



Sierra Lutheran High School

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Monthly Parent Newsletter - That Informs Parents of Upcoming Events & Interesting Happenings at the School

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## MARCH DATES

3/6 -Auction 5:30

3/8 NO SCHOOL

3/8-3/12—Lutheran Schools Week

3/11 Lip Sync

3/12 End 3rd Qtr

3/15 Begin 4th Qtr

3/18 BOOSTERS Mtg 6 PM

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SEARCH NEWS

Parents may recall that in December, Mr. Charles Gebhardt of Salt Lake City was called to become the next Executive Director of SLHS. Following days of prayerful deliberation, Mr. Gebhardt notified your school board that the Holy Spirit had led him to reach the “extremely difficult” (his words) decision to decline the call.

Since then, the Call Committee of the Board of Directors has continued the search for that individual who the Lord has already selected for this leadership position. Many potential candidates have been contacted and interviewed. One, in particular, seemed to have all the skill sets (spiritual, professional and personal), experience, and personality that the school board determined were critically important for this position in the next decade of our school’s growth and development.

Accordingly, Mr. Brian Underwood was invited to visit our school and community. He and his wife, Allyson, did so from February 17-19. During those days, Mr. Underwood met with members of the Board of Directors,

those who serve on the Call Committee, school administrators, SLHS teachers, and donors. He also spent time getting acquainted

with a number of our parents who were able to gather together and converse with him.

Knowing that many parents who did not have a chance to meet Mr. Underwood would have an understandable curiosity, feel welcome to contact anyone (see list above) who did have that opportunity. In particular, you might want to talk with one of the parents who met with him. They include Ken and Kristen Stokes, Lars Tollefson, Diane Mark, Peter and Lori Campau, John and Karin Ediss, Faith Premo, Sandy Goins, and Stephanie Sanguinetti. Any of these parents would be pleased to share their impressions of Mr. Underwood with you, so don’t hesitate to contact them.



When you do, be sure to join the school staff in thanking these individuals for taking the time to represent the parent community in this manner!

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on March 8. At that time, a decision will be made whether or not to extend an invitation to Mr. Underwood to become the next Executive Director of SLHS. Your prayers on behalf of all who are actively engaged in this process are sincerely welcomed.

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## Amateur Radio Class Pass FCC Test

The following article is being submitted to the Record-Courier Newspaper in the coming days, by the local Carson Valley ham radio club. **Six High School Students Pass Tech Exam at Sierra Lutheran High School and Earn Their Ham Radio Licenses.** (see photo, left to right) Teacher Penny Larson, call sign KG7MCH, offered an elective class during the past semester for six seniors (Aaron Sever, Andrew Deterding, Levi Grabow, Preston Lyons, Wade Meddles, and Zach Borgman) who were interested in becoming amateur radio operators. On Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> five members of the SIERA ham club (George Uebele WW7E, Don McRoberts W3DRM, Caroll Massie

NV7YL, J.D. Fowler AD7CD, and Dale Anderson KV7S), who are Volunteer Examiners, V.E.'s administered the Tech exam to her class. All six of her students passed the exam. Penny indicated that she would offer the General License class next quarter. The students indicated that they each would enroll for this next level of Ham radio license. Congratulations to

Penny and her students for this significant accomplishment. Many thanks to the Sierra Ham Club V.E.'s for their participation in administering the exam.



## PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Spring months are filled with activities that allow parents to complete their annual PIP commitments. Remember, the parent organization and school board have established a policy that parents/guardians are required to volunteer twenty (20) hour of time, per student enrolled, during the school year. Those who elect not to do so, or are unable to complete the twenty hours, are charged \$15 per unfulfilled hour in June.

### UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

March 6 – annual dinner/auction – facility set up, silent auction assistance, post event clean up, and many other tasks await you –

March through early May – serve as a parent volunteer assisting with the track & field teams (boys and girls) – call Coach Dave Marson (291-1055)

March through mid June – serve on the golf tournament planning commit-

tee...or at the June 19 event – call Thomas Craig (782-0060)

Saturdays in June – help move the school to the new site – pickups, trailers, bodies and cheerful energy needed – contact Tracey at the school office (782-0060) to indicate which dates you're available to help

## CONGRATULATIONS TO WINTER SPORTS HONOREES

Winter sports student/athletes gathered with their coaches and family members on February 24 to celebrate a basketball season filled with great memories. Of all the highlights noted, perhaps this is the most noteworthy. There are ten (10) high schools in our league. At the end of the season, coaches vote for players to be recognized as all-league, and they vote for the team they felt deserved the conference Sportsmanship Award. ***Both the SLHS boys and girls teams were selected as those demonstrating the most outstanding Sportsmanship in the league!! Isn't that terrific?!*** This is the second consecutive year the Lady Falcons received this honor...and they are thrilled that the boys' team was also recognized for this special honor. CONGRATULATIONS, FALCONS!!

The next time you see them, give Haley Stokes, Stephenie Nieri, Tiffany Patrick, and Levi Grabow a "high five". All were selected honorable mention all-conference!

### OTHER INDIVIDUAL AWARD WINNERS SELECTED BY COACHES AND TEAMMATES INCLUDED:

#### *Girls' JV Team:*

Most Improved – sophomore Caitlin George

Outstanding Offense – freshman McKinze Tynes

Outstanding Defense – freshman Emelie Wurster

Falcon Award – freshman Karina Young

#### *Girls' Varsity Team:*

Most Improved – junior Stephenie Nieri

Outstanding Offense – sophomore Tiffany Patrick

Outstanding Defense – sophomore Brittany Rupert

Falcon Award – sophomore Becky Grabow

#### *Boys' JV Team:*

Most Improved – sophomore Kody Miller

Outstanding Offense – freshman Carson Iverson

Outstanding Defense – sophomore Scott Johnson

Falcon Award – sophomore Conner Love

#### *Boys' Varsity Team:*

Most Inspirational – junior Ben Martin

Most Improved – senior Wade Meddles

Falcon Award – senior Andrew Deterding

Most Valuable Player – senior Levi Grabow

SLHS salutes all of our basketball coaches for an outstanding season of growth and accomplishment. Find an opportunity to express your gratitude to Mike Nelson and Thomas Craig (girls' team coaches) and Alan Reed, Dave Agresti and Chris Trowbridge (boys' team coaches)!!

## DID YOU KNOW...

that the Board of Directors is reviewing and revising the school's By-Laws? Once this process is completed, your church might like to consider joining the SLHS association. For more information, contact Norm Brauer.

that of the 67 non-seniors in our student body, 62 have already re-enrolled for next year? We're hoping the other five will also. SINCERE THANKS to all parents/guardians for your wonderful cooperation with the early re-enrollment process!!

that the next Entrance Testing date for prospective new students is Saturday, March 13? If you know of a family interested in considering SLHS for their teen next year, encourage them to call the school (782-0060) and make a reservation to complete this entrance testing.

that the 2010 Track and Field schedule can be found on the school website ([www.slhs.com](http://www.slhs.com))?

that the March 14 Open House is being postponed until completion of the new campus?

that the Backhus Foundation has generously granted two \$2,500 scholarships (for one boy and one girl) for the 2010-'11 school year?

## Student of the Month

Once again we have the privilege of honoring a student who has shown remarkable growth, both academically and spiritually, since her freshman year. February's Student of the Month is Sophomore Brittany Rupert.

Brittany came to us last year, unsure of who she was, and unsure of her direction. About midway through the first semester of her freshman year she came to me wanting help catching up on assignments, committing herself to better academic performance, and confessing that she was on the wrong track and wanted more for herself. We praise God for her commitment and her follow through!

The staff watched a change come over Brittany as she willingly gave more and more of herself over to Christ. We noticed a change in attitude, resulting in changes in every other part of her life at Sierra Lutheran. Brittany is outgoing and encouraging, now understanding who she is; she is His. According to her coaches, she participates with a positive attitude and encouraging spirit. In the classroom there is a smile and an energy that quietly but surely sets an example of how she has been and is being blessed in her life in Christ.

As a faculty, we are blessed to witness Brittany's growth, and we look forward to the next two years with her as part of our school experience. Congratulations, Brittany. We're proud of you.



