



REPORT

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Newsletter for LMS parents and pastors. Fern Clemmer, editor

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Superintendent's note

The first day of the new school year—August 20—will soon be here. It will be good to feel the energy that students, staff and parents bring to our buildings.

This summer we reviewed progress being made toward the goals in the strategic plan for educational growth. It was good to celebrate progress on many fronts including the number of grade 4 students who can recite the 23rd Psalm, the increase in the number of grade 8 students who achieved our goal on an analytical reading test, and progress toward our reading comprehension goal in grade 11.

Now we are eager to partner with you in holistically preparing your child to be a Christian witness. Our Graduate Profile describes graduates who are prepared to face challenges that are beyond technology and economics. These challenges, spiritual at the root, involve struggles against the principalities and powers. So we need to be “transformed by the renewing of our minds to discern what is true and right and just.” Perhaps that is why Romans 12:1 is a key verse describing Mennonite Christian education.

Another verse important to us is “Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, says the Lord.” We realize that the success we may have is because of our partnership with families and congregations as together we seek the heart of God for our children and youth. This partnership is built through communication and prayer.

Report is a monthly communication tool that seeks to build our partnership. Partnership is a two-way street so we also want to hear from you. Please pray for us and we will keep you in our prayers as well.

Shalom!
J. Richard Thomas

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LOOKING AHEAD

School begins Wednesday, August 20, at all campuses. The school day is as follows:

Kraybill	8:20–2:55
Lancaster	
Middle School	8:15–3:00
High School	8:15–3:05
Locust Grove	8:30–3:00
New Danville	8:30–3:00

August 11HS & KR Fall Sports practices begin
 August 18JH fall sports practices begin
 August 20–28.....early dismissal for PreK & kindergarten
 Aug. 29 and Sept. 1Labor Day Weekend, **No Classes**
 Sept. 26–27Fall Festival & Homecoming at Lanc.

ALL CAMPUSES

School calendar

Please ask your student for the 2008-09 school calendar which will be sent home at the beginning of school. Take special note of the information for parents near the end of the calendar.

Kraybill parents: the jr. high sports listed on the calendar pertain only to the Lancaster and Locust Grove campuses. Kraybill parents whose students are involved in sports will receive separate jr. high sports schedules.

PreK/kindergarten, shortened days

PreK and kindergarten students have half days from August 20–28: 8:20–11 a.m. for Kraybill, and 8:30 a.m.–11 a.m. for New Danville and Locust Grove.

Student insurance

The LMS group accident insurance policy, billed through tuition, is a plan that pays the first \$100 of eligible expenses regardless of other insurance. When eligible expenses exceed \$100, the plan will reimburse claimants for such expenses that are not payable by any other insurance providing reimbursement for medical expenses.

Filing claims:

- (1) An injury should be reported to a teacher or supervisor who files an accident report and submits it to the principal's office.
- (2) If medical care is needed, an Accident Claim Form must be filed by the parent at any of the school's offices within five days of the injury. Questions about handling the claims can be directed to Pauline Stoltzfus at Lancaster, (717) 299-0436, ext. 313.

How to continue receiving this monthly newsletter

After this issue, *Report* will be e-mailed to you. If you have not already done so, go to www.lancastermennonite.org and use the E-Link portal to enter your e-mail address and the campuses from which you want to receive news each month. E-link, which replaces hard-copy papers, is faster, more reliable, far less expensive and more environment-friendly than paper. Please keep your e-mail address current.

Hard copies of *Report* will be mailed only if requested. To be on the mailing list for hard copies, contact Lorie Yoder at (717) 299-0436, ext. 314, or yoderlb@lancastermennonite.org.

With the electronic version of *Report*, users can click on the campuses or topics that are of interest to them (please keep these updated). The latest web version of *Report* is always available by clicking the *Report* icon in the bottom right-hand corner of our website's home page.

Bus option good way to save fuel

Beat the high fuel prices by having your child(ren) ride the Elizabethtown-Lancaster Campus bus. Families in the Elizabethtown, Mount Joy and Manheim areas are encouraged to ride the school-subsidized bus to the Lancaster Campus. Riding the bus is the most environmentally friendly, cost effective and safest method for students to be transported. Flexible rates are conveniently structured—\$2.50 per trip or \$78 per month (\$700 a year). The direct debit arrangement is available for payment. For more information and to sign up, call the Kraybill Campus at (717) 653-5236.

