



MERRY CHRISTMAS

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Dear parents and friends of Lebanon Catholic School,*

*The Advent season is a time of renewal and promise and a reminder to us that the Light of the World will come to brighten up our hearts as we await*

*“...the Light of the World will come to brighten up our hearts as we await our Savior.”*

*our Savior. With so much to do, we sometimes lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.*

*We began the season by celebrating*

*in the Blessing of the Wreaths on November 29, 2011. Deacon Wentzel blessed the wreaths that were placed in each classroom as a reminder of the Holy Infant’s coming.*

*Each year we come together to celebrate the rejoicing of our greatest gift, Jesus, at our Christmas concerts. Last week’s elementary concert was so heartwarming and joyful.*

*The jubilant sounds of the Christmas season delighted guests at the high school concert on December 21st,*

*2011.*

*Many wonderful things are happening at Lebanon Catholic School. As these events approach, you will continue to receive our email blasts which will connect you to our website and various links. Please remember to use this tool to keep in contact with all the happenings at our school.*

*I wish you and your family the joy of each other, the true reason for the season.*

*Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!*

*Mrs. Rose Kury*

*Principal/Secondary Director*

## **FROM the Principal/Secondary Director**

*Report Cards for the 1st quarter* were distributed on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The following students were named to the Lebanon Catholic School first-marking period honor roll.

As a reminder, the **Honors Criteria** is as follows:

**Principal’s Honors-** 93% and above in all subject areas

**First Honors-** 90% and above in all subject areas

**Second Honors-** 85% and above in all subject areas

\*\*\* All “S’s” in conduct and gym

### **SIXTH GRADE**

First honors— Hannah Callihan, Nathan Hatzfeld, Nee-sha Pierre

Second honors— Gabrielle Andrews, Hervinah Celestin, Mary Harding, Abigail Russo

### **SEVENTH GRADE**

Principal’s honors- Katelyn Chobanoff, Asha Prihar

First honors- Dylan Reb, Jessica Stachura, Aiden Wharton-Mohammed

Second honors— Matthew Brennan, Nicholas Hartman, Kaitlyn McConnell, Matthew Moffitt

### **EIGHTH GRADE**

Principal’s honors— Gregory Morrison

First honors- Bryce Hains, Noah Marinkov

Second honors- David Batula, Karen Dorsey

### **FRESHMEN**

Principal’s honors- Jolie Conway

First honors- Monica Pastal, Ivan Willets

Second honors- Julia Jackson, Annalia Kostow, Peter Lazoricik

### **SOPHOMORES**

First honors- Andrew Gates

Second honors- Kristen Behrens, Christopher Dorsey, Emily Morrison, Michael Schram, Jessica Sforza

### **JUNIORS**

Second honors- Mary Chey, Charlotte Devitz, Bryanna Heilman, Witchaya Wipesanawan

### **SENIORS**

Second honors- Bryan Bates, Nicholas Culbert, Zachary Nash

# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday, and I hope you are preparing for the coming of Jesus during this season of Advent!

The Pre-K and Kindergarten students each held a Thanksgiving play. The students looked wonderful dressed as Pilgrims and Indians. They also sang Thanksgiving songs.

Saint Nicholas made an early visit to the classrooms on Monday, December 5. The students told Saint Nicholas what they knew about the saint. He left a treat for each of the students in their shoe or stocking.

The elementary students were able to shop for Christmas gifts for their family and friends at Santa's workshop either on Tuesday, December 6 or Wednesday, December 7. This event was sponsored by the PTO.

Parent-Teacher conferences were held recently. All of the conferences went well. Please remember to contact your child's teacher concerning any questions that you might have. Keep the lines of communication open between you and your child's teacher.

Some of the middle school students and all of the elementary students participated in the Christmas performance on December 15th. It was fabulous show!!

The elementary students will have a Retreat day on Thursday, December 22. The focus for the day will be on the birth of Jesus. The students will pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, and the secondary students will present a musical concert. The students are learning to keep Christ in Christmas.

I wish all of you a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God bless you and your families!

