

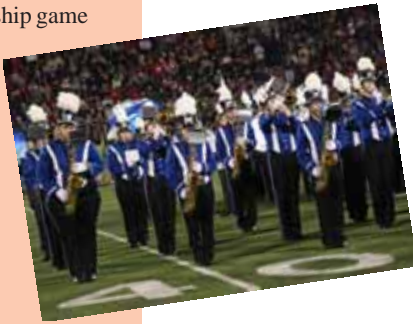


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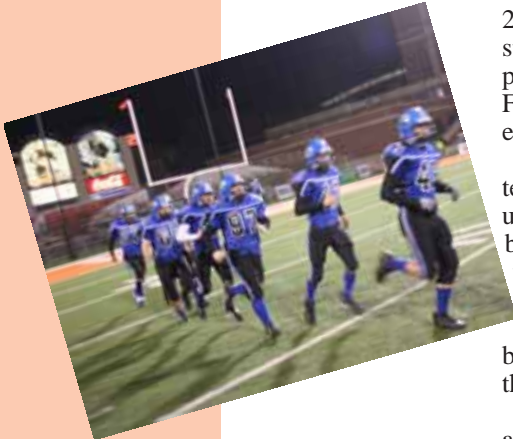
## RELENTLESS to the End!

*LZHS Bears show both strength and character in 35-21 defeat*

Right: Head Coach Bryan Stortz talks with his LZHS Bears after their 35-21 loss to St. Rita in the state championship game Nov. 25.



When the last second had ticked off the clock in the 7A state championship football game, the thousands of fans from the Lake Zurich area stood as one and clapped and cheered for their Lake Zurich High School Bears varsity football team. No, the team didn't win the historic game, losing 21-35 to St. Rita High School. However they were still champions in the hearts and minds of their coaches, parents and the thousands of fans who gathered at Memorial Field on the campus of the University of Illinois that evening of November 25.



From their very first preseason practice this team, under first year head coach **Bryan Stortz**, used their skills, discipline, hearts, minds and blazing speed to defeat opponent after opponent to finish the season with a record 12 wins and the school's first ever appearance in a state championship game. It was a dream season that brought the team, the school's student body, and the entire community closer together.



The community showed their appreciation all season by attending games and placing posters and signs in downtown businesses showing their support. That support continued through November 26, when thousands welcomed home their Bears with a parade and celebration in the Field House. It was their way to say "Thank you, Bears!"

*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.*



# LZHS/MSN Cheerleaders Sweep Competition



Varsity Cheerleaders



JV Cheerleaders



Freshmen Cheerleaders

The Lake Zurich High School and Lake Zurich Middle School North cheerleading squads must have taken a broom with them on Sunday, December 3, because it was a clean sweep for them at the Midwest Cheer Competition at Carl Sandburg High School in Orland Park, IL. All three Lake Zurich High School squads captured first place, as did the competition squad at Lake Zurich Middle School North. The JV and Varsity squads also received a special banner for receiving the top scores in their respective sessions.

This was the first of several competitions to date. The Varsity cheerleading squad will head to Dallas, TX on December 27, to compete in the National Cheerleader Association (NCA) national competition.

The Middle School North cheerleading squad is under the direction of **Kathy Drake**, the freshman squad is coached by **Dawn Chorney**, JV squad is coached by **Kristyn Robellar**, and the varsity squad is coached by **Beth Kuklinski** and **John Powers**.

