

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

Your son/daughter will soon be graduating with the class of 2013. The Faculty and Staff at Leo Jr. / Sr. High School wish to congratulate you for assisting him/her in achieving this milestone in his/her life. We wish your son/daughter every success in the future.



In order to keep you informed concerning graduation and other upcoming events, we submit to you the following information.

1. In order to graduate with a diploma from East Allen County Schools and Leo Jr. / Sr. High School, a senior must have met Indiana high school diploma requirements and passed the Graduation Qualifying Exam (ISTEP). All parents and students should be aware of their individual graduation status. Seniors who have not fulfilled minimum state graduation requirements by May 24, 2013, will not participate in the graduation ceremony on June 7, 2013.
2. Graduation will be at 7:00 P.M. on Friday June 7, 2013. Exercises will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Students should be at the War Memorial Coliseum no later than 6:15 P.M. to line up for the procession. General admission begins at 6:00 P.M.
3. In the interest of time and in order to preserve the dignity of the graduation ceremony, we ask that recognition of all graduates be held until all seniors have received their diplomas. Traditionally the graduation ceremony is a dignified ceremony, and anything that interferes with the ceremony is disturbing to all. We ask that there be no yelling, whistling, or other activity that would draw undue attention to a particular graduate. We also ask that you encourage your son/daughter to conduct himself/herself in a manner that will not detract from the dignity of the ceremony. The time for recognition is at the end of the reading of all graduates' names. I know all of you are proud of your graduate, but individual recognition is out of order and you are asked to refrain from it. Parents, we really need your cooperation in this matter. Please do your part to make sure we have an orderly graduation.
4. All financial obligations to the school are to be remedied by Friday May 24, 2013, at 3:15 P.M. Books are to be turned in and all fees paid.
5. Exam Schedule-Seniors Only
 - A. Wednesday, May 22nd Class Periods 1,3, 5 and 7
 - B. Thursday, May 23rd Class Periods 2,4, and 6
 - C. Friday, May 24th make- up exams, 12:00-3:15 P.M.

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6. Friday, May 24th Schedule
 - A. Breakfast and Senior Awards – 8:00 A.M.
 - B. Bus leaves for Coliseum - 9:30 A.M.
 - C. Picture for Academic Honor Diplomas, Valedictorian and Salutatorian - 11:00 A.M. (Cap & Gown must be worn for picture)
 - D. Bus returns to Leo – Noon
7. A group picture of academic honor diploma recipients, valedictorian and salutatorian will occur at graduation practice. Recipients will need their caps, gowns, dress shoes and National Honor Society stoles. Without the preceding items, you will not be part of the photo and will be mentioned as absent. The group picture will hang in the south entrance of our school, above the display cases.
8. Male graduates are to wear dress shirts with ties as well as dress pants and dress shoes with their graduation gowns. Ladies are to wear dresses or dress pants and dress shoes with their gowns.
9. Parking is available in the War Memorial Coliseum parking lot at a charge of \$4.00 per car.
10. General Admission seating is available as well as handicapped accommodations. There are 2400 seats available for the families of 220 graduates. The War Memorial Coliseum is air-conditioned for your comfort.
11. During graduation practice, students will be instructed in the procedures for gathering with relatives and exiting the Exhibition Hall after the graduation ceremony.

We anticipate a large crowd for graduation, and we will do everything possible to limit the ceremony to a reasonable length of time, hopefully one hour or less.

We hope the above information will prove to be helpful to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school. Once again, congratulations to the Leo High School Class of 2013 Graduates!

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
Principal

Where to go when you gotta kn^{OW}



Attendance Information: Pam Keane

446-0180 ext. 7114

Faculty/Staff Phone and email list:

<http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/lhs/page.php?pid=573>

Classroom Connection:

<https://portal.eacs.k12.in.us/webPages>

Leo JSHS webpage:

<http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/lhs>

Lost & Found:

Located in the IMC



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

February, 2013

As the weather has become quite troublesome recently, in regards to transportation to and from school, I thought it would be helpful for you to understand the process that is used to determine if schools should be closed due to inclement weather or hazardous road conditions. From experience, I know that such a decision is usually controversial and that it very rarely pleases everyone. However, I at least want you to understand how the decision is made.

