

Dear LHS Family,

The beautiful weather continues as we officially move into fall (according to the calendar) this week! We are beginning week four of the new school year and I am pleased to say we continue to be off to a great start. Even though we are part of a large school community and are all very busy, I hope you take the time to get to know those staff members around you who are new to LHS. As much as we want to make sure students feel like they belong here, we want our new staff members to feel the same. Please make an effort to be a Marigold - **see the attached article** which was given out to our new teachers the week before school started. I would like to begin to highlight our new staff members over the next several weeks so we can all get to know them a little bit better.

Below you will find a copy of the all staff, and all admin photos that were taken on the first day! What a wonderful memory of our first day together. Jack O'Connor from O'Connor Studios presented us with a large (and small) framed photo of each picture so we can hang them in the main lobby for all to see. Thanks for your patience while they took the shot; I'm sure you'll agree the picture came out great!



Thank you again to everyone for their quick response to our soft lockdown on Friday. I happened to be out of the building (at a meeting on Kirk Street) when the incident took place and I was very impressed with how all the administrators involved and our students and staff handled the interruption to the school day, especially the students that were in the cafeteria at the time.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Meet and greet - We will be holding an informal Head of School meet and greet for parents from 5:00pm-6:00pm on October 10th before our parent open house. Please stop by the main lobby area and say hello if you have time. We plan to have refreshments and celebrate the beginning of the new school year!

Our new website - We have officially moved over to the new website, I think you are going to love it! Thanks Charlie!

Culinary Program - The culinary program is now selling coffee and treats each morning! Check it out!

Community Circles - As shared by [LZ Nunn](#), Executive Director - Project Learn

All schools will be receiving flyers this week to distribute to students, parents and our school community about the upcoming 2017 Community Circles in October. These Community Circles are a part Your Voice Matters, a 3-year initiative seed funded by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation.

The Community Circles will be an opportunity for parents, students, educators and community members to provide feedback on education in Lowell. The Circles are small community discussions located around the city, with 10-12 participants who will meet twice with their Circle. We provide food, childcare, interpreters, and trained facilitators, and participants provide the input and ideas. We will be gathering feedback on a wide range of topics (feedback will be kept anonymous), which will be presented at a Community Action Forum on Nov. 30, which will result in an action plan.

To read more about this exciting project or to register for a Community Circle, visit [[www.yourvoicematterslowell.org](http://www.yourvoicematterslowell.org)][www.yourvoicematterslowell.org](http://www.yourvoicematterslowell.org)].

### **SHOUT OUTS:**

Next time you make assumptions regarding why someone (staff or student) did what they did, try to assume good intentions first. Why not have a positive mindset for understanding - it goes a long way toward a better outcome!

Congratulations to our JROTC team for a moving 9/11 ceremony last Monday. [Lt. Col. Ironfield](#) and [TSgt David Smith](#) along with our cadets spent many hours preparing for the beautiful tribute. We would also like to thank Band Director [Jim Lutz](#) and band member [David Savoie](#); Choral teacher [Sam Descoteaux](#) and the Concert Choir and Show Choirs along with Digital Media Production students and [Deb Freeley](#) and [Bryan Wilkins](#) for also assisting in the tribute. It was a team effort and certainly a proud LHS morning! Thanks again to everyone involved and to all of the advisories that were watching in their classrooms.

**KINDNESS MATTERS:**

**Kathy Nardoni** allowed me to share this short video which she has been sharing with her students - it fits in nicely with our work on Kindness! She plans to start a rainbow wall in her classroom and perhaps do the same thing for our school. Thanks for sharing this Kathy!

**Dr. Maya Angelou: "Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud" | Oprah's Master Class OWN**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nYXFletWH4>

**UPCOMING:**

9/20 LHS AP Kickoff (in partnership with Mass Insight Education)  
attending will be students enrolled in AP English or AP STEM  
and all AP English and AP STEM teachers

9/20 Early Release (info already sent out)

Have an awesome week everyone!

Marianne