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From The Desk Of The Editors-In-Chief

As I was going through piles of my old school things, I came across a writing assignment from Mr. Trad's sophomore English class called "The Things I Carry." I had written about being an "average" LHS student – to whom winter break is a prolonged study session and any grade lower than an A is unacceptable. "Whether I am feverishly scribbling an in-class essay, racking my brains for a multiple choice test, or sitting at my desk worrying over the grade I am about to receive, I carry with me a fear of failure," I wrote. "This fear is everywhere: hiding in my overstuffed folders, glaring through the numbers on my calculator, and permeating my friends' lunch-time conversations."

Certainly, this is an exaggerated portrayal of my high school years and thankfully does not ring true with every student. But as students at LHS who entered as freshmen afraid of getting lost, and became seniors struggling to make time for college applications, each of us learned to overcome this fear of failure time and time again. As freshmen, we managed to make the transition to high school-level workloads and expectations. We took a leap of faith and enrolled in that honors class, joined as many clubs as we could, and talked to new people, trusting and hoping that the legions of upperclassmen who'd gone before us could illuminate the way.

Now, we are wiser, tougher, and more prepared. We have four years of experience under our sleeves, and have had countless opportunities, both inside and outside of school, to grow as individuals. Whether through classes, teams, competitions, performances, or clubs, many of us have contributed in meaningful ways to the school and to the larger Livingston community. Some memories may blur together – all those late nights, test grades, outings with friends – but the ones that stand out are the ones to treasure. More important than the hours we spent memorizing information for classes was the development of friendships and lifelong skills, including the ability to communicate our ideas and manage our time (well, at least for some of us). We learned that yes, stress and competition are facts of life for as long as we're in school, but they can serve as motivators that push us to succeed.

We are such a vibrant, determined, and resourceful class of graduating seniors, and that knowledge will sustain us wherever we go. So keep in touch with your high school friends, and have the confidence to go out there and make new ones. Make the most of your summer. Keep that paper you're proud of, your senior prom ticket, anything with a memory attached to it. Laugh always. And above all, remember that LHS has given us the insight, courage, and experiences of a lifetime. Now, we're ready to work toward achieving the goals we've been dreaming of.

- Marlena Idrobo

*"So don't wait for someone to tell you it's too late,
'Cause these are the best days" - Graham Colton*

As we take our last steps at graduation, we reflect on the good and the bad of the past four years, on the lessons we've learned rather than the mistakes we've made, and on the people who changed us for the better rather than those whom we've chosen to let go.

High school isn't about the terrible grade you received in Chemistry Honors or the afternoon you spent avoiding a close friend because of a fight you had earlier that day. It isn't about the mornings you destroyed your closet desperately trying to find something to wear or the all-nighters you pulled to finish the Poetry Project junior year. We will remember the nights spent out past curfew with our best friends and the days we expected to receive scantrons blemished by vivid pink marks but to our surprise found few.

The words "I can't wait to get out of here," echo through the crowded halls almost every day. Anticipation for the future, whether that means venturing off to college, joining the workforce, enlisting in the armed forces, or exploring other cultures and religions, may be exciting and life-changing, but the knowledge we've acquired and the personal growth we've experienced should not be forgotten. We are a remarkable class of ambitious intellectuals, talented artists, determined athletes, brilliant writers, proactive leaders, incredible scientists, gifted musicians, and several extremely well-rounded and charismatic individuals. I've been fortunate enough to be surrounded by such an influential and inspiring class for almost thirteen years.

Livingston High School has presented us with endless opportunities for success and has given us the skills, experience, and understanding to move forward wholeheartedly on whatever path we may choose. To the Class of 2012, I hope you always put your best foot forward and that wherever life may take you, you keep a part of your childhood close to your heart.