First and foremost, safety of our children and staff is the overriding factor in any decision whether to close or delay school or not. Related to the safety issue is whether the streets are passable and if schools are accessible to our buses and automobiles. Ideally, the decision should be made as early as possible, even the night before if conditions warrant. Frequently, however, the weather turns during the night and a decision cannot be made until very early in the morning.

Beginning after 3:30 a.m., employees begin driving throughout East Allen to determine the conditions of the road. Information may be exchanged between and among county agencies and other districts' transportation departments. A decision about a delay is determined as early as 5:15 a.m. with follow up discussions scheduled to consider whether or not to close or extend the delay to 3 hours. Making a decision to extend the delay or close for the day must be made by 7:45 a.m. due to the fact that in the case of a 2 hour delay, buses would be on the road by 8:10.

The serious problem occurs when the weather turns for the worse after 6 a.m., as was the case Tuesday, February 05, 2013. By that time, our buses--more than 100 of them--have begun their routes. It would be far more serious for us to return children to empty homes than to continue the route to school where there are caring adults ready to keep them warm, safe, fed and immersed in learning.

As always, you, as the parent, have the final say on whether or not your child comes to school on any given day. Our attendance policy calls for the principal to use discretion when a parent informs the school of an absence. Principals almost always excuse weather-related absences.

I hope this information helps in your understanding of the difficult decision we have to make in terms of delaying or closing school. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail your principal or me.

Sincerely,

Karyle M. Green

Superintendent

General Safety and Parking Lot Etiquette

Safety

The town of Leo-Cedarville installed flashing lights at the crosswalk near the day care on the north end of the school property and at the crosswalk by the bridge on the south end of the school property. A button on a post needs to be pushed to activate the flashers. We encourage all pedestrians to use this safety feature.

To maintain a safe educational environment, we ask that parents and students report anything that may jeopardize safety to the main office.

Parking Lot

Dropping students off for school—Please do not drop students off at intersections, on private property, or along roads near Leo Jr/Sr High School. If you drop your student off for school, please do so on school property.

Please remember that **exiting from the circle drive** on Amstutz Road is a right turn only. This is a legal ordinance that was passed by the town council in February 2012 and is a ticketable offense. We are asking all drivers to observe all posted signs for the safety of all.

North Lot Pick Up – Please keep lanes clear so traffic may enter school property and not obstruct traffic on Amstutz Road. Please do not park along the curb or within the traffic pattern and wait for your student. Parents are asked to park within the parking spaces and wait for their student.

Mark Your Calendars

Girls Basketball Sectional begins 2/5, at Bishop Dwenger High School

Boys Basketball Sectional begins 2/26, at Garrett High School

*Presidents Day Monday, February 18 School is not in session

3rd Quarter ends: 3/13/12

ISTEP+ Testing: 3/5/12 – 3/7/12 - student attendance is very important!

*Will be used as a snow make-up day if school is cancelled before February 18.

Student Services

Absences

Please call the attendance office 260-446-0186 if your student is going to be absent or tardy. According to EACS policy students are only permitted 10 excused absences per year without a doctor's note. Assignments and tests missed due to unexcused absences cannot be completed for credit without administrator approval.

Appointments

If your student must leave school for a doctor's appointment during the day, please notify the attendance office before the appointment. Upon returning to school, students must provide documentation from the doctor's office to have the absence excused.

College Visits

Juniors and seniors are allowed 2 college visit days. Parents should still notify the attendance office on the day of the absence. Students must provide signed documentation from a university representative to verify the absence.

Clinic

If your student must take medication during school hours, the medicine must be checked in the clinic so the nurse can administer dosages.

Vacation

While we discourage parents from taking students out of school for vacation, there are times when students will miss school due to family vacations. Please contact the attendance office for a vacation form. Forms should be completed and submitted two weeks prior to the absence.

Requesting Homework

In the case of student absence that lasts at least three consecutive days, homework may be requested by calling the attendance office at 446-0180 ext. 7114. Parents are also encouraged to check a teacher's web page, assignments will be posted there. Homework may be picked up in the attendance office 24-hours after a request has been made.

Deliveries

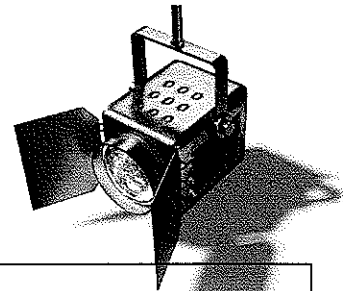
It is the policy of Leo Jr./Sr. that we will not deliver items to students unless the items are needed for class. Likewise, unless it is an emergency, we cannot deliver messages to students throughout the day.

