

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents,

The Leo Jr/Sr High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) held their last meeting on May 6, 2013. After meeting with the National PTSA on Tuesday, October 29, 2013, the Leo Jr/Sr High School PTSA voted to dissolve the local chapter. This means the Leo Jr/Sr High School PTSA cut their ties with the National PTSA and will no longer exist; however, the executive board would like to continue helping with activities that support the students and staff at Leo Jr/Sr High School.



In the past, the Leo Jr/Sr High School PTSA has been instrumental in assisting Leo Jr/Sr High School. They have been involved in activities that have included: an annual talent show, student scholarships, sponsoring middle school and high school dances, providing lunches during parent-teacher conferences for teachers, and selling spirit wear at games. As principal, I really appreciate their involvement in our school. Since the PTSA has dissolved, the executive board would like to continue supporting Leo Jr/Sr High School. The development of a Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) will provide us with an opportunity to continue the strong parental assistance. The primary purpose of the PAC will be to enhance the educational experience of students through activities while communicating with and among parents, teachers, staff and administration. The PAC will develop by-laws and meet monthly.

We would like to have our first PAC meeting in January. Parents who are interested in being a member of the Leo Jr/Sr High School Parent Advisory Committee should contact my office @ 446-0181 or nbrown@eacs.k12.in.us.

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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

Student Services

Absences

All absences must be called in to the attendance office. The number is 446-0186.

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.

PRIDE

Professionalism : Respect : Integrity : Diligence : Excellence

The week of October 28 was designated PRIDE week. Each day that week focused on a different attribute of PRIDE and how students could demonstrate the qualities throughout our school.

During the week students were recognized and rewarded for showing PRIDE. The week of November 4 was diligence week and the week of November 18 was Professionalism and Respect Week. Teachers and students focused displaying these PRIDE attributes in all that they did. Please discuss with and encourage your student to demonstrate Leo PRIDE.

Upcoming themes: Week of December 9—Integrity and Excellence Week.

Members of the PRIDE Student Advisory Committee: Derek Marks, Ryan Fawcett, Haven Burnett, Daiesha Lindsey, Sara Gibbons, Aaron Yoder, Alyssa Gross, Tyler Kilgus, Jordan Eldridge, Toby Carman, Jenna Beer

Spotlight on Academics



Mathematics

The math department at Leo High School is off to a great start to the 2013-1014 school year. We would first like to introduce two new math teachers at Leo: Mr. Curtis and Mr. Bierbaum. Mr. Curtis is a Purdue University graduate with a physical education and mathematics license and has 28 years of experience as a teacher and a coach. He has taught 6th grade math through Calculus throughout his 28 years in education, and is currently teaching ECA Algebra I, Algebra I and Geometry. Mr. Bierbaum is currently in his 10th year of teaching with his previous 9 years of teaching at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Bierbaum graduated from North Side High School, Indiana University - Bloomington, and IPFW receiving a bachelor's degree in Mathematics Education with a minor in Computers and a master's degree in M.A.T., which is Mathematics and Teaching. Mr. Bierbaum is currently teaching ECA Prep, Geometry, Algebra 2, Finite, and Probability and Statistics. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Bierbaum are both excellent additions to the Leo math department!

The Leo math department has increased the amount of technology being used in the classroom this year. By using Showbie, My Big Campus, Numbers, Keynote, and other apps on iPads, classrooms are moving toward going paperless and the students are engaged in real-world tasks. More exciting technology to come! We are looking forward to a great 2013-1014 school year! Go Lions!

Fine Arts

There is plenty to report from the Fine Arts Department!

The Leo band is heading to Disney on Tuesday, November 26. While there, they will lead the night parade, visit Universal Studios, the Animal Kingdom, and the Magic Kingdom.

The choir is busy performing during the month of December for clubs and Christmas parties. You can come and hear them perform at YoYo's on Lima Road on Friday, December 13, at 7:00. This is a fund- raiser for the choir. The Choir is planning a trip to New York City in April. The 32nd Annual Yuletide showcasing both the band and choir is December 7.

The Art Club meets every other Tuesday in Mrs. Hoff's art room after school. All materials are supplied for the projects. Earlier, the students designed their own coasters made from ceramic tiles. Then they made clay sculptures and glazed them. They visited Holly Heath's photo studio. Some of our members volunteered for Art at the Riverside this fall where they met some successful local artists and displayed some of their own artwork. Someone even wanted to by Josh Pulver's work!

The Scholastic Art and Writing Regional Competition deadline is January 7, 2014. To learn more, visit www.artandwriting.org, www.fwmoa.org, or see Mrs. Hoff. The cost is \$2.00 per entry. Winners are recognized at the Grand Wayne Center and their art is on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for over a month. Gold Key winning entries are sent to the National Competition in New York City. Winners there are recognized at Carnegie Hall.

