the LHS Voice

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LHS: US News and World Report Best High Schools List (2017, 2018, 2019)

LHS Students Shine

We are very excited about the recognition again from US News and World Report. For the third straight year LHS is rated among the best high schools in the United States. We take a great deal of pride in the services we provide to all of our students. We continue to be a full comprehensive high school. LHS is big enough to offer a wide variety of courses but yet still small enough to know all of the students. We would like to thank the community for their support as we continue creating innovative ways to ensure LHS students will be prepared for their futures.

2019-2020 School year off to an amazing start!

LHS had another smooth start to the school year. The first few days were very fall like and that helped with the heat in the classrooms. Teachers and students were excited to be back in school. This was our 6th year of offering early August grade level sessions to let students adjust schedules and for new students and freshmen to come in and get acclimated to LHS. During these sessions students had their school pictures taken, tried school lockers, and adjusted schedules. We have over 65% of our student body attend these sessions in August. This allowed for another flawless start on the first day as well as a wonderful first week of school. Our theme is "Customer Service". We want to make sure all students and their families know there is help available in every facet of high school life.

During the first week of school, class meetings were held in our auditorium. Mr. Mesyar gave some general information about school life, culture, and important school events coming up. Mr. Forsberg went over school procedures and emphasized ways for students to get academic help this school year. Safety and Security were discussed with an emphasis on lockdown protocols. All of the information covered can be found in the LHS student handbook at www.lasd.net. If you have any questions regarding safety and security, feel free to contact Dan Mesyar at the high school office (231-845-3880).

Increasing Student Success through Community Collaboration

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPALS

We will be offering Coffee with the Principal again this school year. Our goal is to communicate with parents and community members on the initiatives we have going on at LHS and around the district. We will meet each month at a different location and time to meet the needs of all parents and community members.

October 15	6:30pm	LHS Library
November 18	7:00am	House of Flavors
January 22	11:00am	Red Rooster Coffee and Community
March 18	4:00pm	City Hall
April 8	7:00pm	Peterson Auditorium

ORIOLE WORK-BASED LEARNING ACADEMY

The LASD Oriole Work-based Learning Academy is a program to provide high school students with a planned program of job training and other workplace experiences related to a chosen career using innovative forms of Learning. The training and experiences provided, prepare students with the skills necessary for success in the workplace by building a training plan from an entry-level position to a professional career.

The WBL Academy is designed to fit your daily needs and learning style. The program allows students to choose from either an online or a traditional high school experience. Our blend of academic studies with career experience excursions is just part of the formula for your success.

The Oriole Work-Based Learning Academy is accepting enrollments for the 2019-2020 school year. Feel free to stop by the high school office or call 231-845-3880 to enroll today!

LHS Leading the Way in AP

Ludington High School was one of only 800 high schools nationwide, and the only in Michigan, to pilot Advanced Placement's new resources and updated registration and ordering system during the 2018-19 school year. Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the AP® Program is introducing these new resources and processes across the country designed to help students earn college credit and placement. Here's what you and your student need to know: Students will be asked to register for AP Exams during class in the fall. AP Exams will continue to be given in May. The exam fee isn't changing. However, there will be a $40 deposit due prior to LHS submitting students' AP exam orders this fall. Your student will be given an AP information and order form in early October. This form will lead families through the process and include important dates. Students will get personalized feedback through new digital tools that provide daily support for every AP classroom. Their teachers will be able to track their performance throughout the year using monthly personal progress checks. To get ready for the coming school year, teachers are leading students through the process of signing up for a College Board account or accessing their accounts. All College Board programs are connected through one account, so students who created one for the PSAT/NMSQT®, SAT®, or College Board Opportunity Scholarships, should be all set. You can learn more at parents.collegeboard.org. Expect more information to come and feel free to contact Mr. Forsberg at sforsberg@lasd.net or 231-845-3880 with questions.

Math Resources

ONLINE TUTOR

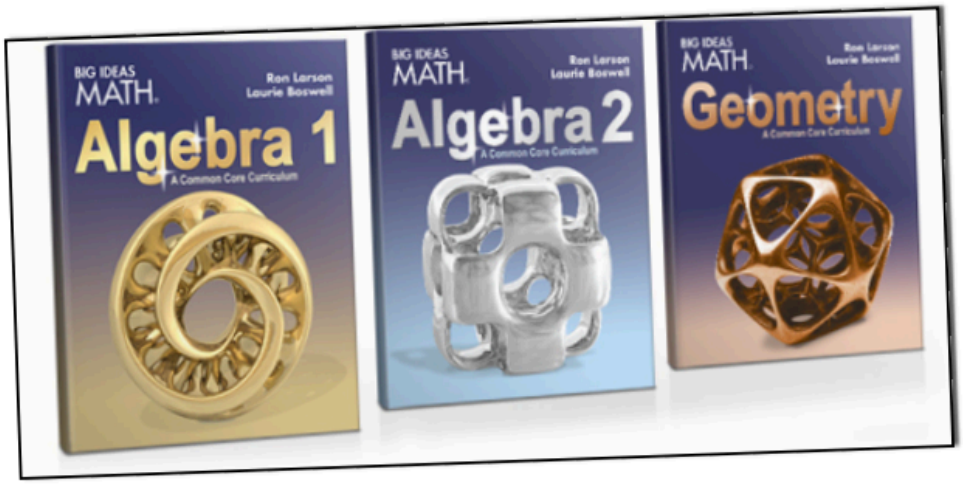
The online live tutor is available Sunday-Thursday from 4:00 pm-midnight. Students can access this service for selected homework problems in an online chat format. The tutors are doctorate of mathematics students at Penn State University. All tutors have been fingerprinted and have gone through a background check, and all correspondence between student and tutor are documented and kept on file.

