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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

The final days of any significant event often contain the most exciting moments, and the close of a school year is no different. The anticipated departure of our seniors (403 this year) is being balanced with the excitement of our current juniors as they are prepared to take on their role as the eldest group on campus. Meanwhile, our 8th graders are concluding their journey through those middle years of education, and are completing their final activities in anticipation of joining the 9-12 campus. This spring has brought many positive recognitions to our campus, as individuals have been named outstanding singers, scholars continue to earn accolades and scholarships for their academic accomplishments, seniors have gained entrance to many schools across the nation allowing students to pursue their interests and dreams beyond LCHS, and students here have brought a positive message to the campus and community with a wonderful set of performances of our all school musical *Man of La Mancha*.

But as this year is quickly coming to a close, the plans for next year are already well in motion. Student schedule request are already in place (with printed verifications to be in hand before students leave for the summer), the summer registration process has been streamline even more (look for a piece on the Blue Bear system which will allow many of the on-campus items to also be accomplished from home or vacation in August), and the final pieces for the master schedule for fall 2008 are being determined.

My final thoughts for you are about thanks. Thanks to the many groups who give of their time and resources to make our work on campus with students possible including the Spartan Boosters, Music Parents, Choral Parents, Drama Parents, Friends of Art, PTSA, and the La Canada Flintridge Education Foundation. These groups provide the difference for so many of our students by supporting critical elements of our school, and for which we are so very grateful. Additionally, I personally want to thank each of you as parents who send us your students, excited, prepared and interested in learning and improving themselves. This personal and daily support of your students gives them that something extra that many of their peers in other settings are seeking. That conversation about

what they did today, the attendance at the many events and activities they pursue, and the encouragement for each of them to do their best is something we all benefit from as it supports their belief that they can do their best. As summer is upon us, I hope that each family has a chance to spend some time together, to connect and enjoy your children as they will be moving on beyond this short period known as high school faster than any of us consider, and to recharge and prepare for our return to LCHS in the fall. Go Spartans!

—Dr. Dragos, Ed.D., LCHS 9-12 Principal

## SCOOP GOES DIGITAL

This past year, we didn't automatically send every family a copy of the printed Scoop. Instead, we asked people who wanted it to let us know. Only 75 people requested a printed copy. Because of the time and expense involved in editing, publishing, and distributing the printed Scoop, we've decided that now is the time to go completely digital. You're reading the final copy of the Scoop right now.

In the future, you'll find two great ways to get PTSA and LCHS information:

Our PTSA website, [www.lchs912.org](http://www.lchs912.org)

The PTSA president emails, which you can sign up for at [www.lchs912.org](http://www.lchs912.org)

Please make sure you're signed up for the emails, and then take the time to read them when they arrive in your email box. They are quite thorough, and include late-breaking news about school events and deadlines. If you've been receiving our Korean translation, please look for an email version this Fall.

If you wish to have news included on the PTA website, [www.lchs912.org](http://www.lchs912.org), or in the PTA President emails, please send it to: [publicity@lchs912.org](mailto:publicity@lchs912.org)

Thank you to Joanne Lew, Scoop Editor, and the team of volunteers, Laura Stetson, Christie Frandsen, Cayce Sheppard, Kimie Cho, who made sure you got the Scoop this year!

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## Calendar of Events

### JUNE 2008

- 6/12 Choral Pops Concert & Awards  
@ Lanterman Auditorium 7 PM
- 6/12 Final Exams – Seniors Only
- 6/13 Final Exams – Seniors Only
- 6/14 Chamber Singers Final Concert  
@ La Crescenta Presbyterian  
Church 7 PM
- 6/16 Final Exams – Fr, So, Jr, Sr
- 6/17 Final Exams – Fr, So, Jr
- 6/17 Seniors – Grad Practice 8 AM
- 6/18 Final Exams – Fr, So, Jr
- 6/18 Last Day of School; Graduation  
6:30 PM
- 6/25 Summer School Begins

### DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- 9/02 First day of School
- 9/19 PTSA Meeting 9:15 AM
- 9/24 9-12 Back to school night
- 10/10 PTSA Meeting 9:15 AM
- 10/25 Homecoming Dance
- 10/29 No School
- 11/14 PTSA Meeting 9:15 AM
- 11/24-11/28 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/22-1/09/2009 Winter Break
- 1/10/09 Monte Carlo Dance
- 1/16/09 PTSA Meeting 9:15 AM
- 1/19/09 No School
- 1/29/09 End of First Semester
- 1/30/09 No School

## LCHS PTSA "RETIREEES"

We'd like to thank two "retirees" from our LCHS PTSA Board:

Carol Muller  
Tammy Kaitz

Carol has served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Ways and Means, for the past two years. In this capacity, she has been instrumental in the very successful Football Food Booth. Tammy served as the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Volunteers, this year and oversaw many of our volunteer efforts. She and her team are working to send our seniors off in style with a fabulous Senior Brunch. A great big thanks to Carol and Tammy!

