

# School Improvement Council Annual Report

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## Lewisville High School

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## LHS Receives the 2011-2012 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 have made significant gains in the area of EOC Exams. LHS has been recognized as a Palmetto Gold Award recipient for the 2011-2012 school year in the areas of General Performance and Closing the Achievement Gap. Also in 2011, LHS was one of the 13 high schools in South Carolina to make AYP out of the 179 in the state. One area in which we are also particularly proud is the increase in our graduation rate. Since 2001, of those students entering as ninth graders, our graduation rate has increased from 61% to 94%.

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. The after-school program is also available on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 pm in the media center to provide tutoring and credit recovery. A grant provided by J. Marion Sims Foundation supports this initiative.

Through the use of technology, we have significantly improved our communication with parents and the community. We continue to publish a bi-monthly 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 have also acquired 30 additional computers for individual and classroom use in the media center.

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 face challenges where our students are impacted by changes in the economy, by lack of funding, and by increases in classroom size, but we are confident that our community and staff will continue to work diligently to give every student an opportunity for success.

*Dr. Jim Knox*

## School Improvement Council

The LHS SIC will have a table at Open House in August to collect names and email addresses of parents and community members who would be interested in participating in a new mentoring program the SIC will be implementing for the 2012-2013 school year. See us in August for more information!

SIC meetings will in the media center on the third Monday of each month beginning in September at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in making LHS the best!

# Club and Other Activities at LHS

## **Beta Club**

New members were inducted in December. Service projects during the 2011-2012 year include:

- Angel Tree— In December, toys, clothes, and other items were collected school-wide for children in the Lewisville area.
- USCL Honors Day— In February, members competed in academic, physical, and arts competitions for scholarships and awards.

Members will honor teachers and administrators in the upcoming weeks during Teacher and Administrator Appreciation.

## **Junior Civitans**

The LHS Junior Civitan club is a service organization open to all LHS students in grades 9-12. In November, 41 new members were initiated into the club along with 5 new officers. School and community service projects this school year include:

- Great Dane Project—collected items for the Great Dane Rescue Shelter
- Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF—all members and a class competition resulted in \$675.68 being donated to help children around the world through UNICEF.
- LHS Christmas—Twenty members decorated the school and went Christmas caroling to several businesses and shut-ins in our area.
- Fun Fest— Fourteen members raised \$433.00 for the Civitan International Research Center and attended activities at the state level. Members participated in numerous activities including meetings and fellowship like the SC Aquarium, ice skating and a dance.
- Special Olympics—Seven members volunteered to be a “buddy for a day” to LES students at the Rock Hill area Special Olympics.
- State Convention—Four members attended the State convention in Myrtle Beach. They took part in meetings & fellowship activities like Wonder Works & the club also received awards including Honor Club and 10% increase in membership.

Junior Civitans will be electing officers before May 15th & will be accepting new members for 2012-2013 school year. Membership is open to all LHS students from May 1-18, 2012. See Mrs. Freeman for details.

## **Sports News**

LHS Teams that made playoffs this year: Football, Volleyball, Boys Cross Country, Boys Basketball, Softball, Baseball, Boys Track, Boys Soccer, and Girls Soccer. Congratulations Lions!

## **LHS Student Council**

The Student Council sponsored the American Red Cross Blood Drive on [March 30, 2012](#). The Red Cross set a goal for 60 units donated and [we got 65!](#) Forty-one people were first time donors and most indicated they would be willing to give blood in the future. We had three parents to attend and generously donated their time and blood to our cause. Many of the LHS teachers and bus drivers chose to donate as well. Jamey Lewis acted as the student sponsor for the blood drive in conjunction with her senior project and she did an outstanding job gathering volunteers and assisting the Red Cross Team that day. The Student Council and the American Red Cross thank the students and community for their time and donation.

## **Teacher Cadets**

The LHS Teacher Cadets have had a great semester. Cadets created their own preschools and volunteered at an area Special Olympics. 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.

## Academic Challenge Team

In its second year the Academic Challenge Team finished with a 16-4 record overall . New members are currently being recruited for next year. See Mr. Mouyeos or Mr. Taylor if you're interested.

## LHS Marching Band

The 2011 **Marching** Band placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Upper State IA SCBDA Qualifiers, placed 4<sup>th</sup> in SCBDA IA State Championships, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Visual Performance at the Blythewood Tournament of Bands, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in Color guard at the Palmetto Esprit de Corps Championships

The 2012 **Concert** Band performed seven pieces at an exemplary level in the Spring Concert. The difficulty of the pieces ranged from high school appropriate to college level. They will also play during the 2012 LHS Commencement Exercises.

## Mr. Taylor's US History Classes

For the Fall semester, the US History EOC pass rate at Lewisville High School was 92.6%. This mark is an incredible achievement. For the 2010-11 school year, only 16 of 200 high schools achieved a pass rate of 70% or higher. Only **ONE** high school in the entire state had a pass rate over 92%--Charleston Academic Magnet High.

