

# LEO HIGH SCHOOL

## CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



### Principal's Desk

East Allen County Schools will use eLearning days to substitute for make-up days due to inclement weather. The district defines eLearning as learning conducted via electronic media typically, but not necessarily, over the internet.

According to Candice Dodson (IDOE), the idea is for teachers to utilize technology or at least deliver instruction through technology. There are several options available for EACS teachers to post/display/utilize eLearning materials or assignments such as, My Big Campus, Compass Odyssey, iTunes U, Acuity, Showbie, websites, and apps on EACS iPads. EACS students are very familiar with these technology options.



Teachers are available on cancellation days as these days are work days for teachers. Teachers are to have their 30 minute eLearning lessons available for students by 9:00 am. Teachers are to monitor My Big Campus between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to answer student's questions on the school cancellation day. For each school cancellation day EACS designates as an eLearning day, students have five days to complete the eLearning assignments. Students can complete these eLearning assignments at home, at school during Pride Time or after school during Tuesday and Thursday tutoring sessions.

After the due date, students in first period class will sign and check either "Yes, I participated" or "No, I did not participate" on the EACS eLearning attendance sheet. All students not participating in the eLearning activities will receive an unexcused absence.

This is EACS' first year participating in the Indiana Department of Education's eLearning initiative. As we go about improving eLearning opportunities for students, continued feedback from parents and students is essential. Please feel free to contact my office to share your comments.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III  
Principal

# Spotlight on Academics



The **Science Department** is hard at work with our students. Many of us are heavily incorporating iPads in our classrooms this year. In addition to using My Big Campus for posting lesson plans and chapter resources, we are also using Showbie, Nearpod, and iTunesU course resources. We are also supporting the School Improvement Plan through writing in our science courses.

Also, as the time for scheduling classes for next school year approaches, students should meet with their current or former science teacher to talk to him or her about what science class would be appropriate to take next year. Some things a teacher may ask are

1. Do you want to go to college?
2. What career field do you want to pursue?
3. What do you want to major in?
4. What college or university are you planning on attending?
5. How did you do in previous science courses?
6. How are your math skills?

All of these things will help us recommend the most appropriate science course to take that will be the most beneficial and appropriate. For example, most students do not think that Physics is necessary to become a physical therapist; if you want to go into the medical field, you should be taking the PLTW Biomedical Science courses in addition to Anatomy & Physiology; and if you are not planning on going to college, nor will you be majoring in a science field, you may not need to take Chemistry (instead take ICP or Earth Science.)

This year we are very privileged to have Mrs. Amanda Hess join our team of science teachers. Mrs. Hess teaches freshman Biology and is doing an outstanding job! She has done an outstanding job of supplementing the rote curriculum with virtual labs as well as hands-on experiments to help her students understand the material.

If you have any questions about science course selection for next school year, please contact Mr. Ben Shappell at [bshappell@eacs.k12.in.us](mailto:bshappell@eacs.k12.in.us) and I will be happy to assist.

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 III, IV and Dual credit. Mrs. Kern is teaching Spanish II and III. Mrs. Talarico teaches Spanish I and II. New to our school is Mrs. Patel. She is teaching Spanish I for high school as well as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Exploratory World Language.

Earlier in the fall we enjoyed taking a field trip to the Fort Wayne Art Museum to see the displays of artwork centered around the Day of the Dead traditions. Students enjoyed learning about the concepts and customs of the details crafted in the art. Also on the trip the students visited a local Hispanic bakery and indulged in some Pan de Muertos.

For the third year, students in Spanish IV have the opportunity to gain college credit for Spanish. Mrs. Coria 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.

We are hoping to facilitate a spring time field trip as we have done in the past where we can learn and experience cultural dancing and performances from artists from different Spanish-speaking countries. We will inform the students of the opportunities around March.

# Guidance Department



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



**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.

## **Scheduling for 2015-16**

- **February 6** – All Anthis Career Center Applications are due to the Guidance Office.
- **Week of February 9** - Counselors will begin meeting with each grade level for group scheduling meetings.
- **February 17** – Parent Scheduling Meetings
  - February 17 @ 6:00 PM - Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Scheduling Meeting (Current 8<sup>th</sup> graders/parents)
  - February 17 @ 7:30 PM – High School Parent Scheduling Meeting (Current 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders/parents)
- **February 23** – All course selection sheets are due to the Guidance Office.
- **February 25 – March 13** – Counselors will meet individually with each student to confirm and submit final course selections.

