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## Sharing his Olympic memories Brian Selenski talks about being in London

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Father of Olympian Paige Selenski

If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many words could be used to describe the more than 1,000 photos Brian Selenski and his family took while in London for the 2012 Olympic games?

Answer: Very few, if any. Selenski, whose daughter Paige was a member of the U.S. Olympic field hockey team, has trouble finding the words to describe his experience overseas, watching his own

flesh and blood playing on a field in Europe against players from around the globe.

"Proud is an understatement," he said.

Brian and his sons, Greg and Brad, spent two weeks in London, England watching the games, sight-seeing and min-

gling with fellow Olympian families.

"We traded stories of what it was like to raise them to where they are now," he said.

Seeing the Olympics live and in-person was one thing, but adjusting to life in another country was an entirely differ-

ent experience in itself.

"It was my first time in Europe," said Brian. "It was different, with the driving on the wrong side of the road. Even the steering wheel's on the opposite side. And the food - it's not like the food we have here."

The Selenskis got around by the London tube during their trip, visiting Big Ben, London Bridge, the Tower of London and other sites in between the Olympic madness.

Brian said parents of U.S. athletes were invited to a spe-

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Brian Selenski and his daughter, Paige, a Dallas High School graduate and member of the United States Olympic field hockey team, had a little time to spend together between games in London.



Steven Bucholtz Jr. leans on his father Steven Bucholtz, of Lehman, for support on his first day of school at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School, which opened Tuesday for the 2012-2013 school year.



Logan Deyo has help finding his kindergarten teacher at the Lehman-Jackson Elementary School on the first day of school.



Lehman-Jackson Elementary School Principal Marilyn Glogowski welcomes students back from their summer vacation.

## SCHOOL'S OPEN

School opened on Aug. 28 for students in the Lake-Lehman School District and on Aug. 29 for students in the Dallas School District.

At the Dallas High School, students and staff will work and learn in a new five-period, five-day cycle schedule which offers students the opportunity to take up to 10 academic credits per school year.

New courses such as Extreme Fitness, Broadcasting, Introduction to Theater and Foods of Today are now a reality because of the new facilities. Advanced Placement course offerings now include Statistics and United States Government and Politics.

Students are also offered a daily "Academic Options" period, a 25-minute block of time added to a different class period each day. During this time, teachers have the "option" to extend their lesson, remediate and/or enrich student learning, make up missed work due to absence, conduct small group sessions, bring in a guest speaker, etc.

A number of new faculty members have joined the DHS staff, including Matt Kelly, long-term substitute, guidance; Nancy Roberts, wellness; Matt Samuel, long-term substitute, English; Doug Mucha and Casey Cicale, special education; Marc Golden, technology.

### DALLAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

The master schedule at the Dallas Middle School has been constructed to provide all students with a curriculum with remedial and tutoring opportunities in place for students in need.

A new edition to the seventh-grade foreign language course offerings is The Influence of Western Languages which allows students to explore word origins and strengthen their vocabulary. The Accelerated Reading Program will be upgraded to allow students a greater variety of books to select. A variety of clubs and activities are available for all students.

Students will be able to purchase lunch beginning with the first day of school. The price of a regular lunch is \$1.95 and a reduced lunch is 40 cents. Students who participated in the free or reduced lunch program last year will begin the new year on the same status.

The middle school is in the process of transitioning into a new student data management system. As a result, online grade access will not be available for the first several weeks of school. Parents should contact teachers via the middle school office with questions about student grades.

"Back to School" Night will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 10 in the auditorium. The program, designed for parents, will also include introductions and overviews from middle school teachers.

### WYCALLIS ELEMENTARY

Students can bring their own lunch to school or purchase a hot lunch from the cafeteria for \$1.85. Milk is 60 cents.

The first PTO board meeting of the year will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19 in the li-

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## Capt. Frank Michael offers advice

Misericordia alumnus and Dallas native speaks at university's convocation.

Misericordia University alumnus Frank J. Michael III, a U.S. Navy captain and a member of the class of 1986, welcomed the largest freshman class in the 88-year history of the institution to campus on Aug. 23 by providing them with four pieces of sage advice: "work hard, stay focused, have fun and stand tall" during the annual convocation ceremony in the Wells Fargo Amphithe-

ater. "Work hard, each and every day," said Capt. Michael, assigned to the Chief of Naval Operations Strategic Studies Group in Newport, R.I. "You just can't get around it. Just passing or meeting a minimum should never be your measure; let excellence be your benchmark. This university will do many things for you, but it won't do your work - that's on you. Your commitment to excel and achieve your personal best will be rewarded."

A native of Dallas, Capt. Michael earned his Bachelor of Sci-

ence degree in nursing at Misericordia in 1986 and shortly thereafter launched his career in the military. He has experienced the turbulence of the Middle East, the scenic beauty of Africa and exotic cultures of the Orient in Singapore, Hong Kong and Indonesia during his 26 years in the Navy.

The Navy has recognized his service to country and humankind by presenting him with the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals and an Air Medal.

During the convocation ceremony, which marks the start of the new academic year at MU, Capt. Michael also told the 524 members of the freshman class how important it is for them to

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