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Cover Art/Illustration: Sophomore Ben Rittenhouse, who can be seen in the reflection with sophomore Jeremy Berthold, plays the trumpet during Jazz Band rehearsal.

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from the superintendent

“The arts communicate and speak to us in ways that teach literacy and enhance our lives. We must continue to find a place for arts programs and partnerships not only for what it teaches students about art, but for what it teaches us all about the world we live in.”



J. Richard Thomas

- Dr. Terry Bergeson, Former State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Washington State

Our commitment to academic excellence and global connections is enhanced through the arts from elementary to high school. The arts speak a universal language, spark creativity and enable students to develop skills and understandings that enhance other academic endeavors.

The arts are an important part of a holistic education that prepares students for success. We track a number of academic measures to ensure growth and success in the core academic program. We are pleased that, in addition to strengthening our arts offerings, LMS has grown in a number of areas:

- Scores on college entrance exams remain high, even as the percentage of students taking them has also increased.
- Elementary math skills are rising.
- Senior presentations exhibit growth in students’ self understanding.
- The cultivation of a positive community atmosphere in our middle school, as measured through student surveys, exceeded the previous goal set in 2007.

Recently as we reviewed our academic growth, we were reminded that while academic growth is crucial and foundational for students, their spiritual and emotional growth is even more important. Some estimates are that about 80 percent of success in life is determined by a person’s emotional quotient rather than the intelligence quotient.

An LMS basic belief is that, “Excellent education is holistic in that it enables students to grow academically, socially, spiritually and physically.” In this issue you will read about the arts, the success of alumni and progress in upgrading facilities suitable for a 21st century leadership school. As we change our world through the power of Christlike love, peacemaking and service, we recognize the power of the arts that often help to connect us to each other, all of creation, and to God. ❖

Advancing the



While many schools are needing to cut back, Lancaster Mennonite remains committed to seeing the arts grow and flourish.

Dean Sauder always had a soft spot for the arts.

Some of the LMS teacher and director's favorite memories of his own high school days are of the drama, music, art and tech classes that he admits got him through those four years.

However, finding a way to incorporate his passion for music and drama with his Christian faith wasn't always easy, especially since instruments were not allowed in his church at the time.

Now he said he feels honored to help students not only grow technically in their gifts, but also spiritually.

"I feel so privileged that I can help students realize that

the gifts they are given are from God and that they can use them to bless many people in both the sacred and secular realms without compromising their own beliefs and values," Sauder said. "The arts were created by God and we can use them to honor him, wherever we choose to exercise our gifts."

He said the benefit of the arts is that they offer beauty in a visual and aural way while also reinforcing important life skills such as responsibility, initiative, motivation, confidence, dependability and leadership.

