



FOCUS IN ON PHOTO CLUB

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Looking for some extra-curricular activities to keep you busy this year? Searching for a way to spend free time doing something you love? Want to express yourself through visual images?

Flash!! Photo club is back for another year at LHS! Even though our school has taken a hit in budget cuts for activities this year, the club is still up and running.

This year, photo club will be focusing on individual work and creative ideas. There is free rein to take pictures how, where and of what you choose.

Photo club meets weekly, usually Tuesday's after school, in Mrs. Wing's room. There may not be many meetings, but during these sit-downs, locations of trips and the things you want to represent are discussed.

Be sure to bring creative ideas and suggestions, because in this club you are the voice and, unlike many school organizations, you get to vote and decide on everything.

Even if you can't attend every meeting or trip, you will still be able to take hundreds of pictures, represent yourself and who you are, represent your work and most importantly, gain memories that will last a life time.

New this year, the club will be participating in the American Library Association photo contest. This contest is asking students to represent their favorite book visually through an image. To find out more about this contest, how to enter or to get some creative ideas, talk to Mrs. Wing.

In addition, the club will be fundraising to raise some money for a photography show in the LRC. In this show, students will be able to walk through a gallery setting of their peers' visual art. This will allow your work to be shown to the school as well as enable you to express anything that you would like through your images.

So come out with your camera and your ideas and focus in on photo club.

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WEAR YOUR BEST, LHS!

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How long does it take you to pick out an outfit for school? According to the recent dress code crackdowns, you should be putting a little more thought into your outfits rather than just throwing on your short-shorts like you've done all summer.

Although it may seem like the dress code has been modified, that is not the case. The same model of modesty has applied, with little variation, for some time. To stress the importance of appropriate, non-distracting dress, administrators are strictly enforcing the code to ensure students follow it throughout the entire year.

According to the secretary to the Deans, Kathie Vabalaitis, students are simply, "taking it [clothing choices] too far" when it comes to jeans that are ripped above the knee and shorts that are way too short. She said, "Upper classmen should already know what they should and should not be wearing...[Students] dress how they want to dress and hope they get away with it."

In the first couple of weeks, the parade of students being sent down to the office to change into appropriate clothing has been steady. Not all of them agree with the deans' rationale.

"It's a little unfair if you have long legs like me," LHS Senior, Ashley Barajaz says. When asked about breaking the dress code, she shrugs, "Everyone else is breaking it and my shorts shouldn't have to be longer than everyone else's."

But since the code covers the relative amount of skin that is covered, perhaps the old "my legs are too long" excuse will continue to hold no water with the powers that be.

Anyone breaking the dress code, will be held responsible for him or herself and his or her clothing.

So take the advice of Mrs. Vabalaitis and, "Respect yourself and what you wear."



Mrs. Vabalaitis, Secretary to the Deans



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Football Coaching

by Ian Stratta
Sports writer

Shake - Up

For the LHS football program, the last three years have been extremely successful, particularly in the 2007-08 and 08-09 seasons when the varsity squad fought its way into the IHSA state finals.

However, there is one major difference this season with the departure of offensive coordinator Brett Nelson. The former coach moved to Colorado this past summer, and left behind him a wide open coaching position on the football team.

His replacement is former offensive assistant and receivers coach Brent Gagnon. Gagnon's old position was filled by Ken Ferry who was the head coach of the varsity football team from 1990-96.

Head coach Eric Michaelson commented, "We knew that last season was [Nelson's] last year so we've been working on the transition to coach Gagnon [since the end of last season]."

As for any changes in offensive schemes with the new coordinator, Michaelson went on to say, "There may be a few differences, but the basic philosophy will be no different."

Nevertheless, if last Friday's game against Little Village was any indication of the future for Lemont's football program, the team will have not lost a step from previous years.



Photo courtesy of Google

Last years captains walk to midfield for coin flip

Lemont Defeats Little Village 54-0

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With a similar start to the season as past years, the LHS varsity squad proved to still be a strong force in the conference with a similar result.

In the first game of the season, the Lemont varsity football team dominated the game from the onset, accumulating a 34-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

However, the story of the game was how dominant the Lemont defense was. They did not allow one first down and forced Little Village to go 0-7 on all third down attempts. Lemont held Little Village to only nine yards on 19 rushing attempts and only one pass completion out of eight attempted. The pass rush was quite impressive as well; senior Justin Lulek forced both of Lemont's sacks for a total of 19 yards.

For Lemont, the offense looked very well for only the first game of the season. Senior Mike Anzalone ran for 70 yards on five carries and junior Mitch Balek ran for 86 yards on six carries including a 31-yard touchdown.

Lemont hopes to continue their success this Friday at Riverside-Brookfield.

HOROSCOPES

Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 20

Your sweetie or date might see two very different sides of you during the first half of the week -- but it's for the best! You can shift gears with ease and show off how well you can deal with all sorts of different situations.

Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 21

You're deep in thought as the week opens up, and might spend quite a bit of time rather withdrawn -- though you do come out when the right person shows up! It's a great item for you to discuss big issues together, if there's time.

Sagittarius

Nov 23 - Dec 22

You're plagued by doubts early this week -- lasting through Wednesday, most likely, unless you get some really good answers from the right person before that. It's not so bad to ask big questions, especially fairly early on.

Taurus

Apr 21 - May 21

You might want to watch what you say on Friday in order to avoid any misunderstandings or unfortunate readings. The weekend is much sweeter, and should be spent with a special someone.

Virgo

Aug 22 - Sep 23

Thursday and Friday are busy -- too busy -- and you need to find a way to trim down your schedule. That might mean saying no to someone you'd rather say yes to, but that's the way it goes sometimes.

Capricorn

Dec 23 - Jan 20

Change is good, right? You may have to keep telling yourself that during the first half of the week, as you discover more and more that your lovely stability is threatened from within and without. If you keep your center, it all works out for the best.

Gemini

May 22 - Jun 21

Thursday and Friday see a boost in your intellectual energy, and you ought to be able to devise a great plan to surprise your date or mate with something really awesome. Watch out for gossip over the weekend about your new romance.

Libra

Sep 23 - Oct 23

During the first half of the week, you may be tempted to take on something new or to stray from your current path in some way -- but you need to resist! There are any number of reasons, but you are sure to come up with the right one at the right time.

Aquarius

Jan 21 - Feb 19

Keep telling yourself that it's just a short-term phase as things start to go nuts during the first half of the week. Your calls may not be returned, you may not be able to understand a thing your romantic muse is saying or you may be experiencing serious, unprecedented doubts.

Cancer

Jun 22 - Jul 22

Powerful, creative energy fires you up on Thursday and Friday, so see if you can use it to show your sweetheart how you really feel or ask someone out in a new way. Your sweetie or date might see two very different sides of you lately, so be sure to talk things out.

Scorpio

Oct 24 - Nov 22

Work may get in the way of your love life on Thursday and Friday, the boss is likely to lean heavily on you to work extra hours or otherwise neglect your personal life. You should have more time for the good stuff this weekend, so plan for something sweet.

Pisces

Feb 20 - Mar 20

Throw caution to the wind this weekend and just move forward, because too much planning is sure to spoil the spontaneity of the moment. Exercise your artistic and creative side early this week. You've got some great emotional energy to work with.

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