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Lima Central Catholic High School New Main Entrance

2013-14 Winter

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from the LCC President...

Dear T-Bird Faithful:

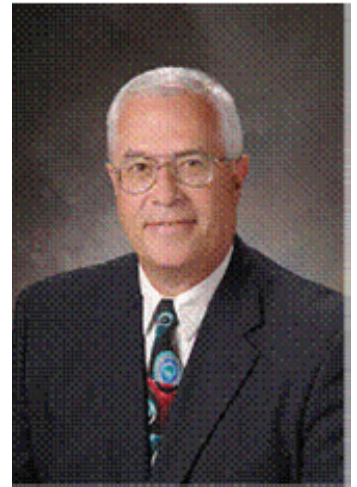
Happy 2014! We begin the new year with great anticipation and enthusiasm. Being in a school like LCC, one cannot help but be excited to start a new year. Here at LCC, we have great students, wonderful parents, a hard working faculty and very loyal alumni. It doesn't get much better than that.

Before jumping into 2014, I want to say a few things about 2013 and what a grand year it was at LCC. First, thank you to Toby and Sue Cardone whose gift of the new entranceway will be a gift that keeps on giving for many years to come. The past year also marked the first year for the new senior retreat, Kairos. What a wonderful experience for our seniors prior to leaving LCC. Third, iPads are now part of the LCC learning environment. Our students and faculty have done extremely well in bringing this new learning tool to LCC. You would be impressed seeing the students carry their iPads to and from each class daily.

Also in the fall of 2013, we began to post daily on Facebook. A big thank you goes to Bob and Margaret Whitlatch who have been the engine behind our Facebook success. If you are not a friend of LCC, please consider becoming one. Hopefully by the time you get the LCC Today, we will be well over 1000 friends. Last but not least, the LCC auction returned to the school campus after being held off campus for several years. What a great night it was to see the new gym decorated in such a dazzling way.

And now we move to 2014 and what this new year may bring. Will it bring a state championship to LCC? Will our graduating seniors get into the colleges of their heart? Will we complete the planned renovation of the chapel and the building of the concession stand/press box at the baseball field? And the list goes on and on for only our Lord knows what is in store for LCC in 2014.

During 2014, we are hoping to hold a Florida T-Bird reunion. The event is in the planning stages and, as soon as all the particulars have been worked out, we will be sending out information to our snow T-Birds.



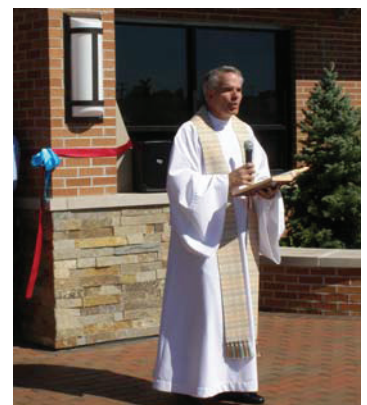
Toby ('63) and Sue Cardone at the dedication of the entryway this fall. Toby is a former teacher and asst. football coach of LCC.

May Christ continue to bless everyone connected with Lima Central Catholic during 2014. Happy New Year T-Bird Nation!

Yours in Catholic Education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Klimaski".

Walt Klimaski



The dedication ceremony was conducted by their nephew, Fr. Joe Cardone

from the LCC Principal...



Dear Friends of LCC:

Dr. Herpich decided to host two foreign exchange students this year. Meet (L to R) Huarui "Ray" Wang (from China) and Jeongmin "Alex" Kim (from South Korea.) Guys, is it tough living with the principal?

As we all expected this has been an exciting, busy year at LCC. We began the year with the implementation of a one-to-one iPad learning initiative. Each student has their own iPad. Teachers have been given an iPad as well as a MacBook Pro laptop. The result has been the start of a change in how instruction is delivered in the classroom. Students are able to take notes and research quickly. Teachers can use applications such as Google Drive, Ever Note and various others to send presentations/notes for the next day with the expectation that students will prepare that evening and be ready to participate in class. There is no excuse for handing things in late. Assessments can be given using the iPad. Homework assignments and writing can be corrected on the iPad and students given feedback. We have had our bumps in the road in regards to certain technology matters and students making the

correct decisions as to how to use their iPad. This is a continuing effort on our part as well as having our students become more responsible in their use of Social Media. All in all, it has and continues to be successful and exciting. Teachers receive professional development to determine how best to utilize this technology in their classrooms.