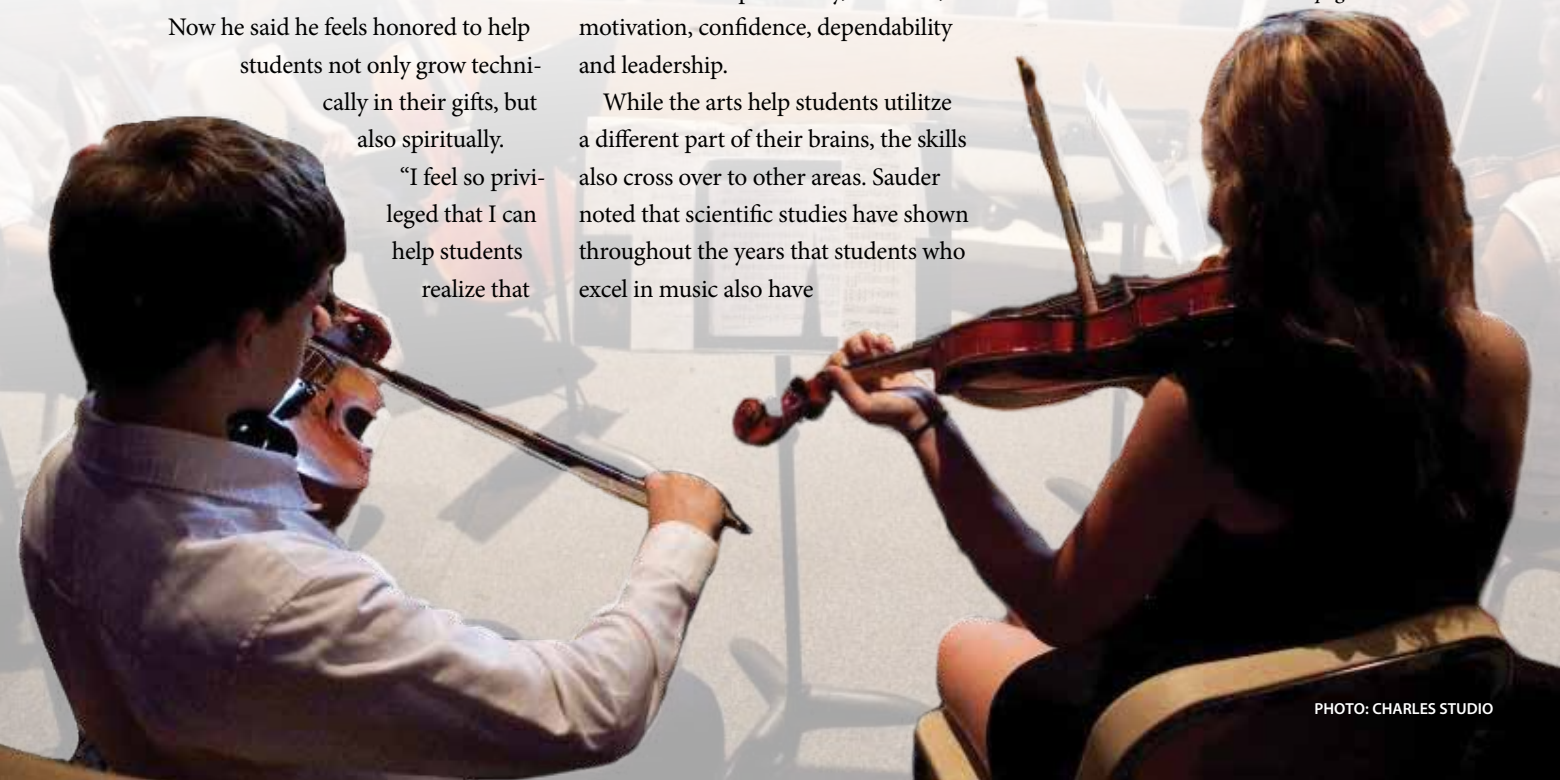
While the arts help students utilize a different part of their brains, the skills also cross over to other areas. Sauder noted that scientific studies have shown throughout the years that students who excel in music also have

high math and science grades.

All of these factors play a large role in the transformative and Christ-centered educational experience LMS strives to provide for its students.

While many schools throughout the country are making cuts to their arts programs due to financial constraints, LMS administrators are committed to not only maintaining current programs, but expanding them.

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Dawon Suh, 2011

When Dawon Suh accepted a full scholarship to study violin performance at the University of Texas at Austin, she knew the challenging commitment she was making.

But the sophomore also knew she was ready, thanks to her experiences at LMS. While a student, Suh played in string orchestra, full orchestra and pit orchestra

and participated in the partnership with the Pennsylvania Academy of Music, receiving many opportunities to perform.

"Winning a competition and playing with an orchestra was a turning point in my life, which made me consider studying music in college," Suh said.

She said her favorite and most important class was Advanced Music Theory with Marcella Hostetler because it helped prepare her for what she is currently studying.

"Music teachers at LMS not only have good talent, but also a heart-full mind," Suh said. "That was what I really loved. When I was experiencing difficulties with any problems related to my music studies, they really helped me a lot with good advice and encouragement."

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"These days some schools are decreasing instruction in the arts and I am pleased that LMS is strengthening the arts because they are a crucial ingredient of an excellent education," Superintendent J. Richard Thomas said.

Partnerships with Lancaster Catholic High School and Millersville University help increase the opportunities available to students to pursue music education.

Instrumental music lessons were also added this fall for students at the Kraybill Campus for no additional fee, helping to align the program with the ones at the Locust Grove and New Danville campuses. Orff instruments, which include miniature xylophones and glockenspiels, are also being added to the elementary curriculum.

The other branches of the arts department — visual arts, drama and voice — continue to flourish.

At the Kraybill Campus, a special gallery serves as a living tribute to the late Kristin Palazzo, an outstanding art student.

"Our students have the unique privilege of having our own private gallery



James Holman, a sixth-grader, works on a self-portrait during an art class at the Kraybill Campus.

J. DANIEL MARTIN

outside the art room to reinforce learning about aesthetics," teacher Wendy Weinstein said.

