



# Homecoming Recap

by Marisa Mars  
News Writer

Dressing up, class rivalry, spirit week games, and the Homecoming football game all lead up to the main event: the Homecoming dance. With over 800 tickets sold, this year's dance was attended by much of the school.

Some students received the Egyptian themed dance a bit hesitantly, with Shannon Burke stating she, "Was interested to see how the theme would be incorporated into the dance." After the dance though, Burke was disappointed the theme wasn't incorporated more into the dance. Lynn Stanwyck said she was enjoyed the Egyptian theme, but would have made a Yule Ball theme if it were her choice.

Faculty chaperone the dance and have their own opinions on the night. Dean Gagnon stated this year's dance went well since, "Students made great decisions, which made for a great time." He also would like to remind students to remember their IDs for dances in the future.

Junior Conor Matthews, who helped pick the dance's music, said he picked the songs he did "for the sake of [his] fellow classmates." If it were based solely on his interests, he would have liked to hear more Michael Jackson and country music. Freshman Nick Lambrakis said, "the music was decent, but there should have been more slow songs."

Although not every student shared the same opinions of the homecoming dance, many will remember 2011's Homecoming fondly.

*Photos courtesy of Google*

## IN THIS ISSUE

P.2 FLC Paying a Fee for not using the School

P.3 Parking at LHS

P.3 New Top dog at LHS

P.4 Media Spirit Days=Dress Code Violations

P.5 The Tips To Help Survive A Zombie

Apocalypse

P.6 Finally Football: Part 1 of 2

P.7 Boys Soccer Pulls off Upset

P.7 Lemont Claims Victory Against Tinley

Park

P.8 Boys Cross Country off to Another Season

P.8 Boys Golf Team pulls out another Conference Win

P.9 Athlete of the Week/ Wheres Tom-Tom?





## TOM-TOM STAFF

HEAD EDITOR:  
MORGAN MCPARTLAND

SUPERVISOR:  
SEAN CLARK

DESIGN EDITOR:  
MARY MCKEVITT

SPORTS EDITOR:  
IAN STRATTA

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND  
FEATURES WRITERS:  
MICHAEL GAYTAN  
MADDY GEORGE

DESIGN ASSISTANT:  
HALEY HAASE

# NEW TOP DOG AT LHS

by Shannon Ehle  
News Writer

Brent Gagnon has transitioned from Math teacher to Dean. Replacing Brett Nelson, this is Gagnon's first administrative education position.

Following his graduation from Illinois State University, Gagnon student taught for Kathy Young and the since retired Marv Gonsiorowski and then went on to teach LHS Math for ten years.

Despite originally being a teacher, he has always liked the idea of being involved with the administrative side of education. With a family history of administrative education and an affinity for working at LHS, Gagnon decided to apply for the new position upon hearing that Nelson was leaving.

Rather than feeling like he has to change himself to fit the persona of a dean, Gagnon says, "I get to be myself now." His relationships with his co-workers have not changed, and he enjoys working with the students on a more social level.

The thing that Gagnon misses the most about teaching is being able to work with so many kids in a single day. The transition has not been without its challenges; Gagnon notes that last year was difficult for him knowing it would be his last in the classroom.

Gagnon does not have any specific changes in mind for LHS, but he does "want to keep [LHS] a clean, safe place for students and staff." In the future, he considers teaching administrative education at the college level. For now, Gagnon has enough on his plate keeping an eye on half the student population of LHS.



Mr. Gagnon

Photo by Tony Hamilton

# Media Spirit Days = Dress code violation

by Nicole McKeivitt  
Editorials Writer

When the students walked into the commons on Tuesday, they experienced an atmosphere that was way different than on Monday and Wednesday. Tuesday (TV/Movie day) had the highest participation rate out of the three days. If you've noticed, Student Council always makes sure to include a spirit day that correlates with the media, because of the high participation rate that is consistently seen.

I think media related days are always a big hit during spirit weeks because it is so vague, and it has such a wide span of what you can dress up as. Homecoming can get very competitive between the classes, and it's all meant for good fun. But there always is one student who takes things too far and ends up ruining things for everyone else.