Leo's Got Talent!



~ A Benefit for Leo PTSA Senior Scholarships ~
Saturday, February 28 at 7pm
Talent show will be in the auditoria

Spotlight on Academics



World Language

The World Language Department includes Spanish and French classes from junior high level to dual credit course this year. Mrs. Benz teaches high school French I, II, and III. Mrs. Coria teaches Spanish I for high school as well as 7th grade and 8th grade Exploratory World Language. Mrs. Miller is teaching Spanish II and III. Mrs. Steury is teaching Spanish II and Spanish IV dual credit. Mrs. Talarico teaches Spanish I and III. We are excited to add a dual credit course for students this year and look forward to more students enrolling in the class for years to come.

We are proud to have a Spanish Club this year also. Mrs. Miller spearheads the club as students participate in facilitating events as well. The club meets the third Thursday of each month. They have enjoyed sharing Hispanic snacks, Latin dancing, and making crafts for specific holidays. The attendance has been impressive and we hope more students will get involved. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Coria and Mrs. Benz have been working on a correspondence program for their classes. ePals is a program which our students correspond with native speaking Spanish or French students in schools around the world. The program is a great opportunity for our students to practice foreign language and students abroad to practice English in a way that is more relevant and interesting.

For the first time, students in Spanish IV have the opportunity to gain college credit for Spanish. Mrs. Steury works with the IPFW program and students are now able to gain not only credit for the equivalent course taught at IPFW but also credit for the two preceding courses. Our Leo students will have a total of 9 college credits upon completion of the Spanish IV class.

In Mrs. Talarico's Spanish III class, students are working on inventing products and marketing them to Spanish-speaking consumers. Students are using their marketing skills and Spanish vocabulary and grammar to create video commercials for their products. The video commercials will be posted on My Big Campus. Please check My Big Campus for all World Language teachers to see the exciting work of our students and events going on in our department!

Science

The Science Department is hard at work with our students. Many of us are heavily incorporating iPads in our classrooms this year and are learning how to use them—sometime from our students! We are also supporting the School Improvement Plan through writing in our science courses. If you have questions about what science courses you should take next year, please ask your science teachers.

Here are some examples of things happening in class: Mr. Shappell's chemistry classes are discussing how to name compounds and molecules. In Biomedical Sciences students are finishing the unit on Diabetes and creating educational materials that could be used in a doctor's office. Medical Interventions students are discussing different types of cancer and when people should be tested/screened throughout their lives for each type of cancer. Mr. Carey's biology classes just learned about cellular respiration and are currently studying cell growth and cell division. Students have had opportunities to draw and label the phases of the cell cycle as well as the phases of mitosis. Students will have the opportunity to learn about genetics in the near future. Mr. Tonkel's dual-credit physics classes are doing labs using air tracks to study the momentum of collisions. Their next adventure will be into the world of rotational mechanics. His astronomy classes have examined stellar evolution, monitored the Mars rover *Curiosity* to see what new insights it brings us from its journey, and just last week learned that a comet called ISON will be visible in the night and morning skies next October to December. The students think it is cool to have something they can see that compares to the reading and studying they have been doing. In Ms. Corner's Biology classes students are studying stem cells and stem cell research. 8th grade science students are studying the weather and the various weather conditions that exist on Earth. We are doing labs to explore types of precipitation and storm safety. In Human Body Systems class we just completed presentations about the 10 most common types of cancer. They are beginning a study of the skeleton and the impact and types of broken bones that can occur. Ms. Snyder's anatomy classes are finishing the nervous system and are getting ready to explore the special senses. Students are very excited to dissect eyes. Her chemistry classes are now understanding the importance of their polyatomic atomic ions through naming.

