

Good afternoon LHS family,

This week will be a condensed week while we try to fit everything into 4 days due to our snow day today. I hope everyone managed the heavy snow and enjoyed the day. As you can see last week (like every week) was very busy here at LHS. Please continue to share good news items and events your students are involved in so I can share them out with everyone. We have much to be proud of, our students never cease to amaze me.

As a reminder, parent conferences are scheduled for next Wednesday, 3/13. Please encourage parents (and your students) to come in and meet with you to discuss their child's progress and opportunities for growth. Progress grades are due on Weds, 3/6 by 8:00am, distribution will be during advisory on 3/12 before parent conferences on 3/13.

### **BRIGHTS SPOTS AND CONGRATULATIONS!**

#### **Scholarships give out to AFJROTC students going to Nationals**



Fourteen scholarships were given out to the cadets toward their trip to the Nationals Drill Competition in Daytona Beach, Florida in May worth over \$4500. 10 LHS AFJROTC Alumni along with the Diaz Family; and Luna-Rivera Family presented the scholarships to the cadets. This is the 11th year the Alumni has assisted the cadets with their trip to the Nationals but this year was the highest donation amount ever!

**February was Black History Month**

Visit from Wilnelia Rivera



The Black Unity Club invited guest speaker Wilnelia Rivera (bio below) to recognize and celebrate Black History month on Tuesday, Feb 26. Wilnelia spoke about the importance of political and civic engagement. Wilnelia shared her journey and learnings from Lawrence High School to her current role as a Principal of Rivera, Consulting, Inc. She was motivational, inspiring and engaging and a pleasure to have on campus. Thank you to Yvette Cheeks for inviting her, and the Black Unity Club for sponsoring her to speak and share her fascinating story with us.

Wilnelia Rivera bio - From leading statewide policy campaigns for the reform of the criminal record system to integrated voter engagement and candidate campaigns, Wilnelia Rivera, Founder of Rivera Consulting, Inc., leads a movement building firm that inspires and enables social change while operationalizing solutions for the 21st century. Wilnelia is a political strategist, urban planner, and project management professional. Her journey began in Lawrence, Massachusetts, where her childhood was defined by the duality of injustice and persistent hope - planting her lifetime commitment to social change. This commitment took her first to the neighborhoods of Chicago and Detroit as a union organizer and then back home with Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts (N2N-MA).

At N2N-MA, she took a deep dive in the grassroots and progressive political movement of the Commonwealth, where she represented over 18,000 members. Together they elected dozens of candidates to political office, recruited 8,000 new members, and ushered a new era of criminal justice reform with the Commonwealth CORI Coalition. During this time, she also deepened her professional experience, through strategic partnerships and learning journeys that brought her to Los Angeles, Oakland, New Mexico, Miami, and New York City (Brooklyn and Bronx), Mondragon, and Venezuela. The course of Wilnelia's career shifted when she joined Governor Deval Patrick's senior staff as the Director of External Affairs, ushering a profound phase of public service in state government. She then established a cross-sector early college consortium at Madison Park Vocational High School and now is the Founder and Principal of Rivera, Consulting, Inc.

### March is Women's History Month

In recognition of Women's History month I thought it timely to share an article about the history of Women in Coding published recently by the New York Times Magazine. It was eye opening to find out that women were the first to code. Unfortunately, over time the participation of women in coding dropped dramatically for many reasons. There has been a new emphasis to encourage women back into the field led by Carnegie Mellon and several others. It's a bit of a read, but quite informative and worthwhile.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/13/magazine/women-coding-computer-programming.html>

### AFJROTC Cadets at the Golden Gloves

Our Cadets making us proud posting the colors for the Golden Gloves tournament at the Lowell Auditorium on Thursday Feb 28.



### Senior class officers meeting on Friday, March 1

It was a pleasure meeting with our officers this week to vote on who will be the 2019 Distinguished Alumni guest speaker.... they decided on, and invited Brian Chapman (local business owner) who was inducted in 2017. Congrats to Brian, we look forward to having him as part of our graduation ceremony!

**For your reading pleasure, reflection and discussion...**

Article written by Baruti Kafele, a highly respected school leader expert on how "Just One Teacher Can Completely Alter the Trajectory of a Child"

<http://www.principalkafelewrites.com/2019/01/just-one-teacher-can-completely-alter.html>

**Tech Tips from Malinda:**

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Managing your digital files can really help with time management. There is nothing worse than wasting time looking for something, or even worse, recreating something you cannot find. I like using a book analogy when explaining how to organize Google Drive. Think of your LPSD Google Drive as a book about your employment at LPSD, and create folders for the different chapters - reflecting the different aspects of your job. You can also nestle folders within folders to represent subchapters. A good way to start is to set a regular time aside (15 min/week) to work on organizing your files. Need help? Enter a help desk request for Technology Training/ITS or email [helpdesk@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:helpdesk@lowell.k12.ma.us) and I will set up a tutoring session with you.

**Example Folders:**

"The BOOK"	"Table of Contents"	"Sub-Chapters"	"Content" = files
Google Drive	### LHS Shared Labs ###		
	H-Algebra	Key Topic 1	File 1
			File 2
			File 3
		Key Topic 2	File 1
			File 2
		Projects	Project 1
	Common Assessments	Quarter 1	
	HH-Geometry		
	C-Algebra 2		
	Teach Point		
	Recommendations		
	Professional Development		

**Important Reminders:**

- Tech Test for on-line MCAS testing was moved to 3/12

**Upcoming:**

<b>March</b>				
Mar. 4-8	Mon.-Fri.	MCAS ELA & Math Rests		
Mar. 6	Wed.	Progress grades due by 8:00am		
Mar. 9	Sat.	MIE study session for AP Math Students		
Mar. 11	Mon.	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
Mar. 11	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
Mar. 12	Tues.	Tech Test for on-line MCAS testing	Extended advisory 9:25-10:05	
Mar. 13	Wed.	Student Voice Meeting	10:07-11:45 am	
Mar. 13	Wed.	Early Release	11:45am	
Mar. 13	Wed.	Parent – Teacher Conferences	2:30pm-4:30pm	
March 16 - rescheduled from March 2	Sat.	MIE study session for AP Lit. students		
March 25	Mon.	School site council meeting	6:00-7:00pm	L.T.
Mar. 29	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff	7:15am-7:45am	TBD
Mar. 26 and 26	Tues. & Weds.	MCAS Grade 10 ELA		

Have a fabulous week!

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