

KNIGHTLIFE

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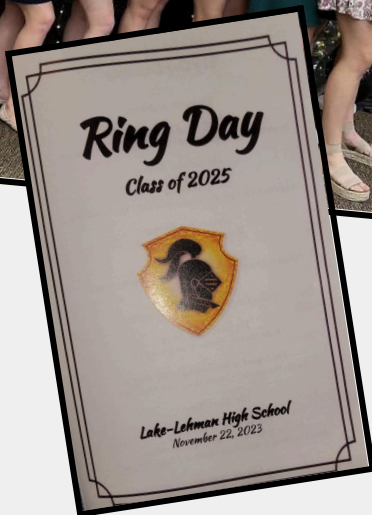
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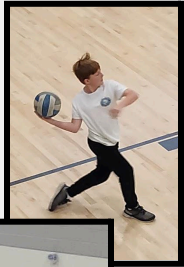
Ring Day 2023 Janaya Yusko, Junior



The morning of Nov 22, 2023 held an important traditional ceremony for the 2025 Junior Class of Lake-Lehman. Juniors are adorned with symbolic rings that represent their hobbies and interests. The morning consisted of beautiful dresses and suits to match the rings held on the junior's right-hand ring finger. This Lake-Lehman tradition symbolizes the journey, accomplishments and the people who stood beside them. Juniors were told to have their rings turned by loved ones 125 times. The 125 turns towards the holder's heart shows the passion and community that has helped them throughout their journey turning the last one the opposite way to lock in the well-wishes. Mr. Klopp and the Junior class officers, including this year's special co-presidents Sage Morgan and Noah Berry, spoke about this significance and the significance of the day. After this ceremony, the class got to freely roam the halls having their teachers and peers take turns turning their rings until the goal amount. Students met in the library at 11 for a luncheon. In addition, The LLSH Yearbook Committee sponsored their photo booth with available printouts. Thus preserving the memories made with friends on a Ring Day to be remembered.



Interact Club at the Rotary Christmas Party



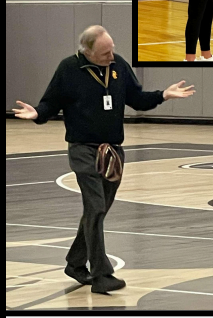
Kickball
Tournament



STUDENT OF THE
MONTH: NOVEMBER

NICHOLAS MARTIN
CAMPBELL YANUZZI
AUBRIELLA WOJNARSKI
LUKAS CONTE

LL HAPPENINGS



Class Olympics



Entertainment

Hunger Games: The Ballad of the Songbirds and Snakes

Grace Martin, Freshman

On the 17th of November, the prequel movie of the Hunger Games, *Hunger Games: The Ballad of the Songbirds and Snakes*, was released. I recently went to watch the movie. I thought this book out of the series was a bit boring, so I was really hoping for the movie to make it more exciting and action filled. The movie surpassed my expectations greatly. It made the characters more likeable and improved the plot greatly. It was one of the best book adaptations I've seen before. It thoroughly explained the exposition of the entire series and it also showed many connections to the other movies. The actors and actresses really brought the characters to life and made them more loved than in previous adaptations. If you haven't seen it yet, I 100% recommend going to see it right now. I promise it will be one of the best movies you'll ever see.

Working Knights



Fast 5: Who Was on Your Spotify Wrapped?

Bella Brown & Stephen Martin, Sophomores

Last week the much anticipated Spotify Wrapped was released. Spotify Wrapped is when Spotify takes all of your listening data from throughout the year and calculates what your top artists, songs, and genres were. For this edition's Fast 5, we decided to ask our teachers what their top artist and top song of the year was!

Mrs. Woronko, an English teacher, says that her top artist was Dave Matthews Band and her top song was "All Along the Watchtower". Eighth-grade history teacher, Mr. Albee's, top artist was Zach Bryan and his top song was "Quittin Time". Mrs. Berrentini showed Knightlife her Spotify Wrapped. The English teacher's top artist was Tedeschi Trucks and her top song was "Girl on Fire". Ms. Pitt, a new sub at the high school, said that her top artist was Eminem and her top song was "Deli". Doc G says that his top artist was Metallica. Mr. Kerkowski very abruptly stated that he doesn't use Spotify. The chemistry teacher strongly claimed he "hates Spotify" and prefers to listen to the radio.

