

School Improvement Council Annual Report

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Lewisville High School

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LHS Receives the 2012-2013 Palmetto Gold Award

At LHS, we are proud of our efforts to increase student achievement and engagement. At present, students in Algebra I/Math for the Technologies II, English I, Biology I and United States History are required to take a state mandated End-of-Course Exam at the conclusion of the course. We continue to make significant gains in the area of EOC Exams with a total passage rate of 87.55% in all subject areas. LHS has been recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award recipient again for the 2012-2013 school year in the area of General Performance. Also in 2012, LHS was one of only five high schools in South Carolina to make 100A on the Federal Accountability measure. We are proud of our increase in the number of sophomore students who pass the High School Assessment Program (HSAP) on the first attempt; we increased to 93.1% passage rate.

The faculty encourages higher student achievement and student responsibility. Each semester, students on the A and A/B honor roll are recognized for their accomplishments. Students have been encouraged to enroll in classes offered at the Chester County Career Center. We continue to offer dual credit through York Technical College, University of South Carolina at Lancaster, and Winthrop University. Teachers continue to offer support and tutoring to all students after school and during lunch.

Through the use of technology, we have significantly improved our communication with parents and the community. We continue to publish a newsletter, but our primary means of communication are our school website, the teachers' websites, the parent portal for student grades and the school Connect phone system. We are also proud to have interactive Promethean boards in all classrooms at LHS. This continues to strive for excellence through the use of technology.

We are also proud of our athletic department this year as we are the home of the IA State Champions in Basketball and the IA Region III champions in softball.

We recognize that everything we do can impact the life of a child, and we strive to make each day a day of growth and learning. Like all schools, we will continue to face the challenges of preparing our students to meet the demands of a global economy.

Lewisville - A community involved in its schools.

Dr. Jim Knox

School Improvement Council

The LHS SIC will have a table at Open House in August to collect names of parents who are willing to serve on the LHS School Improvement Council for the next two years. Meetings are once a month. See us in August for more information! As always, all parents and students are invited to attend and participate in SIC meetings and in making LHS the best!

Club and Other Activities at LHS

Beta Club

New members were inducted in November. Service projects during the 2012-2013 year included: *LHS Angel Tree* in which members collected toys, clothes, and other items school-wide in December for children in the Lewisville area. In February, members attended the *USCL Honors Day*. They competed in academic, physical, and arts competitions for scholarships and awards. They were entered into a drawing for an Apple iPad for winning an event at USCL Honors Day and WON! Beta members sold hot chocolate before school to raise money for *Clean Water for Kenya* as well as *reading* to classes at Lewisville Elementary School. Teachers and administrators will be honored in the upcoming weeks during *Teacher and Administrator Appreciation week*.

Junior Civitans

The LHS Junior Civitan club is a service organization open to all LHS students in grades 9-12. In November, 46 new members were initiated into the club along with 5 new officers for a total of 65 members. School and community service projects this school year included *Help a Teacher Day* in which returning Civitans came to school on the first Teacher Workday and helped teachers get their classrooms ready for the new school year. *A Litter Free Game* was sponsored in October at a football game where members gave out trash bags & then collected them after half time. This activity decreased the trash quantity significantly according to the custodial staff. *Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF* collected \$679.53 to be donated to help children around the world through UNICEF. Members stayed after school during the *Campus Clean-up* initiative to reduce the trash on campus. Juniors collected 56 toys for the *Kool Kids Toy Chest* to be placed in the Piedmont Hospital's children's floor toy box. They also participated in *World Civitan Day* by collecting spare change and painting faces at the Richburg Community Festival for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Members collected 31 blankets for the local nursing home in the *Keep the Cold from the Old* campaign. For an *LHS Christmas*, 27 members went Christmas caroling to several businesses and shut-ins in our area. Over 200 items were donated to *Operation Care for Afghanistan* children and service members. All members will be participating in the *Chester County Relay for Life* on Friday, May 17th at LHS as they are in charge of the luminaries. **Junior Civitans** will be electing officers before May 15th & will be accepting new members for 2013-2014 school year. Membership is open to **all LHS students**—See Mrs. Freeman or Mrs. Lancaster if you're interested in making a difference in the school and community!

