

Good evening LHS family,

I hope you all had a good weekend and enjoyed the Red Sox games and look forward to winning the World Series!

We held our first student voice group meeting on Friday, it was a full session where we discussed many different ways to enhance Lowell High. Our students had many positive ideas and potential solutions to share which you will be hearing more about in the upcoming month. We plan to meet every other week for approximately one class period, depending on whether it is on either side of advisory, or first or last period of the day. Students are concerned about missing class time (and I know we are too) so we will mix up the time of the meetings throughout the year. What a fantastic group of students, I'm looking forward to getting to know them and work together this year!

Thanks to all who attended our Schoolhouse Breakfast last Friday, and to our many food contributors who made it possible. It was nice to see so many staff members participate. We are looking at ways to make more seating possible for next time. Jeans and Red Sox gear were the highlight of the day! Our next breakfast event is in January and will be hosted by "C-House". Congratulations to Mara Winward who won the primo parking spot for November!



Tuesday will be the first, and only HOME game for our newly formed UNIFIED Basketball Team. They played their first game last week at Tewksbury and had a blast. The impact on our student athletes and partners has been tremendous and heartwarming. This is first time these athletics have been able to compete on a High School Athletic Team and they couldn't be prouder. Please plan (staff and students) to cheer them on Tuesday at 4:00pm in our gym - it will make your day, I promise!!!! Let's show them some LHS love and support!

2018 Unified Basketball Team



First away game!



Practicing!

CONGRATULATIONS!

AF JROTC - Congratulations to our Air Force Junior ROTC team of instructors and cadets!!! There will be an upcoming press release... but here's a preview:

Lowell High School earned an overall unit assessment score of "Exceeds Standards" - the highest rating possible - during their evaluation on 23-Oct-2018. Lt Col Eileen M. Ironfield, CMSgt Bruce M. Kimball, TSgt David A. Smith, and MSgt Kevin M. Casilli, created a dynamic and supportive learning environment coupled with an excellent community outreach. The instructors provided outstanding leadership in administering the cadet centered citizenship program. The Lowell High School cadets performed exceptionally well and took great pride in leading and accomplishing their unit goals. The Lowell High School Air Force ROTC citizenship program is making a positive impact on the cadets, the school and the community.

Congratulations to our instructors and students - you make us proud every day!

Distinguished Alumni Event - Congratulations to our 2018 honorees and thank you to them (their family member or friend) for sharing their inspiring stories:

Helen Mangan Brooks - Class of '37

Donald W. Dowd - Class of '47

Peter W. Stamas - Class of '47

Brendan V. McAdams - Class of '54

James J. Campbell - Class of '62



WELCOME:

Our German colleagues have arrived! As a reminder, they will be here for two weeks and thanks again to our gracious hosts:

Tonya Frenette, Donna Newcomb, Greg Pastrick, and myself. Other LHS helpers include Jan Barrett, Kathy Downey, Steven Gervais, Barbara Hodgson, and Tom Thornton.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

We had a recent incident where a student took a cell phone picture of a teacher in the classroom without permission and then posted it on Instagram. This is a good time to remind all students of our cell phone policy including the implications taking pictures or video without permission. I am requesting all advisory teachers to take a moment to remind students of the policy this week.

Cell phones and other electronic devices must be off and put away while in school except as itemized:

Cell phones and other electronic devices may be used in the cafeteria during lunches. Silent cell phone use may occur in the hallways during class changing time. Silent cell phone use is allowable for students' individual communication needs; **photography and videography are prohibited in the halls without prior permission.** This privilege must not interfere with students arriving to class on time and the phone must be turned off before entering class. This right can be taken away at any point if so determined by the Head of School Cell phone use is allowed in the classroom for teacher directed educational purposes only. No cell phone is to be used in the classroom without explicit direction from the teacher. Substitute teachers are not authorized to allow cell phone use by students during the class period being covered.

Any student using a cell phone in class without prior permission from the teacher (text messaging, phone conversations, checking messages or the time, or using as a calculator) will have his or her phone confiscated and may face disciplinary action to include detention and/or suspension. **Use of the cell phone in unauthorized ways to include inappropriate picture taking and harassing and bullying behavior or a complete disregard for the policy could result in more serious actions such as referral to the alternative school and/or possible expulsion.** Any student who repeatedly violates this policy will have his or her privilege to carry a cell phone in school terminated and face other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate.

TEACHPOINT REMINDER:

All educators need to complete their self-assessment, and goal setting plans in TeachPoint by 10/31! Three days left!!!!

LOOK AHEAD

Date	Day	Description	Time	Location
10/29	Mon	Parent Voice Meeting	6:00pm	Little Theatre
10/30	Tues	First Home Unified Basketball Game against Andover	4:00pm	
11/3	Sat	SAT's at LHS	4-5:30pm	
11/3	Sat	Benjamin Butler 200th B-day Celebration		Burgoyne Auditorium
11/4	Sun	8th Grade Open House	11:30am	auditorium
11/5	Mon	Q2 Begins		
11/6	Tues	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Election Day - Staff Professional Day		
11/7	Wed	MEFA Parent Seminar	6:00pm	Auditorium
11/8-11/15	Thurs-Thurs	MCAS ELA and Math Retests		(Thurs, Fri, Tues, Weds, Thurs)
11/8	Thurs	Latin Lyceum Open House	6:30pm	Little Theatre

11/9	Fri	Salute to Lowell Veterans		Auditorium
11/12	Mon	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day		
11/14	Wed	Latin Lyceum Parent Association meeting	6:00pm	
11/14	Wed	Friends of Lowell High School meeting	7:00pm	Little Theatre
11/15	Thurs	LHS Hall of Fame Event	6:00-8:00pm	Lenzi's
11/16	Fri	Harvest Dance	6:30pm	UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center

Thanks for all you do in our classrooms every day - you make all the difference for our students!

Have a wonderful week - go SOX!



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