The members of the award-winning cheer squads include:

**Varsity Cheerleaders:** **Britany Bailey, Amanda Bush, Kayla Connell, Amy Drake,**

**Caitlin Flaherty, Lauren Gilbert, Carrie Haney, Charlee Hess, Allie Holden, Val Kass, Lizz Kessel, Chelsea Kintzer, Kari Lambrechts, Jessica Marks, Kaeley McNerney, Emily Menges, Angela Perciabasco, Lauren Platenik, Nicole Robin, Patrice Rosenberg, Sammy Schumacher, Trisha Skarb, Karli Smith, Danielle Weinrauch, and Allie Zimmermann**

**JV Cheerleaders:** **Caitlin Beshoar, Audra Brinlee, Hillary Dudek, Dana Elmzen, Cindy Hacker, Lindsey Hoofnagle, Amy Mason, Ainsley McNerney, Lisa Miller, Karli Nutter, Nikki Pasquesi, Jenessa Piscapo, Jenna Praeger, Ashley Robin, Allie Romolo, Mickee Runge, Haley Shourd, Natalie Stanish, and Joni Vitucci**

**Freshmen Cheerleaders:** **Kristina Behrel, Jori Chambers, Lindsey Curtis, Michelle Dravins, Ashley Gallagher, Courtney Guenveur, Jessica Hatz, Danielle Hofmann, Torie Keuth, Carleigh McMurray, Erin Muncer, Alyssa Pizzalato, Alex Ruppe, Mackenzie Scott, Sarah Seay, Ali Turnquist, Tiffany Westerlund, and Hillary Ziverts**

**Middle School North:** **Mariaelana Brenner, Katlynn Dwiell, Shannon Flaherty, Jennifer Gale, Liza Gallagher, Lizzie Gallagher, Megan Garlisch, Cassi Hilt, Morgan Johanson, Jessie Koszuta, Rachel Lehar, Kristy Michalak, Nina Naples, Karli Nichols, Megan Robin, Paige Shaffer, and Karliissa Skarb**

## Poms Take Two Trophies



Varsity Poms Dance Team

The Lake Zurich High School Varsity Poms Dance Team brought home two first-place trophies for its performances in the AAA Varsity Hip-Hop and Pom divisions at the Team Dance Illinois competition held at Batavia High School on Sunday, December 3. At this first competition, their scores in both Hip-Hop and Pom have already qualified them for the state competition!

The LZHS Poms are coached by **Regina Hope** and **Lindsay Gillilan**. Members of the squad are: **Krista Aistars, Lilia Berman, Nina Bianchi, Megan Casady, Lisa Hacker, Maureen Hagedorn, Audrey Ishikawa, Molly Jardine, Jaime Kowieski, Danielle Leopardo, Lauren Napolitano** (senior captain), **Caroline Pardikes** (junior captain), **Molly Pennino, Jenna Poulter, Meghan Riccio, Jenn Schwantz, Jenna Smith** and **Sarah Walding**.

The LZHS Varsity Poms Dance Team is currently selling coupon booklets to help pay for the cost of going to nationals. These booklets include coupons that can be used at many local vendors. Please find a LZ pommie to purchase one!

## MSS Spirit Team Takes 3rd

The Lake Zurich Middle School South (LSZMSS) Spirit team—composed of sixth and seventh grade students—placed third in the large school division of the “Cheer for a Cure” competition at Elgin Community College on Sunday, December 3. A portion of the proceeds from the cheer competition went to charity.

“I am very proud of the team because we only had a few girls with previous cheerleading experience,” said team advisor **Joanne Grandt**. “They have all learned so much in such a short amount of time and they are so supportive of each other.”

The MSS Spirit team members participating in the event were: **Ashley Bravo, Abby Carpenter, Morgan DaKarian, Olivia DalPorto, Bridgette Darnell, Erica Deery, Jenna Felix, Ashley Homer, Beccy Jones, Nina LaRoe, Paige Leoni, Gaby Luurs, Lauren McClaghry, Casey McCullough, Shannon McPeck, Rachel Methling, Carly Pietro, and Kelly Rozak.**

## Day Added for Snow Day



Students at Charles Quentin (CQ) and other schools in District 95, received an early holiday gift on Friday, December 1; a SNOW DAY!

Reaction to the snow day was mixed.

