

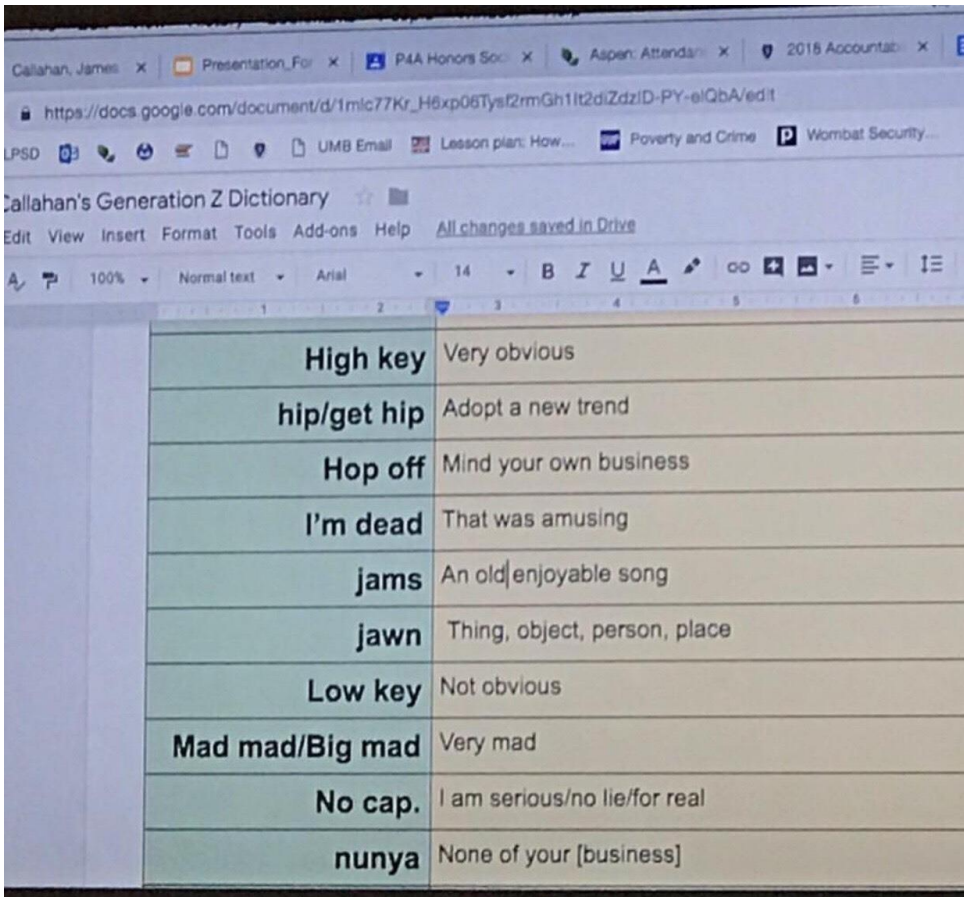
**Good evening LHS family,**

We have had a very busy start to the new school year, one filled with anticipation, excitement, smiles and challenges. We welcomed back approximately 3100 students and over 350 staff members. We received many positive comments regarding our staff welcome back to school meeting in the auditorium on Monday, 8/26. Please know we hope to continue the year with the same enthusiasm and momentum you saw on that first day. Thanks to all of you for making the back to school transition as smooth as possible for our students, especially those new to our community.

I plan to continue the tradition of my Monday Memo this year, but also look to you for your input and assistance. As a reminder, when things come up through the week that showcases activities, events and/or congrats to students and staff, please send along a quick write-up and picture if possible to **Judy Geoffroy** so we can get it my Monday Memo. This would really help us make sure to capture all the great things going on at LHS each week.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND BRIGHT STARS**

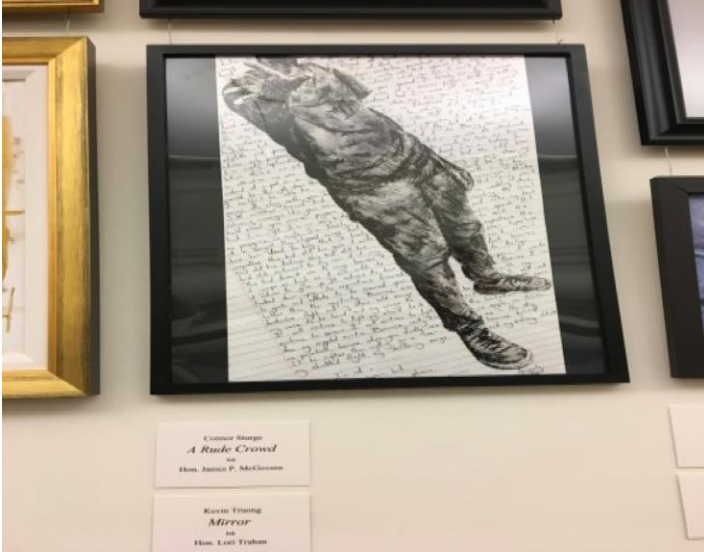
Jim Callahan just learned that the episode of the Kelly Clarkson show that he appeared on will be aired in the Boston market this Thursday, September 19th on NBC 10 at 3:00 PM. Set up your DVR's now!!!! I know many of us have been waiting for this event and can't wait to see it! I hope Jim won't be leaving us for Hollywood too soon! I bet he never guessed (or asked for) the widespread excitement and social media frenzy of his Generation Z Dictionary when he created it! Congrats to Jim for putting LHS on the map!



