

# Footprints

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**“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”**

**Romans 15:5-7**

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It did not take long to realize this summer that we needed to speak in terms of *consolidating* and not *consolidation*. *Consolidation* seemed to imply a finished work that could be accomplished just as soon as the many truckloads from Denver Lutheran High School could be unloaded. *Consolidating* recognizes that it's a process and it takes time. It can't be realized by unpacking boxes; it continues to unfold as we consider best practices, discuss our heritage and our future, and welcome new students from many different schools. Although it sounds overwhelming, every year requires *consolidating*.

Thank you for the part that you have played in a successful start to a new and “consolidating” school year. You have blessed us with your generosity, your patience, and entrusting us with your students. We are so grateful for the work that you have helped us with this summer, the way you have granted us time as we experience a steep learning curve, and the many sacrifices you have made to have your students involved with the ministry of Lutheran High School.

There's no formula for the unity that *consolidating* requires, but Scripture reminds us that it is a priority. With God as the Author of unity, we know that it can be achieved in the midst of conflict, hard work, change, and even differences of opinion. Outside of Christ we are not capable of the kind of love necessary for unity, but we are reminded in Romans that God can give us a “spirit of unity” so that we may glorify Him with “one heart and mouth”. Thanks for joining us in this “consolidating” journey and praying that a spirit of unity would prevail!

Serving Him,  
David Ness

***Mission Statement***  
*Lutheran High School will play a role in the development of each student's personal relationship with Jesus Christ, nurture them as redeemed children of God, and equip them in a safe environment to meet the challenges of an ever-changing world.*

**“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3**

# Faculty and Staff Directory

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## CALENDAR

### Upcoming Dates To Remember!

Monday, September 5	No School - Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept 6-Fri 9	<i>Sixteen Cities</i> - Spiritual Emphasis Week
Wednesday, September 7	<i>Sixteen Cities</i> - Concert - 7 pm
Monday, September 12	Late Start - Classes begin at 9:10 am Back to School Night - 7 pm
Tuesday, September 13	Josten's Rep meets with Sophomores/Seniors - Academic Lab
Sunday, September 18	National Honor Society Induction - 2 pm
Monday, September 19	College Planning & Financial Aid Night - 7-9 pm
Tuesday, September 20	Josten's Rep returns - Academic Lab
Wednesday, September 21	Josten's Rep returns - Lunch
Mon-Sat, Sept 26-Oct 1	HOMECOMING WEEK!
Friday, September 30	Royalty Night - 7 pm

### Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, October 1	Homecoming Dance - 7:30 pm -11 pm
Tuesday, October 4	Picture Retakes
Wed - Fri, Oct 5 – Oct 7	No School - Fall Break
Wednesday, October 12	All School Testing Day -Early Dismissal
Friday, October 14	End of 1st Quarter
Monday, October 17	Late Start - Classes begin at 9:10 am
Tuesday, October 25	Parent/Teacher Conferences - 6 - 8 pm
Saturday, October 29	LHS Trick or Treat Street - 10 am -1 pm

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Sixteen Cities**

Immediately following Labor Day, Lutheran High School will be hosting Christian band *Sixteen Cities* from Tuesday through Friday. It was such a blessing experiencing growth in Christ on campus last year as they led us in worship and shared their faith. What a great way to start a new school year! Parents and families are welcome to join us for chapel at 9:00 a.m. during the week of September 6-9. On Wednesday, September 7, please invite your friends to a free concert at 7:00 p.m. in the Flex Room.

### **LHS Robotics Club – Drivers Wanted (also Designers, Builders, and Programmers)**

The LHS Robotics Club is meeting for the '11 – '12 season and invites all interested students to join us this year. If you like to work with your hands and your brain, and enjoy mechanical challenges, then you'll want to check out the Robotics Club. The Club meets in the Media Center/Music Room from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday evenings from August through March.

The club uses the Vex Robotics design system ([www.vexrobotics.com](http://www.vexrobotics.com)) to build robots to play a game. Each year a new game is announced and high school robotics teams play the game in tournaments held around the world. This year's game is "Gateway." You can learn more about the game at the link above; just click on the "Competition" link at the top of the home page.