Thomas said the arts are an important part of the educational experience because they do more than teach scales and rhythm. They encourage creativity, celebrate multiple perspectives and are an important part of Christian worship.

"The arts help to enable lives of curiosity, wonder and mystery as envisioned in our graduate profile," he said. ❖

Logan Ressler, 2010

When Logan Ressler was a student at LMS, his schedule was jam-packed with the arts.

His resume includes concert band, jazz band, pep band, orchestra, campus chorale, district choir competitions and six drama productions.

Ressler is now a junior studying Music Business and Technology with a performance focus in Voice at Millersville University, where he's involved in University Choir, Marauder Men's Glee Club and Keystone Singers. He's also performed with professional musicians and was in the operetta "Pirate of Penzance" at Millersville this fall.

Ressler said that the arts classes at LMS had a huge impact on his future plans, giving him the opportunity to perform, teach and be an entrepreneur. He encourages others to make their passion their career.



"One valuable thing the arts taught me is the value of working as a part of a team," he said. "No choir, drama cast or band can operate as a group of individuals. The arts need to bring out the best in everyone and allow them to act as a part of a greater whole. That communal experience has been invaluable to me going on to college after LMH, both artistically and academically."

Lancaster Mennonite
orchestra director
Micah Albrycht



Blending Harmonies

Micah Albrycht admitted he was a bit nervous about how everything would play out on Oct. 10.

The LMS orchestra director was meeting his new musicians from Lancaster Catholic High School that morning for the first time as part of a new partnership between the schools to provide opportunities and excellence for students.

The partnership allows Lancaster Mennonite students to participate in the Crusaders' marching band and color guard, while Catholic's students can join Mennonite's orchestra.

School administrators feel the alliance is a natural fit, since both schools are faith-based.

"It really went quite well," Albrycht said of the first combined practice. "There was sort of an anxious, excited energy."

LCHS brought 15 musicians to the initial orchestra rehearsal, but expects

to have about 17 or 18 regulars.

Albrycht said all of the students were flexible, working together to pass out music and assign parts.

Catholic director Tony Brill said the flexibility extends back to the teachers and administrators of both schools as well, especially since Mennonite meets first period for band and Catholic rehearses at the end of the school day.

Currently, one LMS student, Hyun Joong "Andrew" Kim, is playing with Catholic's marching band at this time.

Andrew, a junior who went to LCHS last year, said this is the first time he's ever been in a marching band.

As a bass guitarist, Andrew plays in the pit band and does not have to march, but he said getting down the rhythms and matching it with the marching is difficult.

The marching band is in the midst of another very successful season,



LMS junior Hyun Joong "Andrew" Kim is playing with the Lancaster Catholic marching band this year.

having won all three of their first competitions, including ones at Hempfield and Manheim Township high schools.

"It's really fun," Andrew said. "I'm glad they have the partnership. They're really good and are people with a great sense of music."

While there are still bugs to be worked out, Brill said he is encouraged by the efforts by both schools to see the partnership succeed.

"So many schools are cutting the arts program and here Lancaster Mennonite and Lancaster Catholic are expanding it," he said. "I think it's just exciting and neat our schools can do this." ❖

Lancaster Catholic students join the Lancaster Mennonite orchestra for rehearsal on Oct. 10.



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Gateway Complete

After a summer full of construction, the Kraybill campus now boasts a remodeled front that creates a welcoming and distinctive entrance, while increasing safety and accessibility.

The Gateway to Kraybill project was completed this fall and used for the first time by staff, students and the community on Oct. 8.

The facility is handicap-friendly and renovations included a wheelchair-accessible entrance, lobby and restrooms along with a new office configuration.

Superintendent J. Richard Thomas praised the staff for its patience throughout the project and the work done by the advancement staff, Site Council and school board. Particularly, Thomas thanked Marlin Groff, Dan Martin and Jim Baer, who helped guide the project to its completion.

When he visited the finished facility,

Thomas said he was impressed by many aspects of the new entrance, including:

- The inviting and clear front to the campus
- The warm feel of the foyer
- The increased building security
- The front windows in the office
- The faculty work and lounge space
- The accessibility for people with disabilities
- The additional space
- The positive smiles on faces

The project was paid for by gifts from various donors, many of whom are represented by the engraved bricks that were relaid along the pathway leading to the door. The school is still looking to raise another \$26,000 to fully fund the project. ❖

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Above: An inside view of a new workroom in the front office.

