

# Friends of LHS

## November 2011 Newsletter

### November General Meeting

1. The Friends of LHS met on Nov. 14 immediately following the 2011 – 2012 Winter Sports All Athletes assembly. Highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Dr. Wendy Jack, Director of Curriculum, presented the Massachusetts Common Core Standards for Math and English
- Ed Rozmiarek provided updates on the vast number of activities that were happening in the school for the remainder of the month
- Tom Thornton confirmed the events including the Harvest Dance, Blooddrive, and Powder Puff football game
- Jim DeProfio mentioned that the Winter Sports season will commence on Monday, Nov. 28 and the Fall Sports awards night will be on Monday, Dec. 5 in the Irish Auditorium

2. As introduced at Nov. General Meeting, Ed Rozmiarek is creating a School Council and there is an opportunity for a few parents to be part of this group. This Council would consist of teachers, students, administration, and parents. The goals include: identifying educational needs of the students, getting involved with the curriculum accommodation plan, reviewing of the annual school budget, and formulating a school improvement plan. You do NOT have to be a member of the FLHS to get involved with this group so pass the word to anyone that you think may have interest. You may send a letter of interest to the Headmaster at [erozmiarek@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:erozmiarek@lowell.k12.ma.us).

3. The Citywide Parents Council has Parent Reps for each of the public schools throughout the city. Given the size of the High School there are two positions on the Council and there is an opening for one of the positions. Please consider joining this very engaged and important group. For details contact Cindy McAndrews at 978-337-2322 or [cindymcandrews@msn.com](mailto:cindymcandrews@msn.com). Their general mailbox address is [lowellcpc@yahoo.com](mailto:lowellcpc@yahoo.com).

### Board of Director Update

The FLHS Board of Directors has recruited a new member to replace Gail Medina who had to resign her position. We all wish Gail well and thank her for her service to us as our Asst. Clerk. Alison Laraba has graciously accepted the position of Asst. Clerk to replace Gail and Kathy Clark has agreed to join the Board as a Director for the remainder of the current term to fill Alison's seat.

I was approached by a few members of the FLHS at the Nov. General Meeting with interest in becoming a Director/Board member in the future. Be looking for an announcement in January 2012 when the official request for interest and nominations will commence. A

Nominating Committee will be put in place in January/February to arrange for a slate of candidates to fill the open Board positions. Elections for the new Board will occur in April 2012. Feel free to visit the FLHS website and click on the Bylaws tab to review the various Board and Officer positions and duties.

### **FLHS Activities**

Several members of the FLHS attended the LHS Distinguished Alumni event which was held at the Irish Auditorium on Nov. 3. Also the FLHS once again purchased two tables of seating at the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies held on Nov. 17. This allowed several of our current student athletes to attend this event, interact with the alumni and other attendees, and take in the wonderful acceptance speeches that were given by each of the five honorees. The FLHS will be providing the award medals given to the team MVP, Most Improved, and Sportsmanship for the Fall Sports awards night scheduled for Monday, Dec 5.

### **Fundraisers**

Cheerleaders – Comedy Night at the P A V Club, Lowell on Dec 2

Crew – Selling holiday wreaths and poinsettia plants.

Boys and Girls Swim Teams – Comedy Night at the V F W, Lowell on Jan 15

Be looking for an announcement that will confirm our next meeting which will be Jan. 9, 2012. If anyone has an item to be included in our Newsletter please forward it to the FLHS email address, [flhs@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:flhs@lowell.k12.ma.us). Best of luck to our winter sports student athletes this upcoming season. The Friends of LHS wish you all a very happy and safe Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

Mike Sullivan – President FLHS