

Good evening LHS family,

We have two full weeks before the holiday break and but much to accomplish - don't forget grades are due on Wednesday! Our students are very busy and some are volunteering in the community to make the holidays a little brighter for others. Last Friday our incoming 8th graders were able to visit and spend some time learning about LHS. Special thanks to our many staff members who helped arrange this event with David Robinson. It looked like the 8th graders enjoyed their visit and are excited to become part of our amazing school community, thanks to all of our student participators!



Pictures from the 8th grade visit last Friday

I want to share a few thoughts with you about our PD day last Wednesday. A quote I've often used is "experience is what you get when you didn't get what you wanted". We had an interactive Cultural Proficiency training experience planned and technology did not cooperate with us. We assumed that all the laptops would work perfectly but soon realized that was not the case with so many staff using them in the auditorium at the same time. Even so, hopefully everyone walked away with an understanding of why we need to focus on cultural proficiency as a school/district. We also shared a lot of information to think about and consider especially our school and district demographics. Like I said this is not always easy work and it takes a growth mindset along with a willingness to be vulnerable and grow alongside each other as we are all in this together. How many "F's" did you get? How did that change your mindset?

I also mentioned a recent article I read in Education Week where I referred to the apathy some teachers report seeing from of our students. I shared that some students say they are bored and I saw this when I did student shadowing in my previous school. Please know that I did not mean that "our classrooms are boring", and I apologize if you interpreted my comments that way, I merely wanted to share what I saw at that time and that it was an eye opening experience. I do believe engaging students more in what they want to learn and how they learn it (to the degree it's appropriate) is something worth considering. I do see some students demanding more of teachers and their learning journey than perhaps they did years ago. Even though I don't agree with everything in this article, it gave me some ideas to ponder and I hope it does the same for you.

<https://educationpost.org/i-traveled-across-14-states-and-every-student-told-me-the-same-story-about-why-theyre-not-motivated-in-the-classroom/>

REMINDER

- Please note: This week our deans and departments chairs and I will be attending all day Leadership on either Tuesday or Wednesday.
- When sending students to their house office, PLEASE make sure you send a referral card as quickly as possible or call the office especially for safety reasons. It has come to my attention that students are being sent to the office without this information. Without the referral, deans are left without information as to why the student is in the office, which in turn makes it difficult to make informed decisions.
- Please tune into the Raider Report on Monday and Wednesday for announcements, and Fridays for the full Raider Report. Bryan Wilkins has also set up announcements daily on channel 44 which would be good to tune into on Tuesday's and Thursday. So now every day of the week is covered for announcements.
- Our all staff holly jolly luncheon is scheduled for next Thursday, Dec. 20th - get your ugly sweaters and outfits planned now! Thanks to all who are able to "elf it" this year!

HI-LIGHTS TO SHARE



Special thanks to Lyn Blouin and Yvette Crowell for taking several young women to the Mass Conference for Women in Boston last Thursday.

As shared by Yvette, some of the speakers they saw were; Charlie Baker, Mayson Zayid, Jesmyn Ward and Amal Clooney. Overall, I think it was a really good day for our young women.....relevant, inspiring, and empowering. They also attended the following sessions:

Every"Body" is Beautiful: A Healthy Self Image for All Shapes & Sizes

Speaker: Jessamyn Stanley, body positive advocate and author

Anxiety Helper: Lifesaving Lessons from a Teenage Pioneer

Speaker: Amanda Southworth, creator, Anxiety Helper and Mental Health LGBTQ Activist

We Are All Rebel Girls: Tools & Inspiration to Lead a Revolution

Speaker: Francesca Cavallo, co-author , Rebel Girls



Did you see these ladies on unofficial fur day?



Just one of many pictures from NFTE Sales Day on Friday! Lots of shopping going on and great job by all!



Twenty Three of our LHS cadets volunteered their time after school for the Festive Family fun Night hosted by the Lowell Special Education Parent Advisory Council, The cadets played games, did face painting, served refreshments for the Festive night at the Family resource Center.

Thanks to our cadets for making this a special night for our families.

LOOKING AHEAD

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		

Have a productive and positive week everyone!

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