Countdown to Christmas

Julie Conte, Senior

For this month's article, I sought feedback from devoted Hallmark fanatics in our building. I crafted a set of questions and directed them to Mrs. Grom and Mrs. Judge, eager to discover their top Hallmark movie recommendations. Here are their insightful responses:

According to Mrs. Grom, her top three Hallmark movie recommendations are "The Christmas Card," "Christmas at Cartwrights," and "Crown for Christmas". She particularly enjoys indulging in these films accompanied by her tea and cheeseballs.

On the other hand, Mrs. Judge shared her favorites, including "Three Wise Men and a Baby," "Christmas in Tahoe" (because of her love for the band Train), and "Double Holiday".

Continuing the discussion, I posed the question, "What are your thoughts on 'all Hallmark movies being the same'?" Mrs. Judge responded, saying, "It's true; many of them are incredibly similar. And I don't care. I love watching characters fall in love."

To deepen our understanding, I concluded with the question, "How long have you been watching Hallmark movies?" Mrs. Grom shared that she has been a dedicated viewer for 20 years, while Mrs. Judge, comparatively newer to the Hallmark scene, revealed she has been enjoying these films for about 5 years.



Congratulations to the LL Theatre on their performances of "6 Ways to Survive the Holidays" and "Make 'em Laugh".
Photo Credits to Gina Major



Athletics

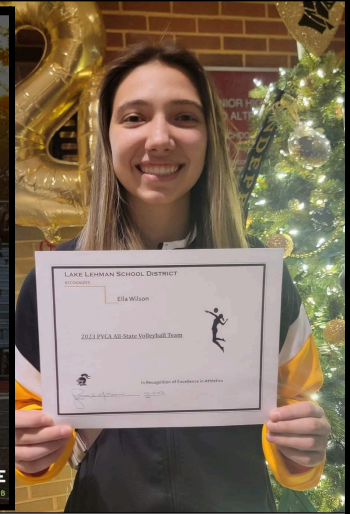
Lucy Honeywell, Senior



Olivia Corcoran
WVC All-Star for
Girls Cross Country.



Callie Dieffenbacher & Isabella Decesaris
First Team All-State
Field Hockey



Ella Wilson
WVC Coaches' MVP &
PVCA
All-State VB Team

Lake-Lehman Community

A Conversation With Mr. Yankoski

Emma Salko, 7th Grade

Any 7th grade student in one of Mr. Yankoski's classes will tell you that it's definitely something from this year they'll remember, because this class is definitely one worth remembering. I decided to talk to Mr. Yankoski and ask some questions to one of junior high's most notable new teachers.

ES - What made you want to teach math?

Mr. Y - I became a math teacher because I have always enjoyed math. I've always liked problem solving and puzzles and I consider most math problems to be puzzles. I also chose math because it is the easiest subject to get a job teaching.

ES - If you weren't a math teacher, what would you choose to be?

Mr. Y - If I wasn't a math teacher I'd either be a stay at home dad or the host of a sports podcast.

ES - What is your favorite math topic to teach?

Mr. Y - My favorite math topic to teach is trigonometric identities. When it comes to middle school math, I like to teach solving equations.

ES - What do you like to do in your free time?

Mr. Y - In my free time, I like to hang out with my wife and daughters.

ES - If you could tell your students from this year one thing that you think would help them in life, what would it be?

Mr. Y - There are so many lessons that can be learned in middle school pertaining to life. First and foremost, focus on yourself. Don't get caught up worrying about what other people are doing or saying. Do what YOU enjoy. Secondly, enjoy being a kid. Everyone wants to grow up too fast. Go outside, use your imagination, ride a bike, play sports, go trick-or-treating, stop trying to be "too cool" for everything. And finally, school is somewhere to learn, and make memories and connections. Talk to everyone. Be kind to everyone. Make as many friends as you can. Trust your teachers. Be open about your struggles. Most importantly, sit down and stop talking.

