

### Academics

Twenty-four National Merit Commended Students

Five National Merit Finalists

Ranked #44 on the list of Best Public High Schools in Illinois according to US News & World Report.

### Art

Art students participated in six exhibitions. In the Regional Scholastics Exhibition, they won two Gold Key Portfolio awards, one Silver Key Portfolio award and one Honorable Mention Portfolio award in addition to individual awards of 15 Gold Keys, 21 Silver Keys, and 31 Honorable Mentions.

### Best Buddies

The Best Buddies Club hosted their first Egg Hunt for the community with more than 1,500 eggs and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The club also hosted its annual Alumni Holiday Party in December.

### BIZ Concessions

BIZ had the largest numbers of seniors (35) involved with operating the concession stand. The Club overcame a variety of supply chain shortages to provide services for both football and basketball seasons.

### Business Professionals of America

At the State Leadership Conference, seven students placed among the top in their individual and team events, qualifying for the National Leadership Conference. At the national level, four members placed among the top 10 in their categories.

### Congressional Debate

Ten debaters participated in the IHSA State Debate Championships with six advancing to the semifinal round. One freshman advanced to the final round earning her the honor of being one of 15 of the most talented debaters in the state of Illinois.

### Cyber Defense

Cyber Defense (formerly CyberPatriots) re-branded to highlight its focus on preventing, detecting and providing timely responses to attacks or threats, as well as to safeguard assets.

The Platinum Tier-qualifying team posted an 11th place finish, while the Gold Tier-qualifiers managed a 6th place finish among Illinois high schools.

### eSports

eSports Varsity Overwatch team ranked 2nd in the state during their season and place 4th at the State Finals. The Varsity Rocket League team placed 18th in the state in the IHSEA League and beat out 14 other schools to place 1st in the first-ever IHSA State Sectionals. After competing against the top 16 teams in the state, LT's Rocket League team placed 6th at the Illinois Wesleyan Arena. The Super Smash Brothers team competed in the first-ever in-person tournament consisting of over 500 students. After 14 placement matches, the three student competitors ranked in the top 100 but unfortunately didn't move on to finals. The club's Varsity Valorant team played their first season in IHSEA and ranked 17 out of 64 teams.

### Family, Career & Community Leaders of America

Members performed hands-on demonstrations for each meeting, from culinary to pastry arts and even friendly competitions in plating, food art, and a bake-off in cookie decorating.

### French

Thirty students won medals in the "Grand Concours" AATF National French contest, including one Platinum, four Gold, and 40 Honorable Mentions.

Seven French students were hosted by LT families and attended school with their host student.

### GEMS

The club hosted an Introduce a Girl to STEM event. A total of 35 middle school girls completed experiments and design projects related to science, technology, engineering, and math.

### German Club

Members celebrated "Brezel Baking Day," an annual event where students bake German Pretzels, learn about the history and culture surrounding the German pretzel and why it's a staple not only in Germany, but worldwide!



