

KNIGHTLIFE



SENIOR PROJECTS



Senior Projects Senior Stats

Lucy Honeywell, Senior

The Class of 2024 completed their senior project interviews last week. The seniors can brag that they served over 2,825 hours of community service and raised over \$55,000 dollars for local charities and booster clubs. Some of the projects included a cemetery cleanup, a day of dance, karate tournament, quilted sleeping bags for homeless, summer food program, various sports camps, and hours upon hours at the Back Mountain Memorial Library Auction.

Individual Endeavors

Jonny Sassi, Junior

Senior Projects at Lake Lehman are just one of the unique milestones the school supports every year. Every senior participates in making a senior project in a way to raise money or volunteer their time for the community. An estimated 25 service hours are required, and raising money is completely optional depending on the seniors project. Senior projects are beneficial in a way to better the community and show what it means to be a Knight.

One of the best examples of a senior project at Lake Lehman is Blue Chip volunteering. Alexi Chervenitski, a senior, volunteered at Blue Chip Animal Farm in Dallas PA, and described it as a great experience. Alexi helped out by walking the dogs, cleaning their areas, washing food bowls, and much more. Alexi's favorite part of the project was getting a chance to work with the animals, and volunteering in general.

Other examples of senior projects include sports camps, Hillside farms, cemetery clean ups, a Day of Dance, Heroes Hearthstone 5k Ruck Run, Street Art Society Color Fun 5k, and Karate for a Kause.

Entertainment


Where is Kate Middleton?

From our Royal Correspondent

Mollie Kuhar, Junior 

If you have happened to open Twitter at any point in the last two months, the top trending story would be *Where is Kate Middleton?* A question the whole world is asking. The Princess of Wales, married to Prince William, the heir to the British Crown, has not been seen in public since December 25, 2023. That was over 90 days ago. The job of a princess is to be in the public eye, to make appearances, and provide for their citizens. So, why has The Princess of Wales just... disappeared?

In late January of this year Kensington Palace announced that Kate Middleton, Princess of Wales, was having planned abdominal surgery, two weeks after zero public appearances since Christmas. On January 19, the Princess was discharged from the hospital. After that, there was no sight of Kate or news from the palace.

 Many fans of Kate Middleton have argued that she's simply just taking time to recover from surgery. But here's the catch, the Monarchy has released press photos of the Princess, *edited* photos... of Kate and her children, who have also not been seen. On March 4, 2024 photos of Kate and her Mother were taken in London. But the messy brick wall and eerily similar hairstyle and outfit to previous photos, it is suspected (and almost certain) that they were edited.

Although that might not convince many people, on March 10, 2024, Kensington Palace released a photo of Kate and her children for UK's Mothers Day. But once again, social media took a deeper dive into the photo, and many of the children's sleeves and hands are edited. Throughout the past two months there has also been other questionable actions from the Royal Family; including Prince William attending events without Princess Kate, and also the Prince abruptly leaving Royal events.

On March 22, a video was released from Kensington Palace of Princess Kate stating she underwent abdominal surgery, and that she has been going through chemotherapy. Although this may have solved the mystery of where the Princess has been, social media accounts have made connections on how she is wearing the same shirt as she was in a suicide-prevention video a couple years ago. So, where is Kate Middleton? Are her medical statements true, or is something else going on behind the scenes of the Royal Family?

Fast 5+: How Do You Order Your Eggs at a Restaurant?

Stephen Martin, Sophomore

For edition 9 of Knightlife, we asked teachers and staff how they order their eggs at a restaurant. At first, the answers were all the same, “scrambled”, so the Fast5 quickly became a Fast5+ so we could get a variety of answers on this delicious question. Below are the results from our interviews.



Mrs. Cave-Mattie	scrambled w/cheese or an omelet
Mrs. Miscavage	scrambled plain
Nurse Megan	scrambled w/cheese
Mrs. Woronko	over light with a runny middle or deviled
Mr. Albee	sunny side up
Mr. Kalinay	scrambled
Ms. Saccente	over easy
Mrs. Berrentini	scrambled w/american cheese
Mr. Traube	scrambled
Mr. Kerkowski	over medium
Mr. Jones	over easy

The winners of the annual 7th Grade Easter coloring contest are:

- 3rd Place Gabriella Palmoli
- 2nd Place Kaden Brown
- 1st Place Samantha Graboske



Athletics



Spring Previews Lucy Honeywell, Senior

Track and Field

After an incredible 2023 season, the Knights are returning many district medalists including senior jumper Seth Berry and junior Sophia Lenza. Kathryn Morgan, high jump competitor, is a sophomore and hopes to take the top of the district podium again. The girls captured the District championship last season, and are working hard to keep their title. The boys have strong runners, and are looking to be the dark horse of the conference.



