



Lutheran High School Association of Greater Detroit

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Dear Grand Club Members,

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Attached are the long awaited Grand Club Survey results for your perusal. I certainly appreciate the response from so many of you and welcome your input via e-mail at any time.

In summary, there was very strong support for canceling this year's Grand Club Appreciation Dinner and utilizing those budgeted funds for critically needed additional tuition assistance for families with heart wrenching situations given the economy. (I will include several letters from those we have been able to help with these funds to let you know how thankful families are to keep their students in a LHS.) There was significant opposition to selling tickets to the event as an additional fundraiser. However, continuing the Grand Club Appreciation Dinners for donor recognition and continued support was quite important for many, particularly as the economy recovers in 2010, Lord willing. The support was somewhat ambivalent regarding the location of the Annual Dinner at the Detroit Athletic Club as well as the early December date, yet 55% did not want to move the date to late spring or early fall. Also, there was quite strong support to keep the Annual Grand Club Appreciation separate from other Association fellowship events. Many insights were provided via thoughtful comments and suggestions written on the survey, particularly that we not lose the overall Association focus as our various constituencies from the four campuses meet and greet at this wonderful event. Most appreciated in the program are the students and Principals who share the great blessings and success at their schools.

Now for the great news! Given so many of the favorable comments and my strong faith that 2010 will see some light at the end of the economic tunnel, I have scheduled another Grand Club Appreciation Dinner for Monday, December 13, 2010. The location and venue may need to change anticipating a significant response with new Grand Club members that have come via the Westland Lamplighter and Northwest Pathfinder efforts along with the North reconnect focus which begins in 2010. The opinion was almost equally divided as to keeping the dinner at the current location – the Detroit Athletic Club. While not ruling that site out, consideration will be given to other possible “central” locations and a different format. More communication will follow in the early fall as we begin another Academic Year, 2010-2011.

The second and equally important announcement is to have you mark your calendars for an All School Fellowship and Music Event on Friday, April 16th, 2010 (two weeks after Holy Week) at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran High School Northwest. The 7:00 p.m. Concert will feature the Music Departments of all four of our schools. Athletic practices and games on that date are cancelled to avoid all conflicts because many of our athletes also participate in the Fine Arts. Dress will be casual. There is no cost to the All School Music Concert; however, a free will offering will be taken. In addition, current planning is underway to offer a pre-Concert “BBQ” at a reasonable cost from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in a “big tent” on the back parking lot. This food and fellowship will be a wonderful way to reconnect as a combined Association supporting a flourishing Ministry to Young People. More information will follow after the Christmas vacation.

In closing, may our Lord richly bless your Advent preparation and Christmas celebration.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

Enclosures: Grand Club Survey Results, Return Envelope, and Thank You letters from recipients of tuition assistance.

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