Media themed days can bring up negative topics that are seen in the tabloids. I think shows like MTV's Jersey Shore can bring a bad influence of drugs, racism, and sexual innuendoes, which abuse our school's dress code.

I think a way to prevent violations of the dress code during spirit week is to maybe eliminate vague spirit days, and put in cleaner cut themes like Nerd Day and Superhero Day that have a smaller span of what you can dress up as. Don't get me wrong, I love Media themed spirit days as much as the next person. But when dress code violations get out of line and students get into serious trouble, it takes the fun out of the whole spirit week.

Let's all try to work together as a school to encourage a positive, appropriate attitude for future spirit weeks. Risking getting other students in trouble for your actions is not worth losing the Homecoming Spirit week all together.



Photos courtesy of Google





## TEN TIPS TO HELP SURVIVE A ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

by Sam Moffett  
*Features writer*

We've all thought about it –It's a well conversed topic at home and in the media, a biologically impossible apocalypse.

Let's say there is one happening right now, what would you do? Before you panic just take a deep breath and prepare to learn about how to live during the zombie apocalypse.

**10. Critical decision making:** During the apocalypse you will have to make decisions that could either propel you forward or get you eaten. Some of those decisions could be, for example, leaving the perfect hiding place. Or on a more extreme level, having to kill someone in order to save them from the zombie disease. You'll need a strong will, heart and stomach in order to make the right decisions.

**9. Travel in a group:** No one wants to be alone during a zombie apocalypse so having the strength in numbers is always a good thing to have during the chaos. Having a group is good for switching off watch patrols and fighting off bigger groups of zombies.

**8. Learn medical:** Having a first aid kit or other medical items is very important. You must be cautious when you fight to limit infection. Having both good combat skills and medical skills is a great advantage to have.

**7. Find good hiding places:** When you travel you'll have to stop and rest sooner or later. Good places to hide are on roof tops. With sealable doors and maneuverable fire escape routes on the side, roof tops are easy to access.

**6. Travel during the day:** Like other supernatural creatures; zombies are most active during the night. Traveling in the day will allow better visibility to help you find hiding spots.

**5. Finding fast transportation:** Walking on foot could be an advantage and disadvantage. Cars are too noisy and most gas stations will probably be robbed of gas. Bicycles are more maneuverable than other vehicles and don't make as much noise.

**4. Using the proper weapons:** NEVER USE WOODEN WEAPONS. Their breakable structures will not benefit survival. Metal/aluminum weapons like machetes or bats will be more useful. Guns are handy but keeping/finding ammunition will be hard unless you can control your usage of firearms.

**3. Well Kept Provisions:** Nonperishable foods and water bottles are necessary. Rationing is required.

**2. Combat Skills:** Agility, endurance and experience will benefit survival. Understanding how a zombie works is a good tip to help defend you. Always be sure to aim for a zombie's skull, that's their "power source", and a deadly blow to their brain will be an instant kill. Also, light clothing will help you be more agile.

**1. Survive:** THIS IS CRITICAL! Using all the other tips will ensure your survival during a zombie apocalypse.

Good Luck out there!

by Ian Stratta  
*Sports editor*

Isn't it funny how having football back seems so much more special now than in previous years?

There never seemed to be a "light at the end of the tunnel," so to speak, during the 127 day lockout. However, the NFL owners and players finally got together and came up with a solution to end the lockout, and in turn, satiate the fans' hunger for some good old, hard hitting football.

Here are my predictions for this season.

Don't expect the Bears to return to the playoffs this season, as the rise of the Lions will create a shake-up in the division. Green Bay will win the division with little trouble this season, even in one of the toughest divisions in the league.

The Atlanta Falcons were the best team in the league last season with a 13-3 record, but the New Orleans Saints have revamped their team through free agency adding former Bears center Olin Kreutz, who is now one of the team captains, and former 49ers defensive tackle Aubrayo Franklin. I expect New Orleans to upset Atlanta and win the NFC South.

