

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

EACS is working with the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) to address traffic concerns around Leo Jr. Sr. High School. INDOT has directed EACS to conduct a traffic study. The Board of School Trustees approved A&Z Engineering to provide a "Traffic Operational and Impact Study" for Leo Jr. Sr. High School. Workers have been performing traffic counts on Hosler/Amstutz roads and the south school entrance in the morning. A proposed entrance and exit from State Road 1 to the south parking lot would alleviate some of the heavy traffic, as well as back-ups on Amstutz and Hosler roads during school arrival and dismissal times.



In the meantime, we are asking our parents and students to be patient and to follow the rules around the school zone. To ensure the safety of our students, we need 100% participation from everyone.

Reminder to drivers traveling around Leo Jr. Sr. High School during school hours:

- Be patient and obey all traffic laws.
- Leave home early to allow plenty of time.
- Only drop off and pick up students in the north parking lot (Tennis Courts).
- Please do not drop students off at Leo Elementary, Rainbow Childcare, on Amstutz Road, or in the south parking lot.
- Student drivers park in the south parking lot.
- High volume traffic time is 7:20 AM-7:40 AM.
- If parents are waiting after school in the north parking lot, please park in a parking space. Do not wait in the driving lanes.

Parents, please respect the school zone. Your child's safety is important. Please do your part to support school safety. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
Principal

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 already hard at work. The English department is pleased to welcome Mr. Lorenzini this semester as Mrs. Cyman is on maternity leave. He is a first-year teacher who comes highly recommended from his student teaching position. Mr. Lorenzini will teach Senior English this semester.

There are a few changes to the school year. This year we will focus on the NWEA assessment in all classes, including junior and senior classes. Dual enrollment classes are way up, from 25 students last year to 76 this year, meaning more students have the opportunity to finish their junior year with six college credit hours. The English department is now in its second year partnering with Trine University.

As education across the state continues its evolution into the digital age, the English department here at Leo continues to look for ways to incorporate technology into the classroom. The district-wide curriculum helps with this, and we as a department are entering our second year with unit on Media Literacy. Media Literacy involves studying and thinking critically about the media that surrounds us on a daily basis, and using it to develop an understanding of key literacy concepts, as well as improves skills of analysis, synthesis, and interpretation. No one knows what the job market will look like in ten or fifteen years, and one of our goals is to prepare students with skills that will translate across professions. These includes not only high-level reading, analysis, and writing, but also critical thinking, interpreting information and creating something new out of it, collaborating, creative thinking, and a willingness to get out of our educational comfort zones. As a department, we are up to the challenge of continually looking for ways to improve our techniques and keep up with the rapidly changing world.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Leo's Special Education department is excited about our new staff addition, Mrs. Laura Cooper. Mrs. Cooper is an experienced and effective educator who lives in the Leo community and has many positive relationships with the families that reside within. Our numbers have grown tremendously over the past few years, and as a result, we have increased both our staff and our services. As always, our department has the central goal of increased skill development in both math and language arts. We want to ensure that our students are receiving appropriate services and accommodations that will allow them earn a diploma and to have success after high school. We are excited about this school year and the students that we have the privilege to serve.

Parents and students will again be using Canvas to access teacher lesson plans and daily assignments. 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 teacher lesson plans.

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

http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/UserFiles/Servers/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>

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 19. The test is free to all 10th and 11th graders (courtesy of the State of Indiana). Please direct any questions to Mrs. Smeltzley.
- 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 to complete their Parchment registration. Paper transcripts will no longer be sent. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Smeltzley.
- 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 the Fall Academy Day that will be held at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base at 10:00 a.m. on September 24, 2016. 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 9:30 a.m. 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.

KEEP CALM AND LIVE YOUR DREAMS!!

Just For Parents

Attendance Office: To report absences or receive attendance information as well as request homework for students missing more than three consecutive days, please contact Mrs. Keane at 446-0186.

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 in at 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 up to 5 days per year.

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 (in its original packaging) 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.

Important Dates!

September 20 – Picture Retake Day
October 19 – PSAT Testing
October 20 – 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.



INDOT informed EACS that State Road 1 will be closed from Amstutz Road to Hosler Road beginning September 19th through mid to late November.

All traffic from State Road 1 will be diverted pass the school on Amstutz Road. Please plan accordingly by allowing plenty of extra time to commute to school! Traffic tie ups will not be considered an excuse for being tardy to school.

NWEA TESTING

All students at Leo Junior-Senior High School have been finishing NWEA assessments in their English and math classes. These assessments are called Measure of Academic Progress (MAP), and they are used to measure student progress or growth in school in the areas of mathematics and reading. The tests are given three times each year: beginning of the school year (fall), middle of the school year (winter), and near the end of the school year (spring). These assessments are important because they allow the teachers to track progress and growth in basic skills. The assessments also inform teachers where a student's strengths are and if any help is needed in specific areas. Teachers use this information to help them guide instruction in the classroom. The reading assessment also determines the student's Lexile range. Please take time to talk to your student about their assessment results. Students should know their NWEA scores and Lexile range. If they do not, contact their English and math teachers.