- Carly Abenstein

**"Take it in, take it with you when you go
Who says you can't go home"**

-- Bon Jovi

The Most Attended Colleges



COLLEGE	STUDENTS
Rutgers University	33
County College of Morris	23
Binghamton University	15
Pennsylvania State University	13
Montclair State University	12
New York University	12
University of Maryland	10
University of Michigan	9
The College of New Jersey	8
University of Hartford	8
Loyola University Maryland	7
Seton Hall University	7
Cornell University	6
Stevens Institute of Technology	6
University of Massachusetts Amherst	6
Syracuse University	5
University of Delaware	5
Indiana University	5



Farthest Distance from LHS



LOCATION	DISTANCE
Arad, Israel	5,731 miles
Jerusalem, Israel	5,705 miles
Portland, OR	2,876 miles
Los Angeles, CA	2,773 miles
Las Vegas, NV	2,509 miles
Tucson, AZ	2,486 miles
Tempe, AZ	2,387 miles
Austin, TX	1,731 miles
Santo Domingo, DR	1,560 miles
New Orleans, LA	1,296 miles
Lincoln, NE	1,281 miles
Boca Raton, FL	1,248 miles
St. Petersburg, FL	1,158 miles
Columbia, MO	1,056 miles
Jacksonville, FL	940 miles
St. Louis, MO	939 miles
Madison, WI	919 miles
Atlanta, GA	869 miles



Livingston High School Class of 2012

Address: 30 Robert Harp Drive

Colors: Green and White

Mascot: Lancer

Students in Graduating Class: 404

Class Officers: Josh Fleishman, Sohan Mone, Emily Seltzer, Shannon Zuber

Homecoming King and Queen: Johnny Cherichello and Nancy Yang

Prom Song: "Collide" by Howie Day

Winner of Senior Games: The Yellow Team

Winner of Academic Team Seniors vs. Teachers: Seniors!

Winner of Sumo Wrestling/Jousting: Everyone... (What happened to jello wrestling?)

Number of Students Recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program: 44

PLACE STUDENTS

NEW JERSEY	124
NEW YORK	66
PENNSYLVANIA	51
MASSACHUSETTS	23
MARYLAND	20
MICHIGAN	13
CONNECTICUT	12
VIRGINIA	9
WASHINGTON D.C.	5
DELAWARE	5
FLORIDA	5
INDIANA	5
OHIO	5
VERMONT	4
ILLINOIS	4
ARIZONA	3
CALIFORNIA	3
MISSOURI	3
NORTH CAROLINA	3
SOUTH CAROLINA	3

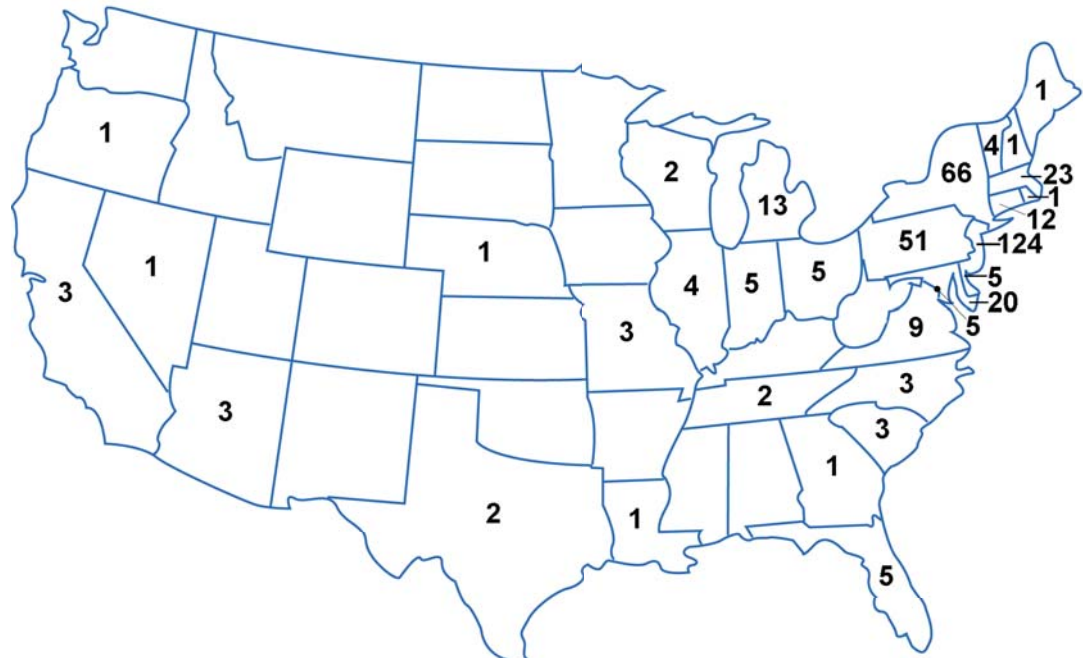




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How do you feel about competition at LHS?