Right: Jim Baer installs bricks along the new pathway to the entrance.

Below: Students walk through the entrance on Oct. 8, the first day the Gateway was open.

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The Gateway to Kraybill project, which features a new entrance to the campus, was completed this fall and opened for use on Oct. 8.



Circle of Grace

After an emotional year filled with cases of child abuse, both local and national, Lancaster Mennonite is moving forward with a curriculum focused on safety and understanding boundaries.

The Circle of Grace was implemented at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year but only really took off in October as studies began. The K-12 curriculum is affiliated with Mennonite Church USA and helps students identify appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries.

The recent case involving former assistant principal Steve Geyer served as a motivating factor in adopting the new curriculum. The move comes at no cost to the school, thanks to an anonymous donor that covered the costs so that the program is available to all Mennonite churches and schools.

LMS has taught about sexual boundaries and abuse in the past, but not to the extent that the new curriculum provides.

At the elementary level, homeroom teachers will instruct students in the lessons, while the bulk of the studies at the high school will be in Bible classes. Students who are scheduled for Bible classes second semester will start with the curriculum in February.

The Circle of Grace is a constant theme throughout the



Middle school students work together during a science experiment at the Lancaster Campus. The Circle of Grace curriculum is designed to protect students and help them understand and identify boundaries.

curriculum, focusing on each child's own circle of grace. The curriculum says the circle is physical and emotional and includes discussions, games and role-play of what to do when a boundary is threatened.

The lessons also include close contact with students' parents via email and newsletters to keep them abreast of what is being taught and reaffirm safety at home.

"We value your children as unique and specially created for God," said Brenda Bare, director of curriculum, in an email to parents. "We desire to give them and you tools that will protect them and keep them safe so that they become confident women and men of God." ❖

New bus route serves students along Route 222 corridor



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In order to extend its mission field, LMS added a new bus route to Denver and Ephrata for the 2012-13 school year.

The newest member of the Lancaster Mennonite fleet makes two stops, one in Adamstown and one in Ephrata, as it travels south on Route 222 toward Lancaster. In Adamstown, the bus stops at the Comfort Inn (shown at left) before traveling to the new LCBC church site in Ephrata. Additional stops may be added if there is a need.

LMS admissions counselor Curtis Edwards said that students can still sign up for bus service or can show up at one of the stops any day and get a ride to school for a \$5 fee. ❖

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National Merit Scholars: Ethan Miller and Isaac King.

New website unveiled

After a busy summer, Lancaster Mennonite School revealed a brand new website at the beginning of the 2012-13 school year.

The new page not only looks different, but was completely redesigned in order to place more emphasis on information about LMS as a whole PreK-12 school. The new page is also more visitor-friendly for those who are unfamiliar with Lancaster Mennonite.



Brent Dimmig

The new website was designed by **Brent Dimmig, 2011**, who also served as the school's webmaster from 2009-2011. The previous website was designed by **David Brubaker, 2007**.

Celebrating Achievements

STUDENT PRESS AWARDS

Two students earned recognition through the 2012 Lancaster Newspapers' Sunday News Student Press Awards for their work with the high school newspaper, *The Millstream*.

Senior Megan Baak placed second in the Sports Story division for an article she wrote that previewed the spring sports season. 2012 graduate Hurubie Meko's editorial about standardized testing, "Intelligence put to the test," earned an Editor's Pick, which is similar to an honorable mention.



Hurubie Meko



Megan Baak

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Two seniors earned honors in the National Merit Scholarship program, demonstrating Lancaster Mennonite's dedication to academic excellence. Isaac King was named a semifinalist in the program while Ethan Miller was named a Commended Student.

FFA PLACES AT "BIG E"

The FFA team participated in and earned several honors during the Big E competition in September, adding to the school's distinction as one of the top programs in the region.

The Big E, or Eastern State Exhibition, features students in the northeast region of the country. A team must place at least second in their respective state competition to make it to the Big E.

The farm business management team, consisting of seniors Mitchell Rohrer, Jon Snader, Marshall Horst and David Kerr (pictured below) took second at the state level and fifth at the Big E. Horst earned a first-place individually at states.

Megan Lehman, a 2012 graduate, competed in the Extemporaneous Speaking event individually and earned a third-place finish.