“It was fun and boring at the same time,” said CQ first grader **Justin Yau**. Third graders **Stephanie Gulik, Kristen Freeman** and **Marissa Bone** “thought it was awesome!”

Fifth graders **Kyle Binder** and **David Crisler** used the day to build a snow fort, with built-in cup holders, while other CQ students like **Megan Thackray, Rachele Gulik, Jensen Anderson, Michaela Kapraun, Rachel Burroughs** and **Jenna Graunke** went sledding and drank hot chocolate.

While the students at CQ and other District 95 schools may have enjoyed the rare snow day off from school, they may not be so happy to learn that, according to state law, another school day of student attendance must be added on to the end of the school year. That means that the last day of school will be Wednesday, June 6 instead of Tuesday, June 5.

## Get in on the Action!

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 and their leaders include:

Staff Commitment: **Dr. Deb Bruemmer, Bob Vossel**

Community Commitment: **Ellen Schnur**  
Trust & Collaboration: **Kara Dohman, Rocky Kleinschmidt**

Recruitment/Retention: **Stefan Ladenburger, Noreen Rabe**

Curriculum/Learning Opportunities: **Dr. Nate Carter, Leslie Kovich**

Action teams will begin meeting in January 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](http://www.lz95.org/strategic).



Far Left: Two fifth graders used their snow day time off to build a fort. (photos and story provided by **Lauren McKee** and the CQ Student Council Publicity Committee)

## South's 'Letters to Santa' Brings Gifts, Joy to Others

Unfortunately, every Christmas there are children who go without gifts. With the special *Letters to Santa* program at Lake Zurich Middle School South (MSS), children in need are given gifts for Christmas.

In the spirit of giving, it has become a tradition at MSS to help out children who are less fortunate. This year, the MSS Letters to Santa program received 31 letters to answer and each of those requests will be fulfilled.

This year, Santa’s helpers at MSS are helping students enrolled in a Head Start program at Delano Elementary School in Chicago. The kids being helped are 4 and 5 year olds who are in need of some Christmas spirit. Each child in the program writes a letter to Santa listing the things that they would like. Each class at South that has chosen to answer a letter has a \$30 limit to supply the children with what they want. The teachers then ask students to share in the cost and then the gifts are purchased.

It is the hope of Santa’s helpers at MSS this Christmas that all the less fortunate children will be given gifts to make their holiday a little brighter. Through programs such as the one at MSS, those hopes can be fulfilled.



(Story provided by **Becky Hanrahan** and **Kristen Chimino**.)

## Double Vision at CQ



Everyone is different in their own way.... except on Twins Day! Charles Quentin's (CQ) first Spirit Day of the year was the recent Twins Day. Everywhere you turned twins, triplets or even quadruplets could be seen! Some wore the same jerseys, jackets or hairstyle to complete their look.

One group of fifth graders all wore college sweatshirts, while another group wore the same Chicago Bears jerseys. What did those who really are twins think about the day? Twin **Michael**



**O'Conner** thought it was a "fun idea to be twins with someone other than his real twin brother."

Student Council, which planed the Spirit Day, has more ideas for future Spirit Days including: Wacky Hair Day, Inside Out/Backwards Clothes Day, Pajama Day and Sports Day. Judging by Twins Day, It will be a "spirited" year at CQ!

## Roller Coaster Science



Incorporating the physics of roller coasters, students in **Jerry Clemens'** eighth grade science class at Middle School North (MSN) began with a written plan, then constructed a model made of smooth wire. Finally, the roller coaster—made of pipe insulation, cardboard paper towel tubes, clay, glue, tape and the knowledge of physics surrounding how roller coasters work—was put to the test. It was a resounding scientific success!