School lunches for 2008-09

The cost for a feature lunch for students for the 2008-09 school year has been established as follows:

Lancaster	\$2.45
Locust Grove	\$2.45
New Danville	\$2.35

Charges for other lunch options at the Lancaster Campus have not yet been established. There is considerable pressure on our costs due to the increased cost of food, energy, labor, salary benefits, and

From the desk of Heidi Stoltzfus

My children are looking forward to being back in school. What a blessing it is to have our children love school so much they would rather be there than at the pool. My heart is heavy, though, as I learn about some families who aren't able to return to LMS due to financial stress. This year we are making an extra effort to ensure that these children can continue learning and having fun with their friends at LMS.

Would you be willing to sponsor a student? This student may be your child's best friend, book buddy or carpooler. We need to keep these families in our LMS community. Please consider what you could do to help a family cover tuition for their student. Send in an extra \$100 or \$500 each month or call Director of Advancement Heidi Stoltzfus at (717) 394-7107 to discuss other options.

the implementation of the school's new wellness policy. The New Danville lunch is lower because of their volunteer help.

Private piano lessons

Private piano lessons will be offered at the Locust Grove, New Danville, and High School campuses. Call Joy Ide at 464-4684.

Race for Education—September 27 at Lancaster Campus: please mark your calendar

The Race for Education for the Lancaster, Locust Grove and New Danville campuses will be held Saturday, September 27, during the Fall Festival. This is a fun way for you to support your student's Christian education. Proceeds go to the Annual fund.

Educational Trip Request

Parents who wish to take students on educational trips need to have the absence approved by the attendance office before the trip is taken. This report is to be given to the homeroom teacher. An Educational Trip Request Form and specific instructions for your

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Join us at the Lancaster Campus Friday and Saturday, September 26 and 27, for two days of fun, food and fellowship with past, present and future LMS families! There will be a great variety of activities and delicious food to satisfy the palates of all ages. To register, **look for the special**

insert in our upcoming Bridges or go to the events section of www.lancastermennonite.org.

A sampling of the weekend activities:

- Golf Tournament
- Pig Roast/Chicken Barbecue
- Campus Chorale Reunion Concert
- Children's Activities
- Iron Bridge 5K Benefit Run/Walk

- 3 v 3 Basketball Tournament
- Auction
- Alumni Reception
- Sporting Events

You are needed!

Please Contact Jeff Shank at (717) 394-7107 if you are interested in volunteering for one of these areas:

- Coffee House—Friday, 8–11 p.m.
- Decorations and set-up for the event
- Providing coffee/special related drinks
- Kids Activities—Saturday 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Children's Activity Committee (planning/setting up activities)
- Finding volunteers to assure that the child's activity area is safe
- Welcome Desk
- Alumni Reception
- Auction

campus can be secured at the office to facilitate this procedure. Requests should be made at least one to two weeks prior to the trip (check with your campus on time required).

Volunteers needed

Enclosed with this issue of *Report* is a volunteer sign-up sheet for Lancaster Campus parents. We invite parents, grandparents and other friends of the school to consider this service opportunity. The sign-up sheet describes volunteer opportunities with varying degrees of time commitment. Parents from the Locust Grove and New Danville

campuses received their volunteer form in a summer mailing. Kraybill families will receive theirs the first week of school.

Microsoft Discount Program

Students may purchase Microsoft programs at significant savings through the Microsoft Discount Program. Some examples include Microsoft Office Pro Plus 2007 for \$84.98 compared to retail price of \$599.00 and Microsoft Office Mac 2008 for \$74.98 compared to \$499.00. For more information go to www.JourneyEd.com/SELECT.

ATHLETICS

Middle & high school fall/winter indoor boys lacrosse

Registration for middle and high school fall/winter indoor boys lacrosse is set for Thursday August 21, in the Gym A lobby of the Lancaster Campus. The cost is \$100. **Players from all LMS campuses are welcome to join this club.**

New player registration will run 5:30–7:30 p.m. This is for 6th–12th grade students who have never played on our lacrosse team. Parents of new students are encouraged to attend at 5:30 for an informational session.