Participation in the club exposes students to an exciting platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities spanning science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). These are just a few of the many fields students can explore by creating with VEX Robotics technology. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups – all of which are valuable life/employment skills. While you don't need previous robotics experience, you do need a curiosity and willingness to learn, and a desire to contribute to the team's efforts. The team wants/needs active participants, not joiners. Like all of life, you'll get as much out of the experience as you put into it.

If you want more information about the club, contact Keith Rodefeld, mentor of the club (and parent of Matt Rodefeld, LHS Senior), at (303) 791-0832 or [krodefeld@aol.com](mailto:krodefeld@aol.com).

### **Moms Who Pray (Dads, Too!)**

Please consider being a part of a prayer ministry that we are so thankful for at Lutheran High School. **Moms Who Pray** meets each Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. to pray for specific requests, students, faculty, and staff. We're so thankful for what God has done and is continuing to do at LHS!

### **School Directory**

We will be putting together the 11-12 school directory early in September. If you **DO NOT** want your address, phone number, or email address published, please call the school office and let us know. Otherwise, that information will be listed in the directory.

### **Items We Can Always Use**

We can always use **Kleenex** for our classrooms, **plastic silverware**, **paper plates**, **napkins**, and **paper towels** for the kitchen. Please bring any items you would like to donate to the office. Thank you to those who have already donated items this year!!!

## **OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION**

### **Spirit Wear**

Monograms by K & K will no longer be handling spirit wear for the school.

We will, however, continue to provide letter jackets.

We have limited sizes in stock at our shop in old town Parker, so come in soon to avoid the 4-6 week order time.

Thank you,

Carol Wall

Monograms by K & K

303-646-0755(Office)

### **Supporting Your School Made Easy**

Our schools have been given an easy and amazing way to raise money! Through the purchase of King Soopers gift cards, Lutheran High receives 5% of the proceeds! The best part about these cards is that you can refill them at any King Soopers store and continue to support our schools with every refill! If you are interested in purchasing a gift card or have any questions, please contact Cheryl Cattau at [Cheryl.Cattau@lhsparker.org](mailto:Cheryl.Cattau@lhsparker.org) or call the school office at 303-841-5551 x 2000.

We also have Safeway gift cards available in \$25 and \$50 denominations in the school office. The Safeway cards are non-reloadable. **Thank you** to all who purchase grocery gift cards!

### **Scrip at LHS**

Do you give gift cards for presents? Do you shop at Old Navy or Kohls? Do you ever stop for dinner at Chili's or Olive Garden? Do you go to the movies or rent them to watch at home?

Buy gift cards to your favorite stores/restaurants through LHS "SCRIP" program. Our school will receive an automatic donation through your purchase.

#### **How does it work?**

- Select from the list of various merchants.
- Indicate the quantity and total for each merchant.
- Write a check for the total amount you are purchasing. (A credit card may be used for purchases of \$500 or more.)
- You will receive equal value in gift cards.
- Send your order in to the school office by Monday morning at 8:00 am, accompanied by a check, and you will receive your gift cards by Friday (after 2:30 pm) of the same week.

#### **How do we benefit as a school?**

- For each order placed by LHS, the merchant will send a percentage (indicated on the order form) of your gift card purchase to our school as a thank you.

**Order forms are available in the school office or on the school website.**

**Buy scrip on-line at [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com)**

## ADMISSIONS/MARKETING

**Ryan Bredow**

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Hello from the admissions/marketing office! As a “new” face in this role at LuHi this year, it has been exciting to see how our great God is working in our midst. To begin the year with 240 students surrounded by a gifted faculty and a community of committed families is an amazing blessing.

As we continue to establish Lutheran High School as a beacon for Christian education here in Douglas County, I would encourage you to do three things that would be especially helpful to our admissions and marketing efforts:

**Pray continually for our ministry!** Our God is certainly at work here in this place, and keeping Him at the forefront of our thoughts, conversations, and actions is definitely a good thing!