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Cynthia Williams*

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Assistant Principal/Elementary Director



**CHA-CHING...  
GIANT A+  
REWARDS**

*Drum roll, please.*

We are pleased to announce that through the end of November 2011, Lebanon Catholic School has earned a whopping:

**\$ 2,252.74**

in free money from the 2011-2012 *Giant A+ Rewards Program.*

*Keep shopping at GIANT to help us earn more free money!*

Enjoy Your  
Christmas Vacation



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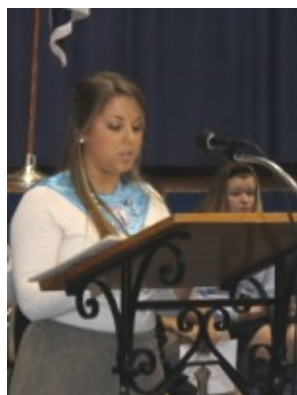
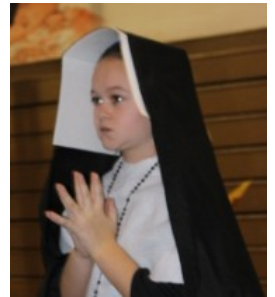
- December 23rd
- December 26th
- December 27th
- December 28th
- December 29th
- December 30th
- January 2nd, 2012

# L.C. Students Take Center Stage



In keeping with the time-honored tradition at Lebanon Catholic School, third grade students from Mrs. Hartman's and Miss Wida's class dressed as their most beloved saint and led the procession for Mass in celebration of All Saints Day on November 1st, 2011.

Top left: Hunter Nelson, dressed as Saint Paul receives last minute instructions from Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Kury before leading the procession into Mass Top center: Vanessa Nolan dressed up as Saint Theresa and Eva Brazfeld dressed up as Saint Catherine Laboure. Top right: Mrs. Michele Ambrosia, former principal, made a special visit with the children on this special day. Bottom right: Aiden Toomey, dressed as Saint Faustina enters Mass.



Top Left: Sophomore, Drew Gates receives NHS stole from Mrs. Shuyler. Top middle: Senior Abby Schrum National Honor Society speaks about Scholarship, one of the pillars of excellence awarded to new inductees. Top right: Senior Bryan Bates observes junior Noel Biever pen her signature into NHS archival membership book.



*The Nutcracker* made a visit to L.C.. The Christmas classic was performed by the ballet troupe from Movement Laboratory on December 19, 2011. Pictured above: Freshmen, **Alyssa Colon** (left) and **Jolie Conway** (right).

Above: **Cassie Connelly**, a 6th grade student takes us on a delicious trip to Marzipan. Right: **Bryanna Heilman**, a junior, strikes a final pose at the end of her performance

## A Message from our Campus Minister

Dear LC Family and Friends,

The month of December has been filled with God's love and generosity at Lebanon Catholic School. We have diligently been preparing to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus, during this Advent season.

We celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary with an all-school Mass. Preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of Original Sin at her conception in her mother's womb was God's gift to prepare Mary to say yes to His request that she become the Holy Mother of His Son, Jesus. Grades three through twelve prepared their souls to receive Jesus in the most Holy Eucharist by going to confession during our Advent Penance service

on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Nine priests from our deanery and from the diocese came that day to bring God's mercy and forgiveness to our students. We are so grateful for our priests and their dedication to Lebanon Catholic.

We also have been trying to imitate God's goodness through the many ways LC generously donates time, treasure and talent to our local community. On Friday, December 16 we had our annual Toys for Tots prayer service and presentation of toys to our local Marine Corps League. We have also collected Coats for Kids (through the girls' basketball team's efforts). The National Honor Society coordinated gifts from each homeroom for families in need in their Adopt a Family campaign.

Finally, on the last day of school, December 22, the whole school will gather together to pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and the elementary students will participate in a Christmas retreat.

When we return from our Christmas break, we will celebrate our Epiphany Mass on Thursday, January 5, 2012 and have all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on January 6, 2012 First Friday. Many of our high school students will be attending the March for Life on Monday, January 23 to witness to the dignity of every human life from the womb to the tomb. That day we will also have Adoration in our school chapel.

May we all celebrate Christmas filled with the wonder of the shepherds and the knowledge of the Magi that our God proves His love for us by truly being Emmanuel, the God Who is with us at every Mass in the Holy Eucharist and every time we gather in prayer in His Name. May the Christ Child bless you and yours with His Love and Peace!

Yours in Jesus and Mary,

Mrs. Julie Shuyler

Religion Department Chair/  
Campus Minister



Members of the National Honor Society gather around the Adopt-A-Family Gift Table. Right inset: *Noel Bieber*, a junior, prepares the packages for delivery. Far right: Juniors *Mary Chey* and *Wilma Montero* assist in loading the gifts that go to families in need.



## Mrs. Karen Capriotti Receives Prestigious Honor



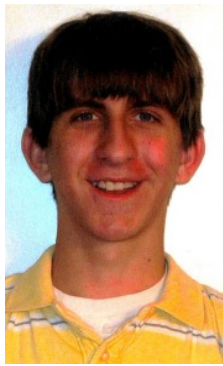
On December 2, 2011, Mrs. Karen Capriotti received the Pennsylvania High School Counselor of the Year Award from the President of the Pennsylvania School Counselors Association (PSCA), Mrs. Michelle Brand.

