

Letter regarding CANDLELIGHTING at LSHS

Since 1955, the senior members of the National Honor Society have presented a Silent Candlelighting program. This year the program will be held on *Wednesday, December 19* at 11:00 a.m. in the Fieldhouse.

From the beginning, young people of this high school proved to the adults in the community and to others throughout the state that students can assume self-discipline and responsibility for many worthwhile activities. The thousands of graduates, parents and adults in the community marvel each year at the outstanding way in which the students of our school present their annual Candlelighting program.

In the past, students of Lee's Summit High School demonstrated to our community as well as our nation that we all share a deep respect for the Candlelighting program and welcome the opportunity to participate together and recognize the common beliefs we all hold. On *December 19*, we can all express this common feeling by participating quietly and respectfully in this year's program. Lee's Summit High School has received national publicity on the silent Candlelighting program.

Parents and graduates of the school are welcome to attend the 11:00 a.m. assembly, as long as they do not talk from the time they enter the Fieldhouse until they leave the building after the program has been completed. The program is strictly for mature adults. No small children please. Students from other schools or other friends may not attend Candlelighting. We usually have between 100 and 150 guests in attendance at our traditional Candlelighting program. Guests need to arrive between 10:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. No one will be admitted after 10:45 a.m. We also request no pictures be taken in the Fieldhouse.

It has been a tradition in our school that silent Candlelighting program day is designated as a dress-up day for our student body and staff. This is a special day and a special program for mature adults. The maturity of our students is needed to make this program a success.