

Dear LHS Family,

Now that the unexpected two days out of school are behind us, we can look forward to a busy November. By the way, it was fun to see students and staff getting into the Halloween Spirit on Friday – I've included a few pictures to share and I hope they make you smile! We have a full schedule planned for our Professional Development Day on Tuesday and hope you take advantage of the time to devote to focusing on our community, school and classrooms. As a reminder, advisory on Thursday will be extended 15 minutes (10:15) due to the Veteran's Day Salute which will be broadcast on Channel 44 beginning at 9:45am.



#KINDNESS MATTERS

Look what I found on the wall as I was visiting classrooms this week! Love it!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Professional Development Day – Please bring your laptop with you to the auditorium in the am, we will be breaking up into groups to review the Assessment Survey and you'll need to access the results on-line. Here's the link again to review the survey results <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-N8TKMQTY8/>

Also, please sit in the front part of the auditorium for now on when we get together. It is helpful for the presenter/s (especially me) to see all your smiling faces, it also helps build that LHS family experience. You never know who you'll be sitting next to, make sure to take a moment to introduce yourself!

T-Shirt Update - As I've previously mentioned, students have designed LHS Unity themed t-shirts and we have ordered them for all students and staff, now comes the hard part! We are looking for community support to help pay for the student t-shirts but also need your help, if possible. Starting Tuesday, 11/7, we will open up ordering for staff for t-shirts (more info to follow). Our hope is that you will purchase one for yourself and consider paying it forward for a LHS student - each t-shirt is \$5.00. Please see the attached t-shirt proof (and community request letter) so you know what we are trying to accomplish - pretty cool huh! Between our support and the community support we need approximately 3400 shirts for students, not including staff shirts. We would like to make sure EVERY LHS student receives a t-shirt so they can wear it on Spirit Days, Unity Days and other occasions along with staff members. We are also planning to have some available for parents to purchase. Thank you for your support!

To give you incentive.... if you pre-order your t-shirt Monday or Tuesday am, go ahead and wear jeans for our professional development day – you earned it!

Common Areas - When you use other areas of the school during class time, i.e. Little Theatre, please make sure the area is picked up and ready for the next person to use it. Thank you!

Marking Period – MP1 will be closed Wednesday, MP2 starts Thursday and report cards will go out during advisory on Tuesday, 11/14.

SHOUT OUT

Last Thursday we held an 8th grade Latin Lyceum information night for parents and students. Thanks to Amy McLeod, Lead Teacher Darrin Berard, Lyceum Parent Mrs. Lavoie and our students for providing a positive and informative session for a large audience in the Little Theatre.

**PLEASE WELCOME:**

Kyle Swenson - Health

Kyle was born and raised in Lowell and graduated from Lowell High in 2006. He has taught in both the Beverly and the Lowell public school systems, and he has also been part of the Lowell High Football coaching staff for five years. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, cooking and traveling. Kyle lives in Melrose with his wife Lauren. Welcome Kyle!



Brian Owen- Special Ed Adjustment Program

Brian's background consists of working at Lighthouse school for 6 years. One year on the support regulation team and the other five as a special education teacher. When not at work he enjoys going to the beach and riding his motorcycle during the summer. During the winter, snowboarding is a huge hobby of Brian's and he tries to make it to loon mountain as much as possible. Welcome Brian!



Brendan Casey - Health

Brendan is a former LHS student athlete, class of 2004. He attended Rhode Island College where he continued to wrestle, as well as earn his degrees in Physical Education and Health Education, and an endorsement in Adapted Physical Education. Brendan taught elementary PE/APE in Cumberland, RI and coached wrestling at Rhode Island College before returning home to Lowell last year. He is currently serving as a paratrooper in the RI Army National Guard. He enjoys coaching wrestling at Doughboy Wrestling Club, reading, and spending time with friends and family in his down time. Welcome home Brendan!

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/31 Goals were due in TeachPoint (if you had trouble getting this done due to the storm, please make sure to finish it this week)

11/07 Professional Development Day

11/08 MCAS ELA Re-test (NO SNACKS THIS YEAR – STUDENTS CAN BRING CLEAR WATER BOTTLES)

11/09 MCAS ELA Re-test (NO SNACKS THIS YEAR – STUDENTS CAN BRING CLEAR WATER BOTTLES)

11/09 Veteran's Day Salute in auditorium 9:45-10:15

11/10 No School - Veterans Day

11/22 Pep Rally

11/23 Thanksgiving

11/24 Thanksgiving break

Enjoy and appreciate the week friends!

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