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Lewis Scores Near Perfect on ACT

By: Elaine Hall, Guidance Counselor

It is with delight that we announce Senior **James Lewis**, scored a 32 (36 is a perfect score) on his ACT!

In the theme of College and Career Readiness discussions, KSB students know I am always trying to get them to think about "What's next.....?" No student is too young to start thinking about careers and jobs that interest them. No student is too young to think about any school or job training needed after high school.



KSB is very proud of Senior James Lewis for his outstanding academic accomplishment on the ACT. He has been attending KSB since the fourth grade.

who take this test and take it so seriously. We give all our full time students three chances (fall of the junior year, spring of the junior year, and fall of the senior year) to take it and improve their scores. Students often put in great amounts of practice to prepare for this test.

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For those students who are college bound, much of this discussion starts with preparation for the ACT test. This is still one of the main college entrance requirements needed at most universities. KSB is proud of all our juniors and seniors

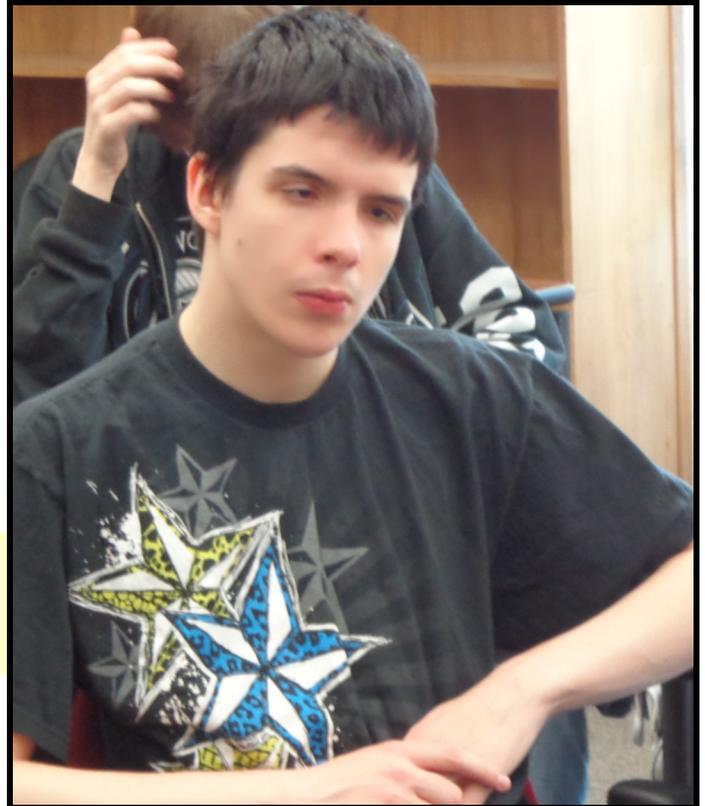
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A score this high opens the door to many scholarship opportunities!

James is from Crittenden County. He has been a full time student at KSB since the fourth grade. He travels more than three hours each weekend traveling back and forth between his home and KSB. Throughout high school, he has attended classes at KSB as well as Central High School Career Magnet. His rigorous course work has included two years of French, pre-calculus and physics. He states that he didn't study too much for the ACT—but did some practice work in some of his classes. He thought the score was pretty awesome. Lewis has plans to attend Murray State University, University of Louisville, or Western Kentucky University. He hopes to study computer science.

We are so proud of all our seniors and scores they received on their ACT. *Congratulations to Lewis and all the others for their great work!*



James Lewis, a member of the Class of 2013, is the second KSB student in the past two years to score above 30 on the ACT exam.

Check Out Reading and Recording Website

By: Mitch Dahmke, Family Support Specialist

Director of Outreach for Statewide Support Services Meg Stone came across a website the other day that is truly something you must try if you have children ages 4-10. I would even stretch the 4-10 age recommendation from 3 -13, depending upon your child.

This is a "pay-it-forward" school project by students of Eden College, Durban (South Africa) involving reading and recording stories using mobile phones as recording devices. Every day a few more stories, received from around the world (including stories read by adults), are uploaded at the website at **www.pay-it-forward-for-the-blind.wikispaces.com**. When you go to this site, click on the MP3 English—Storybooks on the side bar. This will take

you to various stories that your child can listen to. It is a truly remarkable way to help interest your child in books, as well as entertain them.