Our students continue to live their faith. The freshman, sophomore and junior classes have all attended their class retreats this year. Half of the senior class has attended their Kairos experience with the second half to attend in March. Our students continue to be good stewards as they raise money for various causes and complete community service. The Student senate has organized two blood drives this year in order to help the Red Cross. The first of these was on December 11.

Exams were completed this year before we headed into Christmas break. Students and families were able to celebrate their holidays without the looming of exams upon their return. It also placed us in alignment with college schedules.

As always, you are invited to come and visit anytime you wish. We look forward to seeing you!

Dr. Kathleen Herpich

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Principal

"I want to say I am very pleased and happy that my son has the opportunity to use the iPad. He is taking notes on it, writing down homework assignments and upcoming test or quizzes! I feel this will help him in his studies this school year. I am very proud to be apart of LCC school system. Thanks and God bless you and all faculty members!" **An LCC Parent email**

growing our faith...



This school year has presented some unique challenges - we have no priest! Campus Minister, Ms. Chalsi Eastman is working hard to meet our needs. Chalsi said because of the shortage of priests, LCC became the first high school to go without a priest, partly because we are not affiliated with a particular parish. However, Chalsi said all of our parish priests have stepped up and are helping us meet the challenge! Special thanks to Fr. John Stites. Though retired and living in Defiance, Ohio he drives to Lima weekly to say Mass for our students. Keep LCC students in your prayers as we continue on this journey to provide an opportunity for spiritual growth.



At left, vacation bible school was hosted again this year by LCC staff and students!

At the right, students write prayers and special intentions throughout the week on the prayer wall in the science & tech wing of the school. Intentions are then gathered and recited at the weekly Mass. All students, staff and friends of LCC are invited to share their prayer requests on the wall.



The Mass band and choir



Following Mass Fr. John Stites officially becomes a T-Bird!

Religious Retreat Programs

As part of our religion curriculum, students at each grade level complete a retreat. Grades 9-11 all held their one day retreats this fall. The theme for the 9th grade was team building and bonding as a class and was held at Camp Clay in Van Wert, OH. The sophomore class focused on themselves and their classmates as they work to become closer to God. Their retreat was held at the Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, OH. The junior class held their retreat at the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, IN. studying social justice and what to do with our faith in the real world. This year's senior class is again participating in a 4 day Kairos retreat. One half of the senior class held their Kairos retreat in November at the Bergamo Retreat Center in Dayton, OH. The seniors who participated had a wonderful time as they enriched their relationships with each other and God.

(See picture of Kairos group below.)



Sophomore students performed a living rosary for the student body. German, Italian, French and Spanish students each led a decade in their respective foreign language.



academic news...



As part of studying about the Electoral College in American History classes, the junior American Government classes had the opportunity to meet and question our local Congressman, Jim Jordan.



The Leadership Class recently hosted a **Student and Alumni Talent Show** the day before Thanksgiving. Admission was \$5 and all proceeds of the event were donated to the Olivia Casey Family. Olivia ('09) recently suffered a major brain trauma and has been hospitalized since early fall. The Leadership Class raised \$3,000 to help with family expenses during this difficult time.

Congratulations to the following students:

- Highest scores in National Catholic Math League Contest—for Advanced Math: Vincent Schreck, Jaeger Schlumpberger, Jessica Whitfield; for Algebra 2: Emily Clements, Morgan Schroeder, Abbey Acerro
- DAR Good Citizen Recognition for 2013-14: Elizabeth McNamara
- October top scores in Ohio Math League Contest: Elizabeth Kahle and Jaeger Schlumpberger.
- 2014 National Merit Scholarship Commended students: Elizabeth Kahle, Ben Stechsulte, Elizabeth McNamara, and Jaeger Schlumpberger.
- National Honor Society inductions were held and 4 seniors and 21 juniors became members.
- Students-in-Action/Jefferson Award winners: Sept.-Jaeger Schlumpberger for helping with the WiFi wiring over the summer; Oct.-Ben Laderer for going above and beyond on Mulch Madness sale; Nov.-Audrey Stemen and Rachel Crites for going above and beyond with the Homecoming Events.
- First Quarter Student Leadership Award Winners (front L to R) Freshman Haley Latham, Sphomore Lauren Winters, (back L to R) Junior Liam Stolly, and Senior Chase Sreenan.



