

La Center High School Board Report

May 18, 2015

I would like to share with you that the LCHS students have **completed** testing in the following areas:

AP Calculus
AP English
AP Government
AP Statistics

Test results should arrive within the next three weeks. Students that receive a score of 3, 4 or 5 will share this information with the university of their choice and receive college credit.

Congratulations to all those students who took these tests.

All 10th graders have completed the ELA Exit Exam over 2 days including 2 additional days for makeups. This is a graduation requirement. Test results will arrive in August.

Approximately 50% of the 11th graders took the Smarter Balance ELA over 2 days while 28 parents came to the high school to sign the refusal paperwork. The remaining students (about 22%) did not attend the test. Many students felt that since they did not need to take this for graduation they chose to stay home those days.

The data stated above reflects the 11th graders testing on the Smarter Balance Math test. As you know the state will base the data of the 11th graders from this test, which is not a graduation requirement, to determine if LCHS made Annual Yearly Progress. Because we had such a large percent of students and their parents refusing to take the Smarter Balance tests, we will **not** make AYP this year.

Upcoming tests for the 10th graders as part of their graduation requirements include the Geometry End Of Course test, the Algebra EOC test and the Biology EOC test. The Algebra and Biology exams will also require a 3 hour late start on those days. This will bring us to a total of five 3 hour late starts in one month.

I would like to thank Aften Pankiewicz-Waldram, Valerie Luiz, Beth Marshall, Denise Yurecko, and Staci Firl for their help in organizing the materials, Chromebooks, supplies and helping with the communication to the students about these tests. They have contributed many hours to help make these testing days run smoothly. Also, thank you to Amy Neiman for helping with the training sessions that needed to take place for the new Smarter Balance tests. And the teachers have done a wonderful job helping make sure their students were prepared for the tests. Everyone did a great job! Thank you.

The **LCHS spring play** called *Noises Off* by Michael Frayn was done by nine of our outstanding drama students and directed by Ms. Sara Storer. This play was a wonderful farce done in three acts, showing the comedy that takes place behind the set as well as the complications that took place on stage. I was amazed at the timing and slapstick that took place, which is very difficult to pull off, and the level our actors performed at for this play. The number of additional students that helped with the set, costumes, props, lighting and sound was amazing to see when they all stepped out on stage at the end for the applause. Also, 'thank you' to the many adult volunteers that helped build this beautiful set including the donations that were generously given to support the program. I hope you had a chance to see the show. It was done very well and was well received.

Student Led Conferences are coming up this week. The SLCs are required for all students to present this year's work, goals and future plans to their parents and friends. Students will present their work Wednesday from 4-7 P.M. and Thursday from 12:00 – 4:00. Each board member will be invited to attend. We hope you will make it. Please contact me if you have any questions about the SLCs.

Athletics and Activities

Baseball

This season was a building year for the LCHS Baseball Team. There were only 2 seniors that played consistently throughout the year on the team due to an injury that prevented Dustin Ell from participating all season. The team is young, and they improved over the course of the season. In fact, they won 2 out of 3 league games against the #2 team in the Trico, Castle Rock, during the last week of the regular season. We ended up finishing 3rd in league play, with a record of 7 Wins, 8 Losses. The team played Tenino in the first round of the District 4, 1A Baseball Championships. Tenino was ranked 6th in the state at the time we played them. It was a good game by both teams, but their pitcher had a better outing. They defeated us 3 to 0. Our second district game came against the Elma Eagles. This was an exciting game as both teams went back and forth on lead changes. Unfortunately, we came up short as Elma ended up winning, 4 to 3, which ended the Wildcats' season.

Softball

The softball team had an incredible season and went through league play as expected with the talent that they brought back from last year. The team finished the regular season with a perfect 12 Wins and – 0 Losses and outscoring opponents in that stretch 120 runs to 13. Their overall record was 17 Wins and 2 Losses. The only 2 losses came at the hands of Battle Ground, which is a solid 4A program, and Woodland, who is this year's 2A Softball Champions for their league. Our team defeated Heritage, Ridgefield (x2), Centralia, and wrapped the season up with a big win versus Woodland on Monday, May 18. La Center enters the District 4, 1A Softball Championships as the number 1 seed from the Trico. The tournament will take place on Wednesday, May 20, and Saturday, May 23.

Soccer

The soccer team has had a very successful season again this year. They finished the regular season with 8 Wins and 4 Losses in league play, which gave them a 3rd place finish in league. The good news is that they wrapped up the last spot for the District 4, 1A Soccer Championships by placing third. Their first district game was against Hoquiam, on Hoquiam's field, Tuesday, May 12. The Wildcats played a great game and defeated the Grizzlies 3 to 0. The next district game was against the Trico League Champions, Team United. This team is a combined program from Toledo HS and Winlock HS. They appealed to the state to play in the 1A classification since the 2B classification does not have Boys Soccer in the spring. During the regular season, we split with Team United where each team got a win on their home field. Team United took an early 1 – 0 lead in the first half. The Wildcats scored 2 goals in the second half to get the victory. La Center played for a District Championship for the first time since 2007. And as in 2007, we came away with the title by defeating White Salmon, 2 – 0. The Wildcats will play Klahoya HS in the first round of the State Championships on Tuesday, May 19, at Kalama HS, 7 PM.

Girls Golf

The Girls Golf team had much more success this year, not only with the number of participants, but also with competition. La Center was able to get 4 wins against Elma and Rochester this season. This is quite a turn around, considering last year we had to forfeit all competitions due to lack of participants. It is required to have at least 4 participants to compete against another

school. Last year, we only had 3 girls on the team. Schools assign 6 golfers to a varsity match, and the 4 lowest scores are combined to give the team's score for that event. The Wildcats sent 6 girls to represent La Center in the District 4, 1A Girls Golf Championships on Monday and Tuesday, May 18-19. They were Emily, Haasl, Maddy Brown, Grace Renner, Madelyn Beutler, Annalysa Lowe, and Taylor Entenman. Three of the girls made the cut to the next day by scoring better than half the field of golfers. Taylor, Madelyn, and Emily were the three that qualified. The top 5 golfers will advance to the State Championships next week.

Track

Our Men's and Women's Track team completed the regular season with the Trico League Meet this past Friday, May 15. The top 4 athletes in the lane events and top 6 athletes in non-lane events qualified to the District 4, 1A Track Meet this Friday, May 22. I am pleased to report that out of all 33 athletes that competed at the League Meet, all 33 qualified for the District Meet. The Girls' team placed 3rd and the Boys' team are the 2015 Trico League Champions. The top 4 athletes in all events this Friday at the District meet will qualify to the State Championships in Cheney, WA at EWU's Roos Field. We could take as few as 5 athletes to as many as 16. It just depends how the meet goes this Friday on whether it is their day to out-perform their competitors.

Class of 2015 Graduation plans.

The following are the dates for all the activities taking place related to this year's graduation events.

Baccalaureate -May 31st – 4:00 in the Commons (put on by the parents)

Moving Up Assembly – June 2nd – HS Gym for 8-12 graders. An 8th grade tour will take place prior to the assembly.

Luau – June 2nd - 5:00 in the Commons.

Seniors last day – June 3rd

Senior Recognition - June 4th – 7:00 P.M. in the Commons – all are invited.

Senior Breakfast – June 5th - 9:30 A.M. at Highland Church – sponsored by the parents

Graduation Practice – June 5th – 12:45 in the HS Gym. ALL are seniors required to attend.

Graduation – June 6th – 7:00 P.M.

If you have any questions about any of these events please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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