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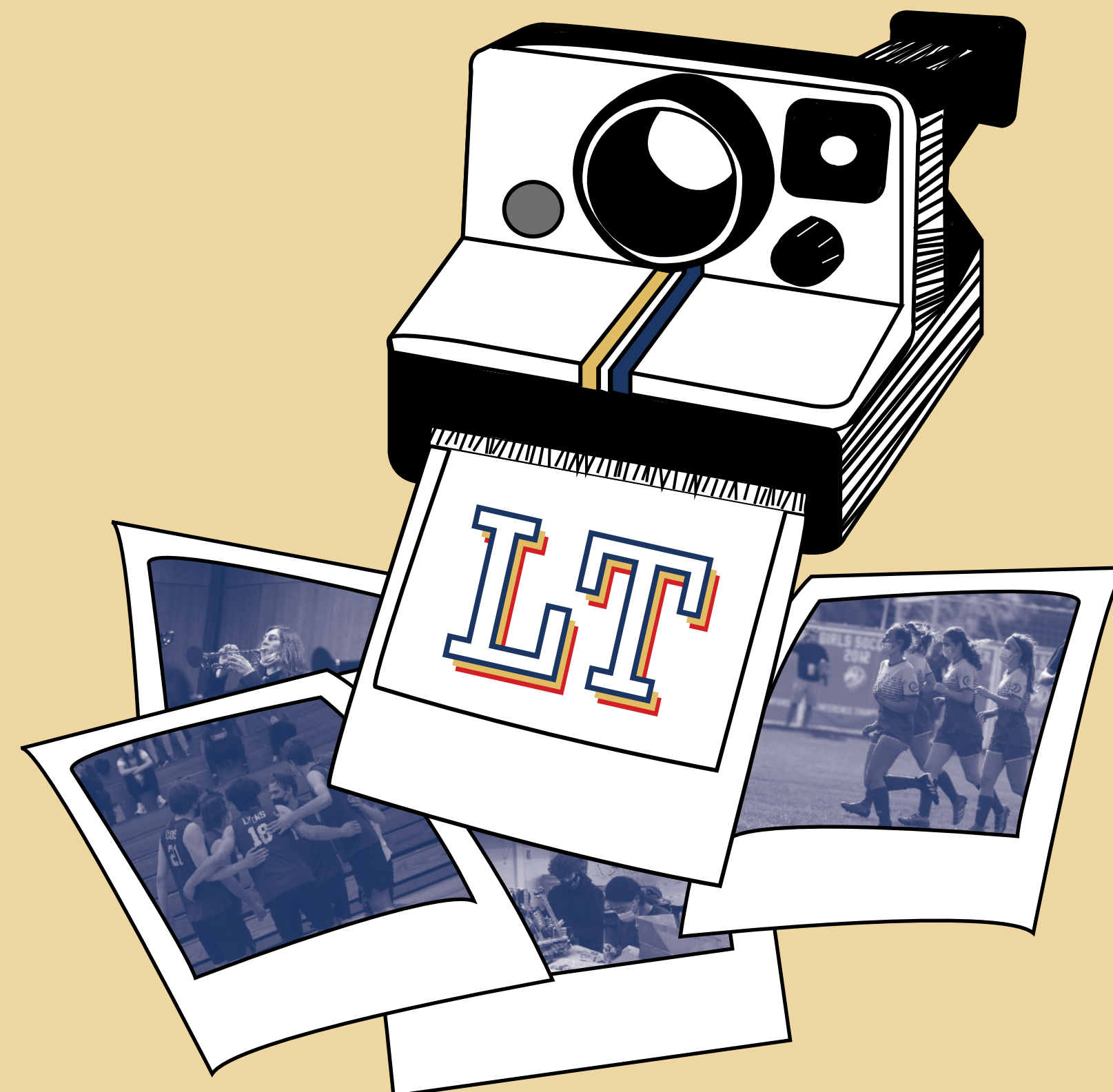
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# MATTERS OF PRIDE

## LYONS TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

The 2021-22 school year has come to a close. In addition to celebrating the Class of 2022, we'd like to share some of the amazing accomplishments at Lyons Township High School. Each individual within our school community – students, staff, parents, community members, and alumni – contributes to the success of our students and school community, and this publication is developed to inspire and to remind all of us of the amazing achievements that happen each and every day at LT. In *Matters of Pride*, you will find team and club accomplishments, state recognition, and national honors. We hope you take a few moments to reflect on the success our school community has achieved, and celebrate an amazing 2021-22 school year!

We are...LT!



# MATTERS OF PRIDE



## Interact Club

Members collected donations to help aid Ukrainian relief efforts, raised money for the Austin Community Center, volunteered at the Hinsdale Humane Society, and collected 160 pairs of shoes for the Share Your Soles project. The club also made holiday goodie bags for local senior centers and served treats to local first responders.

## Investment Club

Club members competed in a global competition, creating a personal investment portfolio. Market volatility made for interesting results in students' virtual \$100k stock portfolios. Virtual partnerships with clubs across the country broadened exposure to speakers and information.

## Latin

LT hosted approximately 250 Latin students from one dozen schools at the 2-day Illinois Junior Classical League Convention. The LT student delegation received the "Friendly Hand of IJCL" award for service to the organization in recognition of their efforts in planning and hospitality in hosting the convention.

Latin 1 and Latin 3/4 both finished in 3rd place in the Regional Certamen Tournament.

