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American Red Cross Blood Drive Hosted by La Lumiere Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)

LaPorte, Ind. – March 19, 2009 – The La Lumiere School chapter of SADD will hold their fifth annual community blood drive, Wednesday, March 25 from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building on campus. The blood drive is held in conjunction with the American Red Cross of La Porte County. To schedule an appointment please call 219-326-7450.

SADD students are inviting community donors to “come and roll up their sleeves” in order to save lives and give back to the community. Since beginning the annual blood drives, the La Lumiere School community has donated 130 cumulative pints of life-saving blood. While Red Cross professionals will manage all aspects of the blood drive, SADD students will assist with refreshments and moral support.

Every two seconds someone in the United States needs blood, but only 5% of the eligible US population donates blood in any given year, according to the American Red Cross. Healthy donors are the only source of blood, and currently there is no substitute. Blood is needed for emergencies and for people who have cancer, blood disorders, sickle cell, anemia and other illnesses.

The American Red Cross of LaPorte County provides health and safety education, disaster response and prevention services, blood procurement, military communication, veteran aid, and youth programs. More information can be found at www.laportecounty.redcross.org.

About SADD

The Mission of SADD is to provide students with the best prevention and intervention tools possible to deal with the issues of underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving and other destructive decisions. Originally, the mission of the SADD chapter was to help young people say "No" to drinking and driving. Today, the mission has expanded. Students understand that positive peer pressure, role models and other strategies can help them say "No" to more than drinking and driving. SADD is a peer leadership organization dedicated to preventing destructive decisions, particularly underage drinking, other drug use, impaired driving, teen violence and teen depression and suicide. For additional information, go to www.sadd.org.

About La Lumiere School

La Lumiere is a coeducational lay Catholic boarding and day school that provides a comprehensive college-preparatory, high school education for qualified young men and women from a rich diversity of backgrounds. It

seeks to develop character, scholarship, and faith, while remaining both independently accredited and faithful to its Catholic heritage. Current enrollment is 181 students. It is situated on a beautiful rural estate 8 miles north of La Porte at 6801 N Wilhelm Rd. Please visit www.lalumiere.org for additional information.

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