

Good evening LHS family!

We did it - we sailed through three full days of school last week including one very hot one on Thursday. Even though it was tough, I believe we sent a positive message to our students and to each other that we can all persevere through some difficult temperatures and still be productive. I had the opportunity to walk around to many parts of our school this past week including the Freshman Academy. It was gratifying to observe all the passion for teaching and learning in our classrooms.

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts to be present in the hallways and address consistency with school rules such as; head coverings and earbuds. I know if we remain steadfast with this, it will be easier in the long run.

Please continue to welcome students each day and remind them of the importance of coming to school. This is critical especially this time of year while we are setting the tone for the year. Students need to feel like it matters when they show up to school and that we care if they are not here. Don't forget the phone calls home; a positive call goes a long way through the school year with some of our neediest students.

DID YOU KNOW?

District Leadership

Next Wednesday and Thursday are our first of the new school year district-wide leadership dates. Half of the leadership team will attend on Wednesday and the other half will attend on Thursday. I like to let everyone know when these are happening so you are aware of our absence from the building.

TeachPoint update:

Due 9/1 - all educators should have signed their tracking statements by now

Due 10/31 - all educators need to complete their self-assessment and goal setting plan (you will have early release time to work on these)

Be on the lookout - your department chairs and I will be using the [Evaluator Evidence Log for Educators](#) more consistently this year than in years past to ensure you receive more written feedback through our TeachPoint tool. I know this method is different, but it will help make sure we can easily include all the work you've done through the year when it comes time to complete your summative evaluations. Our TeachPoint tool will upload all of the evaluator evidence logs into your summative evaluation. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to speak to your department chair.

Engaging with Our Students' Families

As we start off the year, one of our goals is to more deeply engage and collaborate with our students' families. Jessica Lander (ELL/Social Studies teacher) works and has written extensively in this field. For those looking to grow their practice and learn new strategies for partnering with their students' families, she is excited to be a resource. Please reach out to her if you want to

discuss ways to build stronger family relationships - perhaps you want to use the Remind App to connect with families, or re-think how you set up Parent-Teacher Night. In addition, this could be a great resource for TeachPoint Standards 3 and 4.

Clubs and Activities

We are posting the following positions for this school year:

- ILC-French Chapter
- After School Dance Ensemble
- Black Unity Club
- TV Production
- Engineering/Robotics

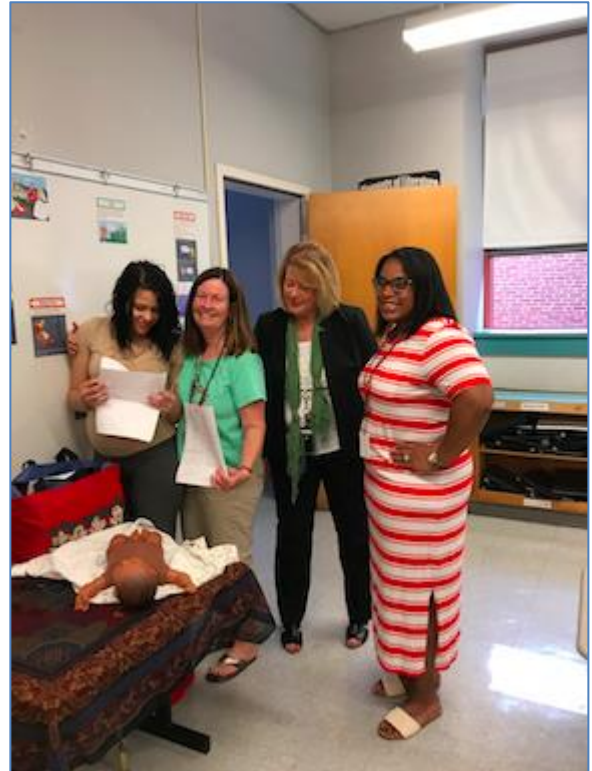
Our Story:

Our culinary teachers, Therese Packard and Seth Bernier are taking the story message a bit further in their classrooms and I thought I'd share how they approached this with their students as written by Therese and Seth... way to go guys, talk about building **Relationships!**

We thought we would share an opening day project we did with the Culinary Arts classes. We took the "My Story" theme and turned it into "Our Story". Since our classes all consist of mixed groups (beginner, intermediate, and advance) and therefore don't necessarily know one another, we asked students to share some basic information about themselves (Favorite class, favorite & least favorite foods). We have posted the response cards in restaurant as "Chapter One, The Team". We hope to add new chapters and build a bulletin board outside the restaurant so everyone can see Our Story unfold throughout the year.



Look what I walked into on Friday at the FA! Special Ed Bio Teacher Mary Fran Levasseur sharing infant massage techniques (she is newly certified) with Deanna Masse's class and a former student who is a soon to be mamma. Very impressive Mary Fran - talk about **Relevance!**



DUE FRIDAY:

Any student interested in applying to be a member of the student voice group needs to submit their application by Friday, 9/14. The same goes for any staff member that is interested in applying to be a member of the staff voice group needs to apply by Friday, 9/14. Applications can be sent to me via email or dropped off in the baskets in the main lobby. Looking forward to our work together in these groups!

LOOK AHEAD

Date	Day	Description	Time	Location
Sept. 5	Wed	School Committee Mtg.	6:30pm	City Hall Council
Sept. 10	Mon.	ID/Portrait Photo/Makeups/L./T.	12:00pm-2:30pm	L.T.
Sept. 10	Mon.	Latin Lyceum Parent Assoc. Mtg.	6:00pm – 7:00pm	L.T.
Sept. 10	Mon.	Friends of Lowell High School Mtg.	7:00pm	L.T
Sept. 11	Tues.	9/11 Tribute, AFJROTC	9:30am	LHS Main Flag Poles
Sept. 19	Wed.	Early Release – Students	11:45am	
Sept. 28	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff Host B House	7:15am-7:45am	L.T.
Sept. 29	Sat.	MIE study session for AP Lit. Students		

I hope you all have an amazing and strong first FULL week of school! We got this!

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