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## From the Principal's Desk for our LIHSA Families

December 3, 2021

### This Week's Special Feature Getting to Know Your Principal: Dr. Chris Rogutsky

In only five years, Dr. Chris Rogutsky has already made incredible strides at LIHSA. Under her leadership, the once-in-crisis school has stabilized, enrollment has grown, artistic residencies flourished and the impact the school makes on students is priceless.

[Get to know this out-of-the box thinker by reading our blog.](#)



### Celebration of Dance: What You Need to Know Before You Go

Saturday night, December 4 is our Celebration of Dance at Adelphi Performing Arts Center's Olmstead Theatre. Parking is available behind the PAC.

**[Please click here to review important logistical information.](#)**

Our dancers have been working hard to make this a magical performance to kick off this season's many festivals of light. We can't wait!



### Puppet Shows and Children's Workshop This Sunday!

Sunday, December 5 is the day for our Puppet shows and Children's Workshops at the Long Island Children's Museum, 11 Davis Avenue, Garden City. These are open to the public, and reservations are not necessary.

Here's the schedule:

11-11:30 am: Children's Workshop

11:30 am-12 pm: Puppet Show

1 - 1:30 pm: Children's Workshop

1:30-2 pm: Puppet Show

Three photos below are a sneak peek of the student-created puppets you'll see come to life on Sunday!

Venue safety requirements: Guests & performers must wear masks.



## LIHSA-pella Will Sing Carols on Sunday!

Sunday, December 5 please come cheer on our LIHSA-pella ensemble as they bring on the holiday cheer:



Long Island Children's Museum: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Cradle of Aviation Museum: 1:30 - 2:00 pm

\*Performers arrive at 11:30am

Guests & performers must wear masks.

## Spring Course Registration!

It's time to prepare for Spring Semester classes. While those classes won't begin until Monday, January 31, 2022, the time to plan is now!

- Course selection sheets with descriptions are available below.

- Every student **must** make an appointment with LIHSA's Counselor Ms. Stencel to register for classes. To sign-up, see the schedule posted outside her office in Building A. Appointments will be on a first come/first serve basis.
- Many classes will be capped to ensure smaller class sizes. However, all classes will be amazing and taught by our very talented LIHSA faculty.

[SONIC ARTS: Spring 2022 Course Planning Guide](#)

[PERFORMING ARTS: Spring 2022 Course Planning Guide](#)

[VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS: Spring 2022 Course Planning Guide](#)

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[PRODUCTION & MANAGERIAL ARTS: Spring 2022 Course Planning Guide](#)

[LIHSA SPRING 2022 COURSE DESCRIPTIONS](#)



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## Students in Action: Food Drive



LIHSA's Student Council collected Thanksgiving themed food the week before the holiday and donated it to Island Harvest.

## Students in Action: Puppetry and Sound Stories



To prepare for Sunday's performance, our students had tech rehearsals at Long Island Children's Museum on Friday. [Check out our blog for a behind-the-scenes peek.](#)

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### In the Classroom: Directing Workshop

Stephen Nachamie conducted a workshop with Directing students this week. He shared his journey from actor to director and discussed the importance of truthful storytelling in directing.



Stephen Nachamie is an award-winning Stage and Film Director currently developing new works for stage and screen. On Broadway, he was Associate Director for the Tony Winning Broadway Revival of SHE LOVES ME at Studio 54 (also PBS Great Performances and Broadway HD). His work has garnered awards across the country.

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### Welcome Alex Dollin!

LIHSA welcomes our newest teacher Alex Dollin!

Formerly of News12, Mr. Dollin started as a Visiting Artist in our Acting for the Camera and Theatrical Lighting Design classes. He will remain working with our theatre program as well as launching our brand new Multimedia Journalism CTE program for 2022-

Welcome Alex!



## Announcements

### Toy Drive

The Tri-M Music Honor Society is sponsoring a Toy Drive! Between December 1 - 14 please bring your new, unwrapped toy to Building A.

Toys should be appropriate for children from infant - 17 years old.