Mrs. Capriotti who is employed by the Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13, splits her time between Lebanon Catholic School and New Covenant Christian School.

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



• **Abigail Schrum**  
November



• **Zach Nash**  
November



• **Nick Culbert**  
December

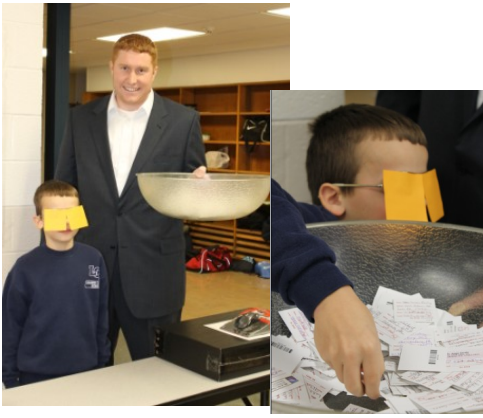


## 2011 INDUCTEES



Front row (L to R): Junior Sydni Chapman, Sophomore Theresa Chey, Junior Alex Voorhees, Junior Casey Semenza, Junior Wilma Montero. 2nd Row (L to R): Sophomore Andrew Gates, Sophomore Sarah Chobanoff, Junior Jasmine Velandia, Junior Noel Bieber, Sophomore Ashley Winters, Sophomore Helene Reist, Sophomore Emily Morrison. Back row: Sophomore Joey Skulski and Sophomore Joey DeFluri.

# Beaver Pride



## Guidance Corner

### Elementary Student Enrichment Experience - SEE

Students in the SEE program from the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade had the opportunity to participate in the Lancaster-Lebanon IU13 Student Enrichment Experience this fall. Students in the program qualify based on standardized test scores and teacher recommendations. The IU13 invites students from many nonpublic schools in Lancaster and Lebanon counties and each school is able to bring up to four students per school.

In October, **Jaron Wharton -Mohammed** from Mrs. Matter's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class and **Melina Smith** from Mrs. Hummel's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class visited the Cornwall Iron Furnace and the Union Canal. At the Cornwall Iron Furnace, the students explored history

as they learned how the furnace worked and how people lived in the 1700-1800's. During a boat ride down the Union Canal, they learned what the canal was used for and how it was operated, often by children the same age as themselves.

In December, **Mikayla Gingrich** from Mrs. Matter's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class joined Jaron and Melina as the SEE students went to Franklin and Marshall College to learn about garbage and the environment. After the students learned about what happens to our trash after we throw it away, they learned how to lessen the amount of trash we throw away. The students were able to make use of the trash right from their own lunches by turning the trash into something useful. Afterwards, the students made terrariums which they especially enjoyed.

...and the winner  
of the new  
HP laptop is:  
**Grail Marisi**  
2nd grader Sophie Marisi's grandmother  
**Congratulations!**

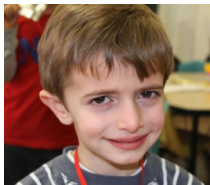
Pictured above: **PointeSolve** president, Billy Orr and 3rd grader, Mark Gates draw the winner.

## Some Insights on Christmas...

Do dogs make good Christmas gifts?



Yes because I like dogs and they're cute. I would like a chihuahua. I would name her Casey. - **Alexandria Judd**, age 6, 1st grade.

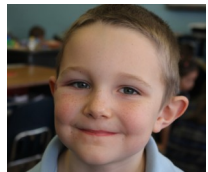


Yes because they are cute, but I am not old enough to have one. My mommy said not until I can dress myself. - **Alex Medzoyan**, age 5, kindergarten

What does Mrs. Claus do while Santa is out delivering all of those gifts to children around the world?



Mrs. Claus gets on a reindeer to deliver some presents to kids while Santa takes his sleigh. She likes to ride on Dasher because he is beautiful. - **Billy Yeagley II**, age 4, Pre-K



She helps the elves make more toys because Santa has to come back to get more. - **Kenny Battistelli**, age 6, 1st grade

What is your favorite part of Christmas?



I had to wake Daddy last year because he was sleeping way too long. It was like Friday and we were sleeping in until my brothers and sisters woke me up and then I went to wake my daddy. It was fun. - **Shannon Dorsey**, age 4, Pre-K



I like to see what Santa left in my stocking and open my presents. - **Madelyn Tross**, age 5, Kindergarten



Oh! That's easy...Midnight Mass! - **Sister Maryann**