Far Left: Lookalikes were everywhere at Charles Quentin School on Twins Day. (photos and story provided by **Lauren McKee** and the CQ Student Council Publicity Committee)

Left: Students at MSN class prepare their roller coaster experiment. (photo provided by **Jerry Clemens**)

## Characters Show Their Character at Isaac Fox



At Isaac Fox Elementary School the staff and students are using fictional characters to help show the students' positive character traits as part of the school's Character Counts program. As an offshoot to Children's Book Week, the students recently wrote a brief description of a book character and then illustrated it using the likeness of Principal **Jill Brooks**. LMC Specialist **Anne Kuehl**, who coordinated the project, then created an "Our Principal is a Real Character" billboard showcasing the students' work.

To show the importance to students of accepting others as they are, Principal Brooks arranged for an all-school fieldtrip to a local movie theater for a screening of the animated feature *Happy Feet*. Featuring a cast of hundreds of animated penguins, the movie also reinforces the importance of community, which was also reinforced with the all-school trip.

Sticking with the penguin theme, students are currently writing on paper penguins statements of how they, as students, will put their "best foot forward" in setting goals for themselves.



## Registration Underway for 'Saturday Scholars'

Registration is underway for the Community Unit School District 95 Saturday Scholars program for highly motivated students who are currently in the second through eighth grade and want to engage in higher level thinking, intellectual growth and creative exploration. Again this year, is an adult component for those seeking to expand their educational horizons.

With such interesting titles as *Talking Without Making a Sound; Fractured Fairytales & Trickster Tales; Art You Glad It's Winter; Kitchen Science; Making Books 101; Walk Like an Egyptian, and Mystery, Madness and Mayhem*, this innovative learning program will run for five Saturdays from January 27 through February 24, at Lake Zurich Middle School North, 95 Hubbard Lane, Hawthorn Woods.

Participating District 95 students will be able to choose two classes and attend both sessions, which will be held from 9-10:30 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to Noon. Students will be taught by professionals in the specialized subject areas. Registration for the program ends December 21. No applications will be accepted before December 4. Families will be responsible for their child's transportation to and from the Saturday Scholars program.

The fee for two classes for the five-week program is only \$70 and classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis per arrival of the registration form to:

**Mrs. Gail Drake**  
C/o PDC  
66 Church St.  
Lake Zurich, IL 60047

Each registration is numbered as it is received and as many students as possible will be placed in their first two choices. As classes fill, it may become necessary to consider one or more of the student's other selections. Also, a class may be canceled if enrollment is not at a sufficient level.

### Adult Technology Classes

Again this year, parents and interested community members can also participate in the Saturday Scholars program. A number of technology classes are being offered for adults on the same Saturdays and MSN location as the student program. Adults can choose from such classes as Digital Photography; Movie Maker; Microsoft Word; Microsoft Excel; Microsoft PowerPoint, and Internet Safety for Kids. Like with the student program, classes will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee for each class is only \$25, with checks made payable to CUSD 95. The registration time line and requirements are the same for the adult classes.

Please note that for both the student and adult programs that classes canceled due to inclement weather and/or other emergencies will not be rescheduled. Registration fees will not be refunded due to missed classes.

For more information, visit the Saturday Scholars website: [www.lz95.org/Info/SaturdayScholars](http://www.lz95.org/Info/SaturdayScholars), or contact **Sandra Burvikovs**, (847) 540-3930, or **Gail Drake** (registration), (847) 540-3400.

## Are You in the Know?

Get in the know about your public schools by joining the Community Unit School District 95 **Key Communicator Network** (KeyCom).

Our KeyCom program is a network of community residents, leaders, opinion shapers and watchdogs whose opinions are well respected by friends, colleagues and neighbors. We are not looking for cheerleaders, but people who care about our schools and want to be kept informed and are then willing to share that information with others.

As a Key Communicator, you will receive timely, factual information via a regular newsletter e-mailed to you about the work we're doing and



the issues affecting your school district and your schools.

Because this is designed to be a two-way communications network, we encourage you to give us your input and share your opinions. As a KeyCom member, your responsibility will be to share the information with friends, neighbors and colleagues.

To become a Key Communicator, simply call,

email or fax:

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