## LCHS PTSA 2008 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are delighted to announce our LCHS PTSA 2008 Scholarship Recipients. These seniors all showed academic excellence, a commitment to outstanding service to our school and to our community, and a tremendous potential to succeed. We are lucky to have them as fabulous role models and representatives of LCHS.

The recipients are:

- ◆ Samantha Baiocco
- ◆ Amanda Gartside
- ◆ Daniel Killam
- ◆ Jessica Lam
- ◆ Kathryn Nathan
- ◆ Brad Phillips
- ◆ Kris Swick
- ◆ Melissa Woodhouse

Kris Swick deserves special recognition for his continuous outstanding contribution to LCHS PTSA. In addition, Kathryn Nathan and Brad Phillips were selected to receive a Senior Scholarship from the California State PTA Scholarship and Grant Committee.

Congratulations to all our recipients! We wish them all the best of luck as they embark on their college careers.



## A ROUND OF APPLAUSE...



A round of applause, please, for all of our fabulous PTSA volunteers this year! LCHS would be lost without your countless hours.

We don't have the room to thank each of our volunteers here, but please know we appreciate your long hours and selfless dedication to our kids and to our school. Our volunteers help with many of the jobs you can easily identify, including One Check Order Form, Registration, Red Ribbon Week, Spartan Scoop, Football Food Booth, Value Cards, Serv-a-Thon, M.O.V.E. Faire, Spartan Directory, PTSA Website, Student Liaison, and Senior Brunch. But we've also got folks helping with many jobs you might not be as familiar with: LCHS Staff Appreciation Lunches, Disaster Preparedness, Safety, Membership, Nutrition, Legislation, Reflections, Founders Day, Korean translations for the Scoop, and eScrip. You can even volunteer to proctor a math league testing session or be a chaperone on a field trip; the possibilities are endless.

We welcome all of you to join us as we continue our efforts to make LCHS such an outstanding school.

## NEW CELLULAR PHONE LAWS EFFECTIVE 7/1/2008

On July 1st,

- ALL drivers will be prohibited from using a handheld wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle.

- Drivers under 18 will NOT be able to use a hands-free device while driving.

Drivers 18 and over will be able to use a hands-free device while driving.

Visit <http://www.dmv.ca.gov/cellularphonelaws/index.htm> to see a detailed FAQ one CA DMV website.

## AFS—HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE PROGRAM



If your child is interested in traveling abroad - living with a host family, learning or improving foreign language skills, and becoming immersed in another culture - this program is for him or her. Students can live with a family for a semester or a year, and attend school in another country while participating in their community life. Alternatively, they can experience the summer homestay, a program that allows the student to:

- 1) live with a family and learn about their community and country,
- 2) live with a family while getting formal training in their language, or
- 3) live with a family while participating in a community service program or a special program like Soccer in Paraguay or the Wilderness Adventure in New Zealand.

**If you are interested in hosting** an exchange student and enriching your family's life with a wonderful teenager from another country, this program is also for you. For more information, go to [www.usa.afs.org](http://www.usa.afs.org) or call Mardi Breckheimer at (818) 790-5938.

## TRYOUTS FOR THE FOLLOWING SPORTS ARE COMING UP!

**Girls Basketball Tryouts**

June 19th 3-5pm  
June 20th 11am-1pm  
June 21st 10-12pm

**Boys Basketball Tryouts**

June 19th 1-3pm  
June 20th 9-11am  
June 21st 8-10am

**Girls Volleyball Tryouts**

June 20th 4 -7pm

ANGELES FOREST INSTITUTE

The Angeles Forest Institute is an opportunity for young adults entering 10th through 12th grades to investigate the geology and biodiversity of the Angeles Forest ecosystem. Students will engage in physically and academically rewarding experiences during the week long course including: learning the geology and ecology of the Angeles Forest, developing wilderness skills that will be used on an overnight backpacking field trip, and conducting field based data collection and analysis. At the end of the course a closing reception will be held for students and parents where students will present analysis and demonstrate skills.

Lead instructor Brandon Browne is a former La Cañada resident and an Assistant Professor at the Cal State Fullerton department of geological sciences. Dr. Browne has taught field science courses in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, and California. Dr. Mark Ewoldsen "Dr. E." from La Cañada High School will be a guest lecturer.

Dates are August 11-17, 8:30am-5:00pm and the cost is only \$100.00 for the entire week. All material and vehicle costs generously underwritten by the City of La Cañada Flintridge

FOOTHILL SUMMER THEATRE

Foothill Summer Theatre is back for its 26<sup>th</sup> blockbuster season with "Footloose".