In the last year's controversial NFC West, the Seattle Seahawks won the division and eventually upset New Orleans in the first round of the playoffs, but with longtime Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck now in Tennessee, the Seahawks will be lucky to win five games this season. Under new offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, look for the St. Louis Rams to take the division crown after having it slip away to Seattle in the final game of last season.

The Philadelphia Eagles shocked everyone with their splash in free agency this offseason, acquiring

top cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha. To no one's surprise, they will win the NFL East even with their deficiencies at linebacker.

The Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens have had one of the most intense rivalries in professional sports today, and nothing will change this season. Expect Pittsburgh to win the division by the slightest of margins, even with their loss to Baltimore week one.

Peyton Manning has been the face of the Indianapolis franchise for 14 tremendous years, but without Manning for likely most of the season, the Colts will be reduced to nothing. The Houston Texans will win the AFC South without any trouble.

With the losses of Kansas City running back Jamaal Charles and strong safety Eric Berry for the season, there is no doubt in my mind that the Chiefs will be one of the worst teams in the NFL. Expect them to be in the running for Andrew Luck in the next NFL draft. The San Diego chargers will have a bounce-back season and win the division.

The AFC East will once again be dominated by the New England Patriots this season which will lead to another division crown atop of Tom Brady's cranium.

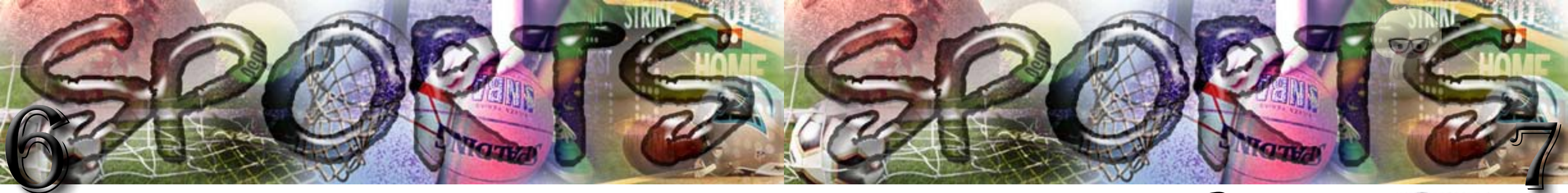
The wild card teams will look staggeringly similar to last years including the Ravens, Jets, and Falcons. However, look for the Lions to be the surprise of the year and make the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

The Jets will finally make it to the Superbowl, as head coach Rex Ryan has promised the last three-plus years, and the Saints will upset the Packers to make it to the Superbowl for the second time in the last three years.

**Super Bowl pick:** Saints Def. Jets

## FINALLY FOOTBALL PART 1 OF 2





# BOYS SOCCER

## PULLS OFF UPSET

by Tom Folliard  
*Sports writer*

The LHS varsity soccer team has pulled off an astonishing victory over the two time reigning conference champions Eisenhower. The Indians won 1-0 over the Cardinals. Senior forward Michael Walus scored the Indians only goal.

After the game, the boys stayed calm and collective even though you could see the excitement in their faces. Senior and team captain Kyle Koehler has been put in charge to maintain this team on and off the field.

“We really fought with Eisenhower the whole match. There was not one point in the game where I thought our eleven players were being outplayed. We played our game,” stated Koehler when asked about his team’s performance.

This season junior forward Tommy Gasienica has led the Indians in scoring. His eleven goals put him four ahead of the Indians second leading scorer senior Michael Walus, who also has chipped in seven assists this season. Senior defender Nick Tiedt and junior goalie Andrew Putna have already helped the Indians’ defense produce eight shutouts.

Head coach Rick Prangen said, “We are a veteran team with a bit more experience in the playoffs now. We should play like veterans down the stretch.” The Indians have nine returning starters this year.

