the LHS Voice
MARCH 2018

College Board and Khan Academy

PSAT and SAT Testing

Our juniors took the PSAT test in October, and their scores are available through a student account with the College Board. In January we had a class meeting to help all juniors establish a College Board account with their iPads and get that connected with Khan Academy. Students now have the ability to get information about their performance levels in math and English and those results automatically link up with the Khan Academy site to crate customized SAT practice for the students in the areas they need to work on. Students can access very specific practice material that will help them get ready for the SAT in April (free of charge). Teachers are aware of this, and are making use of that practice in classroom settings as well. There should be no need to go out and purchase expensive test prep materials; between what is on the College Board site itself and Khan Academy, students have ample material with which to prepare and it is available anywhere with wifi. The SAT is given to all juniors in the state and will take place on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, right here at LHS.

April 10 will be an important day for all students as 9th graders will be taking the PSAT 8/9, 10th graders the PSAT test, Juniors the SAT test and Seniors will discuss graduation expectations. All of these activities will be in the morning. It is a half-day for 9th -12th grade students in the Ludington Area School District; all other students will attend a full day. This is necessary because of what it takes to manage the testing for 9th-11th graders. You can help us by avoiding any discretionary absences or appointments on that day. Eleventh graders will continue to test on April 11, as they will take the ACT WorkKeys test in the morning and will report to their afternoon classes. On April 12, our Juniors will finish up state testing as they will take the M-Step for Science and Social Studies. Students will finish up testing by lunch and we will provide pizza and drinks for them. They will report back to class after lunch. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the high school office at 231-845-3880.

Student Schedules	Tuesday, April 10	Wednesday, April 11	Thursday, April 12
Freshmen	7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m., half day; breakfast served	Full day; no testing	Full day; no testing
Sophomores	7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m., half day; breakfast served	Full day; no testing	Full day; no testing
Juniors	7:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., half day; breakfast served	8:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; full day; breakfast served	8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.; full day; breakfast and lunch served
Seniors	7:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., half day; breakfast served	Full day; no testing	Full day; no testing

Coffee with the Principal

We are excited to host Coffee with the Principal at the House of Flavors on March 15. We enjoy getting to know parents of high school students, and connecting with you about your child's education. The presentation of information typically lasts 20 minutes followed by a question and answer period. If you would like additional information please contact us at the high school office: 231-845-3880.

Date	Location	Time
March 15	House of Flavors	1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
April 18	High School Library	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Attention Parents of Juniors: LHS Post Prom

On behalf of the LHS Junior Class and volunteer parent committee, this message will update you on some of the plans for the 2018 Prom hosted by your son or daughter's class. LHS Prom 2018 will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Stearns Ball Room in Ludington.

Once again there will be a parent organized "Post Prom" party from Midnight until 3 am. The goal for the Post Prom party is to provide a safe, fun, and memorable event for your child. This Post Prom event is also open to students who prefer not to attend the Prom, but would like to attend the Post Prom event.

The annual Post Prom party is funded entirely by parents and area businesses. This year's party will be held at Ludington High School Complex and will include entertainment, activities, food, and prizes. The offerings at the Post Prom event will depend on donations of money and/or time. If all Junior Class families could donate $20 we would have more than enough. Please consider how you can help this student event.

Please let us know if you could make a monetary donation, be part of the planning, help with set-up/chaperone, or help with chaperone/clean-up. Checks can be made out to LHS Post Prom and sent in c/o Sue Smith, 809 E Tinkham Ave., Ludington, MI 49431.

Feel free to contact Tonya @ 231-690-4699. Or go to the Facebook page LHS Post Prom 2018.

Yearbook Announcement

Time is running out! 2017-2018 yearbooks are on sale now and supplies are limited! The current cost is $50 and the price will increase after March 30th. High school doesn't last forever, but a yearbook does! Order online now at www.jostensyearbooks.com or pick up an order form in the high school office. Questions? Email yearbook@lasd.net.

LHS Jazz Band Receives Honors

LHS Jazz Ensemble named Most Outstanding Band for third year in a row at CMU's Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Jazz Weekend Festival in Mount Pleasant on Friday February 2nd.

The LHS Jazz Ensemble is the first band to win three years in a row since Northview HS in 1989

The LHS Jazz Ensemble will also be performing April 21st at MSU for the Essentially Ellington Competition.Front

Row L to R Tyler Babe, Heather Kaatz, Paige Budreau, Amelia Hilden, Mason Marks, Ruby Strahan.
Second Row L to R Kaden Powers, Kat Catron, Garrett Hanson, Harper Klotz, Josh Meisenheimer, Ian Thibault
Third Row L to R Keith Kuczynski, Jack Heimerdinger, Grace Taranko, Caleb Schoon, John Biggs, Nate Wietryzkowski

Counselor's Corner

AP Exam Registration

Students in Advanced Placement courses may opt to take the appropriate AP exam for potential college credit. Registration forms are due with minimum down payment of $30 per exam on/before Wednesday March 21 before Spring Break. No deposit required for those with documented enrollment in district free/reduced lunch program, but a completed registration form is required for all students taking AP exams. Return order forms to counseling office secretary.