This summer, Foothill Summer Theatre returns to La Canada High School with the musical-dance extravaganza, "Footloose." A limited number of parts are still available for students 12-19 years of age. All rehearsals and performances will be at the LCHS auditorium. Rehearsals:

Jun 24-Aug 3, Mon-Friday, 1-5 pm  
 Performances: July 25, 26, 27, 31 and Aug 1, 2, 2008. For information, please call: 818-242-4450 or visit us on the web at [www.foothillsummertheatre.org](http://www.foothillsummertheatre.org).

TEXTBOOK ROOM HELPERS

Textbook turn-in days will be:  
 June 13 (Friday) and  
 June 16-17-18  
 (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday)

Mark your calendars and save a couple of hours to work in the liveliest place on campus. Ann Neilson is expecting you!

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The ballots have been tallied and the results are in. Congratulations to the following Site Council Parent Representatives for 7/8 and 9-12:

- **7/8 Voting Members** are:  
Debbie McCoy and Joy Smith
- **7/8 Alternates** are:  
Pam Knapp and Valerie Aenlle-Rocha
- **9-12 Voting Members** are:  
Emilie Toomarian, Jon Jilg, Leslie Husa and Beth Gordon
- **9-12 Alternates** are:  
Meredith Fox, Marian Christiansen, Sue Cavanaugh, & Jill Blaisdell

Visit <http://www.lcusd.net/lchs/ssc/> to learn more about School Site Council.



LA CAÑADA HIGH SCHOOL— 2ND SEMESTER FINALS SCHEDULE—2008

Lunch will be available in the cafeteria during exam week.

NOTE: ALL STUDENTS WILL FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE—ONLY 8TH AND 12TH GRADES WILL TAKE EXAMS

Thursday, June 12th

**Period 2 Exam 7:50—9:52 a.m.** (122) 8th & 12th graders only take exam at this time (Grades 7,9,10,11 can incorporate SSR and review at this time)

BREAK 9:52-10:07 a.m (15)

Period 3 10:07-10:59 a.m. (52)

7—8 LUNCH 10:59-11:29 a.m (30)

Period 4 (9-12) 11:06-11:58 p.m. (52)

Period 4 (7-8) 11:58-12:28 p.m. (30)

Period 5 Exam 12:25-2:37 p.m (122) 8th & 12th graders only take exam at this time

Friday, June 13th

**Period 1 Exam 7:50—9:52 a.m.** (122) 8th & 12th graders only take exam at this time (Grades 7,9,10,11 can incorporate SSR and review at this time)

BREAK 9:52-10:07 a.m

Period 3 10:07-10:59 a.m.

7—8 LUNCH 10:59-11:29 a.m

Period 4 (9-12) 11:06-11:58 p.m.

Period 4 (7-8) 11:36-12:28 p.m.

9-12 LUNCH 11:58-12:28 p.m.

Period 6 Exam 12:25-2:37 p.m. 8th & 12th graders only take exam at this time

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GRADE	Thur 6/12	Fri 6/13	Mon 6/16	Tues 6/17	Wed 6/18	Thur 6/19
<b>GRADE 8</b>	See Sch Page 3 <b>School Starts at 7:50 a.m.</b> <b>School ends at 2:37 p.m.</b> FINALS PERIODS 2, 5	See Sch Page 3 <b>School Starts at 7:50 a.m.</b> <b>School ends at 2:37 p.m.</b> FINALS PERIODS 1, 6	7:50 - 9:55 Pd 3 Exam <b>9:55-10:20 am</b> <b>Break</b> 10:20-12:25 Pd 4 Exam Lunch 12:25:12:55	Students Report to 1st Pd Class Sch 3 & 4 Awards 8-10 am Promotion Rehearsal 10:30 am - cafe	PROMOTION 10:00:00 a.m. Football Field	<b>NO STUDENTS</b>  <b>7-12</b>
<b>GRADE 12</b>	See Sch Page 3 <b>School Starts at 7:50 a.m.</b> <b>School ends at 2:37 p.m.</b> FINALS PERIODS 2, 5	See Sch Page 3 <b>School Starts at 7:50 a.m.</b> <b>School ends at 2:37 p.m.</b> FINALS PERIODS 1, 6	7:50 - 9:55 Pd 3 Exam <b>9:55-10:20 am</b> <b>Break</b> 10:20-12:25 Pd 4 Exam Lunch 12:25:12:55 Study Period 12:55-2:30 pm	Senior Grad Rehearsal 9:00 am - cafe	GRADUATION 6:30 p.m.  Football Field	THURSDAY REGULAR WORKDAY FOR STAFF
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