I think most of the competition tends to be pretty healthy. It drives students to push themselves academically and hopefully to learn as they wouldn't otherwise be able to. The key is to make sure that no one takes the competition the wrong way; when people push themselves too hard or try to undermine someone else's success, the "hyper-competitive" people aren't doing anyone a favor.

What advice do you have for freshmen?

Make the most of your time here. I know it sounds cliché, but high school really will be over before you know it, and there are opportunities here that you won't ever get again. LHS really is unique in its community dynamic and how it fosters learning.

Zachary Lustbader: Future U.S. President

Meet the Class of 2012 Valedictorian

If Peter tried to "eliminate" you so that he would be valedictorian, how would you defend yourself?

If? Where have you been for the past three months? I've had to invest in a twenty-four-hour security staff to protect myself, but the ingenious Peter just keeps coming up with new ways to get past my bodyguards. And he made most of them quit after the series of shark attacks.

What makes you so irresistible to women?
What are you implying, editors?

"My goal has been to compete and to lead so that everyone is pushed to meet his or her potential." - Zachary Lustbader

What will you miss most about LHS?

Definitely my friends. They've had a profound impact on how I look at the world, and I really will miss my time with them.

Was it a challenge for you to find a balance between school and leisure activities in your free time?

Absolutely. How can I be expected to pick among the joys of solving differential equations, reading political philosophy,

and going out with my friends? In all seriousness, anyone who hopes to achieve academically and not live under a rock is going to struggle to find a balance, and I've learned to spend my time efficiently understanding concepts so I can also take advantage of the time I have with my peers in high school.

What are you going to be majoring in and what do you hope it leads to in your future?

Right now, I'm looking at possible concentrations in economics, government,

applied math, or advanced coloring book studies. Truthfully, I'm not sure what path I want to pursue, but I hope that whatever I ultimately choose, I can use my studies as a means of having an impact on society. So I'm probably going with coloring.

What do you have planned for your speech?

Just as a magician never reveals his secrets, an orator never spoils his element of rhetorical surprise. What I will say is that I



Zach Lustbader will attend Harvard University.

hope I can encapsulate how I really feel about what this transition means for all of the graduates.

What legacy do you hope to leave behind at LHS?

Hopefully, I won't just be remembered as someone who achieved academically and extracurricularly, but rather as someone who set a new standard. My goal has been to compete and to lead so that everyone is pushed to meet his or her potential, while simultaneously promoting a support system between me and each of my peers. I hope that this spirit lives beyond my time here and that all our efforts can help to maintain a sense of community and growth at this school.

Peter Yao: A Country Boy At Heart

Get to Know This Year's Salutatorian



Peter Yao will attend Princeton University.

Is there a rivalry between you and Zach?

Zach's been walking around school surrounded by what he calls bodyguards, but I know they're really assassins. After all, they say "two is better than one," right? But the sharks I sent should hold them down for a while. All that aside, if I had to call us rivals, we'd be friendly rivals. We are rivals that push each other to be better and bring out the best in each other.

If you were to get a tattoo, what would it be and where would you get it?

I'm not sure what kind of tattoo, but I would get it at a tattoo parlor.

Have you caught senioritis?

Eric Kang carries around a pretty lethal strain, and I have a couple classes with him so I may have caught a little, but I'm keeping it at bay with large daily doses of orange juice. (That was definitely a run-on sentence...sorry Mrs. Anderson!)

