

LEO HIGH SCHOOL
CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

East Allen County Schools is proposing a building project referendum to be taken to the voters in the May 2016 primary election. During the month of September, the School Board and the Central Office Administration held community meetings in East Allen County Schools' five attendance areas. The School Board and Central Administration are highly interested in community feedback. The East Allen County School building project community meeting for our attendance area was held at Leo Jr. Sr. High School on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. There were over eighty people in attendance. The community had an opportunity to give input in small group sessions and then a facilitator shared their comments with the whole group.



Leo Attendance Area

Leo Jr. Sr. High School
 Upgrade Auditoria
 (Seating & Sound System)

Cedarville Elementary
 Addition - 4 Classrooms

Leo Elementary
 New gym & stage
 Cafeteria expansion

Turf Facility
 (For Band, Soccer, Football, Track & P.E. Classes)

Upgrade outside restroom, locker and concession facilities
 (For Softball, Baseball and Football)

Upgrade softball and baseball facilities

Other public feedback at the September 22, 2105 meeting included traffic safety improvements before and after school, at Leo Jr. Sr. High School and Leo Elementary Schools, and safety upgrades at the schools.

The East Allen County School Board and Central Office Administration will start the process of discussing and prioritizing the public input received at their Tuesday, October 13, 2015 School Board Meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
 Principal

Spotlight on Academics



Math Department

This year the Math Department is focusing on creating Rigor in the classroom. Rigor is not about more homework problems when fewer will achieve mastery, but rather fostering an environment where all students develop the capacity to understand content that is complex, ambiguous, provocative, and personally or emotionally challenging. We are focused on creating an environment where all students process learning in deep, meaningful ways and make contributions throughout each class period. We want all students to be able to explain what they are learning and why it is important, beyond repeating the stated objective.

Junior High Mathematics:

It has been a great journey through the Bundle 1 and 2 so far this year in the JH Mathematics Department! We are up and running with Pearson e-textbooks and the Digits program. Algebra students can access Pearson e-textbook using the Pearson app, the EACS portal, WebDav, or pearsonrealize.com. 7th Grade Math and Pre-Algebra students can access the interactive textbook (Digits Program) using the EACS portal or pearsonrealize.com. If you have any questions about how to use Pearson, please let us know! Thanks for a great start to the 2015-2016 school year. We appreciate the amazing parent support!

High School Mathematics beyond Algebra 2

Finite: In finite, students have studied systems of equations, systems of inequalities, solving systems of equations with matrices, sets, linear programming problems (maximums and minimums of systems of equations), and Venn diagrams.
Probability & Statistics: students have studied data classification, frequency distributions, measures of position, measures of central tendency, and different types of graphs (bar, histogram, and polygon), probability, and probability distributions. We are planning projects in the near future to relate what we learn to the real world. Be on the lookout for these very soon.

PreCalculus: Dual credit requirements have changed and now covers two courses separately. Students will cover the first 4 chapters in semester 1 and the remaining chapters in semester 2. Please email or talk to Mr. Bierbaum if you have questions.

Calculus: In the first two chapters of Calculus students have studied limits and continuity. Students are already preparing for the AP test given next May.

The Fine Arts Department would like to welcome Mrs. Bev Hinrichsen to Leo. She comes to us from New Haven High School. She spent much of her summer preparing her classroom for her students. This year she will be teaching photography, dual credit art history, and several 3D art classes. So far she has really enjoyed the students here at Leo.

The department is taking 46 students to the Chicago Art Institute on Thursday, October 29 to see the second largest art museum in the country. Then they will spend the afternoon at Lincoln Park Zoo. It should be a great trip.

As always, we will be collecting top examples of art and writing to enter in the Scholastics Regional Art and Writing Competition. The entry fees are \$5 per piece this year. The work will be due shortly after Christmas Break. Winners' works will be on display at the Fort Wayne Art Museum for about six weeks and the students will be recognized at the Grand Wayne Center in Fort Wayne. The very top pieces of art and writing will be sent to New York City to be judged at the National Competition. Winners there will be recognized at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Visit www.artandwriting.org or see Mrs. Hoff if you have questions.

Band and Choir students are busy preparing for their upcoming concert seasons. The Marching band is in the middle of their competitive season, performing at 5:40 PM at Homestead High School on Saturday, Oct 10 in the ISSMA District competition. This competition is the first step in the band's quest to return to state finals. Good Luck to the Lions!

