Message from Mr. Turmel, LMHS Principal

During the next few months the students and teachers will have a good portion of their time devoted to the preparation and administration of standardized tests. The 7th, 8th & 10th graders will participate in the MCAS, juniors and seniors will have SAT, ACT, and AP tests and the newly developed PARCC test will be administered to 7th, 8th & 9th graders. The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is comprised of 17 states working together to develop a common set of assessments in English and math. The goal is that these assessments will provide teachers with timely information to guide instruction and student support, monitor student progress, while creating a path to college and career readiness. Standardized testing is not the only information used for college acceptance or scholarships and while our teachers use multiple assessment tools and interventions to promote learning, the reality is standardized testing plays a large part in our student’s middle, high school and post-secondary choices. We are committed to educating the whole student, but are equally invested in making students as prepared as possible to compete with students in the county, state and nation. Below are the scheduled dates for the upcoming tests.

**MCAS and PARCC**

February 3rd - BIO MCAS retest
February 4th - BIO MCAS retest
March 18th - ELA MCAS grades 7 & 10
March 19th - ELA MCAS grade 10
March 21st - ELA MCAS grade 10
March 25th - ELA MCAS grades 7 & 8
March 26th - ELA MCAS grades 7 & 8
April 1st - ELA PARCC grade 9 – per. 1 & 2
April 2nd - ELA PARCC grade 9 – per. 3 & 4
April 3rd - ELA PARCC grade 9 – per. 7 & 8
April 7th - GEO PARCC grade 9 – per. 1 & 2
April 8th - GEO PARCC grade 9 – per. 1 & 2

May 6th - Math/Sci. MCAS grade 8
May 7th - Math/Sci. MCAS grade 8
May 13th - Math/Sci. MCAS grade 10
May 14th - Math/Sci. MCAS grades 7, 8 & 10
May 15th - Math/Sci. MCAS grades 7 & 8
May 21st - ELA PARCC grade 9
May 22nd - ELA PARCC grade 9
May 27th - ELA PARCC grades 7 & 8
May 28th - ELA PARCC grades 7 & 8
June 2nd - BIO MCAS grades 9 & 10
June 3rd - BIO MCAS grades 9 & 10
June 5th - GEO PARCC grade 9
June 6th - GEO PARCC grade 9

**Advanced Placement (AP)**

May 6th, 8am – Computer Science
May 7th, 8am – Calculus
May 8th, 8am – English Lit & Comp
May 9th, 8am – English Lang & Comp
May 9th, 12 noon – Statistics

May 12th, 8am – Biology
May 12th, 12 noon – Physics
May 13th, 12 noon – French
May 14th, 8am – US History

**Spring Sports Night**

The Spring Sports Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 13th, at 6:30pm in the LMHS auditorium, for parents and student/athletes interested in participating in a spring sport. The following sports are being offered to Lee Middle and High School students; baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, girls tennis and track & field. Any students that are interested in participating in a spring sport must have an up-to-date physical on file with the nurse, a current Impact test (baseline concussion course) on file with Mr. Reilly and be registered on familyid.com. Please see the Athletic Director if you have any questions. See you on Thursday March 13th at 6:30 in the auditorium.
Attention Juniors:
We will be taking a bus to the Springfield National College Fair put on by the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) on Monday, March 31st. The bus will leave right after first period and will return to school by the end of the day. We will stop for lunch on the way home.

Sign up in the main office with Ms. Mottarella. Each student must pay $3 when they sign up and bring money for lunch.

Register before the fair to make the most of your time onsite and ensure that colleges can follow up with you. Upon arrival at the fair, pick up a map to find your best-fitting colleges. Counselors will be available onsite to help you determine the colleges that meet your requirements regarding major, location, and other areas of interest.

To Register:
1. Go to www.nacacnet.org
2. Click on “College Fairs” -> “Spring National College Fairs”
3. Click on “Student Registration”
4. Find the Springfield National College Fair in the list and check off the box next to it, then hit “Register Now”
5. Fill out the information, hit “Submit” and print off the bar code
6. Bring the bar code to the fair and have the college reps scan the code

Are You a Business Owner or Employer who would like to Help LMHS Students Learn about Careers?

