La Center High School
February 17, 2011

Curriculum- We have just completed the end of the first semester and have gathered some interesting data about our students. As you will find from the information below we have a large number of students that are on the LCHS Honor Roll. Their names have been released to the Reflector and Columbian. Time to celebrate!

	Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshman
Total	106	86	113	155
Honor Roll (3.25 – 4.00)	35 (33%)	25 (29%)	39 (35%)	36 (23%)
Ave. GPA	3.678	3.575	3.611	3.633

Athletics & Activities- Knowledge Bowl finished their regular season ranked 1st in our region in the 1A classification and 4th overall. The actual Regional tournament will be held on February 28th at Lower Columbia College.

Our FBLA team just competed in their Regional Event held at Mark Morris High School in Longview on February 11th. 7 of the 8 participants qualified for the state competition held in Spokane on April 8th and 9th:
Jordan Floyd: 1st place in Hospitality Management
Becci Westby: 2nd place in Accounting II and 5th place in Business Math
Derick Lock: 1st place in Network Design and 2nd place in Computer Problem Solving
Emily Vis: 4th place in Help Desk
Josh McNeal/JC Mendez/David Wheeler: 4th place in the team event – Business Ethics
Josh McNeal: 4th place in Public Speaking, 5th place in Impromptu Speaking, and is 1 of 2 candidates for Regional VP

Red Cross is hosting a Blood Drive on our campus on February 22 from 8:30-11:30.

La Center High School's Student Body is hosting a fundraiser, which is a game for high school students. We have changed the date of "Quarantine Game Night" to March 12th. This should be a lot of fun.

Winter sport teams are entering their second season. Boys basketball just missed making the playoffs by 3 point in the last four seconds of their last game of the year. Girls basketball plays in a winner to state and loser out game against Ilwaco on February 17,

2011 at Kelso HS. The Dance team qualified both their hip-hop and pom routines for districts competition hosted by Mountain View HS on March 12th. Coaches Nevels and Cooke are taking four wrestlers and two alternates to this year's state wrestling tournament on February 18th-19th. The following wrestlers will have the opportunity to represent La Center School District at Mat Classic XXIII:
Patrick Mayolo 130lbs
Jake Johnson 145lbs
Chris Mayolo 145lbs
Ryan Kulla 171lbs
Dustin Veysey 130lbs Alternate
Josh Mcneal 189lbs Alternate

Teachers – Our teachers once again have demonstrated enthusiasm and concern for the wellbeing of our students. The PE teachers, several coaches, Kathy Bounds and I met early this year to find ways to improve the weight room. This room is used by five classes of students, after school practices, and athletic training workouts. As of to date, the weight room has been painted, carpet on the lower half of the walls to protect them from damage and rubber matting on the floor throughout. Mrs. Bounds and I applied to the La Center Casinos Charitable Fund Grants for equipment that was badly needed in the weight room.

Also, Shawn Link, Skot Barker and Dave Holmes applied also to the LC Casino Foundation for a grant to purchase a NewTek TriCaster. This piece of technology will be applied to the broadcasting room we are creating at the high school. The Tricaster is a high definition, network-quality that is portable for live production solutions that includes multi-channel HD switching, HD network-style virtual sets, HD tilting, HD digital disk recording, audio mixing, HD editing, full HD streaming and more.

I am pleased to announce that the La Center Casinos Charitable Fund Grants Advisory Committee is awarding us at the upcoming Board Meeting with a $10,000 check for equipment in the weight room and a $9,000 check for the TriCaster to be used in the broadcasting room. A big 'thank you' goes out to the Casinos Foundation for this generous grant.

Students- One of the outstanding traits of our student body is the way they work together in school. Yet our young teens are daily faced with issues, choices and decisions on such topics such as drugs, harassment and bullying, clicks, and peer pressure. High school can be a challenging time for many students.

We have an outstanding opportunity for out students that has literally fallen into our laps. Teen YMCA has a program called the YMCA Phoenix Project. The program begins with

26 (selected by the staff) students and 4 teachers to attend the workshop at Camp Collins outside of Gresham, OR over a three day weekend which will be March 11-13. This program is led by a professional group of facilitators from Synergo and our staff. Teens are taught leadership skills, opportunities to evaluate who they are, assess the causes of their challenges and redefine where they want to go in life through enhanced decision making and personal responsibilities. This includes activities on the Challenge Course, similar to the one we have on our campus. We are taking 13 boys and 13 girls from different 'clicks' of the school.

The Phoenix Project weekend is followed up with 4 three hour meetings after school over the following month. A 'graduation' with parents concludes the event for the students and teachers.

From several school administrators in other school districts, I have been told this program is incredibly powerful. We are planning to include a fall and spring opportunity next year for two more groups of students if the results from the Phoenix Project seem to impact our students in a positive way. I am looking forward to this opportunity for our students and staff.

Respectfully submitted,

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