Act Prep Class

- ~ 8 week class beginning Feb. 1 and ending March 22 to prepare for April 12 test.
- ~ English instruction by Greg Douglass and Stacey Kuhlman, Math instruction by Julie Thaxton, and Science instruction by Deb Schenk

Pre-registration and payment required.

\$225 for LCC students

\$300 for non-LCC students.

Send payment to business office or

Call Deb Armstrong 419-302-6217



Students organized a uniform swap prior to the start of the school year to help parents defray uniform costs. Another uniform swap is scheduled for January 23rd during the Parent Teacher Conference!

faculty news...

Welcome New Faculty & Staff!



Mr. Mark Carew

Electronic Systems Technology Certificate, Center for Arts and Technology/ Brandywine Campus

Mark is our IT Systems Coordinator.



Mrs. Val Alston

B.S. Spanish Grambling State Univ.
M.A. Education Cambridge College

Val has 22 years experience teaching at Lakeside HS in GA and Beaufort Co. Schools in SC.

Val teaches Spanish I, Spanish II, and Spanish III/IV.



Ms. Natalie Miller

B.A. Secondary Science, Biological Sciences and Teacher Certification, Western Governors University

Natalie teaches Health, Physical Science, and Chemistry.

This is her first year teaching following her student teaching with Mrs. Schenk.



Mrs. Sue Janowski

B.A. Elementary Education, OSU
M.S. Guidance Counseling, UD

Sue has 6 years teaching experience in Cincinnati, Memphis and Lima before staying home to raise children.

Sue is a part time guidance counselor .



Mrs. Rhonda Grubbs

B.F.A. Columbus College of Art & Design, M.F.A. Bowling Green State University

Rhonda teaches Art1, Painting, Mixed Media, Printmaking and Sculpture.

Rhonda previously taught at ONU, and Owens Community College/Findlay.

Rhonda also started an after school art club.



Mr. Edmund Misiakiewicz

B.S. Adolescence to Young Adult Education from University of Dayton

Edmund has taught for 3 years in the Dayton area.

He currently teaches U.S. History and assists Mr. Carew with resolving computer issues at school.

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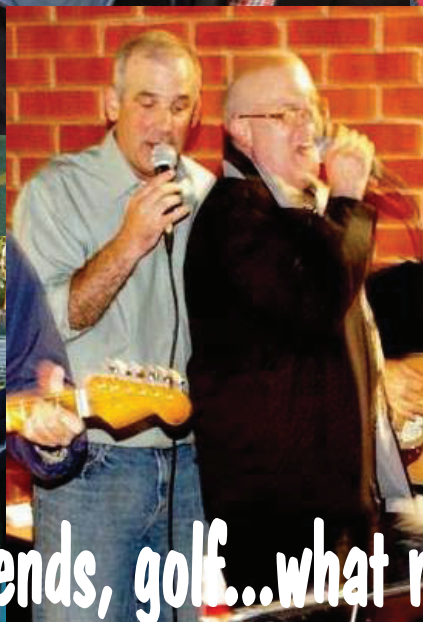
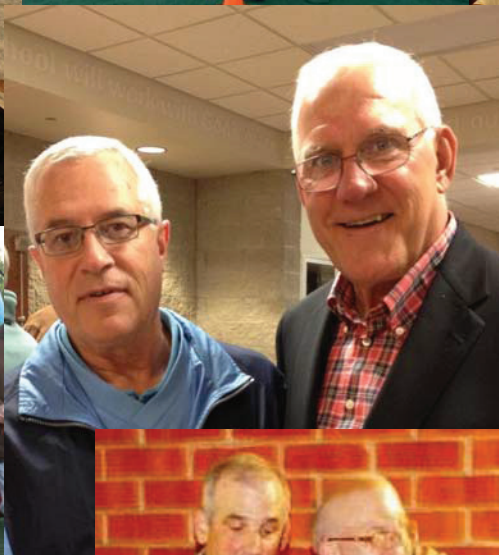
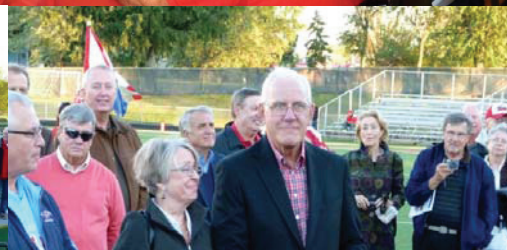
When spring 2014 arrives, look for a garden to begin sprouting from the ground between LCC and the Knights of Columbus Hall. The two organizations are partnering to grow fresh food to provide to the Activate Allen County Bus that delivers fresh fruit to those unable to afford it or who currently have little access to fresh food. **The Genesis Garden** is just one way we can help others in our own community!



