

Dear LHS family,

Last week was very busy, plus we endured some extremely difficult news regarding the loss of our student Anna. Students and staff struggled through the news but we supported each other along the way. It was heartbreaking and didn't make sense, and still doesn't. As a reminder, if you hear or see any student behavior that is concerning, please reach out to your house office immediately. There have been several situations we have addressed since her passing and we need to remain diligent. If you would like to attend Anna's funeral service on Tuesday, please let Sue Francisco know so we know who will be out of the building.

HI-LIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Our Unified Basketball team played their first home game on Tuesday afternoon vs. Andover. They loved every minute of it, and those of us who watched them did too! Thanks again for the collaboration between special education and athletics for making this come to fruition for our students!



Arn Chorn-Pond, founder of Cambodian Living Arts was here with master musicians from Cambodia previewing "Heartstrings" last Wednesday. There were students from dance, guitar, chorus, ELL, and a social studies class - our students were a very good audience.



Our new Best Buddies Club met for a Halloween Match Party. This was the first time the buddies met their matches plus they had a chance to enjoy some treats and fun activities.



Some costumes seen around school on Wednesday - so fun!



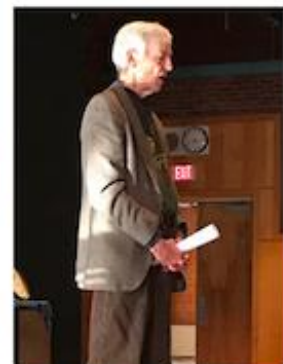
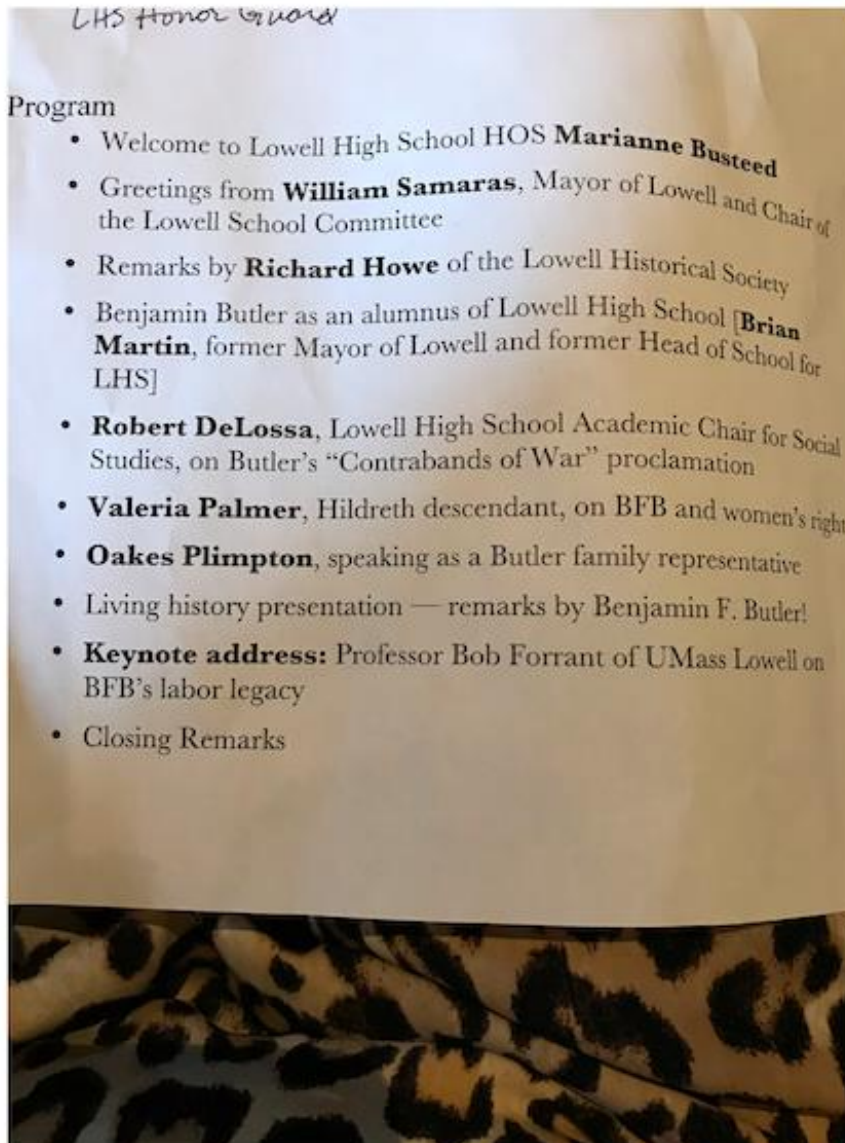
Our International Language Club celebrated the Day of the Dead!