If your student needs assistance preparing for the SAT, please visit www.khanacademy.org/sat and work through the practice material.

ONLINE TUTORIALS

For online tutorial videos for each math lesson, go to:

http://bigideasmathvideos.com



DURING SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL, AND AT-HOME ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE

We are excited about all of the help LHS students can get on their Math homework. Ludington Area Schools uses a program call "Big Ideas" for grades 6-12. This textbook gives real-world examples and helps students solve problems they may encounter later in life and in continuing education. Students have always been able to discuss questions with their math teachers at school, but now they also have opportunities to get help at home (or anywhere there is Internet access) through online tutorial videos. If a student is still struggling after watching the online tutorials, there is an online live tutor ready and willing to help answer questions and walk them through their math problems. Parents and students can also access other online resources in addition to the videos and tutors, so check it out! LHS will continue to offer The Math Center (Monday-Thursday, 3:00-4:00 pm) for any students wishing to get one-on-one help from our staff.

If you have any questions about our math program, please contact Principal Dan Mesyar at 231-845-3880.

Logging On:

For quick access to the online resources, go to: https://www.bigideasmath.com/BIM/login

Click on "Looking for easy access materials?"

Scroll down to "Easy Access Home Edition"

Choose Common Core 2014 or Common Core High School

Choose your child's book and chapter

Online Features:

- No Registration Required
- No Password Required
- Supported by Advertisements

Yearbook Announcements

2018-2019 Yearbook Distribution Event

Last year's pre-ordered LHS yearbooks will be distributed at Oriole Field during the homecoming football game on Friday, October 11, 2019. The distribution tent will be located near the east gate on the corner of Tinkham and Gaylord Avenues. Yearbook staff will be available 30 minutes before, during, and 30 minutes after the game to hand out books. Parents and siblings may pick up orders for students who are unable to attend. Any books not picked up that night will be available at school the following week. Extra books will not be sold the night of the distribution event. Check the announcements the following week for information about any extra books available for purchase.

2019-2020 Yearbooks On Sale

The 2019-2020 LHS yearbook is on sale now for the lowest price of the year! From now until October 11, a basic book costs just $47.70. Students who purchase a personalized book can also receive four free icons of their choosing. After October 11, the cost of a basic book increases to $53, so order now to take advantage of this great deal! You can order online at jostensyearbooks.com or pick up an order form in the high school office. Please make checks payable to LHS Yearbook. Questions? Email yearbook@lasd.net or call the high school office.

Senior Baby Photo Deadline Approaching

Attention Families of Seniors: Senior and baby photos for the class of 2020 are due to the yearbook no later than Thursday, November 21, 2019. Photos can be emailed to yearbook@lasd.net. Please be sure they are at least 300 dpi and put the student's name in the subject line. Hard copies can be dropped off in room 332 at LHS. If you have any questions or concerns, email yearbook@lasd.net or call the high school office.

Transportation Office News

If you need to call the transportation office, please note the correct phone numbers:

- Direct Dial: 845-3890
- Extension: 845-7303 and then the extension number, 2829

Also, please be sure to give stopped buses plenty of space to keep our children safe!

LHS BPA Preparing for a Great Year

The Ludington BPA program is comprised of one middle school chapter and one high school chapter. If you're new to BPA and want to learn more, attend one of the upcoming informational meetings: October 1st (high school) from 3-4pm and October 3rd (middle school) from 3-4:30pm. There is no obligation. Come and check us out. Meet our 2020 officers and some of the other students. More details can be found on school announcements and hallway postings.

Counselor's Corner

Seniors: Create an Account with the Michigan Scholarships and Grants Portal

The MiSSG website provides students, high school counselors, and college financial aid personnel access to records, applications, and information from SSG. This is also where a student can find out if they qualify for college grant money like the Tuition Incentive Program and where they activate their eligibility to claim state funded scholarship awards and grants. This website is new and all LHS seniors are strongly encouraged to register for a student account. This year, LHS counselors will be able to access the MiSSG database as well to better assist students seeking financial aid for college.