Toys will be donated to the WBAB/WBLI's 30th anniversary toy drive.



### Now Playing!

Do you have an upcoming visual or performing arts event you'd like to share with the LIHSA community? We'd love to know about our students' performances, art shows, premieres, concerts, readings, etc. All information will be updated on the "NOW PLAYING" board in the LIHSA hallways.

Please complete this form to share your news and email Lindsay Rogan with questions.

## A Word About Wellness: A Reminder About Masks

The number of COVID cases are on the rise in Nassau County and at LIHSA, we have been dealing with reports of some positive cases.

It is so important that 100 percent of the time every member of our LIHSA community wears their mask correctly. This means noses should be covered at all times.



Vaccine information is available for Nassau County and Suffolk County.

Your diligence will keep our LIHSA community safe and healthy...and your families too!

## Art in the Community: Shimmering Solstice at Old Westbury Gardens

Shimmering Solstice at Old Westbury Gardens is an walkthrough event of seasonal sights and sounds. It features magical light displays that are set along Old Westbury Gardens' beautiful paths that will lead you through the world-famous Walled Garden, Rose Garden, South Lawn and Allée. Now through January 9th. [Click for info/tickets.](#)



## Art in the Community: Holiday Tales at Sands Point Preserve

On December 12, enjoy holiday tales at Sands Point Preserve.

[Click for details.](#)



## Holidays and Other Recognition Days to Note

Until Sundown on December 6...**Happy Chanukah - the Festival of Light**

December 3 - [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#)

December 7 - [National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day](#)

### Winter Solstice: December 21

The cycles of darkness and light in nature influences many different religions and cultures. Although winter is the season of dormancy, darkness and cold, the December Solstice marks the “turning of the Sun” and the days slowly get longer. Celebrations of the lighter days to come and nature’s continuing cycle have been common throughout cultures and history with feasts, festivals and holidays around the December Solstice. This time of year encompasses the Christian and Jewish celebrations of Christmas and Hanukkah and includes spiritually significant days Buddhists, Pagans and Zoroastrians.

## Upcoming Events

December 4 - Student Performance: [Celebration of Dance](#)

December 5 - Student Performance: [Puppetry and Sound Stories](#)

December 5 - Student Performance: [Holiday Caroling](#)

December 6 - [GSA Gay Straight Alliance Meeting](#)

December 8 - [Parent Education Meeting \(8:30 am\)](#)

December 8 - [National Technical Honor Society Meeting \(4 pm\)](#)

December 8 - [National Tri-M Music Honor Society Meeting \(5 pm\)](#)

December 9 - [National Honor Society for Dance Arts Meeting](#) (4 pm)  
December 14 - [National Art Honor Society Meeting](#)  
December 20 - [Student Council Meeting](#)  
December 22 - [Parent Education Meeting \(12:30\)](#)  
December 24 - January 2 - Holiday Recess (Schools Closed)  
January 3 - School Resumes  
January 3 - [GSA Gay Straight Alliance Meeting](#)  
January 5 - [Parent Education Meeting \(8:30 am\)](#)  
January 6 - [International Thespian Society Meeting](#): Inductions (4 pm)  
January 6 - [Yearbook Meeting](#) (5 pm)  
January 6 - [Honor Society Inductions](#) (6 pm)  
January 11 - [National Art Honor Society](#)  
January 12 - [National Technical Honor Society](#)  
January 12 - [National Tri-M Music Honor Society Meeting](#)  
January 13 - [National Honor Society for the Dance Arts Meeting](#)  
January 19 - [Parent Education Meeting \(12:30 pm\)](#)  
January 22 - Student Performance: [Cabaret Performance](#)  
January 29 - [Open House](#)  
January 31 - [Student Council](#)  
February 5 - Student Performance: [Classic Rock, Song Writing & LIHSA-pella](#)

## Catching Up On Your Reading

Want to read an earlier edition of our newsletter? [Check out our newsletter archives.](#) [Or click here to see our blogs.](#)

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