

Dear LHS Family,

I am sure many of us and our students are thinking Thanksgiving thoughts right now, but we still have two and a half upcoming school days together first ☺ Wednesday will be a quick day including the infamous Pep Rally which I'm really looking forward to since it's my first one here at LHS. We are excited to see many staff and students sporting their LHS Unity T-Shirts, we are hoping for 100% participation but we realize students who are performing already have outfits planned. Again, please come to the main office to pick up the shirts on Monday or Tuesday. Thank you again for your generosity in purchasing shirts for our students - this helped out enormously! We continue to receive community donations and are thankful for them as well. When all is finalized, we will post a list of all who donated. As a reminder, the plan is for all advisors to hand out student t-shirts during advisory on Wednesday morning. Our security and admin team will be all hands on deck at the Pep Rally but as a reminder, it's always helpful to have staff members sit in the stands to keep an eye on things as well.

As you know, there was much attention given to the heating situation at the high school especially this past week - we should be all systems go Monday morning but if you are experiencing something different, please let us know. Thank you for your patience during these difficult couple of weeks while everything was being addressed.

SHOUT OUT:

Thanks to Sheila Carroll and Team MCAS (Amy McLeod, Boyd Bertrand, Mark Lew, Joan Marais, Allyson Carbone and Charlie Pouliot) for preparing, troubleshooting, and managing the MCAS Make-up testing for the past two weeks. Each day of testing was very organized and went quite smoothly - thanks to all staff that were in testing rooms as well!

Trivia Contest!



Congratulations to the winning team at the Third Annual PBIS Trivia Contest Team - second year in a row!

Harvest Dance!

The Annual Junior Harvest Dance was a big success Friday night with over 400 students in attendance, thanks to our security team (Sean, Kirk, Danielle), and the staff members who came out to see the kids - our students really like to dance!

WELCOME:

We are at the end of introducing all of the newcomers to LHS so I thought I would add myself on here as well 😊



Marianne Busted - Head of School

My first career was in Human Resources at Digital Equipment Corporation - there I developed a philosophy of taking care of our most valuable resource, our employees! This was a trademark of Ken Olsen, the founder and CEO and I took it to heart and continue that same mindset today. After 14 dedicated years, I took a leap of faith and decided pursue my dream of becoming a teacher. My son and daughter were still young and it was the perfect time to go back to school to earn my Masters in Ed. I also worked part-time and then full-time at Chelmsford High School in various positions which all helped prepare me for my first teaching position at Nashua HS South. I immediately fell in love with the students and teaching, it was a perfect match. Over time, I also became a junior class advisor, mentor teacher, and went back to school yet again for my Principal Certification at Rivier College.

Finishing my fifth year as a teacher I decided to combine my HR background and my teaching experience to become an Assistant Principal. Working as an Assistant Principal gave me the opportunity to help more students and work directly with staff - it was one of my favorite jobs. It was energizing to be on the move all day while striving to make a positive difference!

Again after five years, the Nashua North Principalship opened and the Superintendent encouraged me to take the position. I stayed four years at North and gained my wings as a Principal while building a more positive climate and culture for students and staff. At different points I thought about coming to Lowell, but timing is everything! When the Head of School position posted - I knew it was the right time. As we tell our students, everything we do in life prepares us for the next opportunity, it was quite the journey before I arrived here in Lowell. I am thrilled to be able to work alongside such a dedicated staff, amazing student body and caring community. Some of my favorite things besides coming to LHS every day; spending my downtime at the lake, a good book, my rescue lab Biscuit, and time with my family and friends!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/22 Pep Rally
11/23 Thanksgiving
11/24 Thanksgiving break
12/22 Holiday break

I am thankful for your kindness and your commitment to our students - have a wonderful Thanksgiving and time off with those you care about!

Best,
Marianne