A Slice is Nice

Mollie Kuhar, Junior

Since September of 2020 school lunches have been reserved to only a hot cooked meal or pre-packaged sandwiches. Three years later the Lake-Lehman Lunch Staff has introduced bringing back pizza everyday, which adds a third option to all the students who buy cafeteria lunch. The staff these past two weeks provided plain and pepperoni pizza. Not only was this a popular option among students who buy lunch at school, but also with students who pack their own meals. After surveying a table in Lunch C last Thursday that had a total of 13 students (six who pack and 7 who buy) 6 students bought pizza. Four of whom already purchase school lunches and two who bring from home. This is almost 80% of a table purchasing pizza. Certainly, the students of Lake Lehman utilize and enjoy when pizza is served at lunch. It should definitely become an everyday occurrence.

A-Z Shout Out

Mrs. Honeywell, Advisor

In Mrs. Knepper's 7th grade geography classes, students were thrilled to have been mentioned by Carl Azuz who does a news channel for kids. Weekly, students watch Azuz's reporting of historic events. Azuz emphasizes the 5 Cs --critical thinking, civil explanations, compassionate conversations, community and of course, Carl!

In his shout-out, Azuz said, "You guys are kinda like Fridays-- you guys are AWESOME." He thought our mascot sounded so bold. "Anybody could be the tigers or cubs, but Black Knightsit's Knighttime Baby, we're coming for you".

For more information visit The World from A-Z @ <https://worldatoz.org/>.





“Changing Seasons“ for the LL Winter Concert

Lucy Honeywell

On Wednesday, the auditorium filled with the sounds of the season. Entitled “Changing Seasons”, the concert provided songs such as “Harvest Moon”, “Song for a Winter Night”, “A Wish For Hanukkah”, and “Christmas in about Three Minutes”.

A special piece of music, A Christmas Medley was accompanied by Kiera Nilson on flute. The district flutist played effortlessly in this number.

Mr Shaul commented that the level of talent on the stage was unmatched in recent years. By the audience's reaction, it was clear that the songs by our junior and senior high school were memorable, evoked emotion and reminded us all how important music is to the season.

Tree Farming is in His Roots Lucy Honeywell, Senior

During this holiday season, I decided to interview senior Travis Pisano about his family’s Christmas tree farm. Travis has worked at his family business since he was born alongside his father, Mark. Pisano Tree Farm has been in business for 20 years. He said to maintain a healthy tree it takes “fertilizer, trimming and shaping every fall, and a little cooperation from mother nature!” Travis also stated that the most requested variety is frasier fir. One selling point is that Frasier’s don't lose their needles as quietly as other varieties. The average size for a Christmas tree is 8ft. He added that the best smelling is a Concolor because they smell like oranges. Pisano said that the key to a healthy tree is to keep it watered. When the tree stops soaking up water, the trunk is sealed. He added that he believes in Santa. He lives in your heart. Enjoy your trip to the Christmas Tree Farm and say Merry Christmas to Travis while you are there.



LAKE-LEHMAN STUDENT COUNCIL



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK
DECEMBER 18-22

MONDAY - WINTER WONDERLAND WHITE OUT
TUESDAY - CRAZY HOLIDAY HAT AND SOCKS
WEDNESDAY - CANDY CANE (RED AND WHITE)
THURSDAY - UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER
FRIDAY - CHRISTMAS CHAOS (ALL OUT ACCESSORIES)

SCHOOL DRESS CODE STILL APPLIES  LET'S HAVE FUN!

LL Student Council

UGLY SWEATER
Class Competition

Thursday, December 21

WEAR AN UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER TO EARN YOUR CLASS POINTS! (ONLY SHIRTS/SWEATERS COUNT)
ELA TEACHERS WILL COUNT FOR EACH CLASS



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