

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

The 2012-2013 school year is going to be the year of the iPad. On August 13, 2012 EACS gave out over 1,400 iPads to students in grades 6 through 12 at Leo Jr. Sr. High School. Presently, over 1,500 students now have iPads in grades 6 through 12 in the Leo attendance area. The deployment of iPads to our students was an enormous task. We would like to take the time to thank all of our volunteers and the EACS technology team for their efforts in the distribution of iPads at Leo Jr. Sr. High School.



Similar to other EACS, Leo Jr. Sr. High School is busy implementing the blended learning approach to successfully integrate the usage of iPads in the classroom. Leo Jr. Sr. High School has a technology coach (Mrs. Jenkins). The technology coach's primary focus is to assist teachers and their students to successfully integrate the use of effective strategies and multiple technologies to enhance student learning.

The utilization of the blended learning process will be gradual. EACS technology department has developed a staff development calendar to smoothly rollout the blended learning approach. Our teachers are gradually integrating these practices into their daily teaching.

As we make the transition from traditional classroom teaching to the blended learning approach there will be some issues that will need our attention. Thus far, some of our parents have been very helpful, and believe me, we have been very appreciative. Your continued support in this initiative will be wonderful. The introduction of iPads and other technologies in our classrooms will greatly enhance the education of our students. Therefore, parental feedback in this process is important. Parents have you visited my big campus? Sure you have! If not, please visit www.mybigcampus.com/activitiy. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact my office at (446-0181) or nbrown@eacs.k12.in.us.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III

*Where to go when you gotta kn **OW***



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>

Library News

IPAD problems:

Students should start in the library for help with their iPad. They should stop by before school, at lunch or after school only. Please be sure to remind your child to **CHARGE** their iPad every night!



LBC:

LBC or Leo Book Club is open to students in grades 9 through 12. We meet approximately every 4 to 6 weeks all year long in the library on Thursdays after school. We will read about 6 novels each year and we try to touch on a different genre for each novel we read! If you love to read please listen for the next LBC meeting in the announcements and join us!!

Accelerated Reader:

All 7th through 10th graders will participate in AR again this year. We are using the online version which should be up and running in the next few weeks and then students will be trained. Once that is done more information will be made available for parents!

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. **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.**

Spotlight on Academics



LANGUAGE ARTS

The Leo Junior-Senior High School English department is excited about the new school year, and the faculty and students are working hard. The English department is pleased to welcome Mrs. Melissa Fiedler and Ms. Shannon Sauder to the staff. Both are high quality teachers and we are fortunate to have them with us. Mrs. Fiedler teaches tenth grade English as well as ECA Prep and Ms. Sauder takes on AP Language and twelfth grade English.

The 2012-13 school year brings with it many changes throughout the school, and the English department is no exception. The advent of the iPad era provides new opportunities to communicate, collaborate, and express ideas, and we as a department are beginning to tap in to some of these. Class discussions can happen throughout the day, quizzes can be given and graded on the spot, and students have whole new ways to engage in learning and to show what they've learned. We as an English department are embracing a learning attitude in the midst of this change, and are excited about the potential educational benefits that come with the new technology.

In addition to the iPads, the high school English department (and EACS) has a new curriculum this year. This curriculum combines both the Indiana State Standards with the Common Core Standards. Each unit is called a bundle and consists of several different learning activities and a culminating performance task that requires students to use newly acquired skills and knowledge to complete a project that typically involves writing and presenting. The middle school language arts department has used a similar curriculum for the past two years.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The special education department is motivated and excited for the 2012-2013 school year. We have two teachers, Mr. Sauers & Mr. Trent, and have one resource teacher, Mrs. McCormick. Our department has the central goal of meeting our students' individual needs. From reading and math, to behavior interventions and life skills, Leo's special education department is diverse in its services and interventions.

The special education department is implementing multiple research-based interventions at the middle school and High School levels. *The Ascend Math Program* assesses students on a cross-categorical math spectrum. Each student is placed in a specific place to ensure the instruction is tailored and appropriate for each student's learning. *My Virtual Reading Coach* is a research-based intervention that increases and provides individualized instruction in the areas comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, and phonics. Read 180 continues to be an effective reading intervention for junior high students. Numerous students have increase their reading levels because of this program and it will continue to be effectively utilized.

We are also very excited to be a part of the general education classroom. Mr. Trent will be Co-Teaching with Mrs. Fiedler in English 10 and Mr. Sauers will be Co-Teaching in Pre-Algebra and Algebra with Mrs. Robbins. Both teams are excited to use all kinds of unique teaching styles to ensure the students are learning.

As a Special Education staff, we are ensuring that our department is 100% student focused. Each student's needs are unique and we strive to meet those needs.

