



# Student Support Newsletter

March 2021

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Hello,

It has been an exciting start to the month of March at Lowell High School. We have been looking forward to the return of our in-person students and staff. On March 1st, in-person students and staff returned to classes at LHS.

**Welcome Back, We Have Missed You !!**

## **Important Dates**

Early Release Day -- Wednesday, March 10th

First Day of Spring -- Saturday, March 20th

Third Quarter Progress Reports -- Monday, March 22nd

**Reminder:** Third quarter progress reports will be located in Aspen Portal

Third quarter grades close on Monday, April 12th

Course selection for the next school year has begun. All Students must elect 35 credits a year or 7 classes per semester.

## LHS Graduation Requirements:

- Must pass twenty (20) credits in English.
- Must pass ten (10) credits in U. S. History. Includes Essential Skills/Topics for US History, Survey of US History, AP US History, and US History Electives (1 course must be in civics: American civics present and past)
- Must pass ten (10) credits in Mathematics. Includes one full year of Algebra and one full year of Geometry.
- Must pass ten (10) credits in Science.
- Must pass ten (10) credits Physical Education. AFJROTC, Dance, Show Choir or Band may be substituted each year for this requirement.
- Must pass five (5) credits in Health/Wellness. Must select Health Education A in the Ninth (9th) grade and Health Education B in the tenth (10th) grade, AFJROTC can substitute for Health.
- Must fulfill the standard requirement of earning at least 90 credits, of which at least 20 credits must be earned in the senior year.
- Must pass the MCAS exams in ELA, Mathematics and Science.

## Course Selection Worksheet

	1st semester	2nd semester
English 1)	_____	_____
Social Studies 2)	_____	_____
Math 3)	_____	_____
Science 4)	_____	_____
5) Physical Education ,ROTC , show choir or band (must be elected every year)		
Health/ Elective	_____	
Foreign Language/Elective 6)	_____	_____
Electives 7)	_____	_____

## LHS February and April Reengagement Academy

During February and April vacation, LHS will be offering opportunities for students to recover credit in the following classes: Algebra 1A, Geometry A, English 1A, English 4A, Seminar, Health A, and PE. Students who earned grades between 60 and 64 on their S1 report cards are eligible.

Registration link

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiNvZG\\_Oc0vgBmDAMR-zx2W5quJ5CyMwMhujh2HLDSrEhE9w/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfiNvZG_Oc0vgBmDAMR-zx2W5quJ5CyMwMhujh2HLDSrEhE9w/viewform)

## FAFSA

Seniors are invited to attend a FAFSA/Financial Aid Help Session next week on either day listed below. During this session, students will be connected to resources that will assist them in completing their FAFSA form. Please help to share the news with the attached flyer, thank you!

Tues. Mar. 16 or Wed. Mar. 17 11:30a-12p

Zoom Link:

<https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/81702086613?pwd=MjR0dXk3VFoxamJGeEZDc0M0T2NRZz09>

Meeting ID: 817 0208 6613

Passcode: 398756

## Social Work Corner

March is National Women's History Month. You may have heard of Susan B. Anthony and her work to earn women the right to vote, but have you ever heard of Mary Church Terrell? Not only was she one of the first African American women to earn a college degree, she was also a teacher, a school board member, and a charter member of the NAACP. Her advocacy work centered around establishing kindergarten and day care centers for African American children; addressing injustice and inequality; and advocating for the women's right to vote. She continued to fight for civil rights well into her 80's, protesting against segregation in public spaces, and lived to witness the Supreme Court ruling that segregating public spaces was unconstitutional. Visit this page to learn more about this amazing woman:

<https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/mary-church-terrell>

## What is After Dark?

After Dark is a collaboration between Lowell High School and Greater Lowell Technical High School to provide LHS students the opportunity of technical skills training. The program requires a two year commitment. LHS students will have a modified class schedule - taking academic classes at LHS during the school day - and taking technical training at GLTHS from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. The program requires a two year commitment. LHS students will have a modified class schedule - taking academic classes at LHS during the school day - and taking technical training at GLTHS from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. Transportation will be provided for all students.

Information sessions: Click for Zoom link

<https://lowell-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/82634680156?pwd=RUNiL0xCOWZvRytzLyt4d285dUdJUT09>

Tuesday, March 16th 11:30am - 12pm , 2:30pm -3pm

Wednesday, March 17th 11:30am - 12pm , 2:30pm-3pm

Thursday, March 18th 11:30am - 12pm , 2:30pm-3pm

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For more information <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/domain/2806>

**Early College** To learn more about the Program contact Mr. Bahn:

Email: [Earlycollege@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:Earlycollege@lowell.k12.ma.us) Call: 978-937-8923

During course selection students have the opportunity to choose **Early College(EC)** classes offered by MCC.

