

Good evening LHS family,

I hope you all had a relaxing weekend and are enjoying the smells and colors of fall in New England! October is a busy month where many of our new school year plans spring into action. The ILT (Instructional Leadership Team) has been meeting to ensure we are on track with our Turnaround work. There will be additional communication through the TAP (Turnaround Plan) webpage we have been working on (more news on that soon).

An update on our voice groups that have all had their first meeting and are working on plans for the year ahead:

1. **Student voice** (meets 2x month), will focus on projects such as the School Branding Project, Vaping Awareness, and other important and timely topics related to moving our school from good to GREAT!
2. **Parent voice** (meets once a month) will focus on bringing awareness and more communication to all parents - we are planning a Vaping education session in early November for parents and students, please join us.
3. **Staff voice** (meets once a month) will focus on communication this year as it relates to building a more positive school culture and climate. We hope you will be able to join us. I will send out the dates separately so you can plan ahead.

Our **School Site Council** is made up of representatives from each of these groups and meets once a month, although all are welcome to attend. If you would like to learn more about the work of the school site council please click here: <https://www.lowell.k12.ma.us/domain/2579>

We did receive additional **site based budget money** to ensure our EL and SPED programs are receiving the needed staffing levels and resources to support our students. We also received money towards our TAP work. Attached you will find the budget allotment and the details of how we plan to use the money. We engaged with the leadership team, the ILT and our School Site Council members to discuss, develop and review our plans. Many of the positions have been posted. The stipend work will also be posted soon. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Lastly, we look forward to the **New School Building Project Update** which will be on Early Release Day starting at 12:15pm in the auditorium. It's exciting to hear and see all the work on the project that has been completed so far - I suspect you will walk away *inspired and excited!* Wednesday evening is **Parent Open House** starting at 5:30pm in the Freshman Academy and 6:00pm in the 10-12 buildings. Malinda Pires will be in the Head of School conference room area assisting parents with accessing the portal - please send any interested parents her way! This is most likely the first opportunity you've had to meet your student's parents, please let your department chair know if you need any support to make this evening the most informative and positive evening possible for our parents (our students first teachers). Thank you!

TAP - an update from the ILT

Peer Observations: Thank you to all of the LHS teachers who recently hosted or visited a colleague in the spirit of sharing best practices. Please consider partnering with someone in your department, or in another department, to share a favorite lesson, model an engagement strategy, or demo a new technology tool.

Partners will be entered into the Peer Observation prize raffle, to be drawn during the November PD day. Contact your department chair if you need coverage – or to report your collaboration. Hosts earn two entries; visitors earn one entry.

Please see Maggie Moriarty's September 30th email for more details about this school-wide effort.

COPIERS - an update from the Business Office

1. The School Committee will be voting on a "permission to enter" a copier contract with Konica-Minolta this Wednesday.
2. Once a contract is executed, the "cloud" will be activated.
3. In regard to toner, the company is still responding to toner requests, and will also deliver a backup cartridge when toner is requested

This copier negotiation has been worked on every day since mid-July. The Business Office thanks you for your patience.

Bright Spots and Congratulations!

Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative



Yvette Cheeks received an award because of her work with the JDAI local committee where she represents the Lowell High School mediation program. She was given an Standing Ovation award by the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative (JDAI) 2019 at the awards breakfast. This

is due to all the work Yvette does on the Middlesex County JDAI steering committee chaired by Judge Blitzman.

Pictured, Yvette Cheeks receiving her award from Thula Sibanda JDAI State Coordinator

Second picture - left to right Yvette Cheeks, Cris and Deb Freitas (Freitas and Freitas Law firm of Lowell) (Also a recipient of the standing ovation award)

Peter Forbes, Commissioner of the Department of Youth Services, Judge Blitzman, Chief Justice of the Juvenile Court in Lowell (recipient of a recognition award because he is retiring), Judge Donovan, Justice of

the Juvenile Court in Lowell (recipient of a recognition award because she is retiring).

Our capacity to make peace with another person and with the world depends very much on our capacity to make peace with ourselves. Congratulations to Yvette for her much deserved recognition!!!!

Youth Olympics Curling team

Let's congratulate Ethan Hebert on making the Youth Olympics Curling team and will be representing the US in Switzerland in January 2020. It was a hard fought battle but Ethan and his team showed real grit and determination to come out on top at the end. Way to go Ethan!



