

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter will soon be graduating with the class of 2016. 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.

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 25, 2016, will not participate in the graduation ceremony on June 2, 2016.

Graduation will be at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday June 2, 2016. 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.

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.

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1. All financial obligations to the school are to be remedied by Thursday June 2, 2016, at 3:15 P.M. Books and iPads are to be turned in and all fees paid.
2. Exam Schedule-Seniors Only
 - A. Friday, May 20th Class Periods 1,4, and 7
 - B. Monday, May 23th Class Periods 2 and 5
 - C. Tuesday, May 24th Class Periods 3 and 6
3. Wednesday, May 25th 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
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Parking is available in the War Memorial Coliseum parking lot at a charge of \$4.00 per car.
7. General Admission seating is available as well as handicapped accommodations. There are 2400 seats available for the families of 220 plus graduates. The War Memorial Coliseum is air conditioned for your comfort.
8. 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 2016 Graduates!

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
Principal

Student Services

Absences / Appointments / College Visits / Vacation

- All absences must be called in to the attendance office. The number is 446-0186.
- Please make every effort to schedule appointments outside the school day. If a student must miss school for an appointment please provide documentation to the attendance office for the appointment upon the student's return.
- Juniors and seniors are allowed 2 college visit days. 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.
- We strongly discourage parents from taking students out of school for vacation, if a student must miss school for a family vacation please contact the attendance office for a vacation form. **Forms should be completed and submitted two weeks prior to 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. **STUDENTS WHO ARE ILL AND WISH TO GO HOME DURING THE DAY MUST BE SEEN BY THE SCHOOL NURSE IN THE CLINIC. STUDENTS WHO CONTACT THEIR PARENTS DIRECTLY AND ASKED TO BE PICKED UP FROM SCHOOL WILL BE COUNTED AS UNEXECUSED.**

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.

Attention all students in an AP course: we will be offering another AP practice test for you to better prepare for the AP exams this spring. The same exams will be offered as in the winter, but we will also be offering World History this time. The exams will be given on Sunday, April 17 from 12:00-3:00. Please sign up with your AP teacher or in the CDC by March 31.

Sports Physicals will be offered on April 12 and April 13. Cost is \$10 and the student must arrive with the form filled out and signed in multiple places by a parent in order to see a doctor. Please call the athletic dept. if you have questions.

Join us for Commencement Exercises on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at 7:00PM

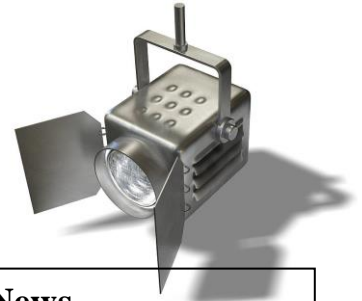


Leo Drama Department proudly presents

The Addams Family

Spotlight on Academics

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Family and Consumer Science

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

Nutrition & Wellness I is busy studying how the nutrients are broken down and utilized by the body. They have prepared several labs including peach oats breakfast bars, chocolate banana bread, pesto chicken pasta and homemade macaroni and cheese.

Nutrition & Wellness II have been studying nutrition throughout the lifespan, specialty diets along with vegetarian diets. They have enjoyed cooking egg drop soup; Zucchini chicken strips; stuffed pasta shells and super bowl appetizers.

Child Development – is in the middle of the human reproduction unit. Many students have experienced taking the computerized baby home. They are looking forward to a field trip to Parkview Labor & Delivery and Turnstone Learning Center in March.

Advanced Fashion – is in the middle of 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!

Careers 10 is in the middle of researching career choices that are interesting to the students and match their interests and personal resources. Their research will go into their Career Portfolio. The portfolio is a project that we will work on all semester long and will include career research, college research, and a resume to name a few. In March, students will be doing a unit on finances and will be taking a trip to Junior Achievement Finance Park.

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, we will move onto the cooking unit. They are looking forward to preparing monkey bread, Orange Julius, and chicken enchiladas.

