



## Beef Blast 2016



Lutheran High Northeast has just celebrated its 20th annual Beef Blast. It has come a long way since it has begun. Twenty years ago the school wasn't even built yet, the foundation was just starting to be laid out. The first Beef Blast was held in the parking lot of the present day Lutheran High Northeast. There they served a hearty meal of beef sandwiches and watermelon. Many individuals had to cook all night long to make sure that the food was prepared for the next day. The second Beef Blast was relatively the same, but had tours of the foundation and format of our school. Now it is a expanded into a fully fledged gathering, comparable to a small fair with various attractions.

This year we offered a meal with a beef sandwich, potato salad, pork and beans, ice cream, tea and even a running cotton candy machine. There were balloon sculptures, bouncy castles, and a silent auction. Something for everyone!

To commemorate such an occasion, every student and faculty member of LHNE received a 20th anniversary Beef Blast t-shirt to wear on the special day. The students and faculty members of Lutheran High worked hard to make this was their best Beef Blast yet. Everyone pitched in one way or another. Whether it was setting up tables, running bouncy castles, tying balloons, serving ice cream, or making the meals, everyone gave it their all.

This was a very successful year. We started with around seven hundred pounds of beef, and served it all. There were 199 items in the silent auction, and 57 for the live auction. In total we had raised nearly \$86,000 with \$20,000 for technology alone. We - the students, family, and staff of Lutheran High Northeast - want to thank everyone who has shown their support towards Lutheran High Northeast and all of those who have participated in this year's Beef Blast!

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# A Note from the Principal

By Dan Sievert



It is good, Lord, to be here! I want to thank you for inviting my family to be part of this community. As we are now getting our feet on the ground, we can reflect on the tremendous outpouring of support we have received since our arrival. It has been a joy to meet many of you, and a blessing to get to know the students of Lutheran High Northeast. They are a great group of young adults for whom I am daily thankful, and I look forward to witnessing great accomplishments from them in the future.

The best news is that these students are blessed to learn and grow from an outstanding faculty. The teachers care for and love their students, and this shows in the devotion and time spent preparing them not only academically, but spiritually as well. It is certainly a great time to be and Eagle, and I invite you to continue to be a part of the family! – Principal Daniel Sievert

## New Staff and Faculty Faces at LHNE this Fall



Brittany Bosler (2008 LHNE alum) is the new office assistant at LHNE. She earned an Associates of Arts degree from Northeast Community in 2010. Her and her husband Derek have been married almost four years.



Brenda Fowlkes graduated from Concordia, Seward and previously taught art at LHNE during the first two years, 1997-1999. Her and her husband, David, have four children. She will teach classes in art and English.



Kathy Gebhardt graduated from Concordia, Seward, and has coached volleyball at LHNE since 2007. Her and her husband, Dr. Leon Gebhardt have five children and Kathy will teach Pre-algebra and Algebra, joining daughter Elizabeth in the math department.



Elizabeth Osten (Gebhardt) graduated from Wayne State where she played volleyball for four years. She graduated in 2016 and married Trevor, and was hired to teach in the areas of math and physics.



Tamara Witt graduated from Concordia, Seward, and has been married to Pastor Aaron Witt (Christ Lutheran, Columbus) for 21 years. She will teach band and choir at LHNE and is also leading a choir at St. John Lutheran School in Battle Creek part-time.

In addition to the new personnel, a few returning faculty have new roles as well: Darin Suckstorf will serve as the activities director, Hope Beam is the new technology director, and Linsey Keseman is the new guidance counselor.

# The Next Generation

By Fred Aufdembrink



Can you believe this is the 20th academic year at Lutheran High Northeast? 20 years is typically thought of as a generation.

Why is this important? Because, at this moment, you are instrumental in training up the NEXT generation who will graduate from LHNE! Remember the words from Proverbs 22:6 – “Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”

It is because of you that Lutheran High Northeast can continue to “Train

a child in the way he should go.” God has given you the opportunity to participate in training up the next generation.

