

Good evening LHS family,

I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend especially the fabulous weather on Saturday! Congrats to us - it's been a while but we made it through a full week of school and it feels good!

Now that we know the last day of school for LHS is Wednesday 6/27, we will be sending out the end of the year calendar this week. As we come down the home stretch for seniors we are need to work together to encourage seniors to stay the course especially those who are in jeopardy for graduation. We plan to limit any learning distractions (time out of the classroom) so all students finish the year as strong as possible.

As a reminder, please make sure you review the email I sent Friday regarding safety in the hallways. Thank you if you were already able to do that on Friday.

Special thanks go to Amanda Hosmer, Megan Vilcans, Stephanie Selvaggio and Dave Robinson who joined me in welcoming back the bus with our 1st Robotics Team from Detroit today. The team left on Thursday to participate in the Nationals but encountered a very, very sad situation on Saturday morning with the loss of Nate Polgreen's dad (David). A big thank you goes to the mentors, parents and UMass Lowell undergrads that were on the trip with our students, and supported them through this difficult time.

Please note that the due date for progress reports is now Tuesday (5/9), distribution will be Thursday (5/10).

Please join us in celebrating COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE DAY on Tuesday, May 1st. We know its short notice but we plan to spread the word and hope to get students to participate by wearing their chosen college t-shirt or sweatshirt. We hope to have staff participate as well. Thanks to Jason Silverberg for this great idea! Please talk it up in your senior advisories, thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Friday, April 27, 2018, Amanda Ernst, Marianne Simas, Mary Frances Levassuer, Chuck Hartnet, and Donna Murphy travelled with their students on a field trip to the Minuteman National Park. When the entire group was outside of the visitor center, students spotted two turkeys with wows and "look at that." Amanda commented that, "It was awesome to witness our students interact with nature." Some students took pictures of historical landmarks and/or buildings.



Middlesex Community College's Upward Bound (UB)/Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Programs received a grant for our students and teachers to participate in an integrated science learning opportunity thanks to the Christa McAuliffe Center, Boston Scientific, and the Center for Advancement for Science in Space (CASIS).

Our science teacher received professional development on Out of School Time STEM curriculum development and incorporated the curriculum during our students' UB classes at Lowell High School in order for our students to develop the skills and knowledge to meet the challenges of work, life and citizenship for the 21st Century.

Pictured below is the culminating visit to FSU's McAuliffe Center's Challenger Learning Center Facility where students engaged in activities such as Earth Odyssey mission simulation, exploration of the Habitat Earth in the FSU Planetarium, and a self-guided tour of the International Space Station.

Students: Benjamin Sap, Jose Trinidad, and Diane Chikulu



Future Astronauts



We received funding again to send one of our students to the Normandy Academy in New Orleans, LA and Caen, France. This is an opportunity supplied by anonymous LHS alum for a student to participate in a powerful program, with all expenses paid. This year the selection committee has chosen Victoria Ortiz Kim - congratulations to Victoria.

A small group of Jessica Lander's immigrant students met with Police Chief Taylor this week to request another city-wide Gun Buyback. Through their efforts the Chief agreed and deemed June 2 as the official Gun Buyback day this year!

Ten LHS staff members participated in the Behavior Code Train the Trainer session with Jessica Minihan this past week on Wednesday along with many others from the district. They will be planning a professional development follow-up session with all staff during our September early release time.

CONGRATULATIONS!

NHS - The National Honor Society was recently honored at Holy Cross College in Worcester for being a 'Commended Chapter' for our volunteer/community work our group has done in NHS and in the community.

The Marble Collection, Inc. (a 501 (C)(3) nonprofit organization that publishes the only statewide print and online magazine of the arts featuring just-selected artwork and creative writing by Massachusetts students in grades 8-12) announced the release of their Spring 2018 edition, which will feature Lowell High School student **Thien-Thanh Nguyen's** original graphic design! Please join me in congratulating Thien-Thanh!

Mary Poppins - Congrats to all of our students who participated in and performed in the play Mary Poppins did an outstanding job this week. We are so proud of the hard work and dedicated by the cast and crew! There were so many highlights to the show but seeing Mary Poppins fly in the air was a real treat. Special thanks to **Dr. Sharon Clark** for working tirelessly to make this production come to life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Date	Day	Event and Time
5/1	Tues	College Acceptance Day - wear your college gear
5/1	Tues	Young Men's Forum LT, 8:45am - 9:55am
5/2	Weds	Parent Coffee and Conversation
5/2	Weds	Early Release
5/4	Fri	Cambodian New Year Celebration 6-10pm in cafeteria
5/11	Fri	Spring Dance Concert 7pm

Enjoy the upcoming week and beautiful weather ahead!

Best,
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