## Lifeguard

Club members staffed/worked free community Open Swims throughout the school year. Members also hosted a Pet Supply Drive for CatNap from the Heart in La Grange Park, the Hinsdale Humane Society, and the Animal Control League in Oak Park.



## Polar Plunge

Aviation and Student Council members took part in the Polar Plunge and won the "Cool School" title for the 9th time by raising the most money for Special Olympics Illinois. Students raised \$19,455, bringing the total amount raised since LT started in 2013 to \$145,798.

## Lion

Northern Illinois School Press Association awarded *Lion* newspaper a Gold Certificate for its print version and a Silver Certificate for the online version. In addition, five students earned Blue Ribbons and five earned Honorable Mentions in individual contests.

*Lion* earned 3rd place in the Illinois Journalism Education Association contest for Best Hybrid (both online and print), as well as 3rd place for Best Overall publication. In individual contests, *Lion* staffers earned eight 1st place awards, 12 2nd place medals, three 3rd place finishes and 16 Honorable Mentions.

## LTTV

LT had five winning entries and one finalist in the Midwest Media Educators Association Video Festival, competing against approximately 50 other high schools.

LTTV was once again the official video crew for the livestreamed main stage events at Gen Con, the largest gaming convention in the U.S.

LTTV hosted the 10th annual M.A.N.E. (Media Arts Night of Entertainment) film festival, featuring student films in Drama, Comedy, Documentary, Music Video, and Experimental film categories.

## Mathletes

At Regionals, Math Team finished in 1st place in Orals and Algebra 1, 2nd place for Geometry, Algebra 2, and Junior/Senior 8 person, and 2nd place overall for all eight events combined. At State, the Algebra 1 team took 13th, Calculator team earned 15th and overall the LT Math Team took 17th place.

## Menagerie

The 2021 edition of *Menagerie* won 1st place with Special Merit and Most Outstanding General Magazine from the American Scholastic Press Association. *Menagerie* also won a Silver Crown and a Gold Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The National Scholastic Press Association honored the magazine with First Class with Two Marks of Distinction and earned Best in Show: Third Place at the JEA/NSPA Journalism Convention. Finally, the magazine earned a superior rating from the National Council of Teachers of English.

## Model United Nations

MUN attended nine conferences and placed first at five of those conferences. The team netted a total of 62 individual awards, with 36 first place finishes, 11 second places, and 19 third places. LT hosted its eighth Model UN conference, LYMUN, which included 500 students from 31 schools.

## Music

Thirty-nine students were selected for the ILMEA District Ensembles in band, orchestra, choir, jazz band and jazz choir. Of the 39 students selected at the district level, 12 students were named All-State musicians.

Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, Jazz Band and three Jazz Combos earned a total of 21 Outstanding Soloist Awards at the Evanston Jazz Festival.

Jazz Ensemble performed in concert with guest artist, Tito Carrillo; and played an opening set for the Jo Ann Daugherty Quartet.

For the sixth time in LT history, Wind Ensemble was selected as an Illinois Superstate Band Finalist.

## National Honor Society

Twenty-five seniors were recognized for their service and received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. In total, 377 students in the NHS Class of 2022 completed 9,342 service hours, offering their time and talents to the school and community.

## Older Adult Connection

Members organized an evening at LT's Jazz concert, a trivia afternoon at Plymouth Place, and spring flower and card deliveries in Plymouth Place's memory ward and recovery area. The students were honored at the Plymouth Place inaugural volunteer appreciation breakfast, where they had another opportunity to talk with residents.

## Peaceable School Initiative

Through the sale of Rags of Honor t-shirts and generous donations from students and LT community, PSI donated \$2500 to orphanages taking in Ukrainian refugees. PSI also gathered donations and assembled 140 spring holiday baskets for Chicago's Off the Streets Club. The club also hosted Meet-n-Eat lunches and more than 130 students met new people as they were brought together through the program.

## Robotics

In State competition, Robotics team Spicy Mangos finished 5-1 for 5th place and Lord of the Rings finished 4-2 for 19th out of 64 total teams. In the online Robotics Education & Competition Foundation competition, Axolotis won the VRC High School Poster Design Online Challenge and an invitation to this year's VEX Robotics World Championship.

