LMHS wishes you all the best during this holiday season and into the New Year!

PSAT Score Reports Distributed on Monday 12/22

On Monday, all students who took the PSAT in October will receive their score reports and test booklets back during advisories. They will watch a video explaining what the report means and how they can use it in academic and post-secondary planning.

https://www.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/your-next-steps-using-results-video

They will also spend time reviewing some of the questions they got wrong. Be sure to ask your child to see the report when they come home on Monday.

Parent Input Needed for New LPS 5-Year Technology Plan

Every five years, Lee Public Schools is required to file a district technology plan with the MA Dept. of Education. This five year plan outlines goals for technology and drives capital requests, purchases, initiatives and professional development in both of the Lee schools.

To be an effective technology plan, it is essential to receive input from all members of the LPS community. To date, LMHS students have been surveyed about their technology needs and expectations and a faculty/staff survey is scheduled to be administered in early January.

During November’s open house, parents were asked to complete a technology survey specifically designed to solicit information relevant to the concerns of parents and guardians. We were fortunate to receive a great response from parents attending open house, but we would like to hear from more parents/guardians in order to get the most thorough outcome.

If you did not complete a paper survey at the open house, please take a few moments and complete the on-line survey. Completion time is approximately 5 minutes. The survey can be accessed by clicking on this link: http://goo.gl/QbpWKn
Juniors (and maybe even sophomores): Take the ACT at LMHS on February 7th, 2015

Did you know the ACT is a college admission exam accepted by almost all colleges and universities? Colleges will take either the ACT or the SAT with your applications. The ACT is offered at LMHS! Register online at: http://www.actstudent.org/regist/. Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can register for FREE – see Mr. Korte for more details.

Attention Seniors: It’s Time to Apply for Local Scholarships – Deadlines: March 31st

Applications must be submitted online, and awards are only available to seniors.

For detailed information on the application process and to submit your applications, please visit the school counseling website at:

http://www.leepublicschools.net/lmhs/schoolcounselors

Seniors and Parents: Did You Miss MEFA Financial Aid Night?

Handouts from the December 11th Financial Aid Night at Lenox Memorial Middle and High School are available for download from the LMHS School Counseling Information Blog (http://leecounselor.blogspot.com/). You can also view the video of the entire presentation at http://www.highschoolcube.com/. You need a free account to view videos on High School Cube. Once you create an account, search for Lenox and you will find the Lenox MMHS Cube and the video of the presentation. Lee Middle and High School also has a Cube (Search: Lee) where you can view many of the videos we’ve published in the past, and where we will be live streaming events in the near future.

THE S.A.T. PREPARATION PROGRAM

We are happy to report that we have once again contracted Mr. Jim Hurley and his THINK INK S.A.T. Preparation Program for our students here at Lee. Mr. Hurley is widely regarded as being one of the best in preparing students for the standardized test.

The program will include 12 sessions over 3 months beginning January 28th and ending April 29th. The sessions will run on Wednesdays from 7-9pm. All materials will be provided other than a three-ring binder, notebook, and writing instrument. The cost of the program for LMHS students is $225.

Classes will meet on the following dates:

If you are interested in attending the course, you can sign up online. Anyone in need of financial assistance should contact the school. Mr. Korte can be reached at 243-2781 ext. 2010 or Dkorte@leepublicschools.net.
American Government Class Using Socrative App

By Mr. Priester, American Government Teacher

The Socrative app allows me to engage and assess my students with educational activities on tablets, laptops, desktops, and smartphones. I can gauge the whole class’ current level of understanding through the use of real time questioning, instant result collection and visualization. I have used the app to administer quizzes, space races, and quick questions/responses. I am able to administer opinion polls in class with anonymous responses, which is helpful in a Government class. This is beneficial because it allows me to get the classes’ stance on an issue without having to open every issue up to debate.

The students seem to enjoy it because they have a teacher actually telling them to pull their phone (or device) out instead being asked to put them away! I a firm believer that if we are supposed to be teaching kids to interact in a 21st century world then we need to start embracing technology that they are comfortable using. The kids have these wonderful devices that they bring with them to school every day; I believe it is time to start using them in a meaningful way.