Experienced player registration will run 7:30–8:30 p.m.

Equipment for 6th–12th grade will be available to borrow at the first practice, but **all players must provide their own helmets and sticks**. However, **families should not purchase sticks** until they know if students are playing offense or defense. (Players will be given their positions after practices begin.)

A detailed practice schedule will be available at registration. New players will begin practices the week of August 25, and experienced players will begin the week of September 8.

JH sports practices

JH practices begin Monday, August 18, at 3:30 p.m. JH boys soccer, JH girls volleyball, and JH field hockey will practice at Locust Grove.

Shuttle bus

The shuttle bus will run between LG and the HS beginning on the first day of school. It will leave LG at 3:10 p.m. and return from the HS at 3:20. There will not be a return shuttle. Students should be picked up at the location of their practices.

Sports schedules

Team schedules for all levels are available on a link on our website. You simply need to request the gender, level, year and sport to get

the team you are seeking. Pocket schedules will be available at all offices and at home games. In the event of inclement weather, the status of the day's games can be heard on ext. 563 after 2 p.m.

Physical exams needed

Students participating in JH and HS interscholastic sports must have a physical exam before starting practices. Dr. Jackson will be giving sports physicals at the HS training room. To make an appointment, call Rachel Denlinger at (717) 299-0436, ext. 310. The cost of \$15 is due at time of appointment. If you plan to use your family doctor, the physical form can be downloaded from our website or you may pick one up at any of the school offices. Sections 1–3 must be completed and signed before Dr. Jackson will administer a physical.

HS sports practices

HS fall sports begin practice on Monday, August 11. Practice schedules and locations can be found on the athletics page of the school web site.

Fee for high school athletes

Coaches will collect a fee of \$65 from all high school athletes after final rosters are determined. This fee is a one time per year charge for all high school athletes participating on a varsity or junior varsity team.

Parking for athletic events—Lancaster Campus

New parking regulations will be in effect along the back drive during athletic events. For your safety, spectators should park in the school parking lot and walk across the iron bridge to get to athletic contests (soccer, field hockey, tennis). Limited handicapped parking is available. Your help in following posted parking expectations will help keep traffic problems to a minimum.

KRAYBILL CAMPUS

September 23New Parents Orientation, 7 p.m.

Welcome back!

Classes begin Wednesday, August 20, at 8:20 a.m. The first day is a full day of classes for all students except kindergarten and PreK which dismiss at 11 a.m. each day through Thursday, August 28. Full days for kindergarten and PreK begin Tuesday, September 2.

Bus scheduling information for students riding Kraybill buses will be communicated by phone the week prior to the opening of school. Parents/caregivers of students living in the Hempfield, Manheim Central, Penn Manor, Eastern York, Lower Dauphin and Palmyra school districts should receive information directly from the district. If you have not heard from your district the week before school opens, please call the transportation office in your district.

Parents and caregivers of students riding on district buses will need to provide transportation to and from Kraybill Campus if their busing does not begin on August 20. Hempfield and Penn Manor transportation will not begin until Monday, August 25. Students riding on district buses should be picked up by parents at the gym lobby on days the district does not provide transportation and on early dismissal days.

Health Forms

Dental and physical forms for all new incoming students (including PreK and kindergarten) will need to be completed by September 30. Dental forms must also be completed for all students entering grades 3 and 7. Grade 6 students must have a completed physical. Parents/caregivers will need to schedule appointments with a doctor and dentist for examinations as required by the PA school codes in order to complete their forms. Contact the school office at 653-5236 if you do not have the appropriate forms.

School Improvement Projects

- Thanks to the success of last spring's hoagie sale an overhead DVD projector has been installed in the Meetinghouse at a cost of \$5,000. The projector will be much more convenient for both student chapels and classroom instruction. The remainder of the hoagie fundraiser receipts will go toward the Kraybill Campus school entrance renovation project.
- The middle school restrooms were also completely remodeled this summer for greater student convenience and aesthetic appeal.

Student fundraisers will again be an important activity for both students and parents in meeting school operating expenses. Plans are to conduct the Race for Education this fall and another hoagie sale in the spring.

