

Good evening and welcome back LHS family,

I hope you all had a restful vacation week - the sunshine and warmer weather here in New England the last few days has been long overdue and I am optimistic Spring has finally arrived! It is hard to imagine our seniors will be graduating in 6 1/2 weeks.

Please note the following for Monday morning - Tom Thornton and our Deans will meet with all Seniors in the Irish Auditorium during advisory for a brief meeting to review expectations for a strong finish and also upcoming events. Seniors should report directly to the Irish after period 2 and all Senior advisory teachers should meet them there.

I am sure many of you are aware that due to the gas issues we recently experienced in the field house, the gas has been turned off to that area while we wait for new heating units. City Manager, Eileen Donoghue worked with City of Lowell officials and Boston Mechanical to develop a plan for installing new heating units in that area over the next couple of months.

Please come out and support all the hard work of the cast and crew of Mary Poppins this weekend (Friday or Saturday). I'm sure our students would love to see you!

Lastly, thanks to all staff involved in implementing the ELA MCAS testing of 830 students. It was a huge task and it really does take a village to make it happen. Special thanks to Boyd for all the work he did to arrange classrooms and of course Charlie and his team of helpers. Per Charlie we missed a few makeups due to the crazy week right before vacation, but it was not for lack of effort on the part of counselors, house deans and Charlie. Thanks again!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Special Education Department is hosting its second annual Transitional Resources Fair on Wednesday, April 25 from 6-8pm in the cafeteria for all students. This fair is an opportunity for students and their families to learn about resources available to them as they transition from high school to the adult world. The fair will include representatives from agencies and organizations that support post-secondary education, employment, independent living, leisure activities, and more. The fair is for any students, and their families, currently receiving special education or other disability-related services. Please see the attached flyer and help spread the word! See the attached flyer.

The JROTC Military Ball was held Friday night before vacation - we had over 300 students in attendance, those kids (and big kids) really know how to have fun! Thanks to our JROTC team of instructors who made this evening so special and some of our security folks who were there to make sure everyone had a safe time.



A large group of students returned from a very successful and amazing trip to Greece and the Islands! They look like they had a great time! Thanks to all of the chaperones who made the trip possible, especially Jill and Wayne Taylor for heading it up!



A smaller group went to Dublin, Wales, London and Paris and returned Saturday night. They had a fabulous time as well - thanks to Tom Thornton for leading the group!



Another group went to Japan led by Stephen Gervais; we'll make sure we get a picture out of them as well!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Please join me in congratulating **Faye O'Leary** for being selected to be one of two teachers who will be receiving the "Creative Advocate - Outstanding Educator" award from The Marble Collection at the May 20th Spring Gala hosted at UMass Boston! This is a wonderful honor for Faye :) TMC is a nonprofit organization that offers free publishing and mentoring programs to teens at Massachusetts schools, community groups, & libraries across the state, publishing the featuring jury-selected artwork and writing by teens in grades 8 to 12.

Congratulations to our **First Robotics Team 5962** who competed for three days in the New England District Championship at BU recently. The team and robot did well but did not advance to the finals. However, this was also a competition for many other awards. The judges awarded the Team 5962 the prestigious Chairman's Award for the District which is very impressive since the team is only in its 3rd year. This award qualified them to compete at the FIRST Championship in Detroit, April 25-28. We are so proud of our students who worked tirelessly to participate in this recent competition and wish them all the best in Detroit.

Students on the team:

- Angenie Pang
- Amanda Satterfield
- Emily Satterfield
- Shivam Desai
- Yash Patel
- Nathaniel Polgreen
- Josiah Belfiore
- Vinayaka Devisetti
- Moruph Osulale
- John Phan
- Rickie Kasera
- David Schecter
- Kat Huang



SHOUT OUTS!

Special thanks to our **girl's lacrosse team** (and their Varsity Coach **Katie Pelton** and JV Coach **Jackie Verzone**) who went to the Pyne Arts School at 8:00am Saturday morning to help spruce up the school. Way to go girls - thanks for your time and kindness!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Day	Event and Time
4/27 and 4/28	Fri-Sat	Mary Poppins - 7pm on Friday, 2pm and 7pm on Saturday
5/1	Tues	Young Men's Forum LT, 8:45am - 9:55am
5/2	Weds	Parent Coffee and Conversation
5/2	Weds	Early Release
5/11	Fri	Spring Dance Concert 7pm

Have an outstanding week and as always, please let me know if there is anything I can do to make your job easier and better. What you do for our students every day makes all the difference!

Best,
Marianne



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