**Spread the word!** Please pass on the news about our ministry here to others. Be sure to pass on any leads on potential students or inquiring families to me via phone or e-mail above so that I can follow up with them and invite them to various events and experience this community.

**Live out loud!** In the case of Christian education, people often say that it goes as far as the community is willing to own it. In other words, be involved! We look forward to engaging our parents more this year than ever. We want to provide opportunities for you to serve in a variety of capacities, so be willing to consider how you could impact our school for the sake of His Kingdom. We will be communicating many of these opportunities in the near future.

Lastly, thanks for making a commitment to your child/children by investing in Lutheran High School! Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, thoughts, or ideas - it is a joy to partner with others for the sake of Christian education.

Go LuHi,

\*Ryan Bredow

# Auction Fundraiser Info!

Our *12th Annual Silent and Live Benefit Auction Fundraiser* will be held **Saturday, November 19th** at Lutheran High School.

This week all LHS families received auction information regarding donations. We would like to encourage every family at LHS to donate or solicit at least one or more items for our auction. If every family could donate at least one item that would give us a great start! We are looking for new or quality merchandise, gift cards of all kinds, services, handmade items, vacation rentals or overnight stays...almost anything! All donations can be turned in to the front office, and donation forms can be printed off our website at [lhsparker.org](http://lhsparker.org) by clicking on the auction link.

Your auction packet also including information regarding our *Table Captain Challenge*. In the past our auction event has drawn anywhere from 300-350 people...last year we had a record 355 people attend! We want to increase that number this year, but we need your help! By becoming a Table Captain you will commit to bringing 6-8 new faces to our auction. New faces can be friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, or anyone who you think might enjoy a fun evening. If you can fill a table at our auction with some new faces, you will not only have a great night, you will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card! Sign up to be Table Captain TODAY by going to our website and clicking on the auction link to print and sign a Table Captain commitment form.

Finally, your auction packet included a Sponsorship form. We always appreciate our sponsors...they help us make this night awesome! You can sponsor our auction at any level: Copper, Bronze, Gold or Platinum. We also appreciate any dollar amount for sponsorship donations to help with ticket cost, food, drinks, rentals, etc. If you, your family or business feel this is an area you could help in we would appreciate you filling out the Sponsorship form and returning it to the school office. Every little bit helps! Again, this form can be found on our website at [lhsparker.org](http://lhsparker.org) and clicking on the auction link.

Our auction evening is 100% volunteer! If you can help by being a volunteer, we could use it! Whether it be soliciting for donations, putting together baskets, set up, stuffing envelopes, or being available the evening of auction we need your help!

\*Sign up in the school office or contact our Auction Coordinator, Kristin Gehrke at

[kweddick34@hotmail.com](mailto:kweddick34@hotmail.com) or 720-979-6179 (cell).

**Find all auction updates, including an up to date list of donations that will be available the evening of the auction on our website @ [lhsparker.org](http://lhsparker.org) and click on the auction link!!**

We thank you in advance for your participation in this fundraiser. Our auction is a HUGE reason Lutheran High School can offer so many wonderful things to our students and families. Thank you for making our auction a success!

More details to come!

# SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

## SENIOR PORTRAITS

In order to be included in the 2011 Lutheran High yearbook, senior portraits must be delivered to the yearbook staff **no later than Friday, October 7, 2011**. They should meet the following specs:

- Color glossy, 2 ¼ inches high x 1 ¾ inches wide
- Basic frontal (head and shoulders)
- No props, soft focus, pets or hats
- Students should be in compliance with school dress code.

Picture is vertical.

Get your pictures taken early, because it can take up to a month for them to be ready for the yearbook. Contact Mr. Matthew Zoeller, the yearbook advisor, if you have questions. (matthew.zoeller@lhsparker.org or call 406 321-0830).