## SAVE

Working to bring awareness to the Sandy Hook Promise and Know the Signs violence prevention programs, SAVE began Start with Hello Week with a lemonade giveaway. Members handed out stickers for Say Something Week and created more than 400 gift bags for the Chicago survivors of gun violence holiday party. The year ended with a visit from Congresswoman Marie Newman who spoke about activism.



Varsity Poms were Conference Champs, and they, along with the JV team, qualified two routines for the Illinois Drill Team Association State Finals.

## Scholastic Bowl

Scholastic Bowl team won its first two rounds of their Conference tournament, with one team member being named All-Conference.

## Science Olympiad

Science Olympians took 2nd place in Regionals, with students medaling in 13 out of 23 events.

## Snowball

LT was the first Snowball in the state of Illinois to have an in-person overnight trip post-pandemic. Snowball served approximately 400 students throughout the school year. LT's program has been awarded a State Operation Snowball award.

## Speech Team

The team placed among the top three in five tournaments. In total, team members earned 94 individual medals and place fourth in Regionals. Ten students placed among the top four in 10 different categories and advanced to Sectionals.

## Steppers

The Eurythmics Dance Company invited the Steppers to participate in their spring concert. The routine, entitled "Step Wars, an homage to Star Wars," was choreographed by coaches, directors, and the Eurythmics and Steppers.

Steppers hosted 12 teams in the 6th annual LT Step Show Competition: "Step Into the Lion's Den" - one of only two competitions since the pandemic.

## Student Council

Student Council re-imagined and re-staged the Homecoming Dance as Hocoween only three weeks after the original event was canceled. More than 1,500 students attended on short notice, despite chilly weather.

Student Council orchestrated the return of the All-School Assembly after a two year hiatus and reunited the entire 4,500+ staff and student body under one roof.

Yet another successful Secret Santa program, with 160 children's holiday wishes fulfilled by the entire LT community, thanks in part to Student Council.

## Sustainability

The club sponsored a Rummage Sale, which helped divert items from the waste stream and the proceeds helped purchase prairie plants for a pollinator garden and created 12 vermiculture bins. They also partnered with the LT Tree Champions and Morton Arboretum which will plant 48 trees across our campuses. Club members participated in a forest preserve clean up as well.

## Tabulae Yearbook

The 2021 edition of *Tabulae* won a First Place with Special Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association, a Gold Medal from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association and a First Class with Two Marks of Distinction from the National Scholastic Press Association.

## Winter Guard

Winter Guard qualified for the Illinois Drill Team Association State competition and placed first in the Tall Flag category with their routine, *Into the Unknown*.

## WLTL

WLTL expanded their listener reach becoming the first and only high school radio station invited onto the free Audacy app, available for all smartphones. Students also earned four 1st place trophies at the 2021 John Drury High School Radio Awards, and additionally, three student managers from WLTL were named Best in the Nation at the 82nd Annual Intercollegiate Broadcasting Conference.

## Yarn and Thread Club

The new Yarn and Thread Club practices and shares fiber arts, including crochet, knitting, embroidery, weaving, macramé, and friendship bracelets. Materials and tools are available for students to learn.

## Athletics

### Fall

Girls Swimming and Diving – IHSA Sectional Champions, 24th place team finish in IHSA State.

Football – Qualified for the IHSA Playoffs

Boys Soccer – IHSA Regional Champions

Boys Cross Country – IHSA 12th Place Finish in IHSA State

Boys Golf – IHSA Regional Champions, 6th Place Finish in IHSA State

Girls Volleyball – West Suburban Conference Champions, IHSA Regional Champions

### Winter

Girls Basketball – West Suburban Conference Champions, IHSA Regional Champions

Boys Basketball – IHSA Regional Champions

Bowling – Qualified for State as a Team, Finished in 16th Place in IHSA State

Boys Swimming – 3rd Place at IHSA State

Competitive Cheer – Qualified for State as a Team, Finished in 22nd Place in IHSA State

Pom Pon – Qualified for State as a Team, Finished in 23rd Place in IHSA State

### Spring (as of mid-May)

Boys Gymnastics – West Suburban Conference Champions, IHSA Sectional Champions

Girls Water Polo – WSC Tournament Champions



## College Athletes

To date, 37 student athletes signed letters of intent to play college athletics.