## College Corner

Dr. Seddon

## ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (extra fee)
April 10	March 5	March 19
June 12	May 7	May 21

## SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (extra fee)
May 1	March 25	April 8
June 5	April 29	May 13

## College Corner:

Please keep the futures of all our Falcons in your prayers. Our seniors are finalizing their plans for next year. God has blessed them with many letters of acceptance and they now face difficult choices as to where God is leading them. Our juniors are gearing up for spring testing and seriously looking into colleges across the country. I will be touching base with each of them to make sure that they are on track and welcome any opportunities to meet with families.

Seniors: You should be filling out the FAFSA form at this point and looking into scholarships. If you need help doing this or want more information on financial aid WNC will be having a Financial Aid Night on March 17<sup>th</sup> at Douglas High School for seniors and their parents. There will be a brief presentation and the representatives from WNC will help you fill out the FAFSA form. To get the most from this session you will need your FAFSA pin numbers (parents have one and students have one) and your 2009 tax information. Note that your 2009 taxes do not have to be filed, but you need to put in rea-

sonable estimates so that your amount of aid can be calculated. Once you file your taxes, you can go back and change the information on the FAFSA forms. It takes a few days to get your PIN number, so apply now at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). For more information on the FAFSA program you can go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Juniors: We strongly recommend that you take both the SAT and ACT tests this spring. Parents and students should be spending a lot of time finding out about colleges, sifting through all the information available on-line, and praying about their futures. Spring break and summer vacation are great times to visit colleges, so that come the fall of your senior year you have a list of prospective schools narrowed down.

Sophomores: We recommend that you take the ACT exam this spring. You can compare the results of your ACT exams to the results on the PSAT test you took last fall to see if you score better on the logic-based SAT exam or the achievement-based ACT exam. Then you can focus on studying for the exam that you scored best on and retake that exam your junior year to be able to report your very best scores to colleges and universities.



## Student Government

Mr. Garwood

### What did you say? You're having a Lip Sync?

Come join the fun at Bethlehem Lutheran School in Carson City on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup> as the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors all display their talent on stage in the gym beginning at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is soundtracks from the 1980's. Scary. Far more scary still is the fact that the staff are participating somehow. Come and laugh and support your teen and his or her classmates as they make what we hope are good memories.

### Student Gov't

Student Gov't is still selling hot pizza on Wednesdays for \$2 a slice or for \$20 for a pizza card which gets 12 slices!

Prom is coming soon! Please set aside **Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>** as the date for your teen to enjoy a classy night of "*Fire and Ice*" at Genoa Lakes Golf Club and Resort from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The night will begin with pictures and dinner music, with the buffet opening at 7:15. The menu for the evening will include Caesar salad, fruit salad, tortellini pasta salad, herb roasted potatoes, prime rib and a dessert that still needs to be decided on (probably a cake). Beverages will include water, ice tea, lemonade, and coffee for those of us who must chaperone!

*On that note, if you're at all interested in a date with your spouse and earning PIP hours, please let Mr. Garwood know that you'd like to be on duty that evening.*

The cost for students is less than last year, for which we are thankful, and will be **\$40 per individual and \$75 per couple**. To qualify as a couple the rule is "*same school, different sex, or a guest of any sex.*" We encourage guests to come and enjoy the evening with us, but expect them to abide by the same standards that embody the Christian life at SLHS.

Guest forms will be made available from Mr. Garwood soon and will be due back to Mr. Garwood by Friday **April 16<sup>th</sup>**, when our final head count will be due. We look forward to a wonderful evening.

## Sophomore class to take HSPE

Over the past five years, SLHS has administered the reading and math portion of the High School Proficiency Exam to all seniors. During the past three years, we have begun giving the proficiency exam to sophomore students so that we are now on the same schedule as the public schools.

Two years ago, the state of Nevada mandated that students must pass not only the reading, writing and math portions of the exam, but they must also pass a science section. Passing the HSPE is a graduation requirement for public schools in Nevada. However, we are currently using this test as a predictor of where our students rank in comparison with the state and where we may need to enhance our curriculum in order to best serve our students. All sophomore students will take the HSPE on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Please do everything you can to have your son or daughter at school those days.