

KNIGHT LIFE

GOLDEN BEARS rock with the BLACK KNIGHTS in the NEW auditorium



Kutztown Rock and Jazz
Ensembles grace the LL stage.

On November 13, The Kutztown University Jazz and Rock Ensembles christened the brand-new auditorium with an electric concert. Sponsored by the Lake-Lehman music department, the concert was a one-of-a-kind experience that showcased collegiate musicians paying homage to our country's roots in jazz and a gradual genre transition into rock-and-roll.

Students were invited to dance and participate in the concert and with the invitation students wasted no time in storming the stage. The group displayed their gift of music by singing popular tunes like “Lady Marmalade” and “Bohemian Rhapsody” that resonated with the younger audience yet kept it historical with some lesser-known bops. As one of the very first uses of the newly redone auditorium, the Golden Bears didn't disappoint, leaving their iconic mark on LL students.



Kutztown Rock Ensemble shows Lake-Lehman students how to rock on 11/13.



LL COMMUNITY

ONCE A KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT

Ebin MacNeal, 8th Grade

This week we have to say farewell to our guidance counselor administrative assistant, Ms. Ali Rishkofski, better known by students as Ms. Ali. Rishkofski graduated from Lake Lehman in 2010 and this year she is taking a new position in the admissions office of King's College. Many readers of Knightlife may not know this, but Ms. Rishkofski is a competitive bodybuilder. She got started bodybuilding because her friend was a competitor, and she took her on as a client for regular personal training. She says greatest accomplishment in competitions is "not being afraid of going up on stage and not getting nervous."

What does bodybuilding do for mental health and physical well-being? Ms. Ali feels like they go hand in hand. "Doing things physically hard helps give you the confidence to tackle other hard things in life", she says. What music she listens to when she works out depends on the day and what she is training. She switches between EDM, R&B/Hip Hop, and even country music. Her favorite song is "Brokedown Palace" by The Grateful Dead!

Upon asking Ms. Ali what she will miss about Lake-Leman most, she said "spending time with faculty who became my friends and students who inspire me daily." Here at Knightlife, we want to wish Ms. Ali good luck in her new position and thank her for her service to our school.

MRS ALI'S FAVORITES

favorite color: yellow

favorite food: cheese

favorite meal: sushi

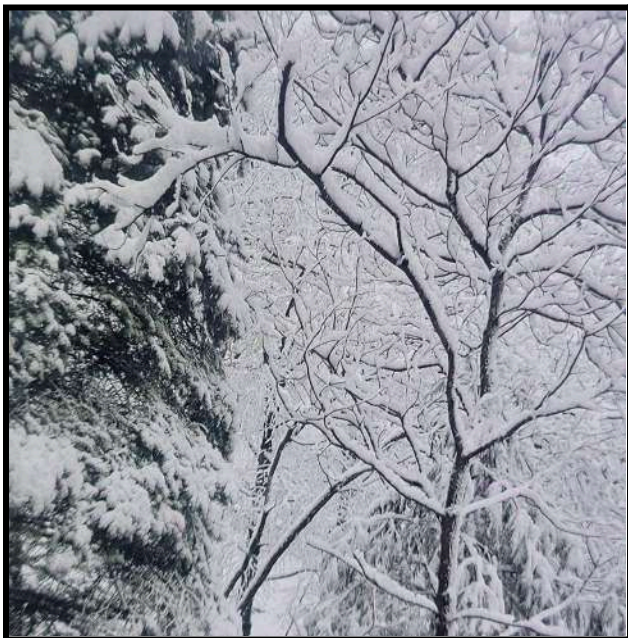
favorite artist: The Grateful Dead

favorite holiday is Christmas

favorite hobby: baking



SNOW DAY SCENES



WORD OF THE YEAR

The word of 2024 is "Demure" Yes, the tik tok craze has inspired the word of the year, according to Dictionary.com. The word which is very mindful and very cutesy took on a new definition this year. Traditionally, demure means modest, reserved and shy. It was used to describe appearances in 2024 that were appropriate and give a modest appearance.

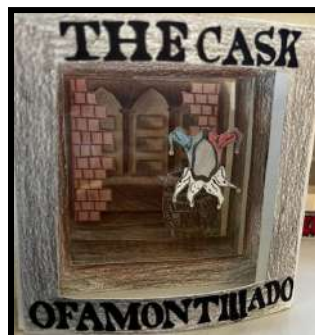
"Following an in-depth analysis of data — from news headlines and social media trends to search engine insights — Dictionary.com's lexicographers identified demure as the word that left a significant mark on conversations both online and in everyday life," the website said in a statement.