Benefits include:

- **Instant Feedback** - Student results populate the teachers screen as they submit answers to Multiple Choice, True/False, Graded Short Answer or Open-Response questions. I am able to quickly gauge the whole classes understanding in real time.
- **Personalized Content** - I am able design and edit my own saved assessments and share them with peers. I can also tag them by common core standards if I want.
- **Reports** - Review student understanding in a variety of ways: whole class overview, student specific results or question by question breakdown. All the reports can be downloaded, emailed or delivered to my Google Drive folder at any time. They are always accessible in my Reports section.
- **Compatibility** - Socrative is available for all web-browsers, iOS apps, Android apps, Chrome Apps, Kindle Apps or Windows app, making it accessible for all educational technology settings.

http://www.socrative.com/

¡Vamos a viajar! / Nous allons voyager! (We're going to travel!)

The LMHS Foreign Language Department will be taking students on a trip to the Caribbean islands of Puerto Rico and Martinique during Spring Break of 2016! If you will be in grades 9-12 during the 2015-2016 school year (currently in grades 8-11), you are eligible to sign up.

**Important Dates**
There will be an informational meeting for students and families on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 6:00pm in the LMHS Library.

**Registration deadline**: Friday, February 6, 2015

The Foreign Language Department is so excited to be able to bring this opportunity to our students! We hope that you'll join us on this incredible adventure to the Caribbean!

(Please contact Srta. Barbaglia with any questions: mbarbaglia@leepublicschools.net)
Community Suppers

Our Community Suppers Program is up and running, thanks to The Berkshire Taconic Foundation who awarded our program a generous grant to be used to feed the people of Lee. Sixty five students have signed on to help at the supper held in the Lee Congregational Church. Our last one was held December 10th, and was a huge hit! The students really enjoy setting up, preparing and serving a complete spaghetti dinner with meatballs, tossed salad, bread and butter, topped off with brownies and ice cream. The yummy chocolate fudge brownies are prepared by our students in Deb Connors’ Life Skills class. The students really enjoy serving and mingling with the Lee Community consisting of people of all ages and walks of life. This program has proven to be a valuable experience for everyone involved. Our final supper will be held on February 25th from 5:30-7:00 at the Lee Congregational Church. Come and join us if you are able!

LMHS Students – What are you up to outside of school?

If you participate in any activities outside of school which you wish to have in the yearbook please see a member of the yearbook staff with a picture of you doing the activity along with a quote or one to two sentence description of the activity. Activities could include Horseback Riding, Snowboarding, Skiing, Fishing, Dance, Gymnastics and more.

Bring these in by the time we return from Christmas break or email information to: GArmstrong@leepublicschools.net

Senior Ads Are Due

Ads can be done online at leepublicschools.net/yearbook. then click on the Josten link. Any problems with using the online service contact yearbook staff by e-mailing gamstrong@leepublicschools.net.

Half Page $125; Quarter Page $75; or an Eight Page $40.

Please have ads in by the end of vacation.

LMHS and ShoeBox Recycling Collaborate to Recycle Shoes

On November 1st, Lee Middle and High School, in partnership with ShoeBox Recycling, introduced a school wide shoe recycling program with a focus on reuse. Students, faculty, families, and community members are all encouraged to participate. ShoeBox Recycling bins have been placed in the main office and in Mr. Reilly’s office next to the cafeteria.

Please bring in your old shoes that might still be usable for someone else, and place them in the Shoe Box Recycling bin. In addition to mindfulness around shoe reuse, we will be raising funds to support the Lee athletic program. ShoeBox Recycling is a for-profit recycler of shoes. All of the shoes collected will be reused by those in need of affordable footwear.

ShoeBox Recycling will donate money to our athletic program for each pair of shoes that we receive.

Please send in your “gently” used shoes, sneakers, flip flops, dress shoes, etc. Thank you!

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