

# LEO HIGH SCHOOL

## CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter will soon be graduating with the class of 2018. The Faculty and Staff at Leo Jr./Sr. High School wish to congratulate you for assisting your child in achieving this milestone in their 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 (ECA). All parents and students should be aware of their individual graduation status. Seniors who have not fulfilled minimum state graduation requirements by May 22, 2018, will not participate in the graduation ceremony on June 1, 2018.
2. Graduation will be at 7:00 P.M. on Friday June 1, 2018. 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 seating 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 June 1, 2018, at 3:15 P.M. Books and iPads are to be turned in and all fees paid.
5. Exam Schedule-Seniors Only
  - A. Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Class Periods 1,4, and 7
  - B. Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> Class Periods 2 and 5
  - C. Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Class Periods 3 and 6

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- 6 Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 goes to Shoaff Park – Noon – Lunch and activities
  - e. Students return to the high school at 2:30 pm and released
  
- 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 \$5.00 per car.
  
- 10 General Admission seating is available as well as handicapped accommodations. There are 5000 seats available for the families of 200 plus 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.
  
- 12 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.
  
- 13 We hope the above information will prove to be helpful to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school. Once again, congratulations to the Leo High School Class of 2018 Graduates!

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III  
Principal

# Spotlight on Academics



**The Social Studies Department** continues to work with our Instructional Coach, Mrs. Belcher, to utilize reading strategies as well as using data to drive instruction into all of our courses. We are also beginning to explore test taking strategies to better prepare our students for upcoming standardized testing. It is hoped that these strategies and data will help our students not only become better readers, but also become more engaged with the content. Our students are responding very well and we are seeing vast improvements in the classroom and on test scores.

In the past Fall Mr. Lance collected items that were turned into care packages. These care packages were then sent to a Leo alumni that is currently deployed overseas. The former student was delighted to not only get them but also share them with their fellow soldier. The kids enjoyed doing this for them as well as getting a hand written thank you from them sent back to the students.

Mr. Lance and Mrs. Kattner are in the final stages of planning our annual trip to Washington DC in May. This year approximately 75 students and chaperones will be making the trip. This trip is a great way for students to see first-hand the topics that are covered in 8<sup>th</sup> grade U.S History class. We are looking forward to the trip.

Many high school Social Studies students are busy preparing to take Advanced Placement exams in early May. The Social Studies department offers many Advanced Placement opportunities including AP World History, AP U.S. History, AP Government, AP Economics, and AP Psychology. AP classes are a great way for students to meet Academic Honors diploma requirements. There will also be a practice AP exam given in April, please watch for announcements and sign up in the CDC.

**The FACS classes** are up and running with lots of exciting things happening in the classes:

**Nutrition & Wellness I** is busy studying food safety and how to prevent kitchen accidents. They will be preparing several labs this semester; including apple pie bubble up, taco casserole, soft pretzel bits, and chicken pesto pasta.

**Nutrition & Wellness II** has been studying nutrition throughout the lifespan, including how to maintain a healthy weight. They will enjoy cooking several labs this semester; including egg drop soup, pizza bites, pepperoni lasagna roll ups and cheeseburger casserole.

**Child Development** is studying the reasons why parents have children and the ways in which a family becomes a family. Students will soon start taking the computerized baby home. They are also working on a creating a toy for an infant.

**Advanced Fashion** is starting their construction/redesign unit learning how to gather seams; button holes; zipper applications etc. They have a redesign-recycle project where they need to reconstruct 3 garments from their closet to 3 new garments to their liking. They are having fun with this challenge and being very creative! They are looking forward to going to Joann Fabric and making their own creation later on this semester.

**FACS 7** is currently in the middle of their drawstring bag project. The students use the sewing machines to complete this project on their own. They are having a lot of fun in class. After the drawstring bag project, they will move onto the cooking unit. They are looking forward to preparing monkey bread, Orange Julius, and chicken enchiladas.

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> or sooner. Counselors will then meet individually with each student beginning the week of February 12<sup>th</sup> to go over course selections.
- **Certified Nursing Assistant Program (Premier Nursing Academy) information meeting:** Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m. All current 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> graders and parents are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to participate in an 18-week program during the 2018-19 school year (during the school day) to earn a CNA and gain employment at a long-term care facility. Further information/details will be provided at the meeting.
- **The Career Academy at Anthis information meeting:** Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15 p.m.: 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents interested in learning more about and/or participating in one of the eleven (11) programs offered at Anthis next year are invited to attend.
- **ABC Construction Information meeting:** Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 a.m.: 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade students and parents are invited to attend. This partnership between Associated Builders & Contractors and EACS gives students the opportunity to obtain a jump start on a career in the construction industry. Students will get one year of their apprenticeship finished before graduation.
- **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, and 10)** – will begin the week of February 25<sup>th</sup>. Students in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and any 11<sup>th</sup> grader still needing to pass will be involved in testing all week. Please avoid appointments and unnecessary absences if possible.
- **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. The event takes place on Sunday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. at IPFW. This is Indiana’s largest FAFSA filing event and if you and/or your parents have not completed the application, it is highly recommended that you attend to get it done!
- **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](http://www.tutor.com/military) to sign up.
- **Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo** is looking for volunteers for the summer teen program. This opportunity is for teens from 13-17 years of age to receive hands-on experience volunteering at a zoo. The online application opened on January 1, 2018 and will close on February 28, 2018. This is a competitive application process! Don’t delay if you are interested. The application can be accessed at <http://kidszoo.org/support-the-zoo/teen-volunteers/>.

## Athletics

Best of luck to all winter athletes as they finish up their seasons. The spring athletic season is just around the corner! Make sure your physicals are up to date.

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.*

## 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 check with teachers first as most work is posted on line. Contact Mrs. Keane for additional help.

**Appointments:** Parents should submit a written note or phone the attendance office **prior** to an absence 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

## **Need Help With Homework? Join us at STUDY TABLE**

Tuesday –Thursday After school until 4:00 PM

In Library/Media Center



## Look what's happening in the library!

Teacher/Library – Mr. Aaron Volkert  
Library Assistant – Mrs. Christie Livingston  
Library Assistant – Mrs. Heather Anderson



### New Book(s)

#### **Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World by Malala Yousafzai**

Malala Yousafzai was only ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school.

Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012, she nearly lost her life for the cause: She was shot point-blank while riding the bus on her way home from school.

No one expected her to survive.

Now Malala is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner. In this Young Readers Edition of her bestselling memoir, which has been reimagined specifically for a younger audience and includes exclusive photos and material, we hear firsthand the remarkable story of a girl who knew from a young age that she wanted to change the world — and did.

Malala's powerful story will open your eyes to another world and will make you believe in hope, truth, miracles and the possibility that one person — one young person — can inspire change in her community and beyond.



### Events

**Book Club** – The next meeting for high school students will be on February 12th. We will be discussing *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman. I still have three copies available for any student who would like to join us in February. The author of *Disorder*, Jacqueline Davis, spoke to all of the book club students about her book during the last meeting, which took place on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Student were able to ask questions. Very cool!



### iPads

Students can now check out and renew library books in Destiny. Destiny is our web-based library management software. Students can also access WebPath Express through Destiny. WebPath Express is a safe, credible and fun educational search tool for PreK-12 students and teachers.