Demure is a stark contrast to Collins Dictionary word of the year brat which means which is all about letting go of inhibitions, living carefree, and embracing your inner rebel. So the year that was full of contrasts continues in word play as well.

New artwork created by students in the Jr. High.



SCENES FROM THE JR. HIGH



Mrs. Woronko's 8th grade class ended their Poe Unit with tunnel book creations that correspond with some of his more famous works including "The Raven", "The Masque of the Red Death", and "The Cask of Amontillado".

Thanksgiving:

Celebrating a Traditional Meal

Twenty members of Lake-Lehman Community responded to the Thanksgiving Dinner survey white or dark meat; sweet potatoes or white potatoes; canned or homemade cranberry sauce and apple or pumpkin pie.

Overwhelming, the meal preferred by the majority would be white meat, sweet potatoes, canned cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie.

Canned cranberry sauce won by the largest margin. Mrs Cave Mattie responded, "there's just something about it that reminds me of childhood!" Several had strong opinions against cranberry sauce such as Mrs Hasinus, Mrs Comstock and Mr Shaul who stated, "he wouldn't touch the stuff." Mrs Blaski said she is also not a fan of cranberry sauce either way.

Mrs Liparela was one of the few that preferred white mashed potatoes with her dinner along with Mrs Maciejczak and Mrs Ferentino.

Mrs Whitesell said no pie for her. She wants only pumpkin rolls. Mr Yankoski needs to have the ice cream as he proclaimed, "Apple pie, but only a la mode!" We agree that whipped cream and ice cream add the finishing touches to any dessert.

Mrs McCabe had the most specific menu: white meat turkey, mashed red potatoes and marshmallow sweet potatoes, homemade giblet stuffing, Sarah's homemade pumpkin pie from our Halloween Pumpkins, and lined cranberry. Sounds delish!

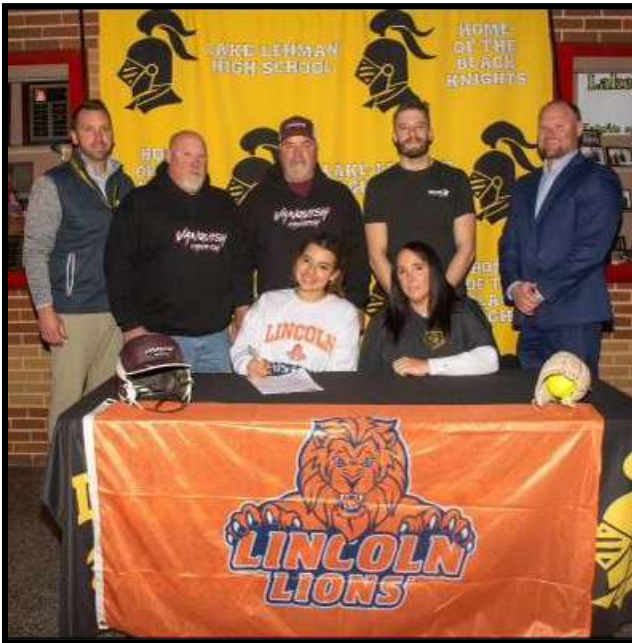
Thank you to all who responded to this Knightlife unscientific holiday survey. We appreciate you taking the time to respond.



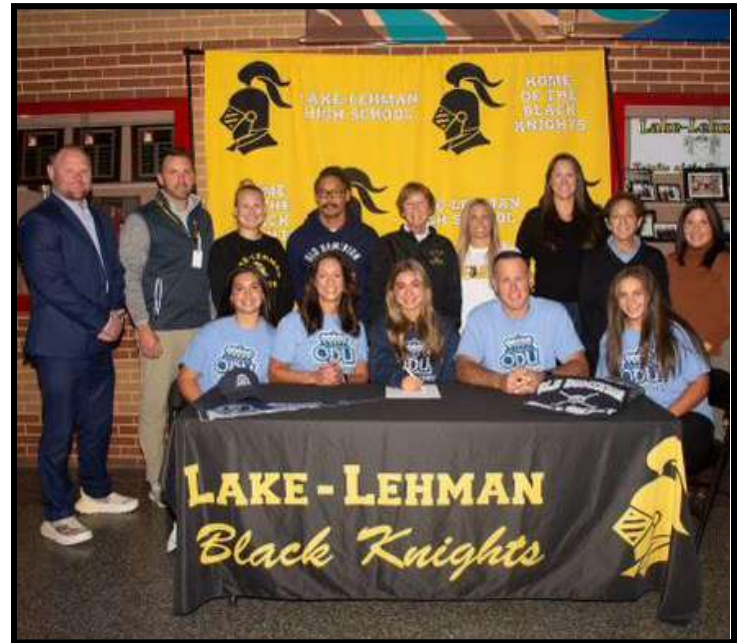
Mrs. Honeywell and Mrs. Pryor celebrate a Charlie Brown Thanksgiving in the faculty room.



