

Good evening LHS family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support and efforts to remain diligent in the hallways last week following the major unfortunate incident that took place downtown last weekend. This week the deans and I were consumed with addressing involved students (with their parents) to ensure they were given a strong and consistent message regarding their unacceptable behavior.

As a reminder - there are so many wonderful things happening here at LHS every day which show the real stories of Lowell High School! Please remember to send your stories, pictures, positive actions, or anything at all to me so I can share them here in our Monday Memo.

SHOUT OUT!

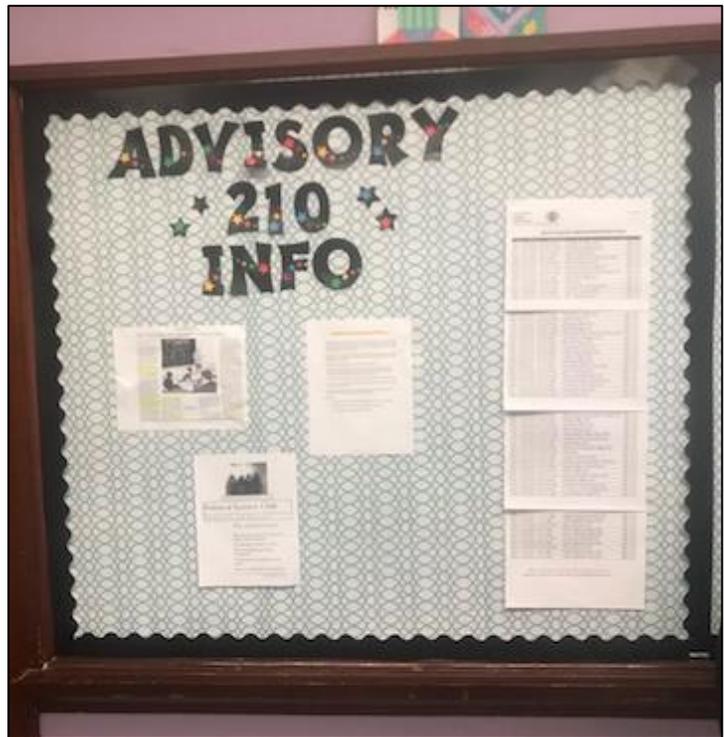
Thanks to Allyson Carbone for sharing this awesome news - "I'd like to highlight a positive happening in the Spec. Ed. department. Amanda Perrin and Steve Szecskas (Latin Lyceum teacher) have collaborated and crossed "departmental lines" to facilitate the opening of the Copy Center. Now, despite staffing limitations within LEAP, the students will still be able to develop vocational skills and provide the entire high school with an invaluable service. It's people like Amanda and Steve that make LHS such a great place for both teaching and learning!"

Here are some positive things seen in the hallways and classrooms of LHS!

Growth Mindset!



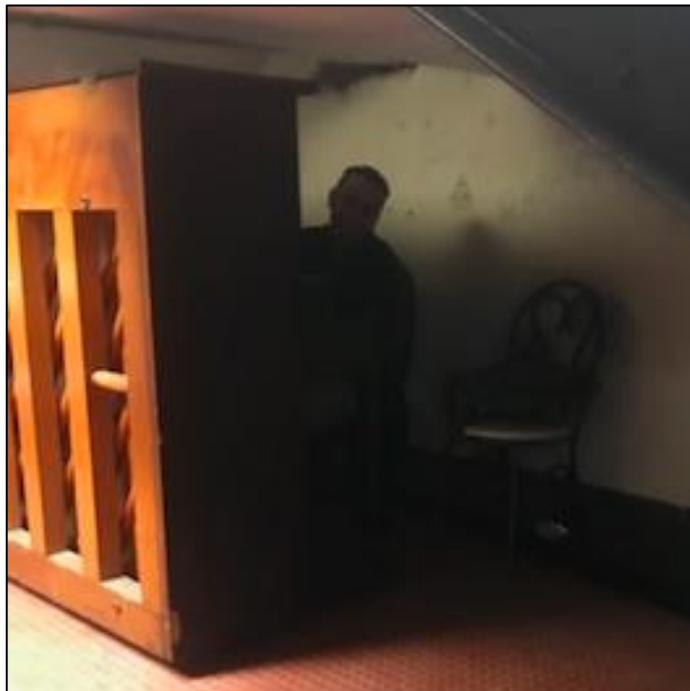
Advisory Classroom - informative and setting goals!