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Somewhere in the Midwest where days are longer and laughter comes more freely. I'm really kind of a farmer at heart. A house with a fireplace and a Santa-friendly chimney. A dog or two. A family. A small porch in the yard where I can sit at night and lose myself in the immensity of starry sky.

What are you looking forward to most about college?

Princeton has free milk and cookies every night after 12.

What memories of LHS will you treasure the most?

The people. It always seems to be the answer to these kinds of questions, but I think it's true. For many of us, LHS may not have been our first home nor will it be our last. But no one can deny that years of our smiles and laughter have lapped against these familiar brick walls, that this school holds some of our most precious memories. I believe there is something that will draw us all back here one day. Then we'll all meet again.

What advice do you have to leave to underclassmen?

Regardless of what seems more important at the moment, sleep. You'll wake up taller.

If you could play anyone in a movie, who would it be and why?

I would definitely play Zach Lustbader. He's someone who I look up to, someone who inspires me. Above all, a good friend. Plus, it'd be pretty cool to have real me talk to fake me.

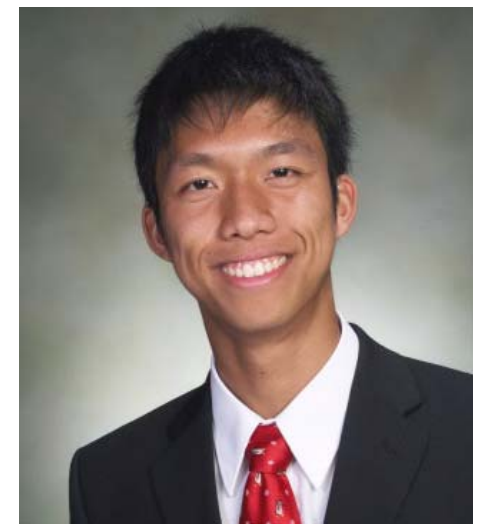


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Which color best represents your personality?

White. It mixes well with whatever color it meets but also never loses sight of itself.

What are you going to be majoring in and what do you hope it leads to in your future?

I plan on majoring in Molecular Biology or the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. I want to go on to be a doctor after my mom. But this is all as of now, later who knows? Right now, I'm content to walk without any idea of where I'm going, taking in the sights along the way.

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“As you enter positions of trust and power, dream a little before you think.”

-- Toni Morrison

Farewell To Our Beloved Teachers And Faculty

Ms. Nave
Secretary



How long have you worked at LHS?

I have worked here for 26 and a half years.

What was your favorite memory of LHS?

My favorite memory is of the staff and students, and how fortunate we are here in Livingston to have such great teachers (and I've seen lots of teachers over those 26 years) and AMAZING students.

What are your future plans?

My future plans are not specific but I do enjoy reading and hope to have more time for that. I dabble in genealogy and have a few elusive ancestors who need to be found. And, of course, I want to spend more time with my family, especially my grandsons.

What advice do you have for graduating seniors?

My advice would be to always “do the right thing” and if you aren't sure, then think twice before you do anything. But of course that is advice parents give their children throughout life (just ask mine). Beyond that I would hope that always treating people with kindness and dignity is a good rule for all of us to follow.

Ms. Deprospero
English



What was your favorite memory of LHS?

I remember Jerry Walker, our principal way back when, who would sing “I Hope You Dance” at the end of each year, saying, “Yes. LHS is important, but family comes first.” I have worked here since then under his sage advice, and that has allowed me to love my job.

What will you miss most about teaching?

Getting up at 6am is what I will miss most--I love the smell of the early morning! NOT. I don't think I will miss anything at this point, and that is not because of anything bad. I will keep in touch with the people who mean a lot to me, so I won't miss the people. As to teaching, there comes a time when people are ready to embark on the next phase of life, and that is where I am right now--ready for the open arms of the next few years and looking forward to the freedoms they will afford me.

What are your future plans?

I plan to do any darn thing I choose and that could include hiking, canoeing, dancing, singing karaoke (my colleagues gave me a lovely karaoke machine as a going away gift), reading, volunteering--anything! I can't even imagine what adventures and what peace I will have. It's all up to me, now, isn't it? Carpe diem.