**Electronic picture submission:** These are preferred. Please make sure they're high resolution and send them to the email address listed above.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS

You may place a baby picture of your senior and/or a brief message to your senior in a special section in the yearbook. The cost of these will be \$12 for a baby picture or a message separately, or \$20 for both a picture and message. **Deadline for submitting picture and message is Friday, October 7th.** Use the form below if you want to include a baby picture and/or a message, and return with payment. Make sure to put student's name on back of picture.

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Return to: Mr. Matthew Zoeller at LHS no later than **Friday, October 9th, 2011**

**Student name** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture only - \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ Message only - \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ Picture and Message - \$20

Message (maximum 40 words):

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**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**  
**MS. DENISE NOFFZE**  
**303 841 5551 ext. 2017**

**September 19**

**College Planning Night for all Parents, especially Jr & Sr Parents!!**

Junior and Senior parents/legal guardians, you are encouraged to attend the College Planning & Financial Aid Night on Monday, September 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Flex Rm. This two part presentation is extremely beneficial in providing guidance for making college choices and financial planning. Many helpful tips and websites will be given to aid you in the process. See below for some details of the presentations.

**College Application Process**

The following information will be given:

- \*When to apply to colleges
- \*What is included in the application process
- \*What to expect from the college after you apply
- \*Month by month planning guide
- \*Importance of visiting the campus of the colleges that interest you

**College Financial Planning for Parents**

Plan to attend to learn the following information:

- \*Things you should be doing right now for 2012 and 2013 graduates
- \*How to get ahead by developing a customized plan for college costs
- \*How to lower your "out of pocket" costs and get the maximum amount of money from each university/college
- \*How to pick colleges that will give the best financial aid package
- \*How to pay for college without jeopardizing your retirement
- \*Understand the myths about financial aid

Additional college information is located on our website: <http://lhsparker.org/inside/college.html>

**College Fairs for Jrs & Srs**

Check out upcoming **college fairs** on our website. Parents of juniors and seniors should plan to attend one or more of these fairs where you can visit with 65, 120 or more than 200 colleges and university representatives all in one evening. Nothing to lose and lots of free give-aways!! Click on "College and Careers" on the left side of the Inside page, then look for "College Fairs" on the list at the right side of the page.

Additional college information is located on our website: <http://lhsparker.org/inside/college.html>

**All School Test Day is Wednesday, October 12**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Freshmen	Explore	Practice for the ACT test
Sophomores	PLAN	Practice for ACT test
	PSAT	<u>Optional</u> testing practice for the SAT Students may sign up with Ms. Noffze
Juniors	PSAT	Practice for SAT test High score creates eligibility for National Merit Scholarship
Seniors		Mandatory College Workshop

## **MORE COUNSELOR NEWS**

### **ACT & SAT**

Seniors need to take one or both of these college exams to attend college (check the college requirements). Applications must be done on line at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) or [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). The first test dates are Sept. 10 and October 22 for the ACT and Oct. 1 and Nov. 5 for the SAT. Filling out the application takes from 60-120 minutes, so please plan your time accordingly. Students MUST fill out a major portion of the application, so parents have your student close by when working on the application.

## **2011-2012 ACT Test Dates**

Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

<b><u>Test Date</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Late Fee Required (+ \$21)</u></b>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13-26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	Sept. 17-30, 2011
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5-18, 2011
February 11, 2012	January 13, 2012	January 14-20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10-23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5-18, 2012

**Cost:** \$33 (no Writing) \$48 (plus Writing)

For additional costs and services see: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/actfees.html>

NOTE: All Colorado Colleges prefer the ACT test without the Writing portion.  
All colleges across the USA now accept the ACT test for entrance.

## **2011-2012 SAT Test Dates**

Register at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

<b><u>Test Date</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Late Fee Required (+ \$23)</u></b>
October 1, 2011	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

**Cost:** SAT Reasoning: \$49.00

SAT Subject Test: \$22.00 Basic subject test fee  
\$11.00 All other Subject tests  
\$22.00 Lang w/ listening tests

For additional costs and services see:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenfees/fees.html>

NOTE: SAT is preferred by some colleges in CA and along the east coast.  
Check with the college to see which test they want you to take.

