

# LEO HIGH SCHOOL

## CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



### Principal's Desk

As part of Career Majors Academy, Friday, November 18, 2011 was Career Exploration Opportunities (CEO) Day at Leo Jr. Sr. High School. CEO Day is primarily designed to expose middle school students to a variety of career options. This half day event gives middle school students the platform to explore various career options by listening to several presentations.



Students had the opportunity to select 4 out of 23 possible sessions to attend. Each session was 25 minutes, Middle school students served as host/hostess and escorts for the speakers. Students were encouraged to dress business casual attire.

This was truly an educational event for our students. CEO Day began at 7:45 A.M. with a pre-activity in homeroom in which students learned how to participate in each presentation and ask information-seeking questions. Basically, students were taught how to be a good audience member. Teachers focused on professionalism, respect, integrity, diligence, and excellence (Pride).

As a post-activity, students completed an evaluation of CEO Day and took informational notes to assist in the writing of thank you letters. In Language arts classes, teachers will continue to work on this post-activity by helping students write their thank you letters to be mailed by the Career Development Center to speakers.

CEO Day is structured so that representatives from companies and organizations can highlight in an interesting way their career goals to motivate students. A continental breakfast was also served. A great atmosphere for networking opportunities was created for our students. Leo Jr. Sr. High School has two CEO Days each year. The next CEO Day is scheduled for Thursday April 26, 2012.

CEO Days provide opportunities for the local companies and organizations to participate in the educational process. Community involvement is vital to the educational mission of Leo Jr. Sr. High School. Through community involvement, we are able to give a student real world experience to validate or support their academic education. If you would like to be a CEO presenter, please contact Mrs. Kyler, Director of our Career Development Center (CDC) at 260-446-0180 ext. 7116. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III

## 7 Keys To College Readiness and Career Success

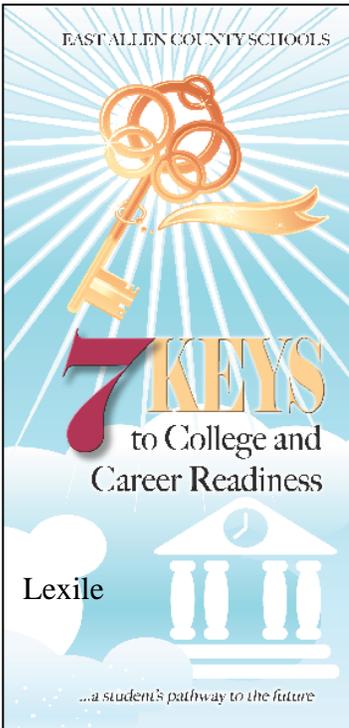
### **Key 1: Read at advanced levels in grades K-2.**

Although Key 1 does not apply directly to students beyond the second grade, it is very important for all students to continue to increase their reading levels throughout high school and it is even more critical for struggling readers to improve quickly. Research has shown that struggling readers are much less likely to finish school, more likely to commit law violations, and generally earn far less income over their lifetimes than students who read at grade level by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

Leo students in grades 7 – 11 have been given the Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI). This test measures reading levels and converts them into a number called a Lexile score. Every Leo student should know their Lexile score and what their Lexile goal should be by the end of the year. If your student does not know their score any teacher should be able to provide it to you.

### **Key 2: Score Pass+ on Language Arts and Mathematics portion of ISTEP in grades 3-8.**

This Key directly impacts all Junior High students at Leo and can only be met if students read at advanced levels. It is important to meet Key 2 because the ISTEP+ examinations align with the End of Course Assessments (ECA) taken in high school. These tests must be passed to earn a high school diploma in Indiana. Here are some ways teachers are working to help students meet Key 2. Teachers are incorporating more math and language arts skills into daily lessons in all classes, encouraging students to take advantage of peer tutoring help from older students, integrating ISTEP style questions into daily lessons and tests, continuing to use Compass Odyssey and Acuity software, and most importantly, by stressing the importance of high level achievement and always doing one's personal best.



## JA Success Skills in LHS Health Education Class

Starting the second semester of this school year (2011-2012) Junior Achievement will sponsor a “JA Success Skills” program in all Health Education classes. This is a seven session program that will be conducted once a week for seven weeks. Local professional volunteers will present this program to our students in our Health classes.

Our students will participate in challenging exercises to help them develop personal strategies to achieve lifelong learning pursuits and career opportunities. Team-building exercises test their problem-solving and critical-thinking skills, as well as their ability to communicate, negotiate, and lead. Through engaging activities, they appreciate the importance of personal appearance, professional demeanor, punctuality, and written and oral communication.



## *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>

Lost & Found:

Located in the IMC

## **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.

### **Vacation**

While we discourage parents from taking students out of school for vacation, there are times when students will miss school due to family vacations. Please contact the attendance office for a vacation form. Forms should be completed and submitted two weeks prior to the absence.

### **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.

# Spotlight on Academics



## Mathematics

East Allen County Schools (EACS) has taken a new approach to teaching algebra. This year's curriculum is not driven in the traditional manner of following the textbook. In the past, textbooks have been the driving force in the creation of the curriculum. EACS has developed a curriculum that is driven by content using the textbook as a resource to enhance learning.