New teachers

Jessica Lloyd has been hired as the PreK teacher at Kraybill Campus. Jessica had attended Kraybill for elementary school and graduated from Millersville University with a degree in elementary education. Her family attends Dove Christian Fellowship. She brings experience in early childhood education to her new position. We also welcome new PE teacher Candace Rosenberry and new middle school science teacher Rebecca Wolgemuth.

This year's MCC international volunteer, Yuan Yuan from China, was unable to be released from her present employer and will not be coming to Kraybill. Consequently, Kraybill will not be sponsoring a volunteer.

Orientation for new families

An orientation for families new to the Kraybill Campus is planned for Tuesday, September 23, at 7 p.m. All new families are welcome to attend this session of further introduction to the school and the student practices and procedures in effect throughout the year.

Milk/Juice Purchases

Students are encouraged to purchase milk and orange juice tickets at the office in order to receive a beverage at lunchtime. All students, except for kindergarten and PreK, will eat lunch at school beginning with the start of school. (PreK and kindergarten will begin eating lunch at school on September 2.)

Moms in Touch Groups to Meet

Beginning this school year, a new Moms in Touch group will meet two times a month in the evening. The group will be geared toward, but not exclusive to, working mothers. If you are interested in being part of this evening meeting, please contact Donna Courtney at 367-8918 (after 6 p.m.) or dcourtney06@comcast.net. The Thursday morning Moms in Touch led by Twila Sauder will continue to meet as in previous years: 9:00–10:30 a.m. in the home of Martha Garber, 535 Bruce Ave., Mount Joy. Child care is provided. Call Twila at 653-6519 for more information. Knowing that persons regularly pray God's blessing and guidance upon the staff and students is deeply appreciated.

Field Hockey, Soccer and Volleyball Practices

Students in grades 6-8 interested in playing interscholastic sports this fall should report for practices at the school on the following days and times.

August 11, 12, 13, 14*, 15: 10:00 a.m.–12 noon

August 18, 19, 20, 21, 22: 3–4:30 p.m.

*On August 14th, **only volleyball** will be from 10:00–3:00.

Please report to the athletic fields at the rear of the school parking lot. If you have questions, please call:

Field Hockey	Deanna Grager	203-2736
Soccer	Blaine Gorman	361-7788 or 951-5695
Volleyball	Nate Rush	492-0541

Head Lice Screening

Preventive measures will again be taken to avoid an infestation from summer activities by screening all students during the first few days of school. Conducting a screening for head lice has prevented infestations in previous years. Parents/caregivers, please bring this procedure to the attention of your child(ren) to help ease their personal health concerns or any unnecessary anxiety.

LOCUST GROVE CAMPUS

September 22LG Parent Orientation 7 p.m.
 September 27Race for Education

Drop-In/Open House: Tuesday, August 19, 1–2 p.m.
 Come see the classroom, meet the teacher and new classmates!

Welcome!

A special welcome to our new families and to the following new staff members:

Miss Bethany Reiff	K-4 Spanish
Mrs. Cindy Burkhart	part-time administrative assistant
Mrs. Becky Ashley	part-time administrative assistant
Miss Fawn Upright	After School Care

Facility improvements

Improvements this summer include the installation of a beautiful world map in the Commons Area, a fresh coat of paint in the gym, and a new PA system.

Summer mailing

Families should have recently received a mailing containing the 2008-09 school supplies list, lunch information, and a number of forms that should be returned to the office. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the office.

Student lunch

Student lunches are provided by LMS Food Services and will be available on the first day of school, August 20. The cost for lunch, which includes milk, is \$2.45. A pouch of milk (1/2 pint) purchased a la carte is \$.30. To receive lunch or milk, money needs to be in student lunch accounts. Please forward lunch payments (cash, or checks payable to LMS) to the office on or before the first day of school. Please call the school office at 394-7107 with questions.

NEW DANVILLE CAMPUS

September 18Parent Orientation, 7 p.m.
 September 27Race for Education

Drop-In/Open House

Tuesday, August 19, 3-4 p.m. – see the classroom, meet the teacher and new classmates!

Summer mailing

Families should have recently received a mailing containing the 2008-09 school supplies list, lunch information, and the following forms, which should be returned by August 15: Health Room Emergency Information and Emergency Plan for Bus Riders. If you did not receive this mailing, please contact the office.