How do you participate? By praying for the students, faculty and staff of LHNE.

- Pray that God would bless the teaching and the learning that takes place each day.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would be move mightily in the lives of students and their families.
- Pray for the faculty and staff that the Spirit would guide them as they minister to these students through actions and words.
- Pray that the Spirit would

move people reading this newsletter to take action and financially support the ministry to the students of Lutheran High Northeast.

God is giving you an opportunity to participate in this ministry at Lutheran High Northeast. Take advantage of this opportunity and share the financial blessings with which God has provided for you! Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope. Please use it to share the gifts God has given you with the students of Lutheran High Northeast.

## Mock Trial

It's that time of year again! The Lutheran High Mock Trial program has its case and is hard at work preparing for our first competition in November.

The program has seen some recent success. Three years ago, the team placed 4th in our district. Two years ago, we had one team place 4th and another team win the district championship. Last year, we were able to win the district championship again! This year we have a record 24 students out for mock trial!

The competition does not get easier. Mock trial is not separated by classes or school size - Norfolk Catholic, Norfolk High, South Sioux City, Battle Creek, Wayne, etc. and ourselves are all in the same double elimination bracket as we seek to win the district championship again. Only one team can advance to the state mock trial competition.

At the state competition last year, we competed against one of the best teams there - Omaha Skutt Catholic (they have been state champions 5 of the last 7 years). Their coach complimented our students saying

that we were some of the stiffest competition they had seen.

We will be practicing almost every day after school until November comes. Keep a look out for our mock trial open house, where we will invite everyone to come and watch two of our teams scrimmage against each in a dress rehearsal the week before we compete.

Jason Doele (our lawyer coach)

and I love being able to coach this activity. Not only do we think it's a great time, but it really does a lot to help students learn how to think critically, create arguments, improve their public speaking, and gain confidence they didn't know they had. All the questions, objections, and opening/closing arguments are all written and created by our students. Watching that process is a great blessing for us, and we're excited to see what happens this season!



# Senior Government Presentations

This year, the seniors in Government class are doing something new. Every Tuesday throughout September, October, and November a pair of seniors will be participating in a Congressional Hearing style presentation in front of a panel of judges. Students will be speaking on Constitutional principles and how they relate to contemporary situations.



Each student pair was able to select which questions they wanted to answer. When their presentation date comes, they dress formally and have the opportunity to share their arguments in front of three judges. At the conclusion of the students' presentation, the judges will ask the students questions and cross examine their answers. We have had three presentations so far, and the

students have been extremely impressive in their arguments and professionalism.

The judges include various LHNE faculty and local government officials. While students are given a grade for their presentation, the goal is to get them to prepare oral arguments, be able to present them in front of a group, and explain/defend their reasoning with judges. Because these presentations are a public forum, everyone is welcome to come and support the students. These take place every Tuesday until the end of November, and they are held in the LHNE library at 11:30 am.

# Boys' and Girls' State Participants

The past summer the Nebraska American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State and American Legion Auxiliary Cornhusker Girls' State sessions were conducted June 5-11 at UNL.

Both events are set up as a functional "51st state" designed

to provide incoming seniors with a better understanding of governmental functions. During the event special lectures and addresses were delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders. This past summer delegates from Lutheran High Northeast at Boys'

State  
were:  
Luke

Blomenberg, son of Daniel and Deanna Blomenberg and Adam Gray, son of Chris and Karen Gray. Both were sponsored by Larry Dinkel.

The Girls' State participants from Lutheran High were: Madison Suckstorf, daughter of Darin and Stephanie Suckstorf and Emily Wilcox, daughter of Russ and Kim Wilcox. Both were sponsored by Norfolk American Legion Auxiliary Unity 16 and Sons of the American Legion Post 16.



Luke Blomenberg



Adam Gray



Madison Suckstorf



Emily Wilcox

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