LHS Student Council

Student Council participated in three *Student Cabinet* meetings that involved all three district high schools and district office administrators. Meetings included reports on school maintenance, safety, finance reports, various accreditation processes the district is involved in, and collaboration on service projects within and between schools. This year LHS participated in a *Homecoming Spirit Week* in the fall as well as a *Winter Spirit Week* to support our winter sports. Both were successful and had positive student involvement in each week's various spirit days. Student Council raised money through a *carnation sale* to support Teacher Appreciation Week and other council activities. The Council also raised approximately \$50 for a big screen TV in the cafeteria; fundraising will continue next school year. The annual *LHS Blood Drive* in March collected 57 units of blood. Thanks to students, teachers and community members for making this project a huge success. The Council is also collaborating with the Fort Lawn Community Center to create a *community garden* to provide fresh produce to various people in the community.

Teacher Cadets

The LHS Teacher Cadets have had a great semester. Cadets created big books and read them to students at LES. They also attended College Day at Winthrop University. Before the semester is over, they will complete a field experience in an LES or LMS classroom. Not all of the students want to become teachers, but they have gained an appreciation for the profession that will help them to become valuable community members.

Future Business Leaders of America

FBLA is a national student organization for students in high schools preparing for careers in business leadership. Our mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. Currently, FBLA has 19 members. Members attended the *State Fall Leadership Rally* where they participated in various workshops and networked with FBLA members from other districts. Students interested in joining FBLA may see Mrs. Rachels or Mrs. Dickerson for more information.

Academic Challenge Team

Finished ranked 24th in the State Championships at Dorman High School and 5th in the Old English Consortium Festival. New members are **needed** for next year. See Mr. Mouyeos or Mr. Taylor if you're interested.

Mr. Taylor's US History & World History Classes

Last year, Lewisville students had the highest pass rate on the EOC of **any** high school in the state! Their mark of 91.5% beat over 200 high schools, including many charter schools and the two governor schools. Although this was the highest pass rate Lewisville ever had, students during the Fall semester actually improved to 94%. Moreover, **nine** testers made an **A** on the EOC. Going into the Fall semester, only **ten** Lewisville students had made an A during the entire history of the EOC. A number of students have also produced great *family history projects*. One interesting connection was that one student's third great grandfather was a Civil War POW in Point Lookout, Maryland. Mr. Taylor also had a third great grandfather that was a Civil War POW in Point Lookout, Maryland. Both ancestors were captured in the same area of Petersburg, Virginia. Another student discovered that she was a distant cousin of Mr. Taylor.

From Guidance Department

The 2012-13 academic year began with the annual *Chester County Senior Scholarship Program* in September, hosted by the Lewisville High School Guidance Department. This activity was followed by *IGP* (Individual Graduation Plan) conferences with each senior and his/her parent guardian during the months of September and October. October was also *College Application Month* and seniors participated in a variety of activities: attending the Regional College Fair at Winthrop University, where over 80 colleges and universities were represented which also included tours of Winthrop and York Tech's Rock Hill campuses. *Compass testing* was held at York Tech's Chester campus and individual sessions were held with YTC's Beth Darby to discuss the results with students and parents. Sixty-five seniors participated in *College Application Day* in the LHS lab. Senior Trey McGarity was the Catawba Region winner of an Apple iPad provided by the SC Commission on Higher Education during College Application Month. *Underclassmen IGPs* were held from December - February as parents and students met with the school counselor to prepare for graduation and beyond. Two students were named *Rotary Students of the Month*, Leigh Ann Lehman and Jamie Butler. The LHS faculty voted Jamie Butler as the DAR Good Citizen for Lewisville High School. *FAFSA workshop* was held in January and scholarship newsletters continue to be sent to the seniors and underclassmen and they are urged to participate in summer opportunities. *Lunch with Leaders*, funded by a J. Marion Sims Grant, began this year, coordinated by LHS School Counselor Sandy Jordan and CDF Abby Brunson. Community and business leaders meet with students, share a meal, and answer questions about their professions. Speakers are chosen based upon career interested listed on student IGPs. The *Chester County School District Career Expo*, on May 10th at York Tech's Chester Campus, will provide our seniors with an opportunity to explore career and college options available to them as they prepare for graduation. The year's activities culminate with the *Underclassmen Awards Program* June 3rd at 2 P.M. and the *Senior Reception and Awards Program* on June 6th at 6 P.M.