Colleges that Change Lives—College Fair

**Wed., August 4**, 7:00-9:00 PM  
Denver Convention Center (room 201)  
Four Seasons Ballroom  
700 14<sup>th</sup> St., Denver, CO 80202

Visit website: <http://www.ctcl.org/events/denver11>

**Catholic College Fair**

**Thurs., September 6**, 6:00-9:00 PM (15 colleges present)  
Denver Marriott Tech Center  
(Date is estimated; no official date could be found 8/26/2011)

Colorado College Fairs across the state

**September 7-November 11**

Various High Schools across Colorado host these College Fairs during the day and evening. Please choose one to attend in your area.

<http://www.coloradocouncil.org/events/pdf/day-night-calendar-for-members.pdf>

**National Scholarship Service, Inc.: Denver College Fair**

**Thurs., September 7**, 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM  
Denver Convention Center  
700 14th St., Denver 80202                      303-228-8000

Ivy League Colleges/Univ, Historically Black Colleges /Univ, State College/Univ, Community Colleges, Technical & Vocational Schools, Military

[http://www.nationalscholarshipservice.com/category\\_s/37.htm](http://www.nationalscholarshipservice.com/category_s/37.htm)

**Out of State Colleges** (from Hawaii, Alaska, and continental U.S.A.)

**Thurs., Oct. 13**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
John F Kennedy High School  
2855 S. Lamar Street, Denver 80227

(125 colleges represented)

**Sat., Oct. 15**, 10:00-2:00 PM  
Douglas County High School  
2842 Front Street  
Castle Rock 80104

(over 200 colleges represented)

(Financial workshop available also)  
Visit website: [www.collegefairsdenver.org](http://www.collegefairsdenver.org)

List of attending colleges:  
<http://collegefairsdenver.org/colleges.html>

## **MORE COUNSELOR NEWS**

### **Out of State Colleges (from Hawaii, Alaska, and continental U.S.A.)**

**Thurs., Oct. 7**, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
John F Kennedy High School  
2855 S. Lamar Street  
Denver 80227  
(125 colleges represented)

**Sat., Oct. 9**, 10:00-2:00 PM  
Cherry Creek High School  
9300 E Union Ave.  
Greenwood Village 80111  
(over 200 colleges represented)

(Financial workshop available also)

Visit website: [www.collegefairsdenver.org](http://www.collegefairsdenver.org)

<http://collegefairsdenver.org/colleges.html>

### **Christian College Fair**

[http://denver.yfc.net/events/college\\_fair/](http://denver.yfc.net/events/college_fair/)

(68 U.S. Christian colleges represented)

**Mon., October 3**, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Colorado Springs Christian High School  
4825 Mallow Rd., Colorado Springs 80907

**Tues., October 4**, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Valor Christian High School  
3775 Grace Blvd., Highlands Ranch 80126

**Thurs., October 6**, 6:30-8:30 PM  
Faith Christian Academy  
6250 Wright Street, Arvada 80004 (64<sup>th</sup> & Ward)  
For more info: 303-843-9000

## **Advice for attending college fairs**

Bring address labels. This saves you LOTS of time and you can visit more booths.

Don't wait in long lines!!! Visit the colleges that don't have long lines. You may get more scholarship money from one of those schools than from the more popular ones. All of the colleges are there because they have money to give away for your education.

### **A Winning Approach to the College Search: What should I do at a college workshop?**

1. Describe your admission criteria. What are my chances of admission?
  2. What are your college entrance test requirements? When are you deadlines?
  3. Must I apply separately for financial aid?
  4. What types of scholarships does your school offer and what are the criteria? How do I apply?
  5. Which departments or programs do you consider outstanding?
  6. Why would a Colorado student come to your school?
- What percentage of students who start as first year students graduate in 4 years? In 5 years? What percentage transfer to other colleges?

For additional questions to ask, see: <http://www.collegefairsdenver.org/tips.html>  
<http://www.nextstepu.com/pdf-handouts/steps/step4-college-fair.pdf>