



## Community Service

Once again we are asking you to closely monitor the number of hours of community service that your son/daughter has completed. Starting with the class of 2008, all students must complete thirty hours of community service. In addition, those hours must be documented and processed through the Lyman Hall Guidance Department. Students who do not earn thirty hours of community service by the close of their senior year will not be eligible to earn a diploma nor will they be allowed to take part in graduation exercises. Please see our website for community service opportunities.

## Sportsmanship

As an active member of the Southern Connecticut Conference, we are committed to ensuring that our sporting events are safe and positive experience for our students, competitors, officials and fans. Therefore, we closely enforce the following SCC guidelines for our spectators.

- ◆ Respect decisions made by contest officials
- ◆ Refrain from taunting, booing, heckling, and the use of profanity in any manner
- ◆ Sit in the designated area assigned to each school
- ◆ Leaving a contest prior to its conclusion with the expectation of returning will not be permitted
- ◆ Admission to a contest is not a license to verbally assault others or to be generally obnoxious
- ◆ Respect athletes, coaches, and fans.

These guidelines apply to all of our athletic contests whether they are held at home or away. Students who violate these guidelines may be denied admission to future events, dealt with through suspension from school, and/or be arrested.

## Homework

Homework is an essential part of the high school experience. Through homework, students practice the skills that they have learned in class, or they do the work needed to prepare for subsequent lessons. Often, it is the understandings that they gather through this independent work, that provide the true, long term learning that leads to academic success.

We also understand that many students do not understand the importance of homework and that often homework is disregarded in exchange for other activities. However, students do themselves a disservice when homework is neglected. Obviously, grades suffer as a result, but more importantly the student's ability to fully demonstrate his/her ability is compromised.

Therefore, please continue to encourage your son/daughter to complete all assigned homework. Please provide them with an appropriate space and level of supervision needed to ensure that this very important work is being done. Many students need to work in the quiet of their rooms away from distractions. Other students need to be in the midst of the family doing their homework at the kitchen table as they interact with others. In either case, all students need support as they take on challenging material. You can help by reviewing notes in preparation for tests and quizzes, helping your son/daughter keep work organized particularly on long-term assignments, and by engaging them in conversation about the material they are working on. Please make homework a regular part of your son's/daughter's routines. The results of good homework habits are significant as they pave the way to continued academic success.

## Community Day 2007

This year's Community Day Activity was a tremendous success. 360 Lyman Hall students, under the guidance of Ms. Barracato, Mrs. Scharpf, Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Hollis, raked leaves for more than 60 elderly citizens of Wallingford. Activities such as these go very far in changing people's perceptions of young people and have a lasting impact on the community as a whole.



## Bridge Builders

This year, the Lyman Hall High School Individual and Family Development class is making connections with senior citizens through the Bridge Builders program in conjunction with Ashlar Village. Bridge Builders brings Lyman Hall students together with seniors to talk about life and to see what has changed and what has remained the same through the decades. More importantly, these discussions are breaking down the barriers that often exist between teens and seniors with each group coming away with a better understanding of the other.

Mrs. Karin Pyskaty, who developed and leads the Individual and Family Development course, is to be commended for her efforts in enlightening our students by bringing them together for meaningful conversations with our senior citizens.

## Coming Events

Dec. 4 - Fall Sports Night  
Dec. 5 - Interim Period Ends  
Dec. 10 - Deadline for Transcripts Requests for December  
Dec. 11 - Financial Aid Night  
Dec. 18 - Parent Teacher Conferences  
Dec. 20 - Holiday Concert  
Dec. 24 - Jan. 1 - Holiday Recess