Staffing for 2008-09

Since the New Danville information letter sent last spring, the following persons have joined our staff: A special welcome to them and to all our new families joining us for the coming year.

Miss Bethany Reiff	K-6 Spanish
Mrs. Rhoda Yost	Music
Ms. Andrea Kirk	After School Care

Parent Orientation

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the annual Parent Orientation Night on Thursday, September 18 at 7 p.m. in the school gym/auditorium. Family information packets will be

distributed and teachers will share classroom curriculum and expectations.

Student lunch

Student lunches are provided by LMS Food Services and will be available on the first day of school, August 20. The cost for lunch, which includes milk, is \$2.35. A pouch of milk (1/2 pint) purchased a la carte is \$.30. To receive lunch or milk, money needs to be in student lunch accounts. Please forward lunch payments (cash, or checks payable to LMS) to the office on or before the first day of school. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 872-2506.

Fall pizza sale

Information and order forms for a Gianni pizza and “Sensationally Sweet” sale will come home with clan couriers the first week of school. Product delivery is scheduled for October 16. Thanks for your support!

Box Tops for Education

We will continue our participation in the General Mills Box Tops for Education program. Over \$1000 was received last year from our parents clipping out those coupons and sending them to the office. Please support this program again this year. Thanks!

LANCASTER CAMPUS

August 18New Student Orientation, 6:30 p.m.
 September 8School picture day
 September 22Sibling Day
 September 25Pastors Day

New faculty

We welcome the following new faculty to the Lancaster Campus: Marcy Hostetler, music; Camille Mule', high school Learning Support assistant; Jeffrey Pauls, middle school language arts and Bible (previously at Locust Grove); and Fred Winey, health and physical education (previously at Kraybill).

Orientation for new students/parents

Orientation for new high school and middle school students and their parents will be held Monday, August 18, from 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. The evening will include campus tours and a chance to get to know other new students. Light refreshments will be served. Host parents of new students also are invited to the parent orientation.

Ninth graders who attended the Lancaster Campus, Kraybill, New Danville or Locust Grove are welcome but not required to attend since they were given an orientation in January.

Food Services Director Dottie Weber will be present to discuss dining hall procedures. Students will have an opportunity to have their photos taken for the dining hall computer from 4:30–6:30. Parents may establish their students' dining hall accounts during this time.

Students unable to schedule the photo and open their account on August 18 may do so on the first day of school, from 7:15 to 8:00 a.m., or later in the school day. There will be a brief orientation on the first day of school for students who miss the August 18 orientation.

Information about the school's lunch program will be enclosed with the mailing that includes class schedules.

All students and parents

Parents who pick up students after school should use the traffic circle nearest Route 30 (in front of Alumni Dining Hall). Middle school students who are not picked up by 3:20 are sent to the main office area. After 3:30, parents should pick up middle school students at the main office.

Students and parents should not drive through or park at 2160 unless they are patronizing those businesses.

MIDDLE SCHOOL, LANCASTER CAMPUS

September 16Middle School Community Meeting, 7 p.m.
 September 27Race for Education

Student schedules

Student schedules will be mailed in mid-August. When students arrive on campus on the 20th, they should report to their homerooms. We will join the high school for chapel at 8:15 a.m. There will be orientations throughout the first day of classes.

Assignment books

All middle school students will receive a daily planner to record daily and long-term assignments.

Community Meeting

Parents of middle school students are invited to a special Community Night on September 16 at 7 p.m. in Alumni Dining Hall. This event will focus on getting acquainted with the middle school at the Lancaster Campus and each other, talking together about common issues and committing the year to the Lord.

Early dismissals/calls to school

Students should submit notes for early dismissal by 8:15 a.m. Students will be dismissed to the main office at the sign-out time specified on the note.

Occasionally parents need to call the school to have a message forwarded to a student. Please try to call before 2 p.m. so the student gets the message in time. Students leaving before dismissal are required to sign out at the main office.

Clubs

Students will participate in a variety of weekly clubs which meet for one hour on Tuesdays. They will choose clubs near the beginning of the year. We welcome parental help in leading or assisting a club. Contact Assistant Principal Steve Geyer at (717) 299-0436, ext. 304, for more information.