ATHLETICS SIGNING DAY



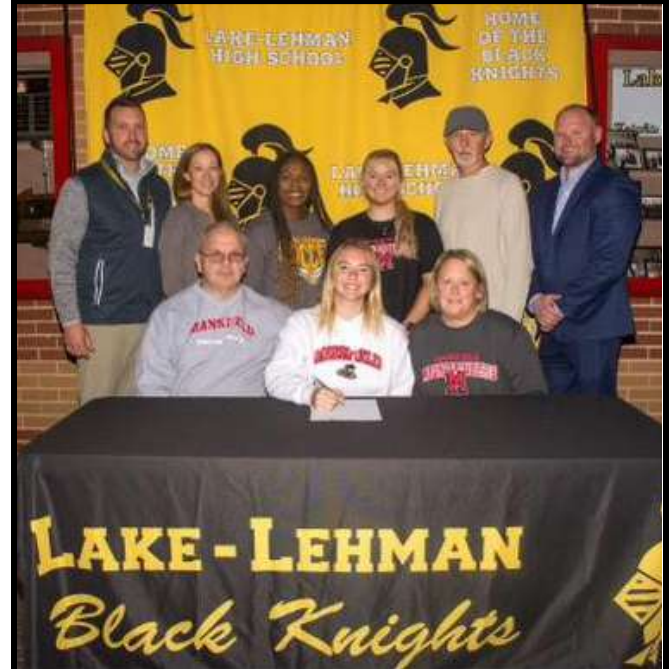
Janaya Yusko, Lincoln University, Softball



Isabella DeCesaris, Old Dominion University,
Field Hockey



Kirsten Finarelli, Penn State University, Softball



Gracie Bucknavage, Mansfield University, Soccer



Alana Palmaioli, Lynchburg University, Cross Country & Track and Field



Mia Stillarty, Moravian University, Soccer



Ella Wilson, Mercy College, Basketball



Lexi Shotwell, Lackawanna College, Softball

**Congrats to
our commits!!**



Samuel Fineralli, Long Island University, Baseball

Jr Official Club Shows High Interest

Mr. Kirkutis, Guest Writer



As you know, I have been an official for a number of years now and when the PIAA offered a Jr. Official Program last year, my son Reilley became a Junior Wrestling Official at 17 years old. He has done a number of events including the WVC Jr. High Wrestling Championships and National Events referring even college level wrestlers. Doing this has helped him in a number of positive ways and since I have seen this in my own son, I have chosen to offer guidance to our student-athletes at Lake-Lehman that would like to become a Jr. Official.

I could not do this alone since I am Wrestling and Track & Field. So with the help of our other officials who teach in the building that can guide Jr. Officials in other sports, the club should benefit our students. The aim of the club is to guide students who wish to become a Jr. Official. Showing them the process from applying to the PIAA, to getting clearances, to joining one of the officiating chapters in the Wyoming Valley Conference, and then ultimately getting on the field, court, mat, or pool to actually officiating events and mentoring them at officiating. There is a lot to it but it is only with the help of other officials that students can feel welcomed and belonging so that the ranks of officials grow in Pennsylvania.

The initial meeting was held Friday 11/15/24 during 8th period in my Room 304. If you know of any other officials in the building, or elementary buildings please let me know so I can reach out to them.

ENTERTAINMENT

WICKED Jonni Sassi, Senior

The new movie coming out now one of the most anticipated movies of the year, *Wicked*! Starring Ariana Grande as Glinda, and Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, the movie is set to be one of the biggest movies of 2024 and one of the biggest musical theater adaptations ever. Set in the Land of Oz, largely before Dorothy Gale's arrival from Kansas, the film covers the musical's first act. It follows the student Elphaba who begins her path to becoming the Wicked Witch of the West, and her unlikely friendship with her classmate Galinda, better known as Glinda the Good Witch of the North. The stars have been drawing a lot of attention in the recent press releases for the film as both Ariana and Cynthia appear extremely emotional and bonded similarly to their characters. Both Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo are two of the most talented voices on earth and fans can't wait to see them collaborate in the remake of one of the biggest Broadway plays to exist.