2013 All Alumni Weekend...

SPECIAL THANKS TO DONORS FOR THE TASTE OF LCC!

Casa Lu Al
Dairy King
East of Chicago Pizza
Giovanni's
Kewpee
Milano's Cafe
Old Barn Out Back
Save-A-Lot
Tim Hortons



Football, food, friends, golf...what more could you ask for?

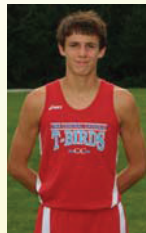
athletics...



On Sept. 13 at a football game on Alumni Weekend, I had the pleasure of presenting a framed LCC football jersey, circa 1963, to Jim Lynch. Jim's jersey became the first ever to be retired by LCC. While at LCC, Jim was named an All American, went on to a prestigious career at Notre Dame, and was inducted in the College Football Hall of Fame. Following college he had a career with the Kansas City Chiefs, where he played in the Super Bowl in 1968, played in the Pro Bowl in 1968, played for the Chiefs in 1969 when they won the Super Bowl and was inducted into the Chiefs Hall of Fame. He is of course also a member of the LCC Hall of Fame! Jim's football career blossomed at LCC. Read below to learn more about our excellence in athletics and band!

Ron Williams
Athletic Director

- Alex Rigg ran in the state cross country meet. He finished 35 out of 150!



- Twirlers and flag corps members won awards at the Allen Co. Fair: 1st Place Majorette Squad, 1st Place Dance & Twirl Team, 1st Place Dance Team and 4th Place Flag Corps.

Individual awards:

Samantha Garlock - 1st Place Twirler; Chelsea Ball and Samantha Garlock - 1st Place Rifle Twirling; Chelsea Ball 3rd Place Featured Flag Twirling.



- Sophia DePalma, Olivia DePalma, Vincent Schreck, and Kacey Bradshaw were named to the Lima Area Concert Band.
- In competition with high schools from 8 counties: Vincent Schreck, Sophia and Olivia DePalma were named to the Ohio Music Educators Assoc. District 3 Honors Band.
- All District Football Team awards: 1st Team: Mykale Rogers, Demaree Allen, Kalito Lasenby; 2nd Team: Colin Stolly, Malik Laws; Honorable Mention: Drew Contini, Dimitri Floyd, Jack Huffman and Ethan O'Connor.
- The Lima News* Dream Team included: Deamree Allen and Kalito Lasenby with Honorable Mention going to Mykale Rogers, Colin Stolly, Malik Laws, Ethan O'Connor, Jack Huffman, Drew Contini, and Dimitri Floyd.

- All District Girls Soccer Team, 1st Team: Sydney Santaguida; 2nd Team: Meredith Shepherd; Honorable Mention: Liz Taflinger and Cameron Rice.



- All Ohio Girls Soccer Team, 2nd Team: Sydney Santaguida.

- Boys Golf Team again qualified to compete at state and finished in the top 10!