Middle school music opportunities:

It is not too late for students to sign up for middle school choir, band or orchestra. We hope most students will choose to participate in one or two of these performing groups.

HIGH SCHOOL

August 28HS Student Council Orientation, 7 a.m.
September 9Freshmen Parents Night, 7 p.m.

Greetings from music department

- Campus Chorale auditions will occur the first week of school. Information will be posted on the website.
- Vocal Ensemble (2nd semester): Junior Chorale will be expanded this year to include interested 11th and 12th graders during the second semester and will be called Vocal Ensemble.

Freshman Parents Night

Tuesday evening, September 9, is a special occasion for parents of the class of 2012. At 7 p.m. we will gather in Alumni Dining Hall to get acquainted with each other and with the high school, share stories of raising teens, and commit the year and our students to God. Please mark this special event on your calendar.

Advisory Groups

High school Advisory Groups meet during period one on most Wednesday mornings. About 15 classmates meet with a faculty member who guides students through activities such as getting acquainted, reflection and writing, course selection, career exploration, prayerful listening and sharing among group members, and collecting portfolio pieces which may contribute to the senior presentation. Besides meeting in their own groups, juniors also will be paired with freshmen for three sessions, during which they will respond to questions about high school, offer study tips, share information about co-curriculars, and give counsel during the course selection process. The student's advisory group leader is named on the student schedule.

Chapels

High School chapel meets four times a week during period one. These worship and cultural events are designed to invite students to personal faith, Christ-like love, peacemaking and service. The shared experience of these morning gatherings also helps us recognize each other and build community. Leadership is shared by faculty and students, and guided by Campus Pastor & Counselor Dorcas Lehman. Commitment Week, the first week-long series, is scheduled for October 7–10 with Dr. Brian Smith, teaching pastor and senior lecturer in Bible at Messiah College, Grantham.

Students need graphing calculators

Graphing calculators are required for students taking Algebra II and all higher level courses. Staples is a good place to purchase various TI-83 and TI-84 models. It is highly recommended that students own either of these models, rather than some other brand. The school will take orders for a limited amount of calculators the first several days of school. We will probably be able to offer the TI-93 Plus for about \$80.00, the TI-84 Plus for about \$100.00 and the TI-84 Plus Silver Edition for about \$110.00. The price may be a little higher if we have too many students needing them through the school. Please save the proof-of-purchase seal for your math teacher, as that will help our school get free equipment.

Junior-senior banquet

Every spring the school plans a junior-senior banquet for our students. Parents plan and supervise an event that is held on campus after the banquet. We are looking for more parent volunteers to be members of the planning team for this year. This is a great way to support students and get to know other LMH parents. If you are

Talking to high school students about money

By Kirk Benner

This past July, five Lancaster Mennonite faculty members attended the Governor's Institute on Financial Education at Elizabethtown College. Our desire is to share with you, in a five-part series, what we learned. Topics will include: Kids and Money, Your Credit Report, Records Management, Developing a Will, and today's topic, Talking to High School Students about Money.

As the teacher of personal finance, it has been interesting hearing students' thoughts and ideas about money and how some choose to spend it. While most comments are about spending money on entertainment, clothes, food and gas, it is important to speak to high school students on the value of saving. Did you know that if your student saves \$100 a month in an account that earns 5% interest, he/she will have over \$57,000 in just 25 years? It is greatly beneficial to talk to students about how saving and budgeting today will enable them to meet daily needs, care for those they love, and give to others and the Kingdom of God.

interested in helping to plan this post-banquet event, please contact Miles Yoder at (717) 299-0436, ext 302, or yoderme@lancastermennonite.org.

Scholarships for 2008-09

The high school presented **47 scholarships for 2008-09**. Thirty Hans Herr Scholarships of \$300 each and 17 Freshman Scholarships of \$250 each were awarded on the basis of academic performance, character, and school and community involvement. See details at www.lancastermennonite.org.

Invitation to join the Moms In Touch prayer group

Starting August 26, mothers and grandmothers of high school students are welcome to join others Tuesday mornings, 8:45–9:45, on the second floor of the Residence Hall. We look forward to seeing you. Any questions, call Linda Hershey at (717) 201-3018.