The last two seasons this team has lost to Peoria Notre Dame in the state qualifier. “I do not look for one team in particular to meet in the playoffs. We want to stay alive and every game is going to need a real gutsy effort. If I really had to pick one it would be Peoria Notre Dame. After the last two years I would love one more shot at them with this team,” stated Prangen.



*Lemont Varsity Soccer team*

*Photo by Tony Hamilton*

## LEMONT CLAIMS VICTORY AGAINST TINLEY PARK

by Effie Tounas  
*Sports writer*

Fans showed their true blue and gold spirit at the homecoming football game as Lemont defeated Tinley Park.

Coming into Friday’s game, Lemont and Tinley Park both had a 4-0 record, leaving both teams undefeated so far into the season. Lemont has taken the advantage of the fact that this was Tinley Park’s first away game.

Last year Lemont claimed victory over the Titans, winning 37-33. Players recall the game, as senior linebacker Brad Uher said, “They had a good offense, which made it a challenge for our defense to stop them.”

In anticipation for Friday night’s game, defensive Lineman Justin Lulek stated, “We’ve given up six points; [Tinley Park] has given up 113 points this season. As long as our offense can put some points up against their defense, we will be fine.”

Lemont finished the game with the score of 49-20. Junior running back Chris Giatras led the team to victory by scoring the most points on the team.

“We were prepared well in practice and knew what [Tinley Park] ran. They had us worried, but not enough,” recalled quarterback Damon Aleman after the game.

The win gives Lemont a 5-0 record, leaving them still undefeated. Their next game is away at Bremen on Friday Sept. 30.

## Boys Cross Country off to Another Season

by Ethan Parafink  
*Sports writer*

On Saturday, the Boys Cross Country team competed in the Plainfield South Invite, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> out of 8 teams, with 168 points. The winning team Plainfield South had 38 points.

The top finishers for Lemont were: Scott Franklin in 22<sup>nd</sup> place with a time of 17:18, Andrew Kramer 34<sup>th</sup> (18:06), Bob Cooling 36<sup>th</sup> (18:12), Scott Matulik 37<sup>th</sup> (18:34) and Aaron Oldanie 39<sup>th</sup> (18:46).

Coach Jon DeGuzman despite a somewhat disappointing performance Saturday has great confidence in his team. “The team this year is doing very well--we trained extremely hard this summer, and we are seeing the benefits in these early races. Though our goals are to win a conference title, our main goal is qualify out of regionals and sectionals and hopefully make it to the State Finals race in Peoria,” said DeGuzman.

The team loses its top runner Tom Hoster, a senior last year, but it returns a strong group of runners who will look to improve on last years 9<sup>th</sup> place finish at sectionals. Its top returning varsity runners include junior captains Franklin and Oldanie, junior Matulik, sophomore Matt Gagen and the lone senior of the team, Cooling.

DeGuzman said of the two captains Oldanie and Franklin,” [They] were selected from dedication, experience, and performance. I have seen these two grow and develop over their years with the team, and they have done a great job talking with the team, maintaining their focus and helping them perform at optimal level.” The two certainly provide leadership and experience for a young team with big goals.

The Boys Cross Country team will try to improve from its unsatisfactory weekend with an invite at Lockport this coming Saturday.

## Boys golf team pulls out another conference win

by Emily Lejman  
*Sports writer*

The boy’s golf team swung into action at Broken Arrow this last Monday in their South Suburban Conference meet.

Coach Mark Hollatz explained that the boys golf team has won their conference for as long as he’s been coaching the team and was expecting another victory this year.

After briefly talking to senior Kevin Kling, he said that he is also expecting a conference win. He also added his thoughts about state saying that if the team stays focused, they would win.

Senior Shane Purtle, number one varsity golfer, finished his conference round with an 81. Number two varsity golfer, Kling, came in with an 88.

Purtle summarized his round by saying, “Today I didn’t play all that well. Tough Conditions on top of poor play hurt me on the front nine going out with a 46. But as the rain eased up I began to savage my round and shot a 1 under on the back. Not the greatest day, but it was good to see guys like Joe and Eric step up today and pick up my poor play. It only will give us confidence heading towards the end of the season”.

