

Good afternoon everyone,

I apologize for not getting this memo out sooner, it's been one of those days! Many of you have asked what we are doing regarding the student National Walkout day on Wednesday, March 14th. Over the past week I have been meeting with students, staff and the leadership team to discuss how we can support this event and the logistics behind it. I also attended a Massachusetts Superintendent's forum with Deputy Superintendent Jeannine Durkin to broaden the conversation with our constituents. Rob DeLossa and Tom Thornton have been instrumental and helping students clarify the goals of the event and also discuss plans for a student led forum previous to the event (tentatively set for Monday, March 12th). All this is being worked on as we speak and there will be a much more detailed plans shared tomorrow. This is a great opportunity for student voice in a safe and supportive environment. Once plans are finalized, and shared with all of you, we will also inform our parent community.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A few of our male students and leaders represented LHS at the "Males White Ribbon Day Campaign Event" at City Hall on Thursday. We are proud of them for standing up to help end violence against women!



- In case you missed it, the Lowell Sun ran a full page spread on Sunday which included 11 essays from Jessica Landers' students who hail from Brazil, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Dominican Republic, Honduras, Iraq, Nepal, Portugal, Sierra Leone, Venezuela and Zambia. Per Jessica, the students have worked incredibly hard - the 14 students who published are out of 103 students who did the OPED project this year (the third year we've run the project). Each of these 14 students worked with me intensely outside of class for a month and a half and went through roughly 20 rounds of edits. I'm incredibly proud of their final accomplishment."

I hope you'll take the time to read them; they are thoughtful and passionately written. The students help make you think about many ways in which we can potentially work together to make our community and our school a better place.

http://www.lowellsun.com/news/ci_31710384/students-make-impassioned-pleas

- School education plan - we have been working with Perkins Eastman Architects on updating the education plan and will be presenting at the school committee on Wednesday evening. Most of the current updates have to do with gym space, JROTC, removing the pool from the plans and a few other changes.

CAN YOU HELP?

C-House is proudly INTRODUCING --- La Chic Boutique and Tux at LHS

For the past 12 years, C- House in conjunction with LHS faculty, students and community friends have been working on providing beautiful dresses, shoes, accessories, tuxedos, pants, jackets, ties, shoes and socks, along with gift cards to more than 600 LHS students. Through the years, many students were not able to attend their prom, but that changed when many generous people donated ready-to-wear dresses, tuxedos, suits and other prom attire for our students.

As you know, prom season is here again! We have already received several requests for prom dresses, tuxedos and accessories. (All sizes are needed). We are asking for your help! If you or your friends would love to donate your prom dresses, we will be happy to donate them to our students. The dresses, and other prom attire, need to be clean and ready-to-wear since our students cannot afford to have them dry cleaned. Please pass this information along. Our purpose is to continue to benefit both boys and girls equally, by providing formal wear to all. We want to create a sense of opportunities for all the students so they experience a great time at the prom. Moreover, this will provide a sense of continuity for future alumni to remember the best experiences of their high school years.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

3/7	Weds	Early Release Day (Just say NO to Snow!)
3/7	Weds	Parent Coffee and Conversation - 8:00am (focus on school safety)
3/7	Weds	Parent Conferences 2:30-4:30pm

Have an enjoyable week everyone!

Best,
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