Behind-the-wheel training

Behind-the-wheel training is being offered again at the high school through A-1 Mumma's Driver Training School. This instruction is available for students with permits or licenses. Applications are available at the school office. Cost is \$275, payable to LMS.

Deadline for senior pictures

The deadline for having senior pictures taken is September 26. If questions, call yearbook adviser Jane Moyer at ext. 412. We encourage you to use Charles Studio (717-898-6254) to ensure uniformity.

Yearbook ads

Surprise your senior by placing an ad in the *Laurel Wreath*. Include a baby or senior picture with a word of love, encouragement or Bible verse. A full-page ad is \$600, the size of two business cards is \$120, and the size of one business card is \$60. Between sizes are also available. Call ext. 412 to place an ad or for more information.

High school drama auditions

High school auditions and callbacks for the fall and winter plays will be held September 8–11, 3:30–6:00. Auditions for the spring

musical will be held December 8–11.

Rehearsals for all shows will generally run 3:30–5:30 or 6:00. Performances are *All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten*, November 13–15; *Play On*, January 22–24; and *Titanic*, April 30–May 2.

Information about the shows and auditions will be available soon after the start of school. If questions, please call Mr. Dean Sauder at ext. 372.

Guidance Office Notes

Guidance office changes

The guidance office at the Lancaster campus is embracing transition beginning this upcoming school year. With the retirement of Ernest Hess, Kirk Benner will join Dorcas Lehman, Lois Whitcraft and Stacy Shenk. Besides personnel transition, a new strategy is being implemented. When students receive their schedule, they will notice that they have been assigned to one of the four school counselors who will be mentoring and walking with them through their high school career. Each school counselor is looking forward to relating with their students and the student's advisory group leader on their course selection, college and career preparation, and overall guidance mentoring. If you have questions, please call Chris Grosh, administrative assistant, at 717-299-0436, ext. 315.

High school schedules

Schedules are to be sent out to students on Friday, August 8. Parents are encouraged to read the note on the back of the printed schedule. Requests for schedule changes should be signed by parents.

E-mail link to parents

The guidance team plans to use e-mail to communicate with interested seniors regarding college planning. This will include information about ACT and SAT testing, dates for college rep visits on campus, and scholarship information and deadlines. Early in the school year, seniors who wish to receive this information will be asked to provide their e-mail address.

High school testing day

The following tests will be given on October 15.

- Grade 9—The TerraNova tests student achievement in key academic areas.
- Grade 10—PLAN is a practice test for the ACT college admissions test. In addition to measuring student achievement in key academic areas, it includes a career interest survey.
- Grade 11—PSAT is a shortened form of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Students need to register in advance in Advisory Groups for this test and will be expected to pay a small fee on the morning of the test.

For PLAN and PSAT tests, students will receive an information bulletin before the test date. Parents are encouraged to review the information in these bulletins. Score reports for all these tests are given to students in December and January.

Tips for seniors planning for college fall of 2009

1. Take the SAT or ACT in September, October or November.
2. Visit colleges and speak with college reps who visit LMS from now to December.
3. Send college applications during October, November and December—before Christmas is strongly encouraged. Request that Mrs. Chris Grosh in the guidance office send transcripts at least 10 days before they need to be sent. Request forms require student and parent signatures.

Note: In the first Advisory Group meeting in the new school year, seniors will be given materials for them and their parents to complete before they request college recommendations.

Career, college & financial aid websites

- collegeboard.com – comprehensive info for SAT, colleges and financial aid, along with a helpful parent's page
- act.org – comprehensive info on ACT, colleges and financial aid
- educationplanner.org – comprehensive info on careers and colleges
- careercruising.com – (user name: lmhs, password: careers) – excellent career information
- fastweb.com – general college and financial information
- campuschamps.com – information for student athletes

College information

The guidance office receives information regarding college and post high school training opportunities. In addition, college representatives frequently visit our campus. Encourage your junior and senior student to check the bulletin board and make appointments to visit with these college reps.

We also encourage students to consider the opportunities available at Eastern Mennonite University, Bluffton University, Bethel College, Goshen College, Canadian Mennonite University and Hesston College where we have articulation agreements.