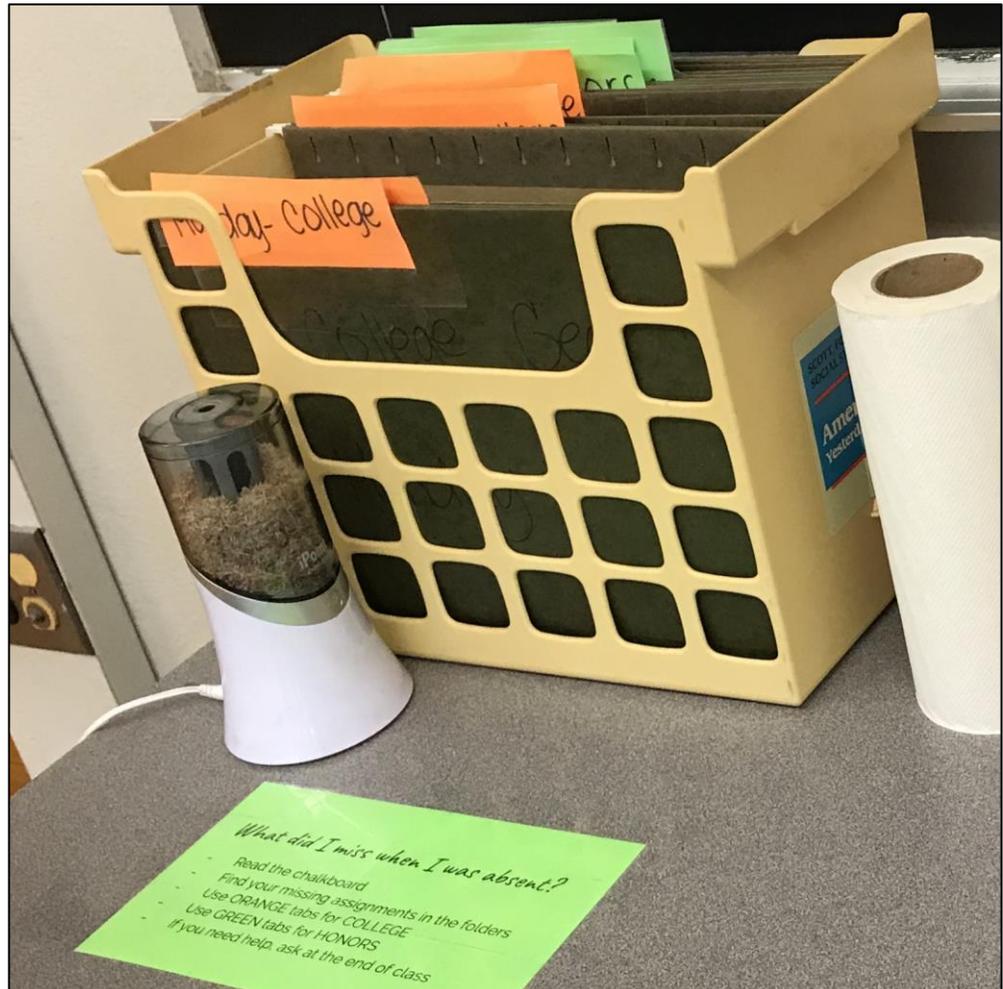
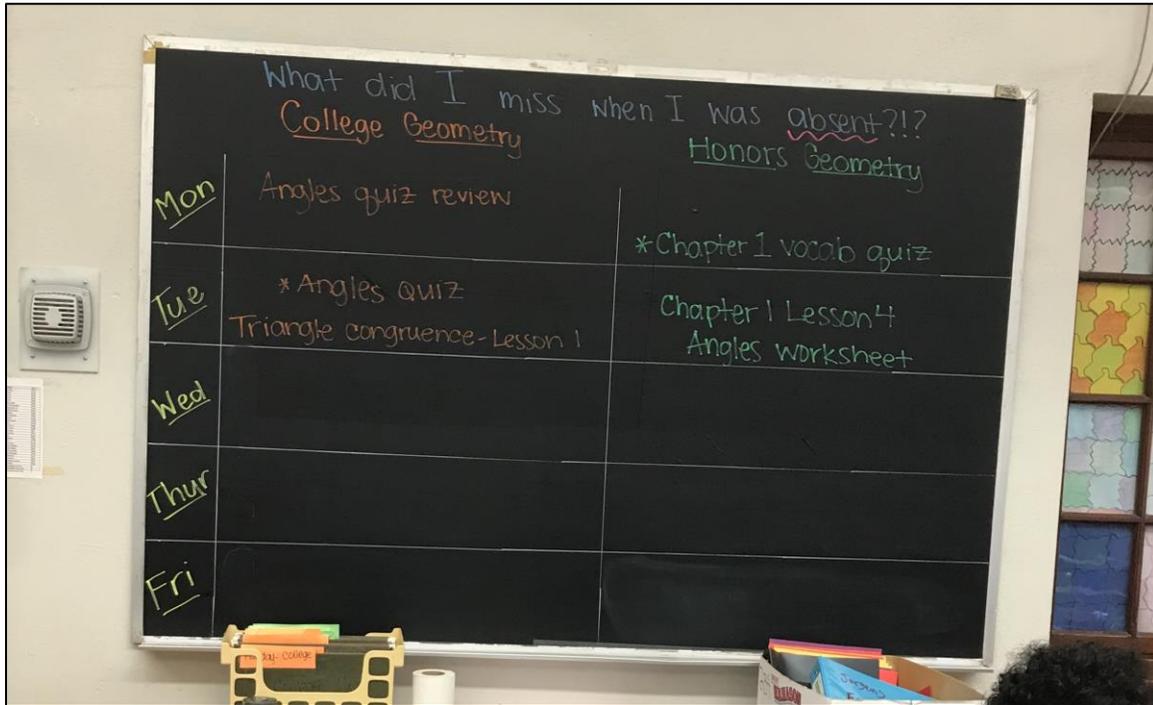
Humans of Lowell - outside the Teacher Center area (displayed by our students)