- Volleyball ended the season with a 16-6 record, culminating with a win at the sectional tournament.
- Garry Tabler, '86, has been named boys soccer coach following Bryan Burkholder and his assistant Frank Terry, who are both retiring. (Both Bryan's and Frank's wives are alumni.) Bryan coached 9 years ending with a 49-21-6 record. Congrats guys on a job well done!



- The LCC athletic community and the Kimbrough Family came to support Martyce during his recent signing to play basketball at the University of Indianapolis. Way to go Martyce!

Congratulations Class of 1963

On your 50th Reunion!

Thank you Class of 1963!

Bill Taflinger's ('63) wife Becky Keller Taflinger ('62) celebrated her 50th reunion last year and their class decided to raise money for the the LCC Endowment Fund for scholarships to LCC. When her class raised \$10,000, Bill told us that his class would do more. Bill, Dave & Shirley Pangle Kriegel appealed to their fellow classmates and raised \$14,000 with \$50 and \$100 contributions from classmates! That is truly amazing! *Thank you for your generosity and loyalty to your alma mater!*



Lima Central Catholic

Class of 1963



50th Reunion



alumni news...

- ♦ **St. Gerard 1938** - Richard Meyer sent us a lovely note recently. It was interesting to hear that in the early years of LCC he went to St. Rita's Hospital for meetings with Fr. Herr for various volunteer committee meetings. Thanks for the note Richard! Richard is 93 now!
- ♦ **Class of 1964** - Chris Schenk and committee are busy planning their 50th reunion! It will be Sept 5-6 during Alumni weekend. For more information check the website or call Chris at 216-513-3647 or email her at cschenkcsi@gmail.com or call Sue *Quinn* Ricker at 419-303-6509.
- ♦ **Class of 1965** is planning their 50th reunion! Contact Peg *Phalen* McClellan at 419-233-1587 or email her at peg.mcclellan@gmail.com or go to Facebook page [Lima Central Catholic Class 1965](#).
- ♦ **Class of 1969** is beginning to plan their reunion. If you are interested in helping, or want more information about what is being planned, contact Pat Bloomfield, 419-438-3195 or pwbloomfield@gmail.com.
- ♦ **1974** Classmates can you create a facebook site, look for classmates, or have ideas of what to do for a 40th reunion? Then please contact Kelly *Canavan* Kirk at 419-236-4328, or kkirk@apps.lcchs.edu.
- ♦ **1978** - John Heaphy received the inaugural Champion's Club Award from the Living Lima Group. John received this award for his optimism and energy for the Lima community, his passion for local causes and his generosity with his time and money for the Lima Community. In addition to the award, John was issued \$250 which he donated to the Lima Rescue Mission for homeless men.
- ♦ **Class of 1979** is planning a reunion. Please contact Valli *Lukehart* Finney 239-839-3114 or email her at vallimfinney@yahoo.com or call Paula Crow at 937-293-4991.
- ♦ **1993** - Joe Caprella and Holly *Coon* Tomlinson recently completed their first Pelotonia. The Pelotonia is a 100 mile bike race between Columbus and Gambier, OH to raise money for cancer research.
- ♦ **2009** - Debbie Alderman, a telecommunications graduate of BGSU, is a series producer with EWTN Global Catholic Network. She began at EWTN in Washington, D.C. but in September was moved to their headquarters in Ironton, AL. She works on a variety of programs, including the daily Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW...NEXT ALL ALUMNI WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 5-6, 2014!

We are looking for yearbooks!

We need LCC yearbooks for years 1957 and 1965 as well as any St. Rose, St. Gerard or St. John High School you want to get rid of, especially the years just prior to LCC opening. We use yearbooks in the Development Office every day. So if you have some, send them to us!

Recent alums and parents of recent alumni...

we need your help. Please alumni go on the LCC website, www.lcchs.edu and update your contact information. Parents, if your children don't do it, could you? Our reunion committees spend many hours looking for the proper contact information. Don't have the internet, call the Development Office at 419-222-4276. Please help!

