

Good evening LHS family,

I cannot thank everyone enough for their unwavering attention to our MCAS testing last week. I know there were many moving parts to test almost 800 students, but we exceeded expectations especially due to the many helpers throughout the week. As Charlie said we have 55 students that need to do make-ups, but we can do this. Charlie will send the names to each house office and we will begin make-ups on Tuesday. We had a few small hiccups along the way, but overall thanks to all of you we had a very successful first time computer based implementation. Let's hope our results are just as good!

Please remember DESE will be visiting classrooms at the times I already shared with you during the coming week. Tuesday will be the student focus group meeting in the am and the staff focus group in the afternoon at 3:15. I will also be in meetings with DESE throughout the week at central office. I will send under separate cover more details about what they planning for the classroom visits.

This week will be another busy week which is especially why we look forward to seeing you Friday after school at the Old Court Pub for some much needed down time with colleagues. Thank you to our Staff Voice - Morale Group for setting up this event for our enjoyment.

BRIGHTS SPOTS AND CONGRATULATIONS!

100 Most Influential Leaders

Congratulations to Dr. Maria Vejar for being recognized and honored by the International Institute of New England as part of 100 of the most influential leaders from Lowell's vibrant immigrant community.

The International Institute of New England was founded in Lowell, MA in 1918. Since then, the people of Lowell have been our partners in welcoming, resettling, educating, and supporting newcomers to the city. As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our founding, we invite the Greater Lowell region to join in honoring 100 of the most influential advocates, trailblazers, and leaders from Lowell's vibrant immigrant community.

For more information on this prestigious event, please see the link below.

<https://iine.org/100>

Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to our nominees for the 2019 Teacher of the Year Award!

Paula Sweeney
Stacy Decker
Jennifer Carey
Amanda Ernst
Ryan Keefe
Colleen Sullivan (paraprofessional)

Please attend and support your colleagues, you can buy tickets from the building reps. Tickets will **not** be sold at the door as this event sells out every year! Deadline for tickets is April 26th. The celebration will

take place on Wednesday, May 8th at the UMass Inn and Conference Center from 5:30-9:00. Tickets are \$40 and includes dinner.

LHS Transitional Resources Fair



The 3rd Annual Transitional Resources Fair took place on March 26, 2019 in the LHS cafeteria. What a success it was as approximately 50 families gathered to explore community resources and enjoy refreshments and raffles! Seventeen vendors provided valuable information regarding "Turning 22" resources as well as recreational and community assistance services. Vendors included CMAA, CTI, You're With Us, Shriver JobWorks, DDS, MRC, and more. Additionally, 12 schools from the district were represented along with 10+ representatives from LHS! It was a great turnout for all. Thanks to Barbara Beaton and her team for making this possible for our families in the district!





eSports - New to LHS!

eSports has come to MA high schools beginning in the fall of 2018. The varsity level sport holds fall and spring seasons where students from high schools around the state compete against each other to be named State Champion. eSports offers League of Legends, Smite and Rocket League.

The newly started eSports Club at Lowell High School is competing in League of Legends this spring season where we are holding our own, beating the fall State Champion and the runner up so far this season. There are 5 teams, of 5 players each team. 4 weeks into this season, Lowell has 2 teams tied with each other for the #1 spot in the state, 1 team tied for 6th place, and 2 teams tied for 16th place.

If you would or any of your students would like to find out more about the eSports Club, please stop by and see Mr. Taylor in room 629, or Security Guard Anthony Gomes.

If you would like to see the eSports teams compete, please stop by after school on Tuesday's in room 648, and watch the teams compete against other high schools. Thanks to Anthony and Wayne for their role as advisors to the up and coming club - looks like its a winner!



Financial Literacy Fair

Jeanne D'arc Credit Union hosted the 9th annual MoneyStrong for Life Financial Literacy Fair at the Tsongas Center last Wednesday. Close to 350 LHS seniors took advantage of this opportunity to discover what it is like to make financial decisions at the age of 25 and how challenging it is to not go over budget. Lot's of lessons learned. Thanks to Roxane and her team, including Jeanne D'arc CU for arranging and making the Financial Literacy Fair a possibility for our Seniors again this year!



Judicial Outreach Week

Judge Fortes, Judge Pearson, Assistant Chief Court Officer Dave Cremin and Steve Mastandrea who is a Chief Probation Officer came to share lunch with students on Friday to talk about the priorities of the court and hear students' questions plus learn about what might be concerning students. Our Culinary students served a fabulous lunch while we enjoyed our discussion with our visitors. Thanks to Robert DeLossa and Amana Ernst their part in making this happen as well!

Tech Tip from Malinda:

It is very important that you do not use your LPSD email box for storage. There is a limited amount of space on the mail server for the entire district, and each individual is allotted a small piece of it. When the server gets close to being maxed out, we begin to see performance issues that affect us all. Please make sure you clean out **all** the old items from your mailbox including items from your inbox, draft, sent, junk, and deleted folders. Also, clean out any additional folders you made as well.

There are 2 tools provided by the district to help you track important emails.

1. Use the NEW Barracuda Message Archiver to access all your old emails. This includes everything that has been sent and received by your email address within the last SEVEN years! <https://mas.barracudanetworks.com> Please bookmark this for easy access.
2. Use your LPSD Google Drive to save and organize PDF copies of emails and mail attachments you want to keep.

Need help? Or would you like some tips and tricks to streamline the process? Enter a help desk request for Technology Training/ITS or email helpdesk@lowell.k12.ma.us and I will set up a tutoring session with you.

LOOKING AHEAD:

There will be a Job Fair for all students interested in a part time job on **April 11th** from 3pm-5pm in the Lowell High School Cafeteria. Please see the attached flyer. Thank you for spreading the word to our students.

April

DATE	DAY	EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
April				
April 4	Thurs.	Q4 Begins		
April 5	Fri.	Staff event after school	starts at 2:30pm	Old Court
April 8	Mon..	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
April 8	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T.
April 11	Thurs	Job Fair	3:00 - 5:00pm	Cafe
April 12	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff-Host E House	7:15am - 7:45am	Teacher's Center
April 12	Fri.	Khmer New Year Celebration	4:00pm - 10:00pm	Cafe
April 11	Thurs.	Q3 Report Cards Distributed		
April 15-19	Mon. – Fri.	No School – Spring Vacation, Patriots Day Mon.		
April 19	Fri.	No School - Good Friday		
April 26	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff- Host C House	7:15am-7:45am	L.T.

I hope you all have a good week, spring break is on the horizon!
Have a purposeful week everyone!

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