Good evening LHS family,

I hope everyone had a nice weekend and had time to catch your breath. As we move into this holiday season please be aware that for some students this is not the most magical time of the year. You will see some behaviors that may escalate over the upcoming weeks as get closer to holiday break. I respectfully ask everyone to take an extra moment before responding to problematic behaviors and remember the holidays elicit great joy for some, and distress for others that is often displayed by negative behavior. If you come in contact with a student that appears to be struggling, remember to keep your voice as low as possible and step back enough so there is adequate space between you. I know these are basic reminders, but I find these two actions can go a long way. These weeks before the holidays can be especially challenging for all of us.

REMINDER

Our all staff holly jolly luncheon is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20th - get your ugly sweaters and outfits planned now! Thanks to all who are able to "elf it" this year!

CONGRATULATIONS



Julian Viviescas received the ALKU Scholarship which grants the recipient a \$20,000.00 scholarship over the course of four years! Special thanks to Jessica Lander who supported and encouraged Julian through many different opportunities that helped him be prepared to receive this grant. Please see the full write-up from the Lowell Sun yesterday.

http://www.lowellsun.com/news/ci 32305579/lhss-viviescas-receives-mentoring-scholarship

HI-LIGHTS TO SHARE



PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, welcomed 90 Lowell High Accounting Students to their modern high rise building in the Seaport district. Students were greeted by 49 PWC employees, who challenged, inspired and amazed our students through teambuilding activities, quality control production inspections and one-on-one interviews. This was such a wonderful opportunity for our students to connect and have a real world application to their coursework.



Unofficial leopard day today - who knew! Great minds!

LOOKING AHEAD

December 3- 21	3 weeks	Sun Santa Collections		
December 4	Tues	Latin Lyceum Parent Social	6:30-8:30pm	Warp & Weft
December 5	Weds	Early Release - Students	11:45am GRAB AND GO LUNCHES	
December 5	Weds	Early Release - PD for all staff	12:15pm	Auditorium
December 7	Friday	Grading Window Opens		
December 8	Saturday	MIE Study Session for AP Math Students		TBD
December 12	Weds	Grades Due		
December 14 & 15	Friday and Saturday	A Christmas Carol - Student Production	7:00pm	Burgoyne Theatre
December 16	Sunday	A Christmas Carol - Student Production	2:00pm	Burgoyne Theatre
December 17	Monday	Q2 Progress Reports Distributed		
December 20	Thursday	Staff Holiday Luncheon	10:45-1:30pm	SSS Lobby
December 20	Thursday	LHS Winter Concert	7:00pm	Auditorium
December 21	Friday	Latin Lyceum Applications Due		
December 24-Jan 1	Monday-Tuesday	No School - Holiday Break		

Short and sweet this week! Thanks to those who invited me into visit their classrooms - it's always a joyful day when I get to spend time with you and your students.

Have a good week - I'll see everyone on Wednesday at 12:15pm in the auditorium!

Marianne



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