B House Student Nick Figueroa (a little hard to see in the picture) arrives before other kids and plays an old piano under the stairs for kids and staff who enter from Kirk Street, an example of what the real story of LHS is. Thanks to Deidre for sending this along. This makes my heart happy!



Great idea for encouraging students to catch up on what they missed when they were out!



DID YOU KNOW?

- Best Buddies Club is having their first informational meeting on Tuesday, September 20th right after school in the Cafeteria for all interested students. We are so happy this club is coming to LHS!!!! Thank you Kate Ronan and Jackie Verzone for making this possible for our students.
- Amanda Ernsts' brother Daniel who graduated from Lowell High School in 2014 has written a book. It will be available on Amazon on September 25th. Thanks for sharing this exciting news about a LHS recent graduate and your brother Amanda!

Here is a link to his blog for promoting the book.

<https://medium.com/embracing-tomorrow/a-desperate-need-for-hope-54afac9d75ae>

PLEASE WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

Michael Winslow - Choral Director

Michael has been a Choral Director for the past 18 years. He is happy to be back home in Massachusetts and here at Lowell High School. Throughout his career, Michael's choirs have been named First Place/Grand Champions in competitions countless times including the FAME National Show Choir Series in Orlando, Los Angeles and New York. In 2011, his show choir place 2nd in the entire country. His groups have performed at The Grand Old Opry, Hard Rock Cafe Live, and many other distinguished venues throughout the United States. His show choir was lucky enough to be the first show choir ever to be invited to perform in Carnegie Hall. In addition to his responsibilities at LHS, Michael is also the Artistic Director of The Hartford Gay Men's Chorus and directs the choir, Rock Voices, in Framingham. He is a freelance arranger, soloist, and adjudicator. He currently is living in Worcester with his pug, Gracie.

Jillian Gorman – EL Teacher

Jillian has been working in the Lowell Public Schools for 14 years. Before transitioning to the high school, she worked as an English Learner teacher at the Butler Middle School. When she is not in the classroom, she enjoys spending time outdoors with her daughter, who celebrated her fifth birthday on August 28th, and her husband, Bryan. She is thankful to have been given this opportunity and excited to start this new chapter in her career.



On a final note, I would like to share this video with you to remind you of the significance relationships have on children. I know this video is more focused on younger children but I think the message is still applicable and noteworthy.

<https://blog.asha.org/2016/10/06/video-on-positive-adult-child-communication-goes-viral/>

Video on Positive Adult-Child Communication Goes Viral

Atlanta Speech School's video "Every Opportunity" has gone viral around the country and world. The video stars a young boy who explains how he feels when an adult ignores him or loses patience with him. The story goes on to demonstrate how positive changes in adults' communication behavior can profoundly affect a child's vocabulary, language, speech, spelling, reading and other literacy skills to help them prosper into adulthood. Initially picked up by the [Huffington Post](#), the video was then featured on the [Scary Mommy blog](#), and [HLN's Weekend Express](#) interviewed Comer Yates, the school's executive director. The media coverage started a sharing tsunami, which reached more than 1.2 million views so far:

LOOK AHEAD

Date	Day	Description	Time	Location
Sept. 28	Fri.	Schoolhouse Breakfast with all staff Host B House	7:15am-7:45am	Little Theatre
Sept. 29	Sat.	MIE study session for AP Lit. Students		
Oct. 1	Mon.	MIE AP Kick-off event	9:30	Auditorium
Oct. 3	Wed.	Early Release		
Oct. 9	Tue.	Parent/Teacher Open House	5:30 (Freshman start) 6:00 (10-12)	
Oct. 10	Wed	PSAT's for all grade 10 and 11 students		

Have an amazing weekend everyone! I hope to see you in the halls, classrooms and at our first All Staff Schoolhouse breakfast on Friday!

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