Megan Lehman



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Abbey Basom



Logan Kreider



Trisha Tshudy



Lindsey Kreider



CJ Sturges



Jared Schatz

SPRING SPORTS EXCEL

Several students earned league honors during the spring sports season, including several first place finishes by the track and field team.

Logan Kreider, Abbey Basom and Trisha Tshudy, all 2012 graduates, were named Lancaster Lebanon League All-Stars for their senior seasons in boys' volleyball and girls' soccer respectively.

Lancaster Mennonite's track and field team brought home five gold medals during the District Three championships in May, the most of any L-L League team.

Freshman Lindsey Kreider took first in the AA 100 and 200 sprints, setting a school record with her 200 victory.

Senior CJ Sturges won gold in the 800 while 2012 graduate Jared Schatz claimed first in the 1,600 and 3,200.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Lancaster Mennonite welcomed seven new faculty members this fall, adding to the talented and dedicated staff at all four campuses.

Ignacio J. Silva joined the high school staff at the Lancaster Campus and teaches within the business department, while **M. Janelle Thomas** stepped in to serve as the new middle school science teacher.

Tyler J. Herr joined the Kraybill Campus and is teaching middle school mathematics, while the Locust Grove Campus welcomed **Bethany Engle, 2008**, to oversee the second PreK class that was added due to a surge in registrations.

Jodi E. Baliles, 2006, Ortiz, splits time between the Locust Grove and New Danville campuses teaching art.

The growing Spanish program at Locust Grove also welcomed two new teachers.

Susanna E. Brown teaches the second grade Spanish Immersion class, while **Julie**

L. Aeschliman took over the reins of the Spanish Enrichment curriculum, teaching students at the Locust Grove and New Danville campuses.



Ignacio Silva



Janelle Thomas



Tyler Herr



Bethany Engle



Jodi Ortiz



Susanna Brown



Julie Aeschliman



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International Peace Day Celebration

Middle school students celebrated International Peace Day at the Lancaster Campus on Sept. 21 by placing pinwheels on the front lawn by Route 30. The pinwheels helped remind passing motorists to strive for peace in daily life.



Glen D. Lapp attended Kraybill Mennonite School, now the Kraybill Campus, for grades 1-8 and continued his education at Lancaster Mennonite High School. He served as a residence hall advisor for several years after graduating from Eastern Mennonite University. He also received a nursing degree from John Hopkins University.

Memory of Lapp continues to serve

A volleyball tournament will be held this winter to help raise funds for the Glen D. Lapp Endowment for Student Aid.

Glen D. Lapp, 1987, spent much of his adult life as a nomad on an international scale. The adventurous Mennonite Central Committee worker lived in six different states as an adult, many of which involved short-term excursions with the Traveling Nurses Association.

His final journey took him to Afghanistan, where he was stationed as the manager of the NOOR eye camps. His adaptable, peaceful and quiet ways served him well in this position and he treated those he served alongside with love and respect.

Lapp and nine other workers from International Assistance Mission (IAM) were killed on Aug. 5, 2010, in Afghanistan. The team was ambushed while returning home after providing eye care and medical help in a remote area of the country.

In Lapp's honor, a special endow-

ment was created to help support need-based scholarships to give students the opportunity to attend LMS. This endowment will help touch the types of students that always held a special place in Lapp's heart. To keep his story alive, immigrant students and students from Native American backgrounds will be strongly considered for the scholarships.

A volleyball tournament will be held at the Lancaster Campus on Jan. 5, 2013, at 9 a.m. to raise funds for the endowment.

Contact Matthew Weaver at weaverm@lancastermennonite.org or 717-299-0436, ext. 706, for more information about the endowment or to register a team for the tournament.



High school track gets final layer

The high school track was completed this summer as the final top coating was installed.

Athletic Director Mike Yoder said the original track, as it was built, was good for about four to five years before it needed the top coating. The final layer gives the track a softer surface, creating a better feel for athletes.

The coating was finished in early October and new lines were painted by the middle of the month.





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Lisa King, 2004, second from right, shows a group of LMS students some of the tools she uses as a nurse at Lancaster General Hospital during the sixth grade career fair on Sept. 28.

Sixth grade students get taste of careers

From saving a dummy that was choking to stretching on a pair of rubber gloves, sixth grade LMS students received a firsthand view of several career options during a special career fair held on Sept. 28.

The event was organized through the North Museum in Lancaster and

brought nine different professionals from a variety of jobs to the Lancaster Campus.

