

Good evening LHS family,

I hope everyone was able to stay warm in this frigid weather and of course I hope all the football enthusiasts enjoyed all the ups and downs of the Patriots game yesterday - what a roller coaster ride! My memo this week will be brief, but I do want to share a few exciting hi-lights from last week. Also, good luck to all with semester 1 assessments this week - I know it will be busy.

### **BRIGHT SPOTS!**

"Celebration Through Dance" Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King today, 1/21 - our LHS Black Unity Club Step Dance Team



The Middlesex Community College Foundation sponsored a tribute and celebration today of the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the Tsongas Arena. The program included dance, art project displays, historical character re-enactments, and gospel music.

The LHS Black Unity Club Step Team was honored and proud to participate in this celebration by acknowledging Dr. King's legacy through step dancing. Step Team Advisor, Shonii DiFrancesco, gave a brief history of the African origins of step dance and noted that Dr. King had step danced while studying at Boston University and pledging to the fraternity Alpha Psi Alpha. Thank you to Shonii and our step dance team for their excellent performance as well as representing LHS in such a positive and meaningful way!

## Mill City Show Choir Festival



On Saturday, 1/19 the Mill City Show Choir Festival was held in the Irish Auditorium at LHS. Show Choirs from across New England kicked off the start of the show choir competition season. LHS has hosted Mill City for almost 20 years and the festival has grown and become recognized as the official start of the season. Fourteen show choirs performed this year and I had the pleasure of watching the girls show choir perform their set. This picture was taken while they performed "Let it Be", it was an absolute pleasure to watch. All the different show choirs did a fabulous job representing LHS, special thanks to Mike Winslow for his leadership and support for all of our students participating in this event as well as all the work hosting it. Thank you to our Fine Arts Director, Sharon Clark for her support and leadership as well.

Ambassador visit to LHS on Monday, 1/14



His Excellence Dr. Carlos Veiga, Ambassador of Cabo Verde was welcomed by our Black Unity Club students last Monday. Our students prepared a full program including a welcome reception upon the ambassador's arrival. Dr. Veiga delivered warm, thoughtful and inspiring remarks to students and staff in the Little Theatre in the morning, he then met with Portuguese students, and also shared lunch with the group of students and staff who are traveling to Cape Verde next month. Dr. Veiga was also presented with an award recognizing his Leadership and Commitment to Social and Economic Advancement. Our Black Unity Club students did an outstanding job planning this event as well as making sure everything ran smoothly throughout the day. Dr. Veiga's visit concluded with a tour of downtown Lowell and a visit with Mayor Samaras and City Manager Donoghue where he was presented with the keys to the city. I'll be sure to forward along the Lowell Sun article when it gets published. Special thanks to Dr. Julio C. de Carvalho our Black Unity Club Advisor for his leadership and strong support, and Shonii DeFrancesco and Yvette Cheeks (Black Unity Club collaborators). We are grateful to all for such a positive and memorable event at Lowell High School!

Student Katherine Huang was one of the top 40 out of 4300 students!!!



Each year, U.S. high school women in grades 9 through 12 are eligible to receive recognition for their demonstrated interest and achievements in computing, proven leadership ability, academic performance, and plans for post-secondary education. This year, 40 winners and 360 honorable mentions were selected from more than 4,300 amazing, talented young women. Congratulations Katherine, we are very proud of you!

<https://www.aspirations.org/blog/four-hundred-us-high-school-women-are-recognized-technological-achievements-0>

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Jan. 22	Tues.	Honors Night Application Opens
Jan. 22-25	Tues.-Fri.	First Semester Assessments
Jan. 28	Mon.	Q3 Begins

Stay warm everyone and be well!



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