Mr. Merlo
Art



What is your favorite part about teaching?

My favorite part of teaching at LHS was taking over the Ceramics and Sculpture classes from Mr. Reynolds, and having the opportunity to teach just Ceramics and Sculpture for 10 years. I will also miss all the fun I had with my students in all the classes I taught.

What will you miss most about LHS?

The thing I will miss the most is the dynamic relationships that form with my students throughout the year. AND the fun!

What are your future plans?

I plan to continue my passion as a painter and printmaker in my studio. I also want to spend more time at the Jersey Shore, especially in September and October. I hope to spend more time with my grandson Jack and to help my three children in any way I can.

What advice do you have for graduating seniors?

My advice would be to try to find out as soon as possible what you love and have a passion for and then to work as hard as you can to reach your goal.

Mrs. Houben
Mathematics



What will you miss most about LHS?

I'll miss the fantastic math department. I felt like a part of a family where members helped each other, supported each other, and strove for excellence. Teaching AP Calculus, “coaching” the Math Team, and advising the OST were three levels of crème de la crème on my cake. There is nothing more fulfilling to a teacher than to see a student “get it,” or to work hard and succeed and to reach beyond their comfort zone.

What are your future plans?

I thank Livingston for the last 22 years of my career, and I go off to de-stress, take care of my family, garden, read, puzzle, cohabit with Mother Earth and do other work that will replace the loss I am sure to feel. I will miss my students and my many colleagues and the many friends I have made.

Do you have any advice for seniors?

I say to my students, as I say to my own children, that everything you do or do not do counts and has consequences. Make your choices wisely, because you always do have a choice. The best choice is usually the hardest road to take, but will be the one to give your true happiness, success and love. These come from hard work, compassion, kindness, humility and honor.

Mr. Wolff
English



Mr. Talarico
K-12 Art Supervisor



Mr. Wolff and Mr. Talarico both served the Livingston High School community and Livingston school district for many years, and The Lance would like to wish them great luck and happiness in all of their future endeavors and plans.

Mr. McKenna
Guidance



What will you miss most about LHS?

I am going to miss my colleagues in the guidance office and CST a lot. I'm especially going to miss working with students

who I've grown close to and have helped out a lot over the past two years.

What are your future plans?

I took a job as Head of College Advising and Placement at Seton Hall Prep – right down the road on Northfield Ave in West Orange. I'll also be going back to school for my PhD in counseling in the fall of 2013.

Do you have any advice for graduating seniors?

First - TIME MANAGEMENT!!!!!!

There is so much free time in college that it is easy to get sidetracked from studying. It is important to set aside three hours a day to get caught up on reading. There will still be more than enough time to still have fun. Second – don't eat too late at night – that's how those 15 pounds get packed on. Third – Have fun!!!!

**“So take the photographs, and still frames in your mind
Hang it on a shelf in good health and good time”**

-- Green Day

Remember When...

“The freshmen color was maroon?” – Sherin Oommen

“Lockdowns were actually long?” – Angela Zhu

“There weren’t a zillion cameras freshman year?” – Max Hertzan

“The chorus sang a lullaby during a bomb threat?” – Yuri Kim

“We had science classes in A hall?” – Jenny Wang

**“An eighth grader got lost in the school this year?”
– Katie Korzeniowski**

“Justin Bieber wasn’t popular?”
– Shannon Stocks

“We played Draw Something?”
– Ryan Saccoman

“There were 9 planets?”
– Nicholas Colonna

“We won the football championship freshman year at Giants Stadium?” – Andrew Mordzynski

“We ate lunch at 10:12?”
– Jessica Chu

**“We had 3 straight snow days in October and the town cancelled Halloween?”
– Stacey Su**

“We had Pam McGroarty?” – Brian Kim

“The fire alarms were on test?”
– Eeshin Chang

“We wrote ‘legit’ on Zach Lustbader’s Wall?” – Marlena Idrobo

“WE CHOSE OUR GYM CLASSES?” – ALYSSA VORBECK

“We acted out Julius Caesar in front of the school for Mr. Sanga’s class?” – Abbi Shah