We held our 8th Grade Open House event today thanks to Jill Rothschild and her team for providing this opportunity for interested 8th grade students and their families. It was a team effort and we are grateful for everyone who came out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to make this possible.



Thanks to Robert DeLossa for planning a celebration of the 200th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin Butler's birth. It was a joint event with Lowell High School, UMass Lowell's History Department, The Lowell Historical Society, and the Lowell National Historical Park. Benjamin Butler graduated from Lowell High School in 1831. It was a delightful afternoon learning all about a Lowell High School alumnus and his impact on not only Lowell, but Massachusetts and beyond.



Auf Wiedersehen! Good-bye to our visiting German Teachers and a huge thank you to Katie Keefe for ensuring they had a positive, fun and successful visit. Her commitment to this program and the visit was tremendous and we really appreciate it! Thanks again to our host families and everyone who made them feel welcome during their visit. When I met with our guests to say goodbye on Friday, I asked them what stood out for them the most during their time at LHS.... they said the relationships that teachers have with their students was inspiring and noteworthy. I was thrilled to hear that since we know that relationships are such an important part of Teaching and Learning at LHS and the Big 3 (Rigor, Relevance and Relationships).

This Saturday, a group of Lowell High School writers attended the conference: MYIDENTITY: Reclaiming ourselves through writing and the arts. The conference welcomed young writers from all over the world. Juniors Mariama Jalloh and Kevin Truong, with the support of Kendra Bauer, facilitated a session on exploring identity labels.

**REMINDER:**

Grades for Marking Period 1 closed on Friday (11/2) - Marking Period 2 starts on Monday (11/5).

Teacher grades and comments are due in Aspen on Thursday (11/8) at 8:00 a.m.

Report Cards for Marking Period 1 will be distributed in Advisory on Tuesday (11/13)

The deadline for any Q2 course changes is Tuesday, November 20th. If you anticipate any students needing to change a course, these conversations should be happening now in order to process as soon as possible. Teachers should be reaching out to their department chairs to initiate the process of any proposed changes.

LOOK AHEAD

Date	Day	Description	Time	Location
11/5	Monday	Q2 Begins		
11/6	Tuesday	NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS - Election Day - Staff Professional Day		
11/7	Wednesday	MEFA Parent Seminar	6:00pm	Auditorium
11/8	Thursday	Latin Lyceum Open House	6:30pm	Little Theatre
11/9	Friday	Salute to Lowell Veteran	9:30am	Auditorium
11/12	Monday	NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day		
11/14	Wednesday	Student Voice Meeting	7:30-8:45am	Little Theatre
11/14	Wednesday	Latin Lyceum Parent Association Mtg.	6:00pm	Little Theatre
		Friends of Lowell High School meeting	7:00pm	
11/15	Thursday	LHS Hall of Fame Event	6:00-8:00pm	Lenzi's
11/16	Friday	Harvest Dance	6:30pm	UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
11/8- 11/15	Thurs- Thurs	MCAS ELA and Math Retests		(Thurs, Fri, Tues, Weds, Thurs)

Have a great week everyone and go Patriots!

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