Boys Volleyball

Captains this season are seniors Jacob McHenry, Jasen Lobacz, and Tanner Yanchick. With a strong front line, the team will have good defensive numbers. The knights play at home on Tuesday against Berwick at 5:00pm.

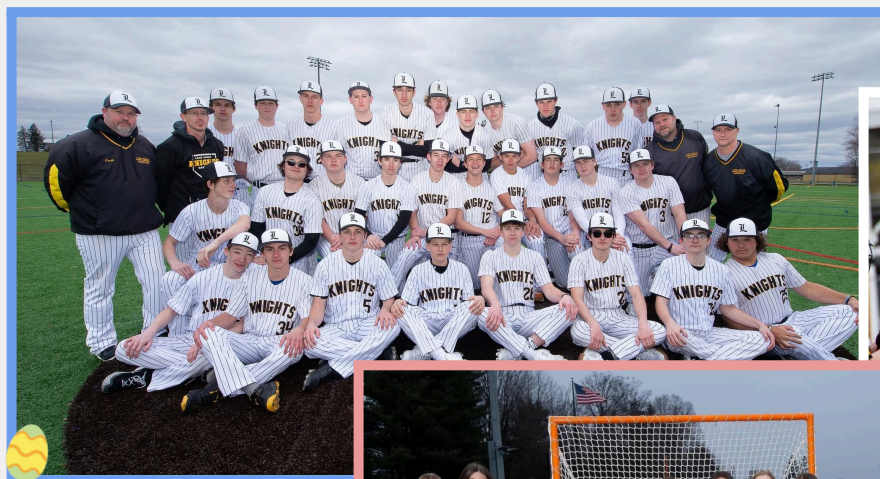
Softball

Our Lady Knights have been working hard this off-season from the weight room to boxing classes after finishing 18-4 last season. Their first game was a dominating 11-1 win over District Champs Hazleton Area last season. Hannah Chipeco, sophomore pitcher, went 4-4 at the plate while hitting a walk-off home run. Some players to watch are Haylee Makarewicz, Gracie James, Kaitlyn Brudnicki. Along with Chipeco, other returning starters include first team all state catcher Kirsten Finarelli and second team all state 2nd baseman Lucy Honeywell. The first conference showdown is 4:15m on Tuesday at Holy Redeemer.



Baseball

The Knights were district runner-ups last season, and are hoping achieve even more this year. Returning starters include seniors Evan Kaiser and Jason Jones and juniors Sam Finarelli, Chris Sholtis, and Jake Naugle. The Knights have strong bats on offense, and a solid defense. Some players to watch are Andrew Morris, Will Jenkins, and Sam Plummer.



Boys Lacrosse

The boys traveled to Tunkhannock for their first conference game in a tough loss, 10-7. With a group returning from last year, the knights should be able to make some noise this season. Some players to watch are Hayden Evans, Jeremy Janosov, Anthony Magnotta and Andy Strohl. The next game is Tuesday against Scranton Prep on the black turf at 5:00pm.

Girls Lacrosse

The girls started their season with a battle at Dallas for the annual Pass the Stick game. Although the game did not come out in the Knights favor, it showed a lot of promise in the younger players. Some players to watch are Sarah Wolmach, Ava Greene, Maddie Long, Faith Depiero, and Alexa Thompson. Their next game will be away at Danville on Monday.