Scenes from *Wicked*



Movie Review: *Here*

Mr. Lindbuchler, Guest Writer

Mrs Lindbuchler and I saw an excellent movie recently that I would highly recommend for mature audiences. A Robert Zemekes film, *Here* is the story of a home over the course of time, beginning with the prehistoric age, continuing through the American Revolution, and to the late 1800's when the home is constructed. The focus of the film is the story of four families that inhabit the home between 1890 and 2020. The characters are well developed and interesting, as are the changing furnishings, decorations and technology of each historical period. The evolution of each story is both compelling and indicative of some of the major historical events, customs and dress of each period. The visual effects are excellent, aging Tom Hanks and Robin Wright's characters from teenagers to seniors over the course of the film.

The only possible criticism I have is the flipping between periods with the stories developing all at the same time. It's a little confusing at first, but looking back, it was the best way to do it.

If you're interested in 20th century history, lessons of the human experience, and family relationships, then you will find this movie delightful. It is truly a cinematic journey through time. A solid 8.5/10 for me.



Scenes from *Here*

Is Black Friday Still a Thing?

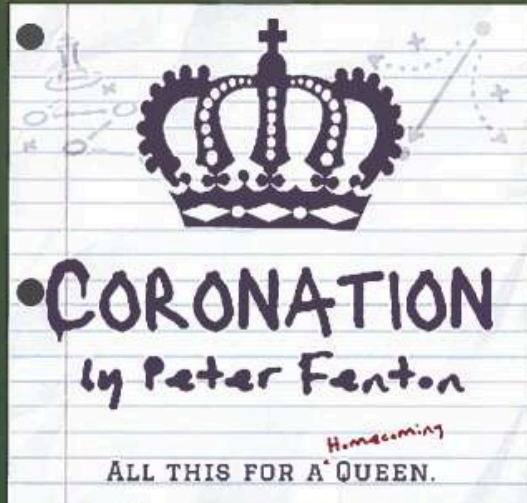
Kaitlyn Marx, Junior

Lining up early outside of stores, fighting to get your hands on the big ticket item of the year, and hunting for the best deals were once part of the Black Friday thrill. However, it now seems to be a thing of the past. In recent years the shopping game has changed. Since shopping has drastically changed from in-person to online, Black Friday changed too. Before online shopping took off, many shoppers would wake up at 6 A.M., 3 A.M., or even pull an all-nighter, making sure to be the first one in line to get the “Black Friday deals”. Now, it seems as though people are not worried about being the first in line because the crowds are not as ruthless as they once were. Additionally, since the switch to online shopping, there are not nearly as many deals as there used to be. Most stores are only offering around 25 to 30 percent off, which could be why the thrill is a thing of the past. Perhaps holiday shoppers now prefer “Cyber Monday” where shoppers can buy almost anything right from their phone, avoiding the crowds, buying from the comfort of their own homes, and avoiding an early wake-up. Due to more shoppers taking advantage of online sales, it no longer seems to be what defines the holiday. However, there are still shoppers who enjoy the thrill and are sad to see the holiday tradition slowly fading and taking the turn to online shopping. This begs the question of, will shoppers do away with Black Friday and spend their holiday season shopping online?



- A Message From
Nurse Megan

Lake-Lehman High School Theatre Presents



Friday, December 6th • 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 7th • 2:00 pm

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Lake-Lehman Jr. Sr. High School Auditorium, Lehman

Reserve Seating \$8

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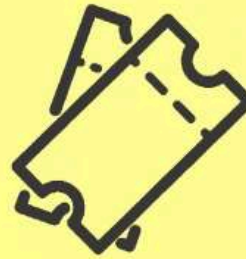


CORONATION by Peter Fenton is a brand new teen play packed full of witty, satirical dialogue! Fun for today's teens, and all those who remember good and bad sides of being a teen, and is even recommended for 10 year old and up who are already thinking about teen years coming fast! It's set in high school, and follows the story of Dani, and Marafect best friend since kindergarten. Real human emotions unfold around the time of HS hearting through the ups and downs of friendship. Peter Fenton is PA born and raised, now a professional screenwriter and playwright from the Bucks County, PA area.

Lake-Lehman Jr/Sr High School Students:



Come see your brand new
fabulous theater in full lighting
effects and sound.



**"CORONATION"
TEEN COMEDY!!
FREE TICKETS For
LLHS Students**



See LL Theatre members at
lunch time, they will be at
tables or walking with
clipboards for your **Free Teen
Ticket** for LLHS students!! The
free tickets are only for LL
Jr/Sr high students. And only if
they sign up in advance.

FREE TICKETS For LLHS Students!!!

For Dec 6th, 7pm curtain.

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