The professionals met with groups of students for about 15 minutes to give a brief description of their job and answer student questions. ❖

Used Wedding Dresses Needed

The Drama Department is looking for about 20 donations of old or used wedding dresses to use for this year's spring musical, *Hello Dolly*.

The dresses will be cut and altered for the performance and will not be returned. The musical will be performed April 25-27, 2013.



For more information, contact director Dean Sauder by email at saudermd@lancastermennonite.org or by calling 717-299-0436, ext. 372.



Sign up soon for PreK to grade 6 girls soccer

The Mennonite Sports Organization (MSO) will offer girls soccer for PreK to grade 6 this spring.

Registration opens in January with the kickoff slated for early March. Visit www.mennonitesports.org or email mso@lancastermennonite.org for more information and to register.

Mark your calendar

- Nov. 15-17 High School Fall Play, *See How they Run*, Lancaster Campus, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 16-17 Fall Festival and Homecoming, Lancaster Campus
- Dec. 1 Mennonite Children's Choir at First Reformed Church, Lancaster, 4 p.m.
- Dec. 6 New Danville Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 7 Locust Grove, PreK-2 Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 13 All-campus Middle School Christmas Concert, Lancaster Campus, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 14 Kraybill grades 1-3 Christmas Program, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 15 High School Christmas Concert, 4 p.m.
Campus Chorale Christmas Tea, 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 11 End of First Semester
- Jan. 24-26 High School Winter Play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Lancaster Campus, 7 p.m. (Jan. 26 - 2 p.m.)

MWC National Advisory Council

In preparation for the Mennonite World Conference Assembly that will be held in Harrisburg in 2015, the National Advisory Council met at the Lancaster Campus in September. Several members of the National Advisory Council have ties to the school, either as administrators or alumni.

Superintendent J. Richard Thomas serves as the resident chairman of the council and **Howard Good, 1969**, is the National Coordinator for Pennsylvania 2015.

LMS Board member Chris Sharp, who is also the Executive Director of Brethren-In-Christ World Missions, and **Merle, 1964**, and **Phyllis Pellman, 1966**, **Good** also serve on the advisory council.

At right: The National Advisory Council poses for a photo during their meeting at LMS in September.



SUSANNE WERNER

Join the LMS Experience for a window into the classroom

The LMS Experience allows guests to sample several high school classes to see what today's students are learning at Lancaster Mennonite.



The next LMS Experience will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 16, 2012, during the Fall Festival and Homecoming weekend.

The experience includes samples of three classes: history, Chinese language and hands-on science.

Guests will also hear testimonials from current students and see how a Christ-centered education at LMS has transformed their lives.

To join in the experience, register with Keri Bloom, administrative assistant, at (717) 299-0436, ext. 701 or bloomkg@lancastermennonite.org.

CLASS NOTES

Madeline Bender, 1989, New York, a well-known opera singer, will join other singers in a performance to support Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family program. This year's performance, "Voices of Hope: An Operatic Evening for the Children of Our Global Family," will be held at the Fulton Opera House on Jan. 19 at 8 p.m. The program will include a variety of musical styles, from spirituals and operatic pieces to excerpts from musicals. MCC's Global Family program helps make community-based education available to children around the globe. Tickets can be purchased through the Fulton Opera House box office.

Jim Smucker, 1979, Bird-in-Hand, earned a Lancaster New Era Red Rose Award from Lancaster Newspapers in September. Smucker was honored for helping to organize the annual Bird-in-Hand Half Marathon. The event, which just celebrated its third year, attracts about 1,250 runners from 38 states and four countries and benefits the Bird-in-Hand Fire Company. Smucker, a marathon runner, also

manages Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant & Smorgasbord.

Michael Baer, 2008, Elizabethtown, was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship this summer after a successful senior track and field season at Muhlenberg College. The NCAA annually gives 174 postgraduate scholarships of \$7,500 each to student-athletes who excel on the field and in the classroom. Baer earned one of 29 scholarships given to spring sport male athletes in all three NCAA divisions. He is currently attending medical school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Matthew Burkhardt, 2009, Lancaster, was named to the NCAA Div. III PING All-Region team as a member of the Messiah College golf team last spring.

MARRIAGES

Bryan Weaver, 1995, and Julie Noll, March 24, 2012. They live in Lebanon, and Bryan is the owner/operator of Climb High Tree Service in Lebanon.