Some of the storybooks read by children are *I'm Big Enough Now*, *Fun in the Sun*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, *A Day in London*, *Marley—Messy Dog* and many others. You really should check out this site!

Annual Registration of Kentucky Students who are Blind and Visually Impaired Now Underway

The Kentucky Instructional Materials Resource Center (KIMRC) is in the process of conducting their most crucial task of the year—the **2013 Federal Quota Registration of Students who are Legally Blind and Visually Impaired**. This task involves the participation of all Kentucky school districts and private schools and/or agencies that have students who are blind and visually impaired enrolled in their programs as of the first Monday in January, 2013.

Why is it so crucial that a school district and/or private school or agency return their registration?

Last year the KIMRC received \$340.29 per legally blind student through the Federal Quota funds allocated by Congress and administered through the American Printing House for the Blind. If school districts fail to register their students, the KIMRC receives less money to purchase accessible textbooks and educational aids.



Since state textbook funding has been cut the past few years, Federal Quota is the KIMRC's main funding source for textbooks, educational aids and supplies for statewide students.

If the KIMRC does not have funding to purchase Braille and large print textbooks, the burden falls back onto the district. This should be a big incentive for all school districts to complete their annual registration.

KIMRC patrons were notified about the registration via email in early December. **All school districts and private schools and/or agencies should complete the annual registration paperwork and return it to the KIMRC by February 15, 2013. Districts that do not have students with visual impairments should mark "NONE" on the Certificate of Enrollment form and return it along with the Assurance of Compliance Form.**

All annual registration information and forms can be downloaded from the web at <http://www.ksb.k12.ky.us/Resource/2013%20Registration.htm>. If you have questions or need help, contact KIMRC Coordinator Paula Penrod at paula.penrod@ksb.kyschools.us or 502-897-1583, ext. 213.

KIMRC Coordinator Paula Penrod emails preliminary information regarding the 2013 Registration of Students who are Legally Blind and Visually Impaired. School districts who need help in completing the paperwork or have questions, are encouraged to contact her.

KSB Music Program

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North Pole Radio Hour

The KSB Music Department production of *The North Pole Radio Hour* was presented to a packed house on December 21. The presentation was written by Sally K. Albrecht and Jay Althouse and adapted and directed by KSB music instructor Tabathia Roark. The music was wonderful and the 1940 era costumes made for a terrific way for those in attendance to kick off their holiday vacation.

Following the program, lunch was served in the cafeteria and Santa visited the children in attendance and presented gifts to KSB students. This is the 60th year that the Louisville Downtown Lions Club has sponsored the Christmas Party.



Radio announcers (from left to right) Storm Phillips, played by Shane Lowe; Mrs. Claus, played by Teacher Assistant Crystal Johnson and Sandy Snow, played by Taryn Seif perform their roles in the NPR Hour.



At right are NPR Hour voice actors (pre-recorded). From left to right are Trevor Gravil as J.C. Sears; Safira Bibi as Penny Sears; Selena Tirey as Mildred Carol and Kyle Givens as Charles Carol.

Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer (not shown) was the guest voice of Terry Rider.

More Scenes from North Pole Radio Hour



At left, Mari Durrett is shown with her mother after visiting with Santa Claus. Mari must have been a very good girl in 2012 by the looks of her gift bag!



Brock Fannin looks pretty sleek in his 1940 era dress clothes from his role in the NPR Hour.

Dorm Students Host Open House and Caroling Event

On December 20, the residential staff and students held an Open House in Evans Hall in conjunction with Christmas caroling in the Clifton neighborhood.

Beautiful music and wonderful treats were the menu of the evening as friends, family and teachers visited the beautifully adorned dormitory. The atmosphere and goodwill was felt by all in attendance.

At right, dorm students and staff gathered outside Evans Hall for an evening of Christmas Caroling.



Silverthorn Retires after 28 Years

KSB Braille Production Team has been reduced due to the retirement of a staff member at the end of 2012.

Braille Transcriber Susan Silverthorn, after 28 years of service to KSB, decided it was time to go.

