

January 26, 2010

Special points of interest:

- **February 1st—Report Cards Issued**
- **February 8, 2010—Parent Teacher Conferences—12-7:30PM**
- **Referendum Rally—LHS, February 9, 2010 from 5-6PM**
- **Referendum—February 10, 2010—LHS, 10AM-8PM, Vote YES!**
- **February 12, 2010, LHS Honor Roll Celebration**
- **Spring Sports Begin—March 1st, 2010**
- **March 10-19 DSTP**

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Dressed for Success!



Thumbs up for school lunch!

D.A.W.G.S.' News

Discipline, Achievement, Work Ethic, Goals, and Service

**Message from the Principal: Dean Ivory**

The Laurel School District is asking residents to approve a referendum project for new school construction on February 10, 2010. I encourage all of our residents to support our students and vote "yes" on February 10, 2010.

New schools will improve the learning environment for all students in the Laurel School District. Unfortunately, our current school buildings have outlived their useful life. The Delaware Department of Education along with a major architecture firm has determined that it is more cost effective for the Laurel School District to build new schools as opposed to renovating the current buildings. The Department of Education will not even consider the option of renovating

our current buildings. The School Board has decided to build four new schools on two complexes. The middle and high school complex would be constructed on the current high school site. The new elementary complex will be constructed where the current football stadium resides. The referendum will also allow us to build a new athletic stadium. The current stadium does not meet American with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements and is non compliant with insurance regulations. The new stadium will have a track and allow for both football and soccer to be played in a true stadium. The decision to build four schools in two complexes allows for efficient use of energy and

space. The construction projects for this referendum represent a \$137,036, 300 investment. The State will pay for 74% of the construction while district residents will fund the remaining 26%. A home with an assessed value of \$7,100 will see a \$14.70 increase to their taxes during the first year. The increase will peak during the 6th year at \$197.42 then decline for the remainder of the bond years.

Our students deserve new schools. Please vote "Yes" in support of our referendum project. Voting will take place at Laurel High School from 10AM-8PM on February 10, 2010. Vote "Yes" for the students of the Laurel School District.

Blitz 42! - Getting Ready for the DSTP

Laurel High School is gearing up for the DSTP. As of January 4, 2010, there were only 42 school days before the start of State testing. Our students and teachers are working extremely hard to improve the test results for all of our students. Here is a glimpse of our Blitz 42 initiatives—Students who have traditionally struggled with mathematics are now receiving coaching two-five times per week. This coaching is in addition to their current math class. The additional math instruction has

been a great benefit to students. Students who have struggled in reading will also be given an extra dose of coaching when Mrs. Niblett returns on January 26, 2010. She and Mrs. White will work with those identified 9th and 10th graders to ensure they are prepared for success on the DSTP. Teachers in every content area are focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics to prepare our students for the DSTP. Students will notice an increase in writing activities and in

expectations from our teaching staff. We are also rewarding students for attending tutoring and for outstanding performance on the DSTP. Through our partnership with the local Subway, students who attend tutoring can earn subway sandwiches and/or gift cards. Students who successfully meet the standard in reading and math will be exempted from all exams and will participate in a school wide celebration at the end of the year. Go for it 9th and 10th graders!



Laurel High School teachers participated in training on Jan. 22nd. Teachers are learning how to engage students in higher order thinking skills to improve learning.

Tutoring

Schedule

Credit Recovery

Tues & Thurs

3-4:30PM

Math

M-Th

3-4PM

Science

Tues & Thurs

3-4PM

Social Studies

M-Th

3-4PM

PTSA Schedule:

February 10, 2010: 6-7PM

March 17, 2010: 6-7PM

April 21, 2010: 6-7PM

May 10, 2010: 6-7PM

All meetings at LHS.

Visit our Website:
[http://
www.lhs.laurel.k12.de.us/](http://www.lhs.laurel.k12.de.us/)

Annie! By Brian Cass, Director

Show Dates: 2/26, 27-7:30PM; 2/28-2PM; 3/4, 5 7:30PM

Laurel High School's Performing Arts Department announces their 4th annual musical production. In the past, Laurel's Theater Department has performed "Grease," "Music Man," and "High School Musical." This year, the Laurel High School Drama Club is proud to announce that the 40+ student cast and crew will be presenting "Annie." "Annie" is a spunky Depression-era orphan determined to find her parents, who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of a New York City Orphanage run by the cruel, embittered Miss Hannigan. In adventure after fun-filled adventure,

Annie foils Miss Hannigan's evil plans, befriends President Franklin Delano Roosevelt and finds a new family and home in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Rounding out the cast will be veteran performers Tommy Abrams, Adam Bennett, Kirsten Cook, Amber Cooper, Taryn Laux, Brandon Niblett, Sierra Spicer, and Tiffany St. Jernquist. Other stage favorites returning to make an impression include Brooke Brittingham, Carrie Gambrill, Patrice Holden, Taylor

Johnson, Jeff Lauer, Victoria Libertini, Ashley Pruitt, JoJo Ray, Dillon Travis, Elizabeth Waite, and Dylan Windsor. Colin Butterworth, Skyler Hunt, Emily Lance, Domyno-Autumn Lecates, Amanda McGarvey, Kari Noftsinger, and Medgine Picard, hope to knock your socks off as they make their first appearance in a high school production.

The Performing Arts Department would like to thank the Laurel School District and School Board for supporting them in their endeavors. Without them, these musicals would not be possible.

Tomorrow Briddell—Records 1000 points for her career!

On January 5, 2010 Senior Tomorrow Briddell made history by becoming only the second lady in school history to score 1000 points in her high school basketball career. Tomorrow joined Nakia Kellam as the only two 1000 point scorers in Lady Bulldog history. Her coach of the past four years, Kevin Walmsley, writes; "Tomorrow is a very gifted athlete who has worked hard to develop her all-around basketball

skills and become a team player for her senior year. What makes Tomorrow special is her ability to make the players around her better basketball players with her leadership skills and competitive desire to be so successful. She is truly loved by her teammates and coaches for the person that she has become through 4 years at Laurel High School. All of us shared with pride in her tremendous accomplishment of scoring

1000 points in her career. It couldn't have happened to a better person."

A basketball with Tomorrow's name and date will be forever on display in our trophy case.

Barring injury, Tomorrow will become the all time leading scorer in school history.



Parent Teacher Student Association

On November 16, 2009 Laurel High School established a Parent Teacher Student Association, PTSA. The members in attendance voted on your officers for the 2009-2010 school year. President—April Cooper, Vice President—Bonnie Elliott, Secretary—Sandy Cutsail, and Treasurer—Terri Hastings. Our student board member is Christopher

Cutsail. This is an opportunity for parents and students to make a positive difference in the lives of all students at Laurel High School. We hope that you will join us at our next meeting on February 10, 2010 from 6-7PM. We will have a very full agenda. Entertainment will be provided by the LHS Jazz Band and you will meet the cast of Annie. More

importantly parents and students will learn the dangers of prescription drug abuse. Prescription drug abuse has become a major epidemic in our society. You will learn valuable information to help protect your child. Guest speakers will be on hand to provide information and answer questions. Please plan now to attend this important parent workshop!