Lake-Lehman Community

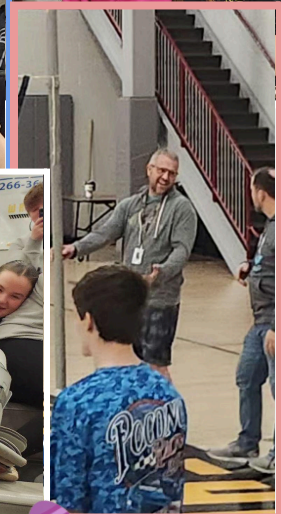
Pizza Craze

Grace Martin & Hannah Kuhar,
Freshmen

Lake-Lehman students, have you heard about the pizza craze at lunch? We interviewed Mrs. Balski, the lunch manager, and got plenty of information for you all. The lunch workers make 30 pizzas daily, taking up one worker's entire school day. They created 8 different flavors of pizza for our enjoyment. Mrs. Balski told us the most popular is the pepperoni pizza, with the least popular being cheesesteak and taco pizza. Mrs. Balski said she would recommend pepperoni or plain for all students. But all the pizzas are equally delicious and difficult to make, they even sold out last lunch! Mrs. Balski did inform us that there will possibly be more flavors coming in the future. Check out the 8 delicious flavors served every day at your next lunch.



Jr. High Volleyball Tournament



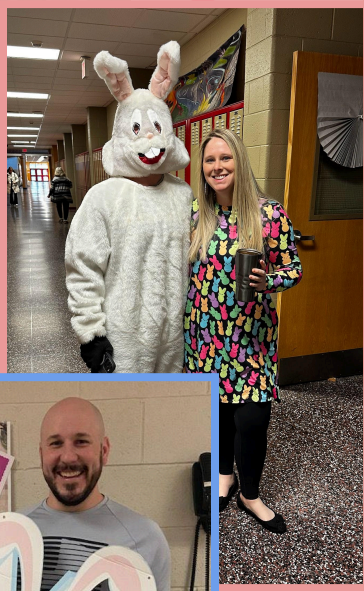


Start Times

Stephen Martin, Sophomore

When looking at this year's school calendar and calendars from previous years, Brianna Wright and I noticed that our start date has been consistently later than in years prior. We took this issue to Mr. Kostrobala, then to Mrs. Liparella, and finally to the school board. By changing the school start date to before Labor Day, Lake-Lehman School District can provide students with an earlier end date and allow possible additional break time during the school year, specifically, the possibility for a longer spring break. Starting on August 27th would permit us to end school in early June. This would also allow more leeway for snow-day makeup, give seniors an earlier graduation date, and enable Lake-Lehman students to start and end school at the same time as surrounding local schools. However, most importantly, this would provide more time for students to prepare for AP, Keystone, SAT, and PSSA testing, allow better and sooner prospects for students to get summer jobs and internships, and allow more opportunities for student-athletes. As the editor-in-chief of Knightlife newspaper, I put out 2 separate polls to get other students' thoughts on the matter and collect information that could be used now and in future articles. 108 students responded to the first poll and when asked about the start date, 54.6% of students said that they would rather start before Labor Day Weekend. These statistics lead me to believe that these statistics accurately reflect the faculty and the rest of the student body that didn't respond to the poll. Likewise, in the 2nd poll, students were asked if they would rather start earlier and have more break time during the school year or start later and have the same amount of break time. Both of these options would result in the same amount of time spent in the building and the same last day of school. Despite this, 69.2% of students from the follow-up poll said that they would rather start earlier and have more break time embedded into the school year. Starting before the Labor Day Weekend provides all students with greater opportunities in and out of school as displayed by the main points listed above. In February Brianna and I spoke to the school board about the topic and more recently the district put out their own poll to collect information from parents on the topic. You can find the poll on lisd.org to provide your insight on the issue and make your voice heard in a simple way.





Funny Bunny Business

Lucy Honeywell, Senior

The past 2 weeks in the junior and senior high school have been filled with a barrage of bunnies! Bunny Blitz 2024 had more intrigue, competition, and enthusiasm than March Madness. Faculty and staff competed in various challenges to get coveted clothespins with a bunny charm attached. Points were awarded for bunny clips to be totaled before Easter break. Some teachers were more scrupulous than others, involving their own students in bunny raids of fellow colleagues' rooms. The winner of this year's Bunny Blitz was awarded a ring of kielbasa, Mr. Simko whose creative bunny cape sealed his victory. Second place, Top Carrot, went to Mrs. Woronko who led the jr. high bunny brigade. But the real winner was Mrs. Honeywell who was able to secure her peanut butter eggs although last year's cold case still remains a mystery.