AP Credit Policy Search

If you wonder how much college credit your AP exam score may be worth at different colleges, you can access the AP Credit Policy Search site and check out how scores translate at 2 and 4 year colleges and universities across the nation. Of course, for the most up to date information, be sure to check the institution's website, but to check out the AP database go to: https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/creditandplacement/search-credit-policies

Class of 2022 is On the Way

Incoming freshmen will be meeting with LHS counselors over the coming months to plan their 4 year graduation plan and select courses for their first year at LHS. Parents/guardians are invited to these meetings and will be also invited to our special orientation hosted by PIL3OT leaders, senior and junior mentors, which will be held the second week of August.

Complete the LHS Common Application for School-Based Scholarships

The LASD website (www.lasd.net), under the counseling tab, provides links to many important scholarship forms as well as financial aid information. The LHS Common Application (CA) for Scholarships is only one of many applications that seniors should complete. The LHS CA is due Monday April 23.. This is only for our school-based program, for community and outside scholarships, seniors must check deadlines because there are different dates for each. Please read information carefully and spend time on application materials–this is an excellent way to spend a little time and reap BIG rewards in the future.

What Does YOUR Quality World Look Like?

It's never too late to discuss your students' post-high school plans and dreams.

A great place to start is to begin by asking a student to describe the kind of life he/she would like to have in the future. This is difficult for anyone, but especially hard for adolescents since the part of the brain that helps them plan and think about the future is still developing. Be patient with them and let them talk without fear of judgement. You may not get the answer right away or one that seems very realistic, but by asking adolescents questions about their future and leaving them a lot of think-time you are promoting healthy brain and character development. After they design and describe what Dr. William Glasser coined an individual's "Quality World," ask your student to "think backwards" so they can begin to make important decisions that lead them towards fulfilling their dreams—one experience, one class, one choice—at a time.

Fill Out The FAFSA

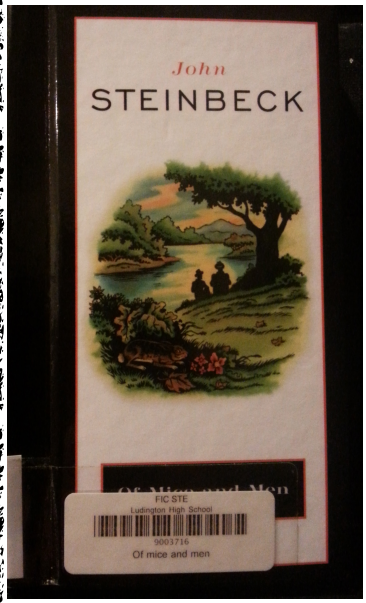
Reminder to seniors applying for financial aid for next year: If you haven't already filled out and submitted your FAFSA online, which is the gateway document to all federal student assistance, then DO IT NOW. Any applications submitted after March places you at risk of not getting the aid you deserve. All tuition assistance is disbursed on a first-come, first-served basis by colleges AND the government.

PARENTS:

If you have moved, or have had a telephone change, please notify the main office at (231) 845-3880.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Check Your Shelves!



If you see any school library books around your house, please bring them in. We'll happily receive them—no questions asked! Library books for all LASD schools have a barcode on the front, as shown in the image to the left. Thank you for helping us keep our shelves full!

Storage Containers Wanted

Students in Food Science and Advanced Food Science work hard preparing delicious food each week, and enjoy taking their leftovers home with them.

If you have any clean disposable containers (such as sour cream, cool whip, etc.), please get them to the high school office at any time during the school year. Students will appreciate your donation!

LHS Staff is Honored by Students

As a way to say thank you, students in Advanced Food Science recently catered a five-course lunch for over 30 LHS Staff members. Students created the menu (bruschetta, roasted beet and peach salad, Italian sausage soup, chicken pesto grilled cheese sandwiches and lemon bars), cooked all dishes from scratch, served the staff members and cleaned up after they were done. It was a great day to be an Oriole!

Parents of Seniors:

Don't forget to send in photos of your student with their peers for the Senior Slideshow that will be played before and after graduation. Photos can be from any age, but should feature more than one member of the Class of 2018. Only a handful of parents have taken advantage of this so far, and photos are due by May 1. Please email your photos to classof2018@lasd.net .

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 5th hour exam	8 1/2 day for students 1st & 2nd hour exams	9 1/2 day for students 3rd & 4th hour exams **End of 2nd Tri**	10
11	12 3rd Trimester Begins	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19	20 First Day of Spring! 	21	22	23 No School Spring Break Begins	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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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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