- Students must be a Junior or Senior
- Students must have a minimum SAT or PSAT score of 480 in Evidenced Based or Teacher recommendation
- Students must have an overall LHS GPA of 2.5 or better
- Instruction given by Lowell High School teachers

0463/0464 English Composition - MCC English 12

7871 Film and Society – MCC English 12

3971 Intro to Engineering (LS) – MCC Science 12

3731/3732 Principles of Biology – UML Science 11, 12

3250 General Biology 1(LS) – MCC Science 11,12

3735 Environmental Studies (LS) - MCC Science 11, 12

4435 Intro to Sociology - MCC Social Studies 12

4447 Intro to Psychology - MCC Social Studies 12

Subject	Requirements for Entering College Freshmen		
	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017 and beyond
English	4 courses		
Mathematics	3 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry or comparable coursework)	4 courses (Algebra I & II and Geometry or Trigonometry, or comparable coursework) including mathematics during the final year of high school	
Sciences	3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering, including 2 courses with laboratory work).		3 courses (from Natural Science and/or Physical Science and/or Technology/ Engineering), including 3 courses with laboratory work
Social Sciences	2 courses (including 1 course in U.S. History)		
Foreign Languages	2 courses (in a single language) <i>Note: American Sign Language (ASL) is a foreign language.</i>		
Electives	2 courses (from the above subjects or from the Arts & Humanities or Computer Sciences)		

## MA State University and Colleges Requirements Chart

### Hotspots

Thanks to the teamwork among the teachers, house staff, security, and the technology department we have been able to provide approximately 250 hotspots to students with wi-fi issues. We are distributing hotspots on a daily basis and appreciate all the effort that everyone is putting in to help ensure our students have the connectivity they need to succeed.

### Comcast-Internet

Are you concerned about Comcast raising the prices starting March 1st for high internet usage? If the parent calls Comcast and says they are the parent of a homeschool student right now, they are offering 5 months of unlimited data free and then a fee of \$30 a month after that, with the option of canceling at any time. This should be enough to get them through to the end of the school year if their children remain remote.

Familias como saben la compañía COMCAST (CABLE) subirá los precios comenzando Marzo 1 primero por el alto uso de internet. Si usted es un padre y en este momento tiene niños estudiando desde casa, ellos están ofreciendo 5 meses de datos gratis y despues de eso sería una cuota de 30 dólares por mes con derecho a

cancelar en cualquier momento. Esto deberá ser suficiente para terminar el año en caso de que los niños continuaran con el aprendizaje remoto.

Existe uma preocupação com relação à companhia de TV a cabo de nome Comcast estar elevando os preços a partir de 1º de março deste ano. Os pais ou responsáveis dos estudantes que estão agora em aprendizado online de nossa comunidade, devem entrar em contato com a empresa de TV a cabo, pois os mesmos estão oferecendo seus serviços de internet de graça por 5 meses, depois disso estarão cobrando apenas \$30 dólares por mes, com a opção de você poder cancelar a sua conta a hora que quiser. Assim, esse tempo será suficiente para os alunos que estão em aprendizado online, para terminarem o ano letivo com mais tranquilidade, enquanto o ano letivo continuar .

## Spanish and Portuguese Parent Support:

Mi nombre es **Darmery Montoya**. Hablo Español y trabajo en la oficina de Student Support Services (Servicios de apoyo al estudiante) mi correo electrónico es: [dmontoya@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:dmontoya@lowell.k12.ma.us) y mi número de teléfono es 978-937-8911. Si tienen preguntas o necesitan algún servicio pueden comunicarse conmigo. Estoy haciendo visitas en el hogar si necesitan ayuda.

Oi pessoal, Meu nome é Maria **Morrisette**, meu telefone de contacto e: 978-323-4581 ou 978-551-4780 . Meu email da escola e: [mmorrisette@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mmorrisette@lowell.k12.ma.us)

Eu percebo que as visitas domiciliares são importantes para os alunos e os pais. Os pais sempre me dizem o quanto foi positiva a visita. Fiz visitas domiciliares onde os pais fazem muitas perguntas, e as perguntas são: quem eu comunico se quero saber como meu filho está indo na escola? Como atualizo meu endereço caso nos mudemos deste endereço?

## OUR SOCIAL WORK STAFF IS HERE FOR SUPPORT:

**Freshman Academy Social Worker:** Ms. Gina Martel [gmartel@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:gmartel@lowell.k12.ma.us) (978) 761-3325 Google Classroom Code: tkp 7lk

**B House Social Worker:** Ms. Maureen Schwartz [mschwartz@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:mschwartz@lowell.k12.ma.us) (978) 937-8932 Google classroom code: n2ch5e

**C House Social Worker:** Carla Correa [ccorrea@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:ccorrea@lowell.k12.ma.us) (978) 822-6322  
Google Classroom Code: pbwizf <https://meet.google.com/lookup/aztr25gsas>  
Lunch Bunch group every Tuesday 11:30am  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8754743525?pwd=Mk5GTVYzeUREMUhIK3BzSVl0ZmdNUT09>  
Live Check ins for C house parents or students  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8754743525?pwd=Mk5GTVYzeUREMUhIK3BzSVl0ZmdNUT09>

**D House Social Worker:** Ms. Amanda Hosmer [ahosmer@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:ahosmer@lowell.k12.ma.us)  
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978-822-6362

**All Houses, Special Education Department:** Ms. Debbie Quattrocchi [dquattrocchi@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:dquattrocchi@lowell.k12.ma.us)  
603-759-6011

## **Guidance Counselors Contact Link:**

<https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/cms/lib/MA01907636/Centricity/Domain/1038/Guidance%20Counselor%20Contact%20Info.pdf>