Guidance Department



Christi Smeltzley, Guidance Director – grades 11 & 12
Gary Rogers, Guidance Counselor – grades 9 & 10
Cary Cogdell, Guidance Counselor – grades 7 & 8



- **My Big Campus** – Seniors should log on to My Big Campus and join the “Seniors – Class of 2014” group created by Mrs. Smeltzley. This is used for senior communication including newsletters, scholarships, announcements, and reminders.
- **Senior Newsletter** – The December Senior Newsletter was posted to My Big Campus on Monday, December 2, 2013. Please take the time to view this document. There are many scholarships listed as well as important information. The newsletter is also posted on the Leo website and was emailed to all seniors and parents who provided their email information to Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **Midterms** – Please take advantage of the Parent Access tool to monitor your child(ren)’s grades. Communication with teachers is very important to ensure you know what is taking place in the classroom and how your child(ren) is/are progressing.
- **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.
- **2013-14 Financial Aid Night** - A representative from the Financial Aid Office at IPFW will be at Leo High School on Wednesday, February 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. He will completely review the FAFSA application, help you fill out the application, answer questions, and explain what will happen after the application is completed. Completing the FAFSA is a major task for families, so workshops of this kind are very beneficial. If you cannot attend and would like a list of other workshops in our area, please see Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **Lilly Scholarship Available** – The Lilly Endowment Scholarship, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, is available to seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2014. This scholarship pays full tuition, required fees, and a stipend of \$800 per year for required books and equipment for four consecutive years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana

public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne requires high schools to use the following additional guidelines in nominating students:

- The student has to have overcome obstacles that created barriers to academic achievement and has since demonstrated marked improvement.
 - The student's family has demonstrated financial need shown through completion of the FAFSA, eligibility for subsidized school lunches, or other extenuating circumstances, such as multiple children in secondary and postsecondary school or a single-parent family.
 - Applications are available from Mrs. Smeltzley and due back to her by December 18, 2013.
- **ECA Testing** - End of Course Assessment Re-Testing in Algebra I and English 10 will begin the week of December 9. Any students who have not passed either or both test will be involved in this testing. It is very important that students pass both of these tests as they are required by the State of Indiana for graduation. Look for more information to be delivered by Mr. Rogers.



Flying Aces was held on November 1 as a reward for the seventh and eighth grade students for a job well done in the first grading period. Students made a paper airplane for every A they earned and tried to fly the planes to the center of the gym for a chance to win an adidas backpack and Skullcandy earbuds. Students also got to fly a plane if they had no absences or tardies for the first grading period. In all, there were 1637 planes flown. Justin Swim flew was the no tardy/no absence winner, Tyler Parker was the A winner for the seventh grade, and Ben VonGunten was the eighth grade A winner. Great job seventh and eighth grade students.

Mark Your Calendars

YULETIDE CONCERT

December 7, 2013 Dinner at 5:30 Concert at 8:00
Auditeria

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT

December 9, 2013 7:00
Auditeria

WINTER BREAK

Monday, December 23, 2013 – Monday, January 6, 2013 NO SCHOOL

SEMI-FORMAL DANCE

Saturday, January 18, 2014 8:00 – 11:00
Grand Wayne Center

ACAC TOURNAMENT

Tuesday, January 14 – Saturday, January 18, 2014
Memorial Coliseum

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

Monday, January 20, 2014 NO SCHOOL

WINTER HOMECOMING

Friday, January 31, 2014 7:00 P.M.
Boys Basketball vs. Woodlan

ATHLETICS

ATTENTION SPORTS FANS:

IF YOU HAVEN'T PURCHASED A SPORTS PASS NOW IS THE TIME TO GET ONE. STUDENT AND FAMILY PASSES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE.

IF YOU HAVE A CHILD IN A WINTER SPORT PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING IN THE CONCESSION STAND AT AN EVENT THAT YOUR CHILD IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN. WE NEED HELP!!! THE CONCESSION REVENUE IS VITAL FOR ALL PROGRAMS IN THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT.

REMEMBER WHEN ATTENDING SPORTING EVENTS TO WEAR PURPLE AND CHEER ON THE LIONS!!

General Safety and Parking Lot Etiquette and Patience is Needed

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.

Please remember traffic is not to pass between the North and South lots after school until all buses have left school grounds at approximately 3:15PM.

STUDY TABLE

**Tuesday –Thursday
After school until 4:15 PM
In Library/Media Center**

Tutoring and Study Table are offered to ALL students who need assistance in the classes being taken. Students are welcomed and encouraged to attend on a daily basis or a once-in-awhile, as-needed basis. Transportation to the Harding area is available for the after school tutoring. Two teachers as well as three paid interns and National Honor Society students will provide tutoring assistance. Students are asked to sign-in because attendance is monitored. If computers are necessary for work to be completed, technology will be available. Students are expected to be in study table area ON TIME and stay the entire time. Students are expected to follow rules of respect and to stay on task during the study time. Questions should be directed to Mrs. Roth. 446-0180, ext. 7181, droth@eacs.k12.in.us.