A Historical Bloom



Janaya Yusko, Junior

The snow has surrounded Lake-Lehman these past days. As nature finally awakens in late March, the nation's capital blooms with pink and white. This iconic event symbolizes the arrival of spring and embodies the spirit of renewal and beauty. The history of Washington's cherry blossoms traces back to 1912 when the Mayor of Tokyo gifted 3,000 cherry trees to the city as a symbol of friendship between Japan and the United States. Today, the trees blossom every year at the same time and lighten the city with colors. The National Cherry Blossom Festival, held annually, serves as a celebration of this natural wonder. The sight of the cherry trees in bloom against the backdrop of the Jefferson Memorial or Washington Monument is truly a sight to behold.

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History teacher, Mr Novrocki, enjoys the beauty of these trees along the Tidal Basin. Mr Novrocki talks about this event very highly as he truly admires the history these trees bring. He states, "This stretch has a breathtaking beauty all of its own and you can't help but feel the greatness of the history that surrounds the place." It all started in 2004, as he says, "My desire to see the cherry blossoms stemmed from the fact that most years since 2004, I have accompanied the Senior Class on their class trip to Washington, D.C. We would usually be on this trip about 2-3 weeks after the blossoms fell off the trees."



He further explains the beauty of the trees that had always seen and knew he had to see them at peak. The peak bloom period, when the cherry blossoms are at their most pigmented, is anticipated each year. This was a big challenge for him as mother nature takes her course in bloom season. He states, "I kept monitoring the situation, and then saw that peak bloom came on St. Patrick's Day this year, six days before the prediction, and this was the second earliest peak bloom on record since the dates have been recorded. I checked the weather, and made a plan to get down there just a few days after peak bloom began. I knew that any rain, excessively high winds, or snow could bring the whole thing to an immediate end." With this he made every effort to make a day trip for these trees! "I know that when I walk that stretch along the Tidal Basin with our Seniors on the trip this year, it will be special. For the first time, I will be able to actually visualize from memory what the trees looked like in bloom. And I might be able to encourage someone else to take part in this cultural history and see the blooms for themselves.", Novrocki explains.



Last year, I took his passion to heart and had the opportunity myself to see the beauty in bloom. I believe it creates a start to feel the spring air. If you have the chance, I highly recommend taking a day trip to the city of its origin. It's truly a blooming experience.

A Game Changing Future for College Athletes



Julianna Conte, Senior

Many individuals avidly support college sports, whether by purchasing tickets for games, streaming them via phone or TV, or buying merchandise. However, often overlooked is the significant revenue generated by these events, encompassing ticket sales, sponsorships, and TV deals, all benefiting the colleges and their athletic conference such as the Big Ten and Pac-12. Not to mention, the networks broadcasting the games profit substantially from the commercials. Meanwhile, coaches are paid millions of dollars for their coaching skills. This dynamic raises questions about fairness, particularly as college athletes themselves are not compensated. Without their participation, these events would not be possible.

Under the National Collegiate Athletic Association (N.C.A.A.) rules, college athletes are prohibited from receiving payment from the schools or earn money using their name, image, or likeness through endorsement deals. However, a significant shift may be on the horizon as California recently enacted the Fair Pay to Play Act. This law allows athletes in the state of California to strike endorsement deals and hire agents. While this legislation presents opportunities for student athletes, it also introduces potential drawbacks, notably creating an uneven playing field for recruiting, as athletes may gravitate toward California schools to capitalize on earning potential. California could be the first of many to start a widespread change in the world of college sports.



**Easter Past:
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THESE
TEACHERS!**



Interact Club Annual Egg Hunt

Lucy Honeywell, Senior

On Sunday, March 24, the Interact Club held their annual egg hunt for all LL elementary students at the Lehman-Jackson playground. Over 82 children participated in the hunt and enjoyed the activities such as hand painting, games, coloring, egg races, and a bunny chalk trail. The club also provided free pictures with the Easter Bunny. “We look forward to this event each year. It is so rewarding to see all the smiles. I love when our Lake-Lehman community comes together”, said President Lucy Honeywell.



Calling All Poets -- The Wyoming Valley Poetry Society is looking for open submissions for their annual poetry contest in conjunction with the Fine Art Fiesta. Grades 7-12 are encouraged to see Mrs. Honeywell for details.
Deadline April 5th!

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Knightlives Annual Easter Edition

Egg Hunt is Back!

Easter eggs are hidden everywhere within this edition. Email Knightlife with your guess of how many eggs are hidden throughout this edition for a mystery prize!



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