## **FAFSA**

***The deadline for completing the FAFSA is March 1, 2015.*** Many families choose not to file the FAFSA because they know they will not qualify for financial aid. **Every college-bound senior and parent should file a FAFSA regardless of their financial background.** Most scholarship applications, both private or college merit scholarships, require a FAFSA be

filed. In addition, this is the only way your family can qualify for subsidized and unsubsidized loans!!!

The following are opportunities for families to receive free assistance in filling out the FAFSA. Students and parents are encouraged to bring their 2014 IRS 1040 tax return, W2 Forms and other 2014 income benefits information.

February 19<sup>th</sup> @ New Haven High School (Library) 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

February 22<sup>nd</sup> "College Goal Sunday" @ IPFW (Neff Hall) 2:00 pm

February 26<sup>th</sup> @ Cornerstone Youth Center, Monroeville Road – 5 to 8 pm

Now through March 10<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays at various locations:

Allen County Public Library, Main Branch – 4 to 7 pm

Allen County Library, Hessen Cassel Branch – 4 to 7 pm

St. Mary's Church on Lafayette Street – 6 to 8 pm

### **College Fair**

IPFW is hosting The Northeast Indiana College Fair on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at IPFW Fieldhouse from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Up to 100 colleges, universities, and military units from in and around Indiana – both public and private – will have information available on programs and services offered at the fair.

Representatives also will be available to talk with students about what they are looking for and what the school can provide.

Leo will take current juniors (11 graders) by EACS bus to participate in this event. Look for more information to come home soon. If your child cannot participate during the school day, please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with college representatives during the evening hours. Admission to the event is free, and free parking is available on IPFW's campus.

### **ISTEP**

During the week of March 2, all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will begin the Applied Skills portion of ISTEP+. This portion of the test will be paper/pencil. Please avoid planned days out during the ISTEP+ Applied Skills testing window (March 2 - March 11). Encourage good eating and plenty of rest during this time as well.

# Just For Parents

**Attendance Office:** To Report absences or receive attendance information please contact Mrs. Keane at 446-0186.

**Requesting Homework:** Requests for homework will be made for students who have missed at least three consecutive days of school. Please contact Mrs. Keane.

**Appointments:** Parents are encouraged to make appointments outside of regular school hours when at all possible. Parents should submit a written note or phone the attendance office when a student will miss a partial day due to an appointment. Students will sign out through the attendance office and may be picked up at the south entrance. Students returning from appointments need to check back in with the Attendance Office before proceeding to class. Students need to bring a school excuse upon returning to school (no bills please). School excuses may be faxed to 446-0189.

**Vacations:** Every attempt should be made not to schedule vacation days during the school year. Parents should provide a note to the Attendance Office (no phone calls please) stating when the vacation is to occur. A vacation form will be completed by the school and returned to parents for a signature before excusing the absence.

**College Visits:** Junior and senior students are allowed 2 college visit days per school year. Parents should 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 needs to take medication during school hours, the medicine must be left in the clinic so the nurse can administer dosages. Parents and students are reminded that students who leave during the day due to illness MUST be seen by the nurse. Students should NOT use their cell phones to call home. The school nurse will place calls to parents after seeing the student.

**Faculty/Staff Phone and email list**

[http://lhs.eacs.k12.in.us/staff\\_directory](http://lhs.eacs.k12.in.us/staff_directory)

**Leo JSHS webpage:**

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

**Lost & Found:**

Located in the Library

# Athletics

The winter athletic season is underway!  
Best of luck to all winter athletes.

IHSAA physical forms are available on-line at:  
<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.*



January 23 was a day filled with excitement for our junior high students. Three hundred of our 423 students were eligible to attend Junior High PRIDE Day. Students were eligible based on making all A, B, and/or C's the first semester or increasing their GPA from first to second nine weeks.

Students were released from their seventh period class to the Auditoria. Students enjoyed popcorn and mingled with their friends from station to station where they were awarded coupons for modeling Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, and Excellence. Students then entered their coupons in a raffle and were awarded college gear, movie prize packs, or other school-based incentives.

All students will be eligible for this opportunity, again, second semester near the end of the school year. Eligibility will be determined by an increase in GPA or earning all A, B, or C's. Thank you for reminding students to demonstrate their Leo PRIDE!

# PRIDE

## STUDY TABLE

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

## **THANKS Leo Community!**

The LHS Students Sharing Hearts (SSH) Club would like to say “thank you” to all of the members of the community who made donations to our Christmas Fund Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to support 3 families (14 people total) that were adopted through the Fort Wayne Christmas Bureau!  
The SSH Club members raised the money to provide 2 week’s worth of food, household cleaning supplies, toiletry items and \$150 in gifts PER PERSON! This would not be possible without the support of the entire Leo community - thank you for sharing your heart this Christmas!