The format being followed for Algebra I is called bundling. There are 8 "bundles" of concepts studied throughout the year. Each bundle is driven by thought provoking questions called "essential questions." Questions are not only designed to provoke thought but also tie mathematics in the course to the world of the learner. This helps the learner to take ownership of the concepts. In addition to the essential questions, a project accompanies each bundle. The project is used to link the concepts within the bundle together.

The Department of Education (DOE) provides resources for each standard in mathematics. EACS utilizes the work already done by the DOE by providing teachers a direct link to the resources. Within each bundle concepts are accompanied by the appropriate activity created through the DOE.

The new curriculum is quite a change from the traditional methods used in the classroom. The Leo math department has worked hard to implement the new strategies required by the bundling concept. While this curriculum requires adjustments for teachers, the focus on relating concepts to each other, and to the world of the learner will help students understand the need for knowledge of mathematics.

## Special Education

We have two brand new teachers in our department! Mr. Michael Sauers is coming to us from Grace College. Ms. Amy Rodocker taught last year in Huntington, Indiana. We have been very busy this school year unrolling new programs within our department. In the math realm, Mr. Sauers has started a new research-based math intervention program called Ascend. This program pre-tests, plans, teaches, post-tests, and documents data on each individual student. This program is proven to work and will help students tremendously in many areas of math. Ms. Rodocker is utilizing another research-based program called My Reading Coach in her Life Skills Reading and Remedial English classes. It is a phonics-based reading program that teaches struggling students to read. It is the only reading program that provides a virtual reading specialist and speech pathologist for every learner. Students receive individualized lessons in phonics, grammar and reading comprehension to help every learner reach his or her full potential. Returning from last year, Ms. Mallory Brooks is heading up the READ 180 program. READ 180 is a comprehensive system of curriculum, instruction, and is proven to raise reading achievement for struggling readers in Grades 4–12+. READ 180 is designed to maximize student engagement, teacher effectiveness, and leader empowerment. The special education teachers are hopeful that these three wonderful programs will help their students reach their potentials in reading and math.

# Guidance Department



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



- **Senior cap/gown orders** have been taken. There are still many seniors who have not ordered yet! Please take care of this very important detail of your senior year! You must contact Jostens directly at 483-1825.
- **End of Course Assessment (ECA)** retesting in Algebra I and English 10 will take place during the December 8 – 21 testing window. These tests (Algebra I and English 10) have replaced ISTEP for the graduation requirement, so it is very important that your child pass! Please make every effort to ensure your child is here!!

**Algebra Testing – Period 1 (Dec. 8, 9 and 12)**  
**English 10 Testing – Period 1 (Dec. 13, 14 and 15)**

- **2011-12 Financial Aid Night** - Mrs. Vickie Dahl, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at IPFW, will be at Leo High School on Wednesday, February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. She will completely review the FAFSA application, help you fill out the application, answer questions, and explain what will happen after the application is completed. Completing the FAFSA is a major task for families, so workshops of this kind are very beneficial. If you cannot attend and would like a list of other workshops in our area, please see Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **Lilly Scholarship Available** – The Lilly Endowment Scholarship, sponsored by the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, is available to seniors planning to attend college in the fall of 2012. This scholarship pays full tuition, required fees, and a stipend of \$900 per year for required books and equipment for four consecutive years of undergraduate study leading to a baccalaureate degree at any Indiana public or private college or university accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne requires high schools to use the following additional guidelines in nominating students:

- The student has to have overcome obstacles that created barriers to academic achievement and has since demonstrated marked improvement.
- The student's family has demonstrated financial need shown through completion of the FAFSA, eligibility for subsidized school lunches, or other extenuating circumstances, such as multiple children in secondary and postsecondary school or a single-parent family.
  - Applications are available from Mrs. Smeltzley and due back to her by December 21, 2011



**Have a wonderful holiday season!**

## Mark Your Calendars

### **FALL PLAY**

Thursday – Saturday  
December, 15-17, 2011      7:00 P.M.

### **WINTER BREAK**

Thursday, December 22, 2011 – Tuesday, January 3, 2012

### **WINTER HOMECOMING**

Friday, January 27, 2012      7:00 P.M.  
Boys Basketball vs. Woodland

## 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

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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!!!

## Student Rewards

Nate Morris won a color e-reader for flying one of his "A" planes into the center circle. Alexis King also won a color e-reader. Alexis had no tardies during the first nine weeks.

We have begun rewarding students again for not having tardies for an entire week. Every Friday during lunch, we will be recognizing students that had no tardies for the previous week. Five students from each grade are randomly selected to receive a prize. Prizes vary from candy to Komet Hockey tickets.

## Cyber-Bullying

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that is more prevalent with teenagers. Cyberbullying, instead of happening face-to-face, happens through the use of technology such as computers, cell phones and other electronic devices.

What to do if you feel you are the victim of cyberbullying:

- Talk with someone you trust.
- Do not respond to cyberbullying.
- Keep evidence of cyberbullying.
- Block the person who is cyberbullying you.
- Report the incident to your school.
- Ask for help.

Sources:

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

<http://www.ihatebullies.net/>