“The Yellow Team won the Senior Games?” – Abe Choe

“Period 1 always came before period 4 and Period 9 always came after Period 8?”
– Sara Vossler

“School ended at 2:32?” – A.J. Ribakove

“Dr. Alirangues made us meditate in class?” – Jesse Kleinman

**“People used to have Blackberrys?”
– Herbie Bolimovsky**

“We seriously considered buying a foldout couch for the newspaper office?”
– Carly Abenstein and Marlena Idrobo

“Mr. Stern had hair?” – Adam Friedman

**“Oh man we were livin’, didn’t waste one minute
We talked and drank and danced and said goodbye”**

-- Jason Aldean

“Wear layers” – Francesca D’Uva

“Get involved but don’t stress!” – Klara Blazek

“Just do it” - Ethan Cohen

“Don’t get senioritis until you get accepted to college” – Ryan Saccoman

“Survive” – Nicole Yap

What advice do you have for incoming freshman?

“Time is valuable. Don’t waste it” - Kenneth Chan

“Be true to yourself” - Jared Gelman

“Sleep. You never will again” - Patrick Xia

“Stop looking, start living” - Roth Bernstein

“Don’t procrastinate on anything! Or at least try really really hard not to.” – Sherin Oommen

“Hallways are for walking, not for blocking.” – Aviva Mendelsohn

“Don’t mess with seniors” - Marc Schofel

“Try to get ahead early so you’re not trying to catch up later” - Josh Fleishman

“Walking through the courtyard in spring” - Peter Yao

“Waking up early” - Karli Weitzman

“Being with the people who I grew up with every day” - Shira Gelman and Jamie Gropper

“The crowded hallways. I loved getting stepped on. It thrilled me. Really” - Li Ann Giordano

“@LtownProblems” - Julia Liss

“Mrs. Pogach’s candy drawer” - Ashley Feng

“Mr. Downing’s Pledge of Allegiance on A.M. Wired” - Abhi Shah

What will you miss most about LHS?

“Mrs. Anderson smacking tables with loads of paper” - Russell Leung

“HOUBEN” - Alan Sun

“The fantastic television program” - Daniel Stein

“My teammates on the track team” - Kieran Tonero

“My mom cooked yesterday, so I ate my homework instead” - Daniel Segal

“Triple snow day” - Patrick Xia

“Homework is way too mainstream for me” - Shira Gorelick

“I’m already in college” - Scott Levine

“I did it in my head” - Austin Liu

“The internet was broken” - Daniel Chi

“I don’t give away my secrets” - Connor Kimmel

“I was breaking 100 million in Temple Run” - Abhi Shah

“The tooth fairy stole it” - Gregg Greenberg

“I left it in my other backpack” – T.J. Scrivo

“YOLO” - Raim Izhar

What’s your best excuse for not handing in homework?

“I didn’t have study hall today” – Chelsea Altchek

“I always do my homework” - Shira Gelman, Angela Yu

“I was busy reading” - Ethan Cohen

“People don’t hand in their homework?” - Nathalie Tran

“I don’t know. I have 10 years to think about it.” – Sherin Oommen

“Hopefully teaching or nursing in Korea.” – Yuri Kim

“I’ll be Twitter-famous” - Ada Michaels

“In the gutter” - David Yurman

Where will you be in 10 years?

“Running for Congress ... against Zach Lustbader” – Jeffrey Hong

“An international pop culture icon” – Jared Gelman

“On TV either announcing for a sports team or as a sports anchor” – Seth Goldberg

“Still in school ... #premedproblems” – Michael Corvelli

“I will be traveling around the world and experiencing new cultures and meeting new people” – Cydney Williams

“The Press Secretary for the President” - Carly Abenstein

“Teaching here” - Chelsea Altchek

“On late night television performing some sick stand up comedy routines” - Daniel Killeen

“Married to a rock star and owning a black cat and a great white shark” – Shannon Zuber

“Working somewhere I can make a difference, doing a job that makes me happy.” – Shannon Stocks



“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”
-- Confucius