For students to have access to the MiSSG Student Portal, they must have a current-year Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on file or their Social Security Number when signing up. To begin, visit http://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/ click "Sign up" and create a username and password.

Check it Out: October is Michigan College Month

Michigan College Month is part of a national initiative with the goal to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college and for financial aid. Special focus is placed on assisting students who would be the first in their families to attend college and students who may not have otherwise seriously considered applying to college. Michigan College Month can open the door for students by encouraging them to take the most significant steps toward college in their senior year. Michigan College Month emphasizes the relationship between applying to and paying for college and helps break down some of the most complex and commonly cited barriers to attending college. LHS participates in MiCollege Month by celebrating and extolling the value of post-secondary education as well as hosting events to support the college-going culture at LHS.

October College Visits

Many colleges will be visiting LHS in October. While many seniors will take advantage of the Mason County Promise Scholarship and attend West Shore Community College for the first two years of their postsecondary journey, it is still wise to be informed about other options. For more information on upcoming visits check the daily announcements or the board outside of the Counseling Office.

Dual Enrollment @ WSCC

Students currently dual enrolled at West Shore Community College may register for Winter term classes as early as Monday, October 28th. Eligible students interested in taking classes, but not currently dual enrolled may consider registering for WSCC classes as early as Monday, November 4th. Eligibility to dual enroll is based on qualifying scores on either on WSCC's Accuplacer test or an SAT or ACT test administration. For more on eligibility cut scores dual enrollment at West Shore, contact either Mrs. Powers or Mr. Leikert in the counseling office. Current Dual Enrollment students should be checking announcements for the Hardman Scholarship application. This scholarship opportunity should be available soon.

Senior 1:1 Meetings

Seniors will be meeting with LHS counselors to check on graduation progress and to discuss what lies ahead for the rest of their high school careers and beyond. If you haven't scheduled your Senior 1:1 Meeting with one of the counselors, please stop in the Counseling Office to get assistance.

There's Always Room for Xello

Xello is our new mode to explore national career pathways and personalize their academic plans for the future. Within Xello, students build self-knowledge, explore options, create plans, and discover the world of work-based opportunities. All LHS students can access their Xello accounts through the icon found on their iPad and use their school email and password to gain access. If you have time, please ask your student open up Xello and explore alongside them some of the interest inventories and lessons on career or cost of living exercises. This engaging platform can be a cornerstone of conversation between students and parents. Take the time to check out Xello today.

College Night @ WSCC

West Shore Community College will be hosting their annual College Night on Monday, October 7, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Rec Center. There are over 30 colleges, universities, and military organizations represented at this event. This is a great event for LHS students to discover opportunities for the future.

Counselor's Corner

Parchment Registration

The State of Michigan has transitioned to having all students submit their high school transcripts electronically. In order to make this happen all seniors need to create an account on Parchment @parchment.com

1.Create account or login under learners button.

2. Fill out personal info and complete or update profile

3. Use personal email, not your LASD email

4. Identify Ludington High School as current school.

5. Select which colleges to receive your transcripts.

SAT TESTING

The next opportunity to take the SAT will be offered on Saturday, November 2nd @ LHS.The deadline for registering is October 3rd. LHS will also offer tests December 7th, March 14th, and May 2nd. Please see www.sat.org for registration details. LHS school code = 232365.

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

.The counselors are available to assist all seniors in the college application process. For those seniors interested in more selective schools, early application is a must and ideally should be completed before mid October. Many schools, like the University of Michigan, require students to complete the Common Application.

Our Shared Vision with the Michigan College Access Network

For most, the word college is a noun. The word evokes thoughts of ivy-covered buildings, bustling campus activity and is a destination namely, a place of higher learning. To the counselors at LHS, college is an action and process of continuing education towards a degree or trade certification that may not include the traditional university path.

According to MCAN–

- College is *postsecondary education*

MCAN uses the term "college" to refer to the attainment of valuable postsecondary credentials beyond high school, including professional/technical certificates and academic degrees.

- College is a *necessity*

Postsecondary education is a prerequisite to success in a knowledge-based economy. Everyone must pursue and complete a postsecondary credential or degree beyond high school.

- College is for *everyone*

The postsecondary education attainment rates among low-income students and students of color are significantly lower than those of other students. MCAN is committed to closing these gaps.

- College is a *public good*

Postsecondary educational opportunity and attainment are critical to a just and equitable society, strong economy, and healthy communities.

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COLLEGE ACCESS NETWORK

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 State Pupil Accounting Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 LHS Homecoming	12 LHS Homecoming Dance 8:30-11:30
13	14	15	16 Geskus Picture Retakes	17 1/2 day K-12 Secondary Conferences 1:00-3:00 & 6:30-8:30	18 1/2 day K-12; Afternoon PLC 6-12	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Halloween		
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LHS Vision

In an environment that recognizes that learning is relational, students will engage in the complex questions that face them--in the world, the workplace and continuing education--and use the perspective and skills of each field to address these issues.

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