Teacher Awards

Mrs. Katharine Griffin was selected as the 2013-2014 Lewisville High School Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Carol Rachels was selected to serve on the *State Board for South Carolina Business Education* for the 2013-2014 school year. She was recommended from NEFE's grants and research team which helped facilitate the Financial Fitness Teacher Training. For the story, they wanted real examples of teachers who attended the training to share with readers how the program helped them personally and in the classroom. Mrs. Rachels made the cover of the NEFE Digest April 2013 edition. See the following link: <http://www.nefe.org/press-room/nefe-digest.aspx>. Mrs. Rachels was also awarded a Teachers' Pet Grant for the "*Teen Entrepreneur Business Plan Simulation*" project.

Mr. Daniel Taylor was selected by the South Carolina State Department of Education to be a state-wide presenter of strategies to improve the US History End-of-Course Exam scores.

Congratulations to the Lewisville High School Class of 2013

Shawn Douglas Adams
Arnissa Teneareall Agurs
Wilson Lee Alt
Manuel Omar Avelar Martinez
Mardarius Ge'Quan Bailey
Kijhana Lahela Barnes
Jessica Taylor Beam
Nicolas Aurele Josep Bourque
Jessica Maranda Broome
Roger Aaron Brown
Samantha Marie Brown
Jamie Brianna Butler
Alejandro Zavaleta Castro
Johnnie Bruce Catoe
Joshua Bruce Catoe
Eber Josue Centeno Gomez
Michael Phillip Ceran
De'Myus Marquez Coffey
James Rodney Conner
Justin Donovan Cooper
Brett Douglas Cope
Miranda Paige Copeland
Joram Lasha Cousar
Scott Hadley Craig
Domonique OKeila Craine
DeAlasha Ariel Crockett
Shawntriss Ishandra Davis
Staci Noel Hernandez
Daquan Marquice Evans
Welking Yumary Funes-Oliva
Amber Michelle Gainey
Keyerra Caprice George
Hector Eduardo Gonzalez
Ariel Leeann Gregory
Austin James Gross
Pablo Gutierrez Picazo
Kaitline Brooke Hill
Lakeedra Shadrese Howze
Lauren Elizabeth Hudson
Rodney Allen Hunt
Chelsey Mae Jones
Kyle Everett Jones
Octavius Lamar Jones
Allen Gene Jordan
Courtney Ann Jordan



*Join us in Celebration as
the Class of 2013
graduates
Friday, June 7, 2013
LHS Stadium
12:00 P.M.*



LHS Mission:

The mission of LHS, in partnership with the community, is to develop productive citizens prepared for lifelong learning in a changing, diverse, global society.

Larry Lemario King
Sara Jeanne Kinion
Elizabeth Sierra Kirby
Quentin Brandon Lane
Brittany Joy Larsen
Sarah Elizabeth Laws
Leigh Ann Lehman
Chiquetta Lashara Massey
Jerry Robert McCrimmons
Joseph Garrison McCrorey
Latrazes Antonio McCrorey
Steven Andrew McGarity
Jamecia L. Breanna McKay
Malcolm Jamal Means
Tia DeNazia Means
Caroline Lee Moss
Brandon Lee Mowder
Christopher Dylan Noah
Mallory Faith Perez
Benjamin lee Pruette
Joshua Lee Pruette
Madison Marie Ramsey
Christian Blake Reilly
Zicura Shavonna Robinson
Taylor Denise Rollins
Brittani Megan Rowan
Jonathan Keith Scott
Devin Scott Sellers
Matthew Wayne Shelton
Courtney Nicole Shepherd
Ralph Richard Silva
Christian Brooke Smith
Matthew Corben Stalnaker
Ronald James Stevens
Sara Ashley Stowe
Katherine Elizabeth Sudol
Jacob Kyle Taylor
Justen Walker Thomas
Michael Austin Tisher
Laquavion Markel Walls
Kendric Rasheem Wherry
Laporchia Jasmine Wherry
Akiven Montrell Williams
Wade Matthew Wilson
Shakale DaTerrius Worthy