Message from Mr. Turmel, LMHS Principal

Upon return from spring break the pace of the school year will pick up dramatically with end of the year activities and events. This is always an exciting time of the year full of good weather, spring athletics, college acceptances, the prom, and graduation events. The challenge for the teachers is keeping the students grounded and focused as we navigate through the 4th quarter with important MCAS, PARCC and AP testing. Students are also in the process of selecting classes for next year while they try to end the year’s coursework on a strong note. The school will utilize all tools available to communicate deadlines, events and activities. I hope all the students and families enjoy the weather and week off. It has been a long winter.

*There has been a change to the school calendar that I would like to make families aware of; May 16th is a half day for students and May 23rd becomes a full day for students.

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Students in French III Class Skype with Students in France

Advanced French students had the opportunity to Skype with a French class in Louviers, France, in the Normandy Region. The French students are studying to be in the hospitality industry. The two groups have planned future Skype sessions, as well as email pen pal communications. This opportunity presented itself to us thanks to a local resident who is spending a year abroad in France.
College Planning Night for Juniors
April 30th at 7:30pm
On Wednesday, April 30th, at 7:30 (right after SAT prep class) there will be a college planning informational session in the library. Both parents and students are encouraged to attend. The information will be targeted toward juniors who are getting ready to enter into the college application process, but parents and students in younger grades are welcome.

Open House for Incoming 7th and 9th Graders – April 30th
Also on Wednesday, April 30th, there will be open house for current 6th grades students who will be new to our middle school and current 8th grade students who will be starting high school next year. An informational meeting for incoming 7th graders will take place in the cafeteria and the meeting for incoming 9th graders will be in the library. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Counseling Information Blog
leecounselor.blogspot.com
In an ongoing effort to find new ways to get information to you in efficient and effective ways we have created a blog for school counseling information here at LMHS.

What’s the advantage of a blog?
Information posted to the blog is on there for you to check as you please, but you can also sign up to receive emails when new information is posted or follow @leecounselor on Twitter where new blog entries are tweeted. The blog is mobile-friendly and very easy to read on whatever device you use (computer, smartphone, or tablet). If you use a blog reader, it will work with that as well. Also, information posted on the blog can be translated into most languages with a simple dropdown box. You get to choose how you do or don’t use it.

What type of information will be posted there?
Information about upcoming events relating to school counseling (college fairs, career fairs, etc.) that you already hear about through the newsletter, announcements, and all-calls will be there. We also plan to use it for important milestones in the college application process, scholarship deadline reminders, and other information we think would be pertinent to you. In addition to that there are often opportunities for things such as college programs, job opportunities, summer programs, etc. that we will post to the blog. Often times these types of things don’t merit an all-call home or an interruption of class time to let you know about them so flyers get posted in the halls and may or may not get noticed by students. The blog is designed to communicate these opportunities more effectively.
Dangers of Prescription Drugs and Heroin Panel Discussion

On Friday, May 16th, at 9:30am in the LMHS Auditorium a panel will be discussing the dangers of prescription drugs and heroin. The use of these drugs in the United States, Massachusetts, Berkshire County and Lee is prevalent. Speakers from the Berkshire County Task Force, the District Attorney's Office, medical professionals, a parent of a recovering addict, a recovering addict and others will be speaking and answering questions concerning this topic. The 9th - 12th grade students, parents and community members are encouraged to join us for this forum.

LMHS Alumni Named Springfield College Athlete of the Week

Tanner DeVarennes (LMHS class of 2013) has been selected as the Springfield College Male Maroon Club Athlete of the Week after leading the Pride to three wins in Hilton Head, South Carolina on Spring Break.

The first-year from Lee, Mass. went unbeaten in at No. 1 singles this week, beating Wisconsin Eau-Claire's Ryan Vande Linde (0-6, 6-4, 10-6), Goucher's Seth Hoesman (6-2, 3-6, 6-4) and Scranton's David Teres (2-6, 6-4, 11-9).

The Sport Management major also notched two wins at No. 1 doubles, with partner Joe Giannelli, beating Goucher, 8-5 and St. Louis College of Pharmacy, 8-0.

Art Classes Visit the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute

Sculpture and Drawing & Painting classes visit the Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute in Williamstown.

With renovations taking place there were currently only three exhibits to view.

- Face Time: Portraits and Figures in Paintings and Sculpture
- Sacred and Profane: Four Hundred Years of Religious and Mythological Paintings
- Land, Sea, and Sky: The Natural World in Art 1600–1900

The group participated in a guided tour, gallery talks, and interactive experience with the “How to Look at Art” theme. This trip provided a very basic approach to exploring art which calls attention to compositional details like use of light, use of red, placement of figures and objects, how space is organized, through asking students to consider what they can see in the picture and determine what is generally going on.
Talent Show – Thursday, April 10th
LMHS Alumni, Julia Warner, Receives Award

Julia Warner of Lee, a student at Westfield State University, has been selected by the Massachusetts Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (MAHPERD) as an Outstanding Future Professional.

This award is given to undergraduate students who have demonstrated dedication to the Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance profession and have shown contributions to their college and community.

Two LMHS Students Selected as Winners for Logo Contest

Isley Gagnon (left) and Madison Curtin’s (right) entries were selected as winners for the Knead a Bagel logo contest. Knead a Bagel is a new business that will be opening up on Main Street in Lee.

Knead a Bagel is planning on opening on April 21st, and will serve fresh bagels baked daily, flavored cream cheese, bagel sandwiches and more.

Mrs. Roosa Inducted into MCLA Hall of Fame

Jennifer (Maloney) Roosa had a stellar soccer career in North Adams. The three year standout amassed 41 goals in her career and led her team to the regular season championship in 1994. She held the school record for points in a career up until 2009, and was a two time All New England selection during her first two seasons. A two time MVP, she also led the MASCAC in scoring as a junior.

She was also made the Dean’s list during her time in North Adams. She would go on to earn her business degree and continue her education at UMass where she earned her MBA. She also achieved her teaching degree from sister institution Westfield State University.

Mrs. Roosa is a math teacher and the girls JV soccer coach at LMHS.

Congratulations to the Lee Robotics team for winning ‘Best Research Project’ at the 15th Annual Berkshire County Lego Robotics Challenge on March 31st!
Attention Seniors, Class of 2014!!!

In an effort to help with the financial impact of Senior Class Dues, we are accepting payments starting now. Dues help to cover the cost of Senior Class Trip, Graduation and Class Night expenses, Caps and Gowns, and a Yearbook.

**Dues in the amount of $120 are due by May 2, 2014. You can pay as little or as much as you would like to now. You may bring payments to Mrs. Briggs or Mrs. Wade or you may pay online.**

**To pay online, visit the Lee Public Schools home page (www.leepublicschools.net) and then choose Online Payments from the links on the right.**