When Silverthorn started at KSB, she was hired as a houseparent. She taught the girls how to knit, crochet, and she also made sewing cards so that they could learn the basic stitch of sewing. She also held Dorm Olympics, which were timed events to help improve their daily living skills. Other activities that were highlights of her career were cooking Thanksgiving Dinner and inviting guests and reading to the children and then watching the movie of the book in order to explain the differences in writing and television.

One of Silverthorn's favorite memories was when she was the Daisy/Jr. Girl Scout Leader. Some of the projects the girls did under her leadership were designing their own shirts (which they were very proud of), making tactile scrap books, cook outs, cookie sales, calendar sales and Christmas caroling at the various dorms. Silverthorn was also involved with planning and hosting a Council Roundup on the KSB campus. The Roundup is where all of the troops in the area come to share special crafts and talents.

Silverthorn covered every shift of dorm work. Many times when the school was shorthanded, she was asked to help out. She went on field, sports and music trips.



After several years, Susan moved to the library. One of her library highlights includes a large quilt project with the students. During that time she also coached the cheerleading team. The cheerleaders earned a conference championship under her leadership.

Silverthorn then moved on to Braille Production where finished her career. As the years have passed, she feels that the development of new products has made the job of producing a book cleaner process from editing mistakes and translation program errors.

Congratulations and best wishes for your retirement!

Campus Upgrades Make Big Difference

It's finished! KSB has completed another exciting project that upgrades Ritchie Auditorium.

The first thing you will notice when walking in the auditorium is how bright it seems. This is due to all of the house lighting being replaced with new fixtures and energy efficient LED light bulbs.

While the house lights are turned on, and if you walk up to the stage area before you take a seat, you will notice the newly refinished stage floor. You will see the beautiful golden oak finish.

Now you are ready to pick out your seat to watch a performance. But wait, you notice something different near the spot where the programs are video recorded. There has been a compartment installed in the floor where the videotaping takes place that now houses all of the wires and cables that are needed - no more wires scattered about!

You now have your seat chosen and are all ready for the show. The new house lights dim and the curtain opens. All of a sudden, with clarity and brilliance that you've never heard before, KSB performers sound like the

KSB is the Statewide Educational Resource Center on Blindness.

beautiful bells of St. Mary's Cathedral. That's due in part to the brand new state of the art digital sound system with mixer that was installed as a part of this project.

When asked about the results of this rehabilitation project, Ken Washington, Director of Operations stated, "I'm very pleased with the finished product. We have received



The new marquee will be used to keep students, parents, staff, and the public abreast of what is happening at the school.

several compliments and I am glad that we were able to update the sound system and the house lighting which was over 30 years old."

Also new to the campus. thanks to a very generous donation from Kosair Charities, is a beautiful marquee on the front lawn along Frankfort Avenue. The marquee adds a bright and vibrant look to the front lawn and its dental molding is consistent with the historical detailing of the Costigan Cupola that is located nearby. The cupola is one of the three original ones that sat on top of the Costigan Building from 1855 until the mid 1960's. That building was razed to make way for the Langan building which now houses the auditorium, music rooms and business offices.

Elementary Students Learn About Various Cultures Through Studies About Winter Holidays

By: Jane Harty, Elementary Teacher

During the month of December, the first through third grade students studied various cultures and how they celebrate winter holidays.

Kwanzaa, they know now, is all about FAMILY.

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday where the number "8" has special meaning.

Poinsettia flowers are a central part of Christmas in Mexico.

Students giggled as they heard the familiar Silent Night song sung in German. On the day we studied about Germany, the students made gingerbread houses. *Frohe Weihnachten!*



From left to right, Alex Hitzelberger and Cory Wallace work diligently on their gingerbread houses as part of their studies on holiday traditions.



Parent Dawn Tibke assists students with their gingerbread houses.

Calendar of Events

January 2013

- 8 Tue. SBDM Council Meeting, 4 PM**
- 17 Thu. Wrestling & Cheerleading Invitational, OSB, Columbus, OH**
- 21 Mon. MLK Holiday, No School**
- 25-26 NCASB Wrestling and Cheerleading Meet, ISB, Indianapolis, IN**

February 2013

- 5 Tue. SBDM Council Meeting, 4 PM**
- 21 Thu. Kentucky Braille Challenge, KSB**
- 25-1 School Not in Session**

We're on the web!
www.ksb.kyschools.us