

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents:

As a part of our mission to provide Leo High School Students with a world-class education, we offer a wide variety of dual credit opportunities with area colleges and universities. Leo High School has agreements with local colleges and universities which allow students to take classes as high school students and earn college credit. These dual credit courses are taught at Leo High School by Leo teachers. Leo High School teachers are certified to provide dual credit opportunities in the following areas: Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Technology, Art, Business and Spanish.

We presently have dual credit agreements with IPFW, Trine, the University of St. Francis, and IVY Tech.

There are numerous benefits of being involved in a quality dual credit program. According to IPFW, the dual credit program is a benefit to:

- **Students**, by providing an effective transition from high school to college study. Students are challenged with the high quality academic standards, additional intensive workload, and increased personal responsibility for learning which are characteristic of college study. Earning college credits before beginning full-time study allows students to complete internships, double majors and/or study abroad. Students and families also greatly appreciate the tuition savings they gain through participation. Tuition for concurrent enrollment courses is approximately sixty percent less than on-campus tuition, with state priority courses as low as \$25.00 per credit hour.

At IPFW, Collegiate Connection students have access to IPFW e-mail accounts, IPFW Mastodon ID cards, tickets to NCAA Division I sporting events, fine arts, music and other special events. In addition, they have access to the IPFW Helmke Library resources, tutoring and career services, and can participate in extra-curricular activities.

- **Teachers**, by providing them with ongoing, discipline-specific, university-based professional development and connecting them with university and collegial resources. Appointed as adjuncts by academic departments, teachers have many of the same privileges as university faculty, including a tuition waiver for ongoing, professional development through course work.
- **Schools**, by providing college credit opportunities in the high school which creates more rigorous classes. More students can also obtain their Academic Honors diploma by fulfilling their dual credit requirement.
- **The University**, by enabling academic departments to engage in high-quality community outreach to high school teachers, students and schools. Many students, because of the experience, engage in their first academic contact at the college level.

As students prepare for College, we strongly encourage our students to take dual credit courses. East Allen County Schools Education Foundation provides some financial support to junior and senior students who successfully complete dual credit courses. If you have questions about dual credit courses, please contact the guidance department.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III



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 Athletes and Parents:

Leo Jr Sr HS will **NOT** be offering the IHSAA physicals this spring. Please do not delay in scheduling an appointment with your doctor to get your physical. Physicals must be dated on or after April 1st to be valid for the following school year. You can pick up a blank physical form in the athletic office or go to IHSAA.org and print a copy. The physical form is a 4 page form and must be completely filled out and signed by the athlete, parent, and doctor to be valid. The doctor's medical license number must be included with the doctor's signature.

Please contact the athletic office if you have questions. **GO LIONS!!!!**

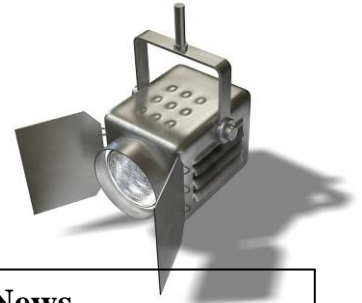


**Join us for
Commencement!**

**Exercises on Friday,
June 2, 2017 at the
Allen County War
Memorial Coliseum
at 7:00PM**

Spotlight on Academics

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PE/Health

Mr. Fiedler's Health and Advanced Health will go through CPR and AED training upon returning from spring break in April. Dr. Tom Dykstra along with several volunteers from Parkview, TRAA and NE Fire department will lead and assist the training of our Leo Health students. This will be third year these great people have assisted in CPR and AED training. If you are in any Physical Education classes in grades 7-12 be ready to get back outside. Please keep an eye on the weather throughout the week. We are hoping to get back to our various team sport activities following Spring Break. Be prepared to dress accordingly.

Beginning next year, students and parents may NOT request schedule changes after school has begun except for those reasons outlined in the student planner (below).