FACEBOOK

LCC now has a very active facebook page with daily postings and photographs. If you are not seeing them go to the Lima Central Catholic High School Facebook page and "like us". Reconnect with LCC and see what's going on with old friends and classmates. A facebook favorite is "**Throw Back Thursday**" when old photographs collected through the years, many from yearbooks are posted! Share your school memories or comments on the LCC facebook page. We'll look for you there!

from the development office...

I thought rather than write about money, I would embrace my job as the editor of *The LCC Today Magazine* and share some thoughts with you about working with our school's alumni. The last couple of years, I have had the opportunity to work closely with the classes that are celebrating their 50th reunions. While I am writing today about the class of 1963, I believe I could be describing almost any class of alumni from LCC.

I have met many great folks from the class of 1963. There are entrepreneurs, loyal patriots who served in our nation's military and all the class members seemed to be very hard workers. I heard so many stories of a classmate, leaving one career in their 60's and beginning anew. There were folks who were donating time, talent and finances to help those in need. I heard about those who are helping people in their own communities with food and clothing and of those who have built hospitals or cared for people in third world countries.



As an example let me tell you about one lady who embodies these attributes, Mrs. Patricia (*Toomey*) Hayot, PhD. Pat studied at Marquette and then with 5 of her classmates moved to NYC, where she met her husband, Fernand, a native of Luxembourg. Pat received her masters through Marquette and her doctorate through the University of Michigan. Pat and husband spent their early years in Europe, where she taught in Geneva and Paris at the International Schools. She became the Head of the International School in Paris before they returned to the United States. In 2003, Pat became the Head of the School at Chapin, a private all girls school (K-12) in NYC. Pat has over 30 years experience in education. The Hayots have 2 children and three grandchildren.

At Chapin, Pat and her "Chapin girls" and their teachers have become involved with Shining Hope for Communities (www.shininghopeforcommunities.org). Shining Hope is an amazing organization started by Kennedy Odede to assist those who like himself are growing up in absolute poverty in a Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya. The Kibera slum holds 1.5 million people, 1/2 the Nairobi population, where the life expectancy is 30 and one out of five children die before their fifth birthday. The Chapin school has hosted Kennedy and his co-founder now wife, Jessica Posner, and partnered with their organization to support a school in Kibera.

Pat just exudes pride as she talks about her teachers incorporating the problems related to the shipping of supplies into math classes, or how in a programming class the students made a game called "Scratch" and then raised money to purchase computers for the Kibera school to play the game on, not to mention for the Kenyan girls to utilize for learning. The best story was one she told me of one of the students realizing that they are raising money to help with education but these girls needed food and clothing and SHOES! As you can imagine the Chapin School's involvement with Kibera grows every year, in fact some of their families have actually traveled to Nairobi to see the situation first hand.

I like to think of Pat as a typical LCC graduate, one who works hard, applies herself in her chosen career and gives back because of her faith. She was after all, a member of the class of 1963,

"the greatest class ever," according to Fr. Herr!

Kelly (Canavan) Kirk, '74

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Alumni send us your news!



Upcoming Events

- ⇒ **Jan. 12 - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. All Lima Catholic Schools Open House**
- ⇒ **Jan. 17 - Sadie Hawkins Dance**
- ⇒ **Jan. 23 - Parent/Teacher Conference & Uniform Swap**
- ⇒ **Feb. 21-22 - Hall of Fame Weekend** - Join us as we induct Michael Wieser, '76, for Professional Achievement, Jack Dugan, '63, for Community Service, Anthony, '92 and Aaron Hutchins, '94 together for Athletic Achievement and Charles Gasperetti, '74, for Service to LCC.

Friday, Feb. 21 - Introductions and recognition of all Hall of Fame Members at halftime of 7:30 p.m. game against Allen East. Reception to follow for all Hall of Fame Members.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - Awards dinner at LCC Msgr. Herr Gymnasium 6:30pm, following 5:00pm Mass. Call Ron Williams for tickets 419-222-4276 x 2525 or email him at rwilliams@apps.lcchs.edu.
- ⇒ **May 9 Baccalaureate Mass 8:30 a.m.** - Awards breakfast to follow.
- ⇒ **May 10 Graduation 7p.m.** - Msgr. Herr Gymnasium