

Good Evening LHS Family,

There are so many exciting events that are happening on a weekly basis at LHS! One of my goals of the weekly Monday Memo is to share events from the previous week and look at the week ahead while sharing staff and student updates along the way. We are a large school and this one way to share news, requests and celebrate together.

We need all hands on deck this week to encourage all students to complete the on-line course selection process. As of last Friday afternoon less than half of our students had completed the process. We will be sending more information out to advisory teachers so you can help nudge our students who haven't completed the process yet. We appreciate everyone's help with this monumental task - we can do this!

To celebrate the upcoming break, let's plan to wear our LHS Unity T-Shirts and hold a Jeans for a Cause Day! We plan on announcing LHS Unity T-shirt Day to students as well and do some gift card drawings for those who participate (staff and students). As a reminder, LHS Unity (x large) T-Shirts are available for sale in the school store.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Each school in the district will be conducting a Climate and Culture Survey in March. This will give us an opportunity to gain clarity on where we are as school and then decide TOGETHER on our future direction. More information to come...
- Check out this fun "Do Now" activity our International Foods and Nutrition & Dietary Choices classes did last week. Each student cut out a heart and wrote their response to the prompt "What Do You Love...". As you can see in the attached picture all students participated and shared some touching items such as friends, family, themselves and foods they love.



CONGRATULATIONS:

- To our Culinary Arts Club who is proud to have received a generous grant from Aramark last week. The grant will facilitate a new gardening project in which club members and students in the Nutrition & Dietary Choices classes will grow a variety of vegetables and herbs from seeds. The club will focus on heirloom varieties of seeds and how to grow in containers within an urban space. The project is expected to begin in March 2018 and more information will be shared at that time. Thank you all for your continued support of the Culinary Arts Club! We can't wait to see the fruits of their labor!
- Thank you and congratulations to our JROTC Drill team who hosted and competed in our Annual Drill Meet this past weekend. There were 9 local area teams who participated in the event (375 students competing), along with coaches, guests and local military recruiters that assisted with judging. All Seniors and the local teams Seniors were recognized at this event. I was so proud of our students and JROTC staff for showing LHS Pride and making this such a successful event. Here's a picture with their trophies!



- Congratulations to our Boys (48 including 24 Seniors) participated in the MVC Champions last Friday night at Reggie Lewis Center in Boston.

Look at those rankings and how happy they are in their picture!

Team scores:

Men - Team Rankings - 13 Events Scored

1) Lowell	111.50	2) North Andover	75
3) Central Catholic	63	4) Methuen	32
5) Chelmsford	25.50	6) Haverhill	24
6) Andover	24	8) Dracut	18
9) Billerica	16	10) Tewksbury	11
11) Lawrence	3		



- Guess who received his nomination to the USAF Academy from Nikki Tsongas? Congratulations Emmanuel (Manny) Ngoy!



SHOUT OUT:

- Thanks to **Marianne Simas** for organizing the T1D Hockey Fundraiser this past weekend, Lowell vs. Dracut/Tyngsboro. Thanks also to our Color Guard and Choir for kicking off the festivities, plus our hockey team for their participation. As an added bonus, Sue Francisco's granddaughter dropped the puck! It was a well attended, family fun event for a great cause!



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

2/13	Tues	Science Fair Competition
2/16	Fri	Course selection for students closes
2/16	Fri	LHS Unity T-Shirts for all and Jeans day for staff
2/19-2/23	Mon-Fri	Mid-Winter Vacation

I hope everyone has a fabulous week - don't forget Wednesday is Valentine's Day! If I don't see you, enjoy the break I hope everyone gets time to relax and renew whatever your plans are. Safe travels to all who are spending time away from home!

Best,
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