Christina Mockus, 2004, and Jeffrey Kranz, Sept. 29, 2012. They live in Coral Springs, Fla.

Alumni Christmas Concert

Band director Dean Sauder is inviting all band alumni to come back and join the current high school band for the annual Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. on Dec. 15.

Sauder will send the music selections to any alumnus that is interested in playing on stage with the band.

Those interested in playing should contact Sauder by Dec. 8 at (717) 299-0436, ext. 372 or saudermd@lancastermennonite.org.

At right: Band students perform during a 2011 concert in the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center.



JONATHAN CHARLES

Lindsey Grosh, 2006, and Justin Steiner, Sept. 15, 2012. They live in Hallam.

David High, 2006, and Laura Eby, Aug. 18, 2012. They live in Lancaster.

Brent Hurst, 2007, and **Alanna Hiller, 2008**, Oct. 21, 2012. They live in Lititz.

BIRTHS

Thatcher, 1996, and **Michele Petersheim, 1994**, **Book**, Lancaster, third child, second daughter, Laney Sophia, April 6, 2012.

J. Daniel, 1998, and **Amy Hess, 1997**, **Hess**, Wilmington, Del., second child, first daughter, Elena Kathryn, Dec. 14, 2011.

Jay and **Linda Livengood, 1993**, **Brenneman**, Lancaster., second child, first daughter, Maria Grace, Feb. 27, 2012.

Thomas and **Joy Zimmerman, 2003**, **Haller**, Denver, third child, first son, David Roy, June 23, 2012.

Jake and **Janelle Beiler, 1997**, **Stoltzfus**, Strasburg, fourth child, second daughter, Annie Capri, June 22, 2012.

Rodney and **Janae Yoder, 2001**, **Hostetter**, Ephrata, second child, a

daughter, Rilynn Faith, June 2, 2012.

Derrick, 2001, and Rebekah Good **Charles**, Harrisonburg, second child, first son, Silas Good, Sept. 1, 2012.

Michael, 2002, and **Nikki Horst**, Reamstown, first child, a son, Caleb Michael, June 4, 2012.

Eric, 1998, and **Regina Landis, 1998**, **Martin**, Manheim, third child, a daughter, Hadassah Joy, Sept. 14, 2012.

DEATHS

Ray Henry Siegrist, 1963, Lancaster, July 10, 2012.

Daniel G. Rohrer, 1954, Lancaster, Sept. 4, 2012.

Glenda F. Blank, 1984, Manheim, Sept. 14, 2012.

Elaine L. Hoover, 1970, Lancaster, Sept. 14, 2012.

Jack D. Magill, former teacher, Leola, Sept. 18, 2012.

Javier Mario Garcia, 1998, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Oct. 8, 2012.

D. Frederic Gehman, 1980, Lancaster, Oct. 16, 2012. ❖

ALUMNI PHONATHON

Please consider making a gift this year to support LMS students through the alumni phoneathon.

As part of our 70th anniversary celebration, any gift that is more than last year's contribution will be matched.

The 2011-2012 phoneathon raised \$265,963, which helps make it possible for the school to continue offering an excellent Christ-centered education for our youth.

For more information about this year's campaign, contact Matthew Weaver at weaverm@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 299-0436, est. 706.



A. Earl Weaver Family, 1975-1989 Continuing his legacy

Following in the footsteps of their father, the late A. Earl Weaver, former LMS board chairman, five siblings continue not only their family's grocery store business, but its connection and support of Lancaster Mennonite.

When A. Earl Weaver first mentioned his idea of starting a grocery store, the feedback wasn't so great.

"Nobody thought it was a wise idea," his son Mike Weaver said. "Nobody thought that it had much of a future."

No one except a local bishop, who challenged Earl, telling him that the store was God's call on his life to impact his community.

As Weaver Markets celebrates its 50th anniversary from Oct. 29 - Nov.10, that vision to serve the community is still a top priority of the family business in northern Lancaster County.

Earl passed away at the age of 63 in 1998 after two strokes, but he left behind a strong tradition of giving back, primarily through the store and to Lancaster Mennonite School and Ephrata Community Hospital.

"He said we were back there to serve the public and that's what we did," his wife, Mabel, said. "That's what he'd say he'd want the store to be."

Mabel said she feels very blessed, especially since her five children stuck together to run the business after Earl passed away. Gene and Mike serve as general managers, Wilma oversees the Blainsport store, Linda handles payroll and accounting and Tim manages the seafood department.

