer mailing which will include student homeroom assignments and a supplies list as well as other information about the 2009-10 school year. Please note the following dental and physical examination requirements before students begin classes in the fall:

- Kindergarten students need both dental and physical.
- Grades three and seven require dental forms.
- Grade six requires a physical form.

Forms are available in the office and completed forms should be mailed or brought to the office before school begins. Thank you.

NEW DANVILLE CAMPUS

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Volunteer opportunity

Our volunteer hours for April totaled 162. Thanks to everyone for faithfully supporting the school in many ways throughout the year. An important volunteer opportunity in early June is year-end classroom cleaning. The building will be open from 10 am. –12:00 noon and again 6–8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10. Please consider giving two or three hours of your time to help get the school spic-n-span for the fall. Call the office and let us know when you can help. Thank you!

Site Council Nominees Needed

The parent site council serves in an advisory capacity for the operation of New Danville and meets with the principal four times a year. All families are eligible to serve pending board approval. Your nominations for 2009-10 are welcomed. Contact Mrs. Mollenkof by May 30 at 872-2506 or mollenkofju@lancastermennonite.org.

2008-09 Memory Book

This year each child will receive a memory book which will include a class picture and pictures of activities throughout the year. Thanks to each teacher who has worked hard to produce this wonderful celebration of the year which will be given to students the last week of school.

Family picnic

Classes will be gathering at Charlestown Park on May 28 to celebrate the end of the year with activities from 12:30–2:00. Parents are invited to meet the class at the park at 12:30. More information will be included in homeroom letters.

Dental and physical examination requirements

PreK and kindergarten students (if they did not attend PreK) as well as first and 5th graders are required to have dental examinations before classes begin in August. Also, PreK and kindergarten

students (if they did not attend PreK) as well as 6th graders are required to have a physical examination. If you do not receive the proper forms for your students with the end-of-year report card mailing, please check with the office. Forms should be mailed or brought to the school office before school begins on August 25.

Fundraising update

Auction: Thank you to all our parents and grandparents who volunteered and helped raise approximately \$28,000! Thank you also to our co-chairmen, John and Melissa Mattilio, and to Andrea Kirk who was in charge of the food service, for a job well done. Proceeds from the auction benefit the annual fund.

Spring pizza Sale: Information for our last fundraiser was sent home April 30 with delivery May 21. Proceeds will benefit the Site Council project to help upgrade our computer lab. Our fundraisers this year have raised over \$7,000. Thanks for your support!

General Mills box tops: Our school earned over \$500 this year with this program. Please continue collecting box tops over the summer and send them in the first days of school.

Report cards

Report cards will be mailed home June 12. All outstanding school accounts must be paid in full to receive a report card.

Lunch accounts

Lunch account balances will be carried over to the next school year. If your child is not returning, a refund will be given.

Summer hours

The school office will be open 9:00-12:00 daily beginning June 8.

Summer mailing

Parents will receive a mailing in mid-July which will include the school supplies and homeroom lists as well as other information about the 2009-10 school year.

Lost and found

Articles remaining in the lost and found box after June 10 will be given to charity.

ATHLETICS

Fall sports

All athletes trying out for teams next fall must have a physical dated after June 1 before they can practice. Dr. Jackson will offer physicals for \$15.00. Specific dates will be posted on the athletics page of the school web site. To make an appointment, contact Rachel Denlinger at ext. 310.

The PIAA physical form must be used; it can be found on the athletics page of the school web site. Parents must fill out sections 1–3 before Dr. Jackson is permitted to give a physical.

Change in spring schedule

Keep up to date with changes in the spring schedule by using the school's web site. Schedule links can be found on the athletics home page.

High school fall sports practice

The first day of high school fall sports practice is August 17. Junior high practices begin August 24. Fall practice information will be posted on the school web site during the summer.

New coach for the fall season

Cicely Berkey, varsity field hockey

Coaching openings for the fall season

- High School Jr. Varsity field hockey coach
- High School Jr. Varsity boys soccer coach

LANCASTER CAMPUS

May 26.....	Last day for seniors
May 27.....	Senior social at Refreshing Mountain Campground
May 28.....	Commencement practice for seniors, 8:15 a.m.
May 29.....	Day off for seniors

Eighth grade career shadowing

On May 26, eighth grade students will shadow someone in a career of their choice. Students have been given a folder with handouts and related assignments and will need to return assignments for a grade. We are hosting a career fair from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27. Students may choose to attend four of the 12 half-hour presentations. Reflection of the shadowing experience and the career fair will occur Thursday afternoon. As students explore careers, our goal is that they consider vocation and God's calling in their lives. We encourage parents to discuss with their students how their faith plays a role in their jobs.

Eighth Grade Recognition

Family and friends are invited to attend the eighth grade recognition on Tuesday, June 2, at 7 p.m. We welcome seventh grade parents to help provide refreshments (cookies and punch) following the event. Please contact Brenda Bare at (717) 299-0436, ext. 723, or barebl@lancastermennonite.org. Invitations have been mailed to families with details for the evening. Following the program, a party will be held at Jared Nisly's home—hosted by the Nisleys and the Hertzlers. They welcome food contributions for the party. Dress code is in effect for the program. Students are encouraged to bring clothing to change into for the party.

Eighth grade last day

The last day of school for eighth grade students will be June 2. The last day of school for sixth and seventh grade students is June 3 with an 11:00 dismissal.

