

Good evening LHS family,

Five days to go before vacation - we can do this! Report cards are in advisory mailboxes, please be sure to distribute them in the morning.

LOTS OF BRIGHT SPOTS TO SHARE!

Jewish War Veterans Scholarship Breakfast today!



Congratulations to Cadet Colonel Shae Perez who was awarded one of the three first place \$1000.00 scholarships out of 54 nominees today!

Trip to Quebec City this weekend!



Thirty students and staff traveled to Quebec where they spent the weekend tubing, ice skating, tobogganing and enjoying French Canadian square dancing!

Author Jack Gantos

As submitted by Suzanne Keefe, Congratulations to Maggie Moriarty and Jen Eby for creating an incredible learning experience for their students.

Below are a few pictures from our author event with Jack Gantos. These students could not have been more engaged, more respectful or more impressive. We have so much to be proud of. What a tremendous opportunity for our students, thank you Maggie and Jen!

Student Voice

Special thanks to our five students (Jaeda Turner, Neyder Fernandez, George Gikas, Patricia Rose Prout, and Shaveen Gachau) who spoke on behalf of our student voice group to "Leaders for Increasing Student Voice in Education" on Thursday. Check out the Lowell Sun article today for more details.

http://www.lowellsun.com/local/ci_32442184/at-lowell-high-students-have-voice

Lowell Quarter Launch!



The **quarter** honoring Lowell National Historical Park is the 46th coin released in the United States Mint's America the Beautiful Quarters Program. It was a full house at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on Thursday which included all 4th grade students in the city, students from the Lowell Middlesex Academy Charter School, and many others. Our Senior Class President Eunice Tabea led the pledge to start off the event. Thank you to our AFJROTC cadets for the presentation of colors under the direction of TSgt Dave Smith. Our chorus students performed the National Anthem under the direction of Michael Winslow, and our band also performed to a video *Mills on the Merrimack* under the direction of Jim Lutz. Our students shined at this historic event for the city of Lowell - I am proud they were able to participate and perform with perfection on this exciting day!

New 1 credit dual enrollment pilot class at MCC



On Tuesday, February 5 at 3pm 18 students eagerly attended a new 1 credit dual enrollment pilot class on "Careers Exploration" at MCC Federal Building. The class is being taught by Jennifer Eby and helps students develop a vision of their pathway into the Workforce upon graduation. Thanks to all the collaborators who came together to make this vision happen: David Robinson, Carla Correa, College and Career Staff, LZ from Project Learn and Ellen Grondine from MCC.

A small group of students participated in the Global School Play Day here at LHS. The main objective of the movement was to experience the benefits of unstructured play throughout all grade levels and promote interaction between peers. On record, over 560,000 students participating across the globe.

Here at LHS, we had approximately 450 students participating in GSPD in the Little Theater. Students belonged to Jodi Ahern, Donna Newcomb, Jennifer Carey, Elizabeth McQuaid, Deidre Haley and Nancy Hill. The benefits of this program at LHS allowed students to interact across grade levels, academic levels, and behavioral levels. To say the day was successful is a complete understatement. The benefits experienced by the students were immense and staff observations allowed us to see our students in a new light. All parties involved reported a feeling of rejuvenation from simple play and face to face interactions. We are hopeful to continue this practice in 2020. Thanks to our staff who participated and made this amazing day possible for so many students at LHS!

NHS sponsored "Women in Islam" speaker:



Our National Honor Society recently sponsored "Islam and Women: Realities, Myths and Opportunities" delivered by Dr. Natana DeLong-Bas, theology professor at Boston College. She shared with us a very positive, uplifting presentation on Muslim women around the world and how 80% of what U.S. media reports on this subject is negative but the reality is quite different. And although there are certainly examples of repression, many Muslim women are encouraged to further their education and pursue professional careers. She shared she entered this field because no one had translated a particular area of conservative Islamic documents and then after 9-11, her career became very relevant. Thank you to our NHS officers and advisor for bringing Dr. DeLong-Bas to speak with us and share her stories.

LOOKING AHEAD

Reminder: Student Voice meets on Weds. 7:55-10:07 and Staff Voice meets also on Weds. from 2:30-3:30pm

Feb. 11	Mon.	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
Feb. 11	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
Feb. 13	Wed.	Early Release - Students	11:45am	
Feb. 13	Wed.	MEFA Jr/Parent College Admissions	6:00pm	L.T.
Feb. 18-22	Mon.-Fri.	No School - Winter Vacation - Mon. Feb. 18 Pres. Day		
Feb. 19	Tues.	Honors Night Application Due	4:00pm	

Have a positive and productive week everyone.

Best,

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