Top scorers for the boys golf team were junior Joe Paloian, senior Eric Gruber, and senior Brian McMahon. Paloian came in with a 75 while Gruber finished with a 77 and McMahon came in with a 79. The teams total was a 312.

So far Coach Hollatz’ and Klings’ predictions came true, let’s hope they will continue that way.

*Photo courtesy of Google*





# FIND

New Tom-Tom feature

# TOM-TOM



Be the first Tom-Tom reader to email Mr.Clark, with the page number and location, of our new mascot: Tom-Tom! He will be hiding in every issue, send emails to [SEANC@lemont.k12.il.us](mailto:SEANC@lemont.k12.il.us) to win a prize!  
**GOOD LUCK!**

Drawing by Charmaine Balisalisa

## Athletic Performance of the Week

### TOMMY GASIIENICA

Assist for game tying goal against Lincoln Way North  
Assist for game winning goal against Eisenhower  
2 Goals against Oak Lawn  
1 Goal against Stagg



Photo courtesy of Google

Photo by Tony Hamilton

# HOROSCOPES

## Aries

Mar 21 - Apr 20

You're feeling more than a little unclear about your date or mate's intentions on Monday and Tuesday -- so ask questions. They may not lead you anywhere helpful, but they do at least score you points for trying.

## Taurus

Apr 21 - May 21

Work your charms this week and get great results. Around Friday, someone as bullheaded as you may offer a rather hot challenge. Saturday night's super for a date -- and so is Sunday morning.

## Gemini

May 22 - Jun 21

On Wednesday and Thursday, you find that your social network is a huge boon to your love life. It may be that you need to hit a few parties or meet some new friend of a friend in order to feel right about your romantic side.

## Cancer

Jun 22 - Jul 22

Try to take things one step at a time through the middle of the week, though you are almost certainly tempted to rush everything along. Turn on the charm this weekend, even if you don't really have any specific goals in mind. It's good to remind others why they find you so very appealing!

## Leo

Jul 23 - Aug 21

Talking openly about what you want in the realm of romance gets you one step closer to realizing it on Monday, so call a friend or have a heart-to-heart with your sweetie if you've got one. Tuesday and Wednesday, then, are excellent days for taking action on those ideas

## Virgo

Aug 22 - Sep 23

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all have a hint of romance about them, and if you plan a date or organize an outing, that hint can lead to much more. There's definitely the potential for an exchange of energy that's electric.

## Libra

Sep 23 - Oct 23

Be sure to lie low on Monday and Tuesday -- you've got way more going on than you realize, and if you take on much more, you are sure to feel overwhelmed. No matter how cute that new person is or how much your sweetie pleads, say no for now.

## Scorpio

Oct 24 - Nov 22

Your amazingly playful energy works to your advantage when it comes to romance early in the week -- you can entice almost anyone to forget their cares and just have fun! It's a really good time for you to show off your less serious side.

## Sagittarius

Nov 23 - Dec 22

Try not to worry about your mental energy on Monday and Tuesday -- sometimes you need to just check out for a while in order to recharge! If your sweetie or date asks probing questions, try to just confuse them for the time being, until you can answer more clearly.

## Capricorn

Dec 23 - Jan 20

Monday brings clarity in a romantic matter, and it's welcome indeed. Then from Tuesday through Thursday, there's a lot going on in all aspects of your life, but with this flux comes the opportunity for change. Apply your heart and mind purposefully to what you want.

## Aquarius

Jan 21 - Feb 19

On Monday, don't waste the super romantic energy that lingers from the weekend -- at least send a sweet text message and/or set up a date for later in the week! Mundane things keep you more than occupied on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## Pisces

Feb 20 - Mar 20

Give your heart and mind a rest on Monday -- tuning out in front of a movie might be the right idea. If you make it a romantic comedy, you'll be in the perfect mood for Tuesday through Thursday, when love's full of funny twists and entertaining turns.

Photos and Horoscopes courtesy of  
Seventeen Magazine