On Thursday, April 17th, LMHS and the LYA will be hosting our 3rd Annual Career Fair and we are looking for local employers to attend and help us out with mock job interviews.

To sign up to participate please go to: www.leepublicschools.net/guidance

If you have any questions, please contact dkorte@leepublicschools.net.

CALLING ALL SOPHOMORES!
We want YOU for the 2015 Youth Leadership Program!
• Explore career opportunities
• Gain valuable leadership skills
• Connect with local leaders
• Enhance your college application

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1st!
TALK TO YOUR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR VISIT BERKSHIRECHAMBER.COM/YP TO LEARN MORE.
2014-2015 Program of Studies Available Next Week

The Program of Studies for the 2014-2015 school year (with cover design by Tori Garnish, class of 2015) will be available next week online and in the main office. Find information about:

- LMHS Graduation Requirements
- Massachusetts State University Admissions Requirements
- Grades and Related Information
- Career and College Readiness Education
- Course Descriptions

Scheduling for the 2014-2015 school year will begin the week of March 17th. Details will be coming soon!

LMHS Students Broadcast Girls Basketball Game

On February 12, students from Lee Live & Mr. Fillio’s Video Production classes got together to record the Girl’s JV & Varsity basketball games. After school they set up equipment to record the games. There were three camera operators, Kate Zatorski, Angelique Nejaime, and Sam Farina. JT Brown and Heamon Williams were the two announcers for both games. Sami Hontas was in charge of directing the crew during both games and deciding what camera would be on when. Hailegh Richardson & Caitlyn Gooley were helping out with camera operation and setup. The games will be broadcast on CTSB and the students look forward to doing many more games next season since this was a huge success.

Winter Wonderland Bash

The 9th Annual Winter Wonderland Bash, a benefit for the Lee Middle and High School Drama Club and Music Department, was held on Saturday, February 8th. Through the silent auction and the 121 tickets that were sold $8,000 were raised. Food was prepared by Sabrina Tan, of Flavours Restaurant (75 North Street – Pittsfield). Musical performances were put on by the jazz band, chorus, cast of the upcoming musical, and Jimmy Walker. The Winter Wonderland Bash committee and the LMHS band and drama parents wish to thank the Lee and surrounding area merchants for their generous support of the silent auction and their continued commitment to preserving arts programming at LMHS.

Winter Concert

The Lee Public Schools music department presented a 5th-12th grade band concert on Wednesday, February 12th. The theme of the concert was “Music by Living Composers,” so every piece on the concert was by a composer who is still living and creating new works. Students in the middle and high school bands compiled lists of questions which we emailed to each composer, and we heard back from three of them. The answers that they gave us about their writing process, favorite composers, and other topics helped to shape our understanding and interpretation of their music. The concert ended with a combined piece, involving 150 band members in 5th-12th grade. It was great to have such a wide age range of musicians all working together on something they have in common.
Lee Middle and High School and ShoeBox Recycling Collaborate to Recycle Shoes
Starting March 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. With ShoeBox Recycling bins placed in the main office and in Mr. Reilly’s office next to the cafeteria.

Please just bring in your old shoes that might still be usable for someone else and place them in the SHOE BOX RECYCLING box. In addition to mindfulness around shoe reuse, we will be raising funds to support Lee Athletics. ShoeBox Recycling is a for-profit recycler of shoes, with all of the shoes collected destined for reuse by those in need of affordable footwear.

This company in turn 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!

Sadie Hawkins Dance
The student council hosted its second annual Sadie Hawkins Dance at Greenock Country Club this past month. Over 100 students got dressed up for the event and enjoyed a night of dancing off campus with friends and classmates. This is the second year Greenock has graciously hosted the event and has provided the students with many great memories. The money raised for this event will go to scholarships for the graduating seniors.

LMHS Students Recognized by Kennedy Library
This year the Kennedy Library recognized 100 Middle School students for the difference they have made in their communities through service projects. Lee Middle & High School is proud to announce that Jodi Morawiec and Will McKeon have been recognized for their work and have been chosen to receive a John F. Kennedy Make a Difference award. Jodi has been given this honor for her work with the Flying Cloud Institute’s science program held here at the school. Will is receiving the honor for his work in various activities through the Boy Scouts. The two students will be attending a ceremony on March 13th at the Kennedy Library.

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.