All five children are also LMS alumni: Gene, 1975, Wilma Horst, 1976, Linda Snader, 1979, Mike, 1980, and Tim, 1989. Wilma and Mike both met their spouses at LMS: Stan Horst, 1979, and Valerie Miller, 1981. Stan joined the business and serves as the head of maintenance and trucking.

Twelve grandchildren also went to LMS, after attending Lititz Area Mennonite School for K-8.

Mike said his father believed strongly in Christian education and would be proud to see all his grandchildren graduate from LMS. He was a board member for many years, serving as the chairman until he passed away, and helped

lay the groundwork for many projects.

Mabel vividly remembers the groundbreaking for the Calvin and Janet High Fine Arts Center, a project that was dear to Earl.

Weaver Markets has also been a major sponsor of the annual Fall Festival, donating food and supplies to the event for more than two decades.

"A big part of my dad's life was giving and one of the things we realized since his passing is how do we keep that legacy going," Mike said. "Every new project we do, we try to understand how do we give back."

Both Mike and Mabel said the business' success is not a testimony of the family, but of obedience and God's faithfulness to provide

"We were blessed by waiting on the Lord and his leading and we just want to let our light shine," Mabel said. ❖

Editor's Note: Bridges Editor Stephanie Weaver is Mike Weaver's daughter and one of Earl and Mabel's grandchildren.



The Weaver family at their grocery store, Weaver Markets, in Adamstown. Left to right: Tim Weaver, Mike Weaver, Stan Horst, Wilma Horst, Mabel Weaver Good, Gene Weaver and Linda Snader.



2012 FALL FESTIVAL and HOMECOMING

November 15 to 17—See schedule on back page

Lancaster Mennonite School's Fall Festival and Homecoming offers a unique and fun way to support students and Christ-centered education while reconnecting with friends.



3v3 Tournament

Support our student athletes through the Brent Nauman Memorial Endowment by participating in the 3v3 tournament Saturday at 8:30 a.m. The competition helps raise money to keep an athletic trainer on campus for students.

Delicious Hess's Barbecue

Bring your family out to the barbecue Friday. Meals are \$9.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children 3-12. Take outs are 2:30-8 p.m. and eat in is 4:30-8p.m.

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Benefit Dinner and Specialty Auction

The third installment in a series of vintage pieces of the Lancaster Campus from Liz Hess, 1983, will be auctioned off during this 5 p.m. event. Registered guests will enjoy fine dining in the Alumni Dining Hall, followed by the unique auction. Tickets are available by contacting Keri Bloom at bloomkg@lancastermennonite.org or (717) 299-0436, ext. 701.



See How They Run

This fast-paced, family-friendly British farce centers around a British vicar and his American actress wife. Their quiet evening at home turns into mayhem as other people arrive, wanted and unwanted. The play runs Thursday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk

Take a jog down memory lane by joining in the seventh annual Iron Bridge 5K Run/Walk. The popular event will begin Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. To register for the event, go to www.ironbridgerun.org.

Cruizin' ... anything with engines!

After a strong first year, the Cruizin' Car Show is back by popular demand. Showcase your classic and new cars, tractors, planes and more on the front lawn. The event begins at 11 a.m. Saturday and Urban Olive will be providing food until 4 p.m.



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Thursday, November 15

HS Drama, *See How They Run* 7:30 p.m.

Friday, November 16

Hess's Barbecue 2:30–8 p.m.

LMS Experience 5:30 p.m.

HS Drama, *See How They Run* 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, November 17

FFA Country Breakfast 8:30–10:30 a.m.

3v3 Basketball Tournament 8:30 a.m.

Iron Bridge Run/Walk 9:30 a.m.

Cruizin' Car Show/food 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Benefit Dinner & Auction 5 p.m.

HS Drama, *See How They Run* 7:30 p.m.

2012 CLASS REUNIONS

Friday, November 16

1952 Lancaster Campus

Contact Galen Benner, (717) 572-2298

1957 Lancaster Campus

Contact Ray Geigley, (717) 293-0833 or rgeigley3459@comcast.net

1967 Lancaster Campus

Contact Glenford Kauffman, (717) 656-9457 or glen4him@gmail.com
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1977 Lancaster Campus, 6:30 p.m.

Contact Marilyn Miller, gotplants@juno.com, or
Carol Spicher, jspicher@aol.com

2013 Reunions

1948 April 13, 2013

1953 April 27, 2013

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