Guidance Department

Christi Smeltzley, Guidance Director – grades 11 & 12

Gary Rogers, Guidance Counselor – grades 9 & 10

Cary Cogdell, Guidance Counselor – grades 7 & 8

- Scheduling for next year has begun. Look for information to come home with your child in the next couple days! Selections sheets are due to the guidance office on February 12th. Counselors will then meet individually with each student beginning the week of February 18th to go over course selections.
- Check out the school website for a list of senior scholarships available. Under "students" and "guidance" you will see the scholarship link.
- **Senior cap/gown orders** have been taken. There are still many seniors who have not ordered yet! Please take care of this very important detail of your senior year! You must contact Jostens directly at 483-1825.
- **ISTEP (grades 7 & 8)** – will begin the week of March 5.
- **College Goal Sunday** – Need help filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Financial aid professionals are volunteering their time to help you complete your FAFSA form. Sunday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m. at IPFW.
- **Military Students** – The Department of Defense is providing a program that gives all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members – and their dependents – free access to professional tutors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Go to www.tutor.com/military to sign up.
- **Z-TEAM** at the Zoo – This is a volunteer opportunity for teens from 13-17. It is a hands-on experience volunteering at a zoo. Teens will explore animal-related careers while developing important lifelong professional skills. Applications for this summer's program are due on February 28, 2013. All application materials can be found on the zoo's website at <http://www.kidszoo.org/support/teenvolunteer.htm>.
- **Floretta A. Clancy Memorial Scholarship** – Available to seniors of African-American heritage demonstrating financial need and having good school and/or community involvement. Applications are due April 15, 2013 and are available from Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **Purdue University Vet Camp** – If you are excited by science, enjoy working with animals and would like to find out more about what it takes to become a veterinarian or a veterinary technician, this program is for you! Aspiring veterinary healthcare professionals will experience first-hand the fascinating world of veterinary medicine. There is a "Junior Camp" for students who will be entering grades 8 and 9 in the fall of 2012 and a "Senior Camp" for students who will be entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2012. Visit www.vet.purdue.edu/boilervetcamp to register.

ATHLETICS

BE SURE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPRING COACHES SO THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE PRESEASON WORKOUT SCHEDULE IS.

SPORTS PHYSICALS - WILL BE OFFERED ON APRIL 16 AND 17. COST IS \$10 PER STUDENT. PLEASE CONTACT THE ATHLETIC DEPT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

IHSAA PHYSICAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.EACS.K12.IN.US/LHS/PAGE.PHP?PID=1156](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/lhs/page.php?pid=1156) OR IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

REMEMBER, ALL STUDENT ATHLETES MUST HAVE A COMPLETED PHYSICAL FORM BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN IHSAA SANCTIONED SPORT.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LEO ATHLETE AND A GREAT DAY TO BE A LEO LION!

Parents, there is now a special parent access website for MyBigCampus, the Parent Portal. With this, you can log in one time and see all of your children's school announcements, newsletters, and other classroom information. To log in, use your email address as your login and your phone number, including area code as your password. After you log in, click on MY ACCOUNTS to change your parent access password.

If you need to update your email address or phone number please contact the school office.

The website is <http://parents.mybigcampus.com>

The logo for MyBigCampus features the word "my" in a small, white, lowercase font inside a dark square, positioned above the words "Big Campus" in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a dark, textured background.

Library News ☺

"The librarian isn't a clerk who happens to work in a library. A librarian is a data hound, a guide, a sherpa and a teacher. The librarian is the interface between reams of data and the untrained but motivated user." ---Seth Godin

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Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader (AR) is up and running for this semester!

All 7th and 8th graders will need to take at least 4 AR tests by May 24, 2013. All 9th and 10th graders will need to get 30 points

by May 24, 2013. We are now on the web version of AR which gives students over 150,000 books to choose from! AR tests may be taken M-F 7:15 AM to 3:00 PM in the library or in their LA classroom **only**. Their AR grade counts as a test grade in their LA class. **MAY 24TH IS THE DEADLINE TO TAKE ANY AR TESTS!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

iPad Issues

- For any iPad that is damaged, lost or stolen, students need to see Mr. Smith in the main office.
- All other iPad problems, students should see Mrs. Pepple in the library.
- All MBC (My Big Campus) questions, students should see Mrs. Jenkins in the library.

Reminders about CHARGING IPADS!

All iPad's should be CHARGED at home every night! Students should put their iPad in the same place making this a routine. Students will be provided 4 charges at school each semester. They should use these wisely!!!

Ebooks

Students are now able to download ebooks to their iPads. All 7th through 10th grader has learned how to do this. Ask your child to show you! Students will need the app entitled Follett Digital Reader. And they can download that app from the App Portal on their iPad. Happy Reading!