Business Department News.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the business department has offered several classes. Mr. McKibben has taught Digital Citizenship, Accounting, Business Foundations, Web Design, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, and Personal Finance at the high school level and Business 7 at the junior high level.

Currently, the Business Department is working on several projects with an emphasis on financial and technological education. Mr. McKibben's classes will create a marketing scheme and web site directed toward bringing a large event to the city of Fort Wayne.

Throughout the past, there have been many businessmen and women who have come to speak with Mr. McKibben's students about their careers. The students ask creative questions and use the information to create innovative projects throughout the school year.

Wall of Honor

If you or a family member are an alum of Leo and has or is currently serving in the military please donate an 8X10 picture of the person in their military uniform to be added to our Wall of Honor. On the back of the picture please include the name of the person and when they graduate from Leo. Any questions please contact Mr. Lance at mlance@eacs.k12.in.us

Guidance Department



Christi Smeltzley, Guidance Director – grades 11 & 12

Gary Rogers, Guidance Counselor – grades 9 & 10

Cary Cogdell, Guidance Counselor – grades 7 & 8

Summer School information and application packs are available in the Guidance Office or on the school's website. Summer school is an opportunity for **credit recovery** only and attendance is mandatory.

Many scholarships become available in the spring. Don't forget to watch the morning announcements and check with your guidance counselor for upcoming scholarship opportunities.

- *Please watch the announcements and school website for upcoming testing dates. The spring season is full of state-level mandatory testing with ISTEP, ECA's, NWEA, and AP testing. Please do whatever you can to not pull students from school during testing windows.*

Attention Junior Parents Time for your young adults Meningococcal Booster Vaccine

All incoming seniors need to have their meningococcal booster prior to the start of their senior year. Feel free to vaccinate early prior to warm and fun weather and bring documentation to the School Clinic.



**Don't
Wait...
Vaccinate**

- **Meningitis is caused by bacteria that can be spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (e.g. saliva or mucus). Sharing drinks, kissing, close contact. Commonly spread amongst young adults on campus. <http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>**
- **Remember to wash hands, cover coughs; do not share drinks and vaccinate.**
- **Vaccination records not submitted this school year should be brought to registration in August.**

SUPER SHOT CLINICS: EVENING AND SATURDAY HOURS AVAILABLE.

<http://supershot.org/>

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Listed below are junior high activities and events for the rest of the year. Daily announcements or communication from individual teachers will reflect any changes or updates to the list.

Apr. 18-May 6 May 2	ISTEP+ Multiple Choice 8th Grade Cleveland, OH Depart 6:45am; Return 9:00pm; Approximate cost \$75.00+lunch (\$25 deposit March 16-18; Final Payment on or before April 15)
May 3 \$55.00+lunch May 4-8	7th Grade Columbus, OH Depart 6:45am; Return 8:00pm; Approximate cost 8th Grade Washington, DC – Registration is CLOSED Depart May 4 @ 9:30pm from Amtrak Train Station
Waterloo, IN	Return May 8 @ 8:00am to Amtrak Train Station
Waterloo, IN May 12	Junior High Choir Concert @ 7:00pm



East Allen County Schools and the Associated Builders and Contractors of Northeast Indiana work cooperatively in providing Construction Skilled Trades apprenticeship training. The ABC apprenticeship program is available to all EACS juniors and seniors. The students attend class from 7:15-9:00 a.m. and return to their home school for the remainder of the school day. The first year students work on introductory construction skills, OSHA safety, and career readiness. The second year of the program students work ½ day with a local contractor, return to their sending school for their required classes, and attend one night a week in an ABC apprenticeship course for their skilled trade. Students also earn dual credit with Vincennes University. As the students graduate from high school, they will have completed the first year of the 4 year apprenticeship program. Successful students will have employment with a commercial contractor as they graduate. Scheduling is currently underway for the 2016-2017 school year. If your student is interested in pursuing a career in the construction industry, please have them speak to their guidance counselor about enrolling in the ABC program or contact Kurt Van Horn, East Allen County Schools, 446-0100 ext 2015, kvanhorn@eacs.k12.in.us.