A number of students have also produced great family history projects. The *News and Reporter* featured a front page article about some of the students' achievements. One student researched his Cuban heritage, which began with his great-great grandfather, who was the son of a Spanish slave-owner and female slave. Another student researched an ancestor from the Civil War who murdered a carpetbagger during the Reconstruction Era. Another student's great-great grandfather had to watch the Germans tar-and-feather his sister-in-law during World War I. Another student researched his great uncle, a former LHS student, who was KIA in the Vietnam War.

## Literacy

The LHS staff continue to work on a school-wide literacy initiative.

- In the fall, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. Taylor participated in a literacy workshop hosted by Rock Hill School District 3. Queenie Hall hosted the literacy workshop entitled *I Read It But I Didn't Get It*. This workshop's focus was to present reading strategies to teachers of all grades to help students become more active readers. After the culmination of the workshop, Griffin and Taylor presented their findings to the faculty at Lewisville High School in an interactive staff-development activity.
- Also in the fall Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Freeman attended a workshop entitled *Content-Area Literacy: Comprehension, Collaboration, and Inquiry*, presented by renowned author and educator Harvey "Smokey" Daniels. As a national consultant and author on literacy education, Smokey presented different strategies to be used in the classroom which focused on creating, sustaining, and renewing student-centered inquiries and discussions of non-fiction text. Lancaster and Freeman presented these strategies to the faculty at Lewisville High School and the Chester County Career Center as part of a staff-development training.

## Other News

LHS teachers have brought in the BIG BUCKS to enhance the learning experiences of LHS students.

- Mrs. Barnes & the English department received **\$234** for a class set of novels *A Separate Peace* from Founders Federal Credit Union. Thanks Founders!
- Mrs. Davis & Mrs. Freeman won a **\$1000** PET grant to purchase six digital microscopes for Biology classes.
- Mrs. Varnadore & Mrs. Barnes won a **\$1000** PET grant to purchase project books, calculators, rulers, protractors and measuring tapes to encourage reading in math class as well as English.
- Mrs. Butler & Coach Burke won a **\$1000** PET grant to purchase graphing calculators to be used in both math & PE classes.
- Mr. Temple & Ms. Stone won a **\$500** grant for the music department to purchase a dry-erase board that has the capability of writing music on and other music appropriate materials.

## ***Congratulations to the Lewisville High School Class of 2012***

Rulbel Yimiyen Amaya  
Corey David Baker  
Darius Dorian Barnes  
Luke Elbert Benson  
Dakota William Bogue  
Jeffrey David Bolton  
Mitchell Kidd Branham  
La'Tierrany Alexis Brown  
Ashton Dallas Burkhart  
Sydney Alexandra Chason  
Timothy Douglas Coggins, Jr.  
Jamelyn Michelle Conner  
Casey Lynn Craig  
Sabrina Nicole Cornelia Crawford  
Jessica Leigh Crevison  
James Thomas Crosby, Jr.  
James Robert Culp  
Mary Micheal Taylor Davis  
Lamont Dickerson  
Lydia Rebekah Dodson  
Justin Michael Douglas  
Shona Tynise Ealey  
Heather Elizabeth Fox  
Justin Brian Funderburke  
LarVenski Jerrard David Gaither  
L'Amanda Marie Gamble  
Richard Curtis Gardner, Jr.  
Danika Mone' Gaston  
Casey Renee Hall  
Bridgette Ann Hayes  
Mae Lucinda Hester  
Jenean Lanell Hills  
Andrew Harold Holmes  
Allison Elizabeth Jordan  
Jessica Renae Kinion



*Join us in Celebration as  
the Class of 2012  
graduates  
Thursday, May 31, 2012  
LHS Stadium  
6:30 P.M.*



Hunter Troy Lalli  
Dominik Robert LaPorte  
Jamey Bianca Lewis  
Han Kim Luong  
Joequavis Antwaine Massey  
Austin Tyler McClintock  
Annette Sha'Tel McCullough  
Carlos Jermaine McGraw  
Quentin Xavier McKnight  
Latoya Lynn McPhearson  
Wyatt Allen Melton  
Donald Steven Mobley III  
Devin Don Morton  
Tanya Montanna Nichols  
Allison Denise Parris  
Brandon James Polk  
Daniel Edward Reeder  
Jessica Grace Reinhart  
Justin Tyler Roberts  
Victoria Scarlett Roof  
Christy Ann Skeens  
Matthew Austin Starnes  
La'Kendra Shar'Day Strong  
Johnthan Omar Talford  
Charles Nace Threatt  
Ashley Rose Truax  
Christopher Matthew Turner  
Jacob Andrew Turner  
Nicholas Aaron Turner  
Myah Jacclay Walls  
Olivia Nicole Weaver  
Lucus Lamar Williams  
Rachel Dawn Williams  
Cody William Lee Young  
Logan Tyler Young

### 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.