Laurel Wreath

The 2009 yearbooks were distributed on May 12, but there are still copies available. Purchase one from Mrs. Ramer Hunter or at the school office.

Parents of 2009–10 seniors

Jonathan Charles will be taking the senior yearbook pictures this summer at Charles Studio, located near Centerville.

If your student has not yet scheduled an appointment, please call Charles Studio as soon as possible to set a time (717-898-6254). It is important to schedule these appointments early in the summer because of yearbook deadlines and also because scheduling at the studio becomes more difficult later in the summer.

The school appreciates all the free photography services Charles Studio gives the yearbook in exchange for your patronage.

End-of-year activities for seniors

An all-day **senior social** (required attendance for all seniors) is planned for Wednesday, May 27, at Refreshing Mountain Campground. The cost is \$5.00.

Commencement practice will be held Thursday, May 28, at 8:15 a.m. Seniors will be dismissed Thursday morning following commencement practice. Friday, May 29, is a day off for seniors.

The Class Dedication, planned by the senior class, is scheduled for Friday, May 29; processional begins at 7 p.m.

Commencement is set for Saturday, May 30, at 10 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Dr. Kim Phipps, president of Messiah College, will be the commencement speaker. Proper dress for male graduates includes: dress slacks, dress shoes, white dress shirt, long tie. For females: dress, skirt (meeting dress codes) or dress pants, dress shoes.

Auditorium doors will open at 9:25 a.m. on May 30. Persons not holding tickets to the Fine Arts Center may watch commencement on live video in Alumni Dining Hall.

At a senior class meeting, the seniors received seven tickets for commencement—two for the parent section and five for general admission to the Fine Arts Center. Tickets will not be required for the Class Dedication Friday evening.

Charles Studio will take a close-up color picture of each graduate receiving his/her diploma. The cost is \$15 for pictures ordered immediately after the commencement ceremony.

Commencement parking: No parking will be available at 2160 or other neighboring businesses. **The back gate will be open by 9 a.m.** for persons to park in the lower parking lot.

Thank you

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with the post banquet event, including parents who served on the planning committee: Martha Harris (chair), Kelly Engle, Donna Horst, Linda Moffett, Laurie Nejme, Jenny Rohrer, Susan Seavey, Liz Stoner, Theresa Stoltzfus. Thanks also to students Kate Grosh, Kathryn Harris, Ryan Horst, and Doyeon Kim.

Results of the Executive Student Council elections

President: Mollie Lehman
 Vice-President: Emily Horst
 Secretary: Jon Hershberger
 Treasurer: Carissa Harnish

See guidance office information on next page.

FROM THE HS GUIDANCE OFFICE

Summer Office Plans

We are excited about the upcoming plans this summer in the guidance and high school offices. Improvements will include fresh paint, new carpet and furniture. We are especially excited about a new guidance career center that will be complete for next school year. This area for students will include several computers for online college research, SAT registration and career assessments. Along with computers, there will be new tables and chairs for counselors and students to collaborate. Besides several books and other College Board resources, a projector and computer will aid college reps as they give presentations about their colleges and universities. We feel blessed and are looking forward to this upcoming summer improvement!

Counselors' summer schedules

Throughout the summer months, school counselors will be in their office a limited amount of time. Counselors will periodically check their email and voicemail messages. If students need to meet with their counselor this summer, they may leave a voicemail or send an email to their counselor to find out what days they will be in the office this summer. When counselors receive a message, they will do their best to reply in a timely fashion.

Senior Presentations

During two April evenings, we welcomed several seniors who shared their senior presentation on campus. Along with classmates and faculty, family members and friends were invited to share in this celebration. In preparation for next year's required evening senior presentations, this year's juniors will receive a brochure in advisory groups with more information. Advisory group leaders will work with next year's seniors to help develop their presentation. A booklet is currently being developed that will be sent to parents and posted on the school's website with more information on the senior portfolio and presentation later this summer.

Report Cards

Report cards will be mailed mid-June. Included with the report card for all 2009-10 juniors will be a health and physical form that must be completed and returned by the beginning of school in August. This physical is required by the state of Pennsylvania.

Students who fail courses

Students who fail courses throughout the year should strongly consider making them up in a summer school program or register to take them again next school year. A number of local high schools offer summer school programs which run late-June through July. For more information, students can contact their school counselor.

Miscellaneous

- College-bound seniors received request forms for mailing their **final transcripts to the college** they plan to attend. These transcripts will be mailed in late June. Parents are reminded that all accounts must be fully paid in order for transcripts or report cards to be sent.
- During the past two weeks, nearly 100 students took **Advanced Placement exams** from College Board in 12 subject areas.
- Guidance staff are currently working hard to prepare **next year's class schedule**. Since we continue making schedule adjustments throughout the summer, we wait until August to mail schedules to students for the new school year.
- **Students who took courses for HACC credit** this year will need to arrange with HACC for this credit to be transferred to the college they attend. HACC charges \$3.00 for each transcript processed.
- Parents are encouraged to stay in communication with teachers of any courses in which students may be at **risk of failing**. Progress reports were sent out the last two weeks. In order for seniors to participate in commencement activities with their class, all credit requirements must be completed before commencement.
- Conestoga Valley High School will host the **Annual Lancaster County College Night** on November 2, 6:30–8:30 pm. There will be more than 215 institutions present. For more information, please call CVHS at 717-399-8291.