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A Perfect Saturday - LZ Bears Football & *Urinetown the Musical*

The Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) Bears Varsity Football Team (10-1) will play the Rockford Boylan High School Titans (10-1) in the IHSA state quarterfinals at home on Mel Eide Field on Saturday, November 11, beginning at 1 p.m. All tickets are \$6 and no passes will be accepted. Tickets for the game went on sale November 7, and can be purchased at the LZHS Athletic Office, between 8 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. The gates will open at 11:30 a.m. on game day. LZHS is located at 300 Church St., Lake Zurich.



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play will be performed in the beautiful, state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center located on the LZHS campus.

Play synopsis: *In a down-trodden city, a water shortage has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. The citizens must use public amenities, regulated by a single malevolent company that charges obscenely high fees to relieve one of humanity's most basic needs. Amid the people, a hero decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead them all to freedom. Urinetown is a fast-paced comedic romp with an outrageous perspective, wickedly modern wit, and hysterical references to classic musicals.*

Urinetown The Musical is being performed by the award-winning LZHS Drama department, which has a rich and full history of providing professional quality productions for its citizenry. Come see for yourself!

For more information about the game, contact the Lake Zurich High School Athletic Office, (847) 540-4104. For more information about theater tickets, visit: www.lz95.org/lzhs/fineart/rculver/boxoffice.htm, or call the LZHS Box Office at (847) 540-4740.



Bad Title, Great Musical!

Right: Christine Iverhouse (left) and Alex Hartmann practice a scene from *Urinetown The Musical*. Running Nov. 9-11, with shows at 7:30 p.m., the musical offers a weird title, wonderful music, and outstanding performances. (Photo courtesy of Ron Culver.)

LZHS Athletic Director Rolly Vazquez is expecting a large crowd, so you are encouraged to get your tickets as soon as possible!
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And after the game, Bear fans (and Titan fans) are welcomed and encouraged to buy tickets for the last performance of the hit LZHS fall play: *Urinetown The Musical* (no kidding, that is the actual name of this production!). *Urinetown The Musical* beings at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior citizens. The

The mission of Lake Zurich Community Unit School District 95 is to inspire all students to be passionate, continuous learners and to prepare them with the skills to achieve their goals and flourish as responsible, caring citizens in a global community.

For MSN, Sarah Adams Pennies for PADS Add Up

District 95 students continue to show their generous spirit in giving to those in need. That generosity was particularly evident in this year's *Pennies for PADS* campaign. The PADS campaign raised funds to purchase a vehicle to transport homeless people from throughout Lake County area shelters. Below, are just two examples of the many generous donations that were made to PADS this year.

The Lake Zurich PADS goal this fall was to raise \$14,000 to purchase a new/used bus to replace the old one, which had finally broken down. The goal was met through the generous loose change offerings of many throughout the area. Lake Zurich alone raised \$12,202.71 toward the \$14,000 overall goal. According to Middle School North (MSN) teacher **Melanie Honegger**, MSN raised \$2,191.52 of that \$12,000 total.

The students at Sarah Adams School showed that they are the strongest link between the classroom and the community. The Strongest Link is a group of 45 students in third through fifth grade who meet twice a month to participate in community service projects.

For one week, Strongest Link coordinated their school's *Pennies for PADS* drive, raising a total of \$265.67; one pretty penny at a time.

Photo-Op Snaps Donation

Soon the students at Middle School South will be able to workout on three new pieces of



The Sinclair Family
(Photo by Jack VanNoord.)

fitness equipment thanks to a very successful “Family Portraits in the Park” fundraiser.

On October 1, South’s Physical Education department hosted the one-day Family Portraits in the Park at Paulus Park, with 16 families participating in the event.

Sessions were scheduled in 20 minute intervals and families had the opportunity to immediately view their portraits on laptop computers in the nearby picnic pavilion. A sales team helped families pick the best portraits and select the portrait package that would best fit their family’s needs. After purchasing a portrait package, families were able to also order individual reprints including holiday cards.

“The holiday cards turned out to be a very popular add-on,” said event organizer and PE teacher **Kathy Jamison**.

The one-day event netted \$4,000 and was considered such a success that the PE department is planning to do it again either this spring or next fall.

“It was really a win-win arrangement,” said event co-organizer and fellow PE teacher **Denise Zuk**. “The families walked away with a really great product and the proceeds benefitted South.”

Sixth-grade math and social studies teacher **Jack VanNoord** donated his photographic services for the event. VanNoord is a portrait and wedding photographer who has photographed over 500 weddings and countless portraits during his 17 years in the industry.

Join an Action Team



Community Unit School District 95 is still seeking staff, parents, students and interested community

member volunteers to serve on action teams which will develop the necessary steps for successfully implementing the five strategies of the district’s strategic plan. The plan was renewed last spring and approved by the Board of Education on May 25. The five action teams include:

Staff Commitment

Community Commitment

Trust & Collaboration

Recruitment/Retention

Curriculum & Learning Opportunities

Action teams will begin meeting soon with their final product due next spring.

The finished action plans will then be reviewed by the Strategic Planning Steering Committee before being submitted to the school district and its Board of Education.

If you are willing to participate on an Action Team, simply call the district’s Office of Communications, (847) 540-5489. For more information, visit the district’s strategic plan web site at www.lz95.org/strategic.

Principal Appreciation



Getting sent to the office wasn’t so bad for the students at Sarah Adams School. They wanted to show Principal **Christopher Finch** their appreciation during Principal Appreciation Day in October. (Photo provided by **Julie Wenckowski**.)

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