**** Please refer to page 15 of the student planner regarding the schedule change policy.**

"Schedule changes will ONLY be made for the following reasons: Completion of a summer school course, Incomplete schedule (missing class), Two courses in the same period in the same semester, Failure of a prerequisite course, Master schedule conflict, or courses not specified on the course selection sheet.

Any of the above changes must be made PRIOR to the start of a semester."

Business Department News.

During the 2016-2017 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.

Mr. Topp has added many different teaching strategies and digitized lessons to the Business curriculum.

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 Business 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 have, or are 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 course information and applications 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. Summer school will begin on June 5th and end on June 30th. All applications must be returned to the Guidance Office no later than April 17th.

Schedule Change Policy... All students have met one-on-one with counselors to discuss and finalize their course selections for next year. As a reminder, the master schedule for 2017-18 will now be developed based on the course requests taken during this process. **There will be no further schedule request changes or teacher requests** as they have an adverse effect on the master schedule and class size. Thank you for your cooperation.

Future drivers: Allen County Drive Alive has established an annual scholarship (Ralph Taylor Memorial Scholarship for Driver Education) available to students who will be 15-years-old by May 1, 2017. This scholarship will pay for a driver's education course which includes 30 hours of classroom study and six hours of one-to-one individual in-car instruction provided by the Driving Academy. Parents or guardians of the student must commit to transporting the student to the driver education classes. Scholarship applications can be accessed at www.AllenCountyDriveAlive.org or from Mrs. Smeltzley in Guidance. The application deadline is March 31, at 11:00 p.m.

Upcoming Testing... Please try to avoid scheduling appointments for your children during these dates.

- 7th, 8th, 10th, and 9th grade (Biology only) ISTEP+ Practice Test – Week of April 10th, 2017
- 7th, 8th, 10th, and 9th grade (Biology only) ISTEP+ Test Window: April 17th – May 5, 2017
- 11th/12th grade English/Language Arts and Mathematics ECA Retakes – May 1 – 12.

FAFSA Extension Announced...

Indiana announced that the state's March 10th FAFSA deadline would be extended to April 15th this year in response to the failure of a federal data retrieval tool that complicated the process for families attempting to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This means students can go back in incomplete FAFSA forms and complete them. This also means, if students just didn't do it-- that they didn't bother or forgot-- they can do it now and get in under the deadline.

6th Grade Student Visit and Parent Informational Meeting

- 6th grade students will visit Leo Jr/Sr High School with their classes the morning of April 11th at 9:00 a.m. Students will be given a tour and listen to presentations from administration.
- Parents are invited to attend an informational meeting on the evening of April 11th at 6:30 p.m.

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/>**

Look What's Happening in the Library!



Between NWEA testing and ISTEP testing consuming so much of our time, the library has been pretty quiet. Junior high students continue to work towards their AR goal and read specific genres. In the next few weeks, I will be teaching a lesson over Social Media to all of them.

Library interns remain busy shelving books, running errands, making copies and posters for teachers, laminating and checking books in and out for students and staff. They have been helping put genre stickers on the books as well!

iPads need to be updated to iOS 10.2! If your child has NOT updated please have them do so. Also, in order for the internet to work at home, ALL students must restart their iPad here at school. Then the first thing they should do once they get home is to log into the app called "Lightspeed." If they have any problems they should see me in the library! The library now has 2 wireless printers, one is color and the other is black and white. Students are able to print directly from their iPads, which makes printing so much easier!

Participate #READ2017 is well underway! The teachers have challenged the student body to see who can read the most books by May 18th! A celebration for who participate will be held on May 19th at the end of the day. The teachers gained an early lead in the challenge but the students have since passed the teachers.

In April, LBC, the high school Book Club, along with the junior high Book Club will be taking a field trip to Barnes & Noble. Both groups will hold a meeting, then tour the Barnes & Noble facility. Lunch at the food court followed by heading back to Barnes & Noble where the students will help select books for the school library!

Finally, this is just a reminder that Study Table is held in the library every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00. NHS tutors are available to assist students with homework and projects.