Guidance Department



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



- **PSAT testing** for grades 10 and 11 will be on Wed., October 17. The test is free to sophomores (courtesy of the State of Indiana); however, there is a \$14 charge for juniors to take the test. All sophomores will take the test. Juniors can sign up by paying their \$14 during their lunch or in the Guidance Office. Please direct any questions to Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **Senior Class Meeting**: Thursday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. in the auditoria. Mr. Muncy will be here from Jostens to explain cap/gown and graduation announcement ordering. Mrs. Smeltzley will go over college application procedures and newsletter information. Please plan to attend!
- **Indiana University Groups Program**: Indiana University is once again offering the “Groups Support Services” program. This program is for seniors who are planning on attending a post-secondary college. “Groups” targets those students who are the first in their family to attend college, and those with limited financial resources from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Upon arriving at IUB, Groups students are offered academic advising, free tutoring, financial aid counseling and a faculty and staff mentoring program. Candidates must apply to Indiana University and the Groups program before November 1st and must be recommended to do so by Mr. Rogers. Qualified seniors are asked to see Mr. Rogers in the guidance office to check on eligibility and more information.
- **Class Rings**: The freshmen class met with Mr. Muncy, from Jostens, on September 20 regarding the ordering of class rings. If your child is interested in ordering, Mr. Muncy returned to the building on Wednesday, September 26 to take orders. If you missed the date and would still like to order a class ring, he will return again on Thursday, October 4. Information packets are available in the guidance office.
- **21st Century Scholars Program**: In 1990, the State of Indiana started this program to ensure students from low and moderate income families could afford a college education. Income-eligible 7th and 8th graders who enroll in the program and fulfill a pledge of good citizenship can receive up to four years of undergraduate tuition at a participating Indiana college (The scholarship amount is based on the family’s ability to contribute to a college education). To apply, you must log on to www.Scholars.in.gov. Applications must be submitted by June 30th of the student’s 8th grade year. Please review eligibility requirements online before applying: <http://www.in.gov/ssaci/2380.htm>.

- **College Reps Visiting Leo High School:** All students are invited to grab their lunch and eat in Room 150/151 with college reps from the following schools:

Tues	2-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Bethel College > Lindsey Hab
Wed	3-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Concordia Univ. Ann Arbor
Thurs	4-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Indiana Wesleyan University
Fri	5-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT- Anderson Univ (Ralynn Kelley 765-641-4083)
Mon	8-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Indiana University Bloomington
Tues	9-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Trine University (called 8/27)
Wed	10-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Ivy Tech (Zach)
Thurs	11-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > Hanover College
Tues	16-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > St. Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN
Mon	22-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > University of Evansvile
Mon	29-Oct	COLLEGE VISIT > University of Cincinnati
Tues	6-Nov	COLLEGE VISIT > University of Findlay
Wed	7-Nov	COLLEGE VISIT - ST JOSEPH COLLEGE, Kaylee Hofmeister
Wed	14-Nov	COLLEGE VISIT > University of Indianapolis, Tim Scully

This is a great opportunity to learn more about each college and ask questions that you might have! Open to any high school student.

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Save the date!!! Conferences will take place on Thursday, October 25, 2012 from 3:45 – 7:30 p.m.

PSAT test will be on Wednesday, October 17. Testing will consume the first three periods of the day and a portion of 4th period. Additional information will be sent to students as it becomes available. Testing will involve the majority of the 11th graders, all 10th graders, and 9th graders who are in both Honors English and Geometry/Algebra II.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies

Heritage project
Wednesday, October 24
 ~10:00 a.m.

2012 Please Join Us!

Mark Your Calendars

PSAT

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

7:45 A.M. at school

All Sophomores, Juniors and Freshman who have paid/qualify for testing

PICTURE DAY RETAKES

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

During Lunch Mods

EACS School Board Candidates Forum

LJSHS Auditoria, Monday, October 22, 2012

6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

PARENT TECHNOLOGY MEETING

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Leo areas schools meeting for grades K-12 from 6:00-7:00 P.M.

More details to be posted on the Leo website on October 15, 2012

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Thursday, October 25, 2012

from 3:45 – 7:30

Thursday, March 21, 2013

from 3:45 – 7:30

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thursday and Friday, November 22 & 23, 2012

Remember to feed your lunch account!

Using your prepaid *Point-Of-Sale* lunch account allows students to move through the lunch lines more quickly. Prepay your lunch account in the cafeteria or in the wooden “lunch account” box located adjacent to the attendance office.

Please remember that students may no longer use cash in the service lines.

Call Deb Carper for more information 446-0180 x 7117

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Student Lunch Balances can once again be viewed on Parent Access. We thank parents for their patience, while this popular option was reprogrammed to work with our new Point of Sale Lunch software.

ATHLETICS

THE WINTER ATHLETIC SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER. IF YOU PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN A WINTER SPORT YOU WILL NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE AN IHSAA PHYSICAL FORM ON FILE IN THE ATHLETIC OFFICE. ALSO, BE SURE TO LISTEN FOR INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT YOUR SPORT.

IHSAA PHYSICAL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON-LINE AT:

[HTTP://WWW.EACS.K12.IN.US/LHS/PAGE.PHP?PID=1156](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.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A GREAT WINTER SEASON AND HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE SUPPORTING YOUR LEO LIONS!!!

Requesting homework:

To request homework or books please call the Attendance Office: 446-0180 ext. 7114.

Teachers will not get homework ready unless a child has been absent for 3 consecutive days. You can check the teacher's web page, assignments will be there. You can also call a classmate.

Homework can be picked up in the Attendance Office at the end of the day.

Appointments:

Parents need to write a note or call the attendance office. Passports will be filled out for the students to leave class. Students will sign out in the attendance office. They can then be picked up by the glass doors. After students return from their appointments they need to check back in with the Attendance Office. Students need to bring a school excuse after they return to school. No bills please. School excuses may be faxed to 446-0189.

Vacations:

Parents need to provide a note to the Attendance Office. No phone calls please. The Attendance Office will fill out a vacation form for the students. The students will take it around to their teachers to sign. After teachers sign the form the parents will sign the form. Students will bring to the Attendance Office after form is complete.

Prudential Spirit of Community Awards:

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards were created in 1995 to recognize middle and high school grade students who have demonstrated exemplary community service.

To apply:

Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit, click on the "Apply Now" link and follow the onscreen instructions.

Or... you can request a paper application form by calling (877) 525-8491 toll free.

Applications are due by November 6, 2012.



Thank You! To Our Friends at Target who have donated \$1000 to Leo JSHS as part of the Take Charge of Education program in which Target stores donate money every time you charge purchases at Target using your REDcard.

Thank you for your support!

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.