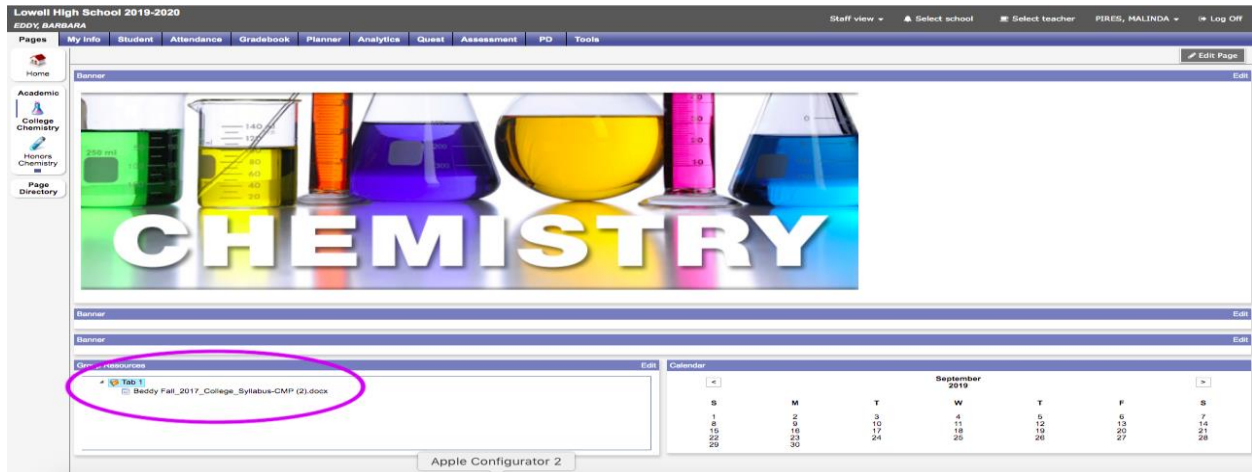
2019-2020 Student Council and Class Officers met the School Committee last Wednesday, 10/2



Student Council Officers accompanied the Senior Class Officers Wednesday night at the School Committee Meeting. This was the first of four yearly scheduled meetings with the School Committee to talk about student issues. Those students present at the meeting were: Senior Class President: Shaveen Gachau, Senior Vice President : Amina Bahati, Senior Class Senator: Joy Destiny, Senior Class Secretary : Linda Onyenwe, Senior Class Treasurer : Jasmine Seng, Student Council Vice President: Ava Carolan, and Student Council Treasurer: Sophia Cigliano.

Tech Tip from Malinda:

Google Classroom is a great way to share resources with students, but NOT for Parents. Well, in Google Classroom you can invite guardians to get a weekly summary of their student's progress, missing and upcoming work, and new teacher posts. However, Parents cannot access the classroom for the actual materials that are posted and Gradebook is in Aspen not Google Classroom. You also have the added work of entering the parent emails into the invite. Not to worry, there is a solution! Use your Aspen Class Page to communicate items like your Classroom Management Plan with Parents. You could even add a link to a Google form that allows parents to acknowledge receipt of these important documents/resources. This year is a great year to add this to your Aspen knowledge since we are looking to have parent view report cards through the portal and will not be sending out progress reports or report cards beginning semester 2.



What's ahead?

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. 9	Wed..	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	7:00pm	Library
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. 16	Wed.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L. T.
Oct. 16	Wed.	School Site Council Mtg.	6:00pm	HOS Conf. Rm.
Oct. 16	Wed.	PSAT's - Gr. 10	7:55am-12pm	
Oct. 16	Wed.	School Committee Mtg.	6:30pm	City Hall Council
Oct. 17	Thurs.	Latino Community Leaders Visit Classrooms @ LHS	8:00am-12:00pm	Teacher Classrooms
Oct. 18	Fri.	Homecoming	7:00pm	Cawley Stadium
Oct. 19	Sat.	Latino Parents Annual Conference	7:00am – 4:00pm	Café - L.T.
Oct. 23	Wed.	Distinguished Alumni Event – Evening	5:00pm - 8:00pm	EBTC
Oct. 24	Thurs.	Distinguished Alumni Event- Day	12:30pm – 2:30pm	LHS Aud.
Oct. 25	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff- HOST: Main Office & Friends (SSS, Nurses, Athletics, Lib. Custodians, Bank, Sro's, Dept. Chairs, Security, TV Studio, Gear Up/Trio, etc.	7:15am-7:45am	Teachers' s Lounge (off Main Café)
Oct. 27	Sun.	8th Grade Open House	11:30am - 2:00pm	LHS Aud.

Be well and enjoy your week ahead, and I want sincerely thank you for allowing me to enter and walk through your classrooms over the past several weeks - it has been my pleasure!

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"Moving together from good to GREAT -- everyone, every day, everywhere"



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Mondays are a great day to focus on what we GET TO do instead of what we HAVE TO do. Life is a gift, not an obligation.