<b>High key</b>	Very obvious
<b>hip/get hip</b>	Adopt a new trend
<b>Hop off</b>	Mind your own business
<b>I'm dead</b>	That was amusing
<b>jams</b>	An old/enjoyable song
<b>jawn</b>	Thing, object, person, place
<b>Low key</b>	Not obvious
<b>Mad mad/Big mad</b>	Very mad
<b>No cap.</b>	I am serious/no lie/for real
<b>nunya</b>	None of your [business]

**The quest to View Kevin Truong's Art Work (Kevin is now a senior)  
...help comes from a 2014 LHS grad**

Last spring, Kevin's artwork was selected by Representative Lori Trahan as the winner of the Artistic Discovery Contest representing the 3rd District.



Seeing Kevin in the library, I promised him I would go see his artwork on display at the Capitol Building when I went to the National Book Festival over Labor Day, a yearly event.

Easy task, surely they would have put them on display where the American public could see them on a visit to the Capitol. Using a variety of search terms on the Capital site, there was no mention of the Congressional Student Art Work. So I called Lori Trahan's office in Lowell. I was redirected to the Washington office to schedule a tour. Alex listened to my plea... a student in my high school won and I am trying to figure out where they are in the Capitol, because I promised him....etc. Somehow, LHS was mentioned and she told me she was Alex Karabatsos, LHS grad 2014. We remember each other and Alex went to work on helping me see Kevin's art work. She also offered if I was not able to see Kevin's work she would go and take pictures for me. Alex would have done this for anyone but I am truly grateful that what she put into place worked out and I was able to see Kevin's artwork. She let me know that she had contacted the Capital Tour guides and if there was a guide available they would take me to see the display of artwork. I went in on Monday before my flight home and that is exactly what happened. I was escorted to the hallway that connects the Capitol to the Congressional offices. And there, the student artwork of all 50 states plus territories was on display.

As promised, I was able to see Kevin's artwork and thanks to my brother-in-law Lamar, it was caught in photographs. Hmmm - can you figure out who this is in the pic?



**First 2020 Presidential Candidate comes to LHS** - Nate Kraft our AP US Government and Politics and US Civics teacher invited all candidates to send materials or representatives to his classes, which led to the very fortunate and welcome visit by Admiral Sestak this past Monday. How exciting for our students to be able to participate in such a personal and meaningful way with a Admiral Sestak! Thanks to Nate (and Rob DeLossa) for bringing this to fruition so quickly - we look forward to more candidate visits in the future!



**9/11 Tribute** - special thanks to our Chorus, AFJROTC cadets, media studio and everyone that supported our annual tribute to remember those we lost 18 years ago. This is always a very moving and proud LHS event!



**First home football game** - shout out to our band, cheerleaders, AFJROTC color guard and football players who provided great entertainment for our community! What a great night for Friday nite lights!



## CLASSROOM VISITS

Please let me (and Sue) know when you have something special planned in your classroom that you'd like to share. I may not be able to attend to every invite, but I'll try. My goal this year is to get in and observe as many classrooms as possible on a weekly basis.

## REMINDERS

Per the teachers contract, all teachers are expected to be in classrooms/hallways by 7:40 am and in classrooms or duty areas until 2:35 pm. We would also like to thank everyone for attending to their duty times, especially cafeteria and hall duty. As you know we have incorporated CPT in grade 10 this year and with that in mind, every duty counts. Thank you for your kind attention to these needs.

## LOOKING AHEAD!

Sept. 18	Wed.	Early Release – Students	11:45am	
Sept. 18	Wed.	School Committee Mtg.	6:30pm	City Hall
Sept. 19	Thurs.	MIE	1:45p	Aud.
Sept.24	Tues.	NO SCHOOL - Municipal Primary Election		
Sept. 25	Wed.	Student Voice Group Mtg.	9:35am	L.T.
Sept. 25	Wed.	Staff Voice Group Mtg.	2:30pm-3:30pm	L.T.
<b>Oct.</b>				
Oct. 1	Tues.	Parent Voice Group Mtg.	6:00pm-7:00pm	HOS Conf. Rm.
Oct. 2	Wed.	School Committee Mtg.	6:30pm	City Hall
Oct. 3	Thurs.	Q 1 Progress Reports		
Oct. 5	Sat.	Angkor Dance Troupe Residency	5:00pm-10:00pm	LHS Aud.
Oct. 5	Sat.	SAT's administered at LHS	8:00am – 2:00pm	1922 Bldg.
Oct. 8	Tues.	Freshman Parent/Teacher Open House	5:30pm-8:00pm	F.A.
Oct. 8	Tues.	Parent/Teacher Open House	6:00pm – 8:00pm	LHS
Oct. 9	Wed.	Early Release – Students	11:45am	
Oct. 10	Thurs.	Merrimack Valley College Fair	6:30pm-8:30pm	Gym

Oct. 14	Mon.	No School - Columbus Day		
Oct. 15	Tues.	NHS Induction Ceremony	6:30pm	Aud.
Oct. 15	Tues..	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L. T.
Oct. 15	Tues.	School Site Council Mtg.	6:00pm	HOS Conf. Rm.
Oct. 16	Wed.	PSAT's - Gr. 10 and 11	7:55am-12pm	
Oct. 16	Wed.	School Committee Mtg.	6:30pm	City Hall Council
Oct. 16	Wed..	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	7:00pm	Library

Have a good week everyone!

Marianne

"[BUILD] A SENSE OF COMMUNITY WITHIN YOUR CLASSROOM SO THAT STUDENTS FEEL COMFORTABLE AROUND EACH OTHER, AS IF THEY WERE PART OF A FAMILY."

—Educator Mike Presser

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