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 Wednesday, October 14. The test is free to all 10th and 11th graders (courtesy of the State of Indiana). Please direct any questions to Mrs. Smeltzley.
- Senior Graduation Order Date: Wednesday, October 7, Jostens rep Greg Muncy explained cap/gown and graduation announcement ordering to all seniors and gave them a packet of information. He will return on Thursday, October 15 during the lunch mods to take orders. Please direct any questions to Greg at [260-483-1825](tel:260-483-1825) or greg.muncy@jostens.com
- The Lilly Scholarship, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Ft. Wayne, is a full tuition scholarship awarded to seniors who have overcome a significant obstacle in their lives and have been academically successful. You must be in the top half of your senior class to be eligible to apply. Please see Mrs. Smeltzley for an application if you qualify.
- The November 1st deadline for scholarship consideration is quickly approaching for seniors. If you have not completed your top four college applications, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, your procrastination does not constitute an emergency on anyone else's part to make sure things are done last minute... Please be responsible.
- ALL TRANSCRIPTS must be requested through Parchment.com. All seniors met with Mrs. Smeltzley and Mrs. Lovett to complete their Parchment registration. Paper transcripts will no longer be sent. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Smeltzley or Mrs. Lovett.
- Congratulations to Madeline Anglin and Lisbeth Nelson who were both named National Merit Commended Students. They achieved scores among the top 50,000 students of over 1.5 million who took the PSAT last year. What an honor!!!

- The Fort Wayne Area 2015 COLLEGE FAIR will be held on the evening of Tuesday, October 13 at the Mirro Center – 10622 Parkview Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46845 on the campus of Manchester College FTW. The fair begins at 5:30 p.m. with a Financial Aid 101 program. The college fair is from 6-7:30. Over 50 college and university representatives will be available. No RSVP is needed. See Mrs. Smeltzley for a flyer or more information.
- Dupont Hospital is holding a Nursing Fair for high school students interested in the nursing career. The fair, called "A Day in the Life of a Nurse," will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at Dupont Hospital. Nurses from all areas of the hospital will be there to represent their respective departments and show students the diversity in the nursing profession, discuss daily work responsibilities and educational needs for respective departments. Several colleges will also be present to talk with students about their nursing programs offered in NE Indiana. See Mrs. Smeltzley for a flyer with more information.
- If you are interested in learning about the process and the requirements necessary to apply for nominations to the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Merchant Marines, West Point, the U.S. Naval Academy and/or the Coast Guard, you are welcome to attend an Academy Day that will be held at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2015. The program will feature a brief film on academy life and presentations from representatives from the academies followed by a question and answer period. Parents of interested students are encouraged to attend as well. Attendees may enter the base via the security entrance just east of the airport beginning at 10:00 a.m. To expedite security at the gate all persons attending must RSVP to our office no later than October 15th. RSVP to Kathie Green at kathie.green@mail.house.gov or call (260) 424-3041. See Mrs. Smeltzley for a flyer with more information or a nomination packet for the academies.
- ACCUPLACER ASSESSMENT is a computer-adaptive testing system developed by The College Board will given to Juniors in November. Juniors who will be taking the assessment are those who scored below 38 for reading and 40 for math on the PSAT. These exams provide both placement scores for placement into college courses and diagnostic scores that can be used to "drill down" and identify students' strengths and specific areas of need. The results and information from the ACCUPLACER exams provide schools with a detailed assessment of students' skills, which will assist in course selection and remediation plans for students.

KEEP CALM AND LIVE YOUR DREAMS!!

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 an excuse upon returning to school. 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.

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> 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.



Important Dates!

October 13 – Picture Retake Day

October 14 – PSAT Testing

October 22 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30

Please remind your students to move safely through the halls, especially to lunch. Students who are caught running in the halls will be assigned a Tuesday/Thursday School detention. Walking helps keep all students safe.

Parents and students will be using Canvas to access teacher lesson plans and daily assignments rather than My Big Campus. Teachers will post weekly assignments, lesson plans, and other important information on Canvas. Below is a link to show how to log in and access teach lesson plans.

How to access canvas for all course lesson plans and assignments:

http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/UserFiles/Server/s/Server_3123024/File/Canvas%20Parent%20Letter%20home%20revised.pdf

How to access the ebooks for courses:

<http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3123107&pageId=23946606>