

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

The East Allen County School redesign plan is in the implementation phase. East Allen County Schools will go from Five High Schools to Four High Schools in the 2011-2012 school year. Paul Harding High School will be closed for the 2011-2012 school year. During the 2011-2012 school year, Harding High School will house the 7th and 8th grade students. Remodeling will also take place at Paul Harding High School as it is transformed into Paul Harding College and Career Academy for the 2012-2013 school year. East Allen County Schools has created a comprehensive plan to transition the Harding students to Woodlan, Leo, Heritage and New Have High Schools.



As a part of the transition plan, informational meetings were held. Tuesday December 7, 2010 at Paul Harding High School parents and students were invited to receive information about student reassignment process. The week of December 13, 2010, presentations by representatives from each high school were made to Paul Harding High School and Prince Chapman's 8th grade students. Open houses were hosted by each of the four high schools to provide an opportunity for parents and students to visit all the high schools before they completed their selection form. Leo, students, parents and staff members participated in the open house at Leo and the informational visit at Paul Harding High School.

Officially 118 Paul Harding High School students will be attending Leo Jr. Sr. High School in the 2011-2012 school year. East Allen County Schools and Leo Jr. Sr. High School will create opportunities for students, parents, staff and community involvement in the transition process of Paul Harding Students. Transition teams and activities will be created in each high school to work toward a successful transition of the Harding Students to their new school.

If you would like additional information on the redesign/transition plan, please feel free to visit the district web site (www.eacs.k12.in.us) or contact my office (446-1080).

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
Principal

Spotlight on Academics



Science Department

Despite the cold weather, the Leo Jr/Sr High School science department is continuing to bloom. Middle school science is finishing plate tectonics and getting ready to have shaking discussions on earthquakes. Biology students are using microscopes to study the structures of cells and beginning to discover the chemistry of life. Biomedical science students have extracted DNA from kiwis and strawberries. They are future scientists in the making. If you have embarked on a new diet for the new year, Human Body Systems students can help. They are currently studying nutrition analysis. Cardiovascular structure and function are at the top of anatomy students' lists as they dissect real cow hearts. Wow! The physics curriculum is forcing students through the Laws of Motion while earth and space science students are working on energy.

Foreign Language Department

The Spanish Department welcomes Mrs. Coria this year, she teaches Spanish I as well as 7th grade and 8th grade Spanish. The 7th grade Spanish class is new for Leo this year and we are excited to offer this to students. Mrs. Coria has been able to introduce her students to some unique tastings such as mate, a popular herbal tea, Day of the Dead bread and horchata, a sweet rice based drink. The middle school students are working on a research project on Spanish-speaking countries and making power point presentations. The Spanish I students are working on how to speak about class schedules, going places, and family in Spanish. Her classes often practice the language with communicative activities and peer critiques. They like to play games like "Fly swatter" and "Telephone."

Mrs. Daugherty is teaching Spanish I & II. The Spanish II students are learning about vocabulary that deals with disasters and injuries and being able to explain stories of past events. They are applying this knowledge to the true-life plane crash involving the 1972 Uruguayan rugby team in the Andes Mountains. The students discuss the heroism of the survivors and also the controversy of what the survivors had to do to stay alive. The students are enjoying the opportunity to debate their opinions while learning new things about South American countries. The Spanish I students have been working on expressing things they like and like to do. They have enjoyed tasting Mexican hot chocolate and were pleasantly surprised by the thick texture and spicy taste. They have just recently made some papier mache maracas and those are on display in the World Language hallway.

Mrs. Miller is teaching Spanish III. Her students work very hard to keep up with the rigor that level 3 has. Not only is the grammar tougher, but there is more vocabulary to cover as well. The students often play games like "Apples to Apples" and "Bananagrams" in class to learn their new vocabulary. Students also have been talking about art and learning about Spanish speaking artists. They have had the opportunity to create some "obras de arte" of their own and have enjoyed the time to express their thoughts and ideas. Students delve into the theme of "amigos," and are talking about interpersonal relationships and how to resolve conflicts. This is a great opportunity for the students to learn and understand how to overcome language barriers in their future. Make sure to come down the world language hall to see some of the student work we have on display.

Mrs. Steury is teaching Spanish I during the first and third trimesters. Her classes work hard to expand their Spanish vocabulary. Her classes often listen to recordings and engage in physical response activities. The students' favorite activity is AMIGO which is like Bingo. She is currently taking a break for the second trimester and will be back to Leo for the third trimester. While she is on break she is doing some professional development in Puerto Rico. We look forward to seeing her again and can't wait to hear of her travels.

ATHLETICS

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.

Congratulations to all of the winter athletes and coaches and good luck in your tournaments!

Reminder to spring athletes: You must have a physical form on file in the athletic office before you can participate in tryouts or practice.

Congratulations to coach Cogdell and the boys Varsity Basketball team for winning the ACAC Basketball tournament.

Congratulations to coach Mason and the wrestling team for a great showing at the sectional wrestling meet.

The PBIS initiative is still gaining steam. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The seventh and eighth grade students are part of a district-wide program designed to reinforce the positive behaviors and actions of students. Students are recognized by teachers for something as simple as saying thank you or for going out of their way to help someone. Students receive PRIDE coupons when they are recognized for their deeds. Students are also recognized weekly and monthly for not having tardies or not having referrals. Students then use their coupons to “purchase” candy, concession items, hall passes, and privileges such as shadow a teacher. We have had two days with no seventh or eighth grade tardies—GREAT JOB!! We are hoping to include the entire student body for the 2011-2012 school year. We are always looking for creative ways to reward the students for doing a good job. Feel free to email Mr. Kern at dkern@eacs.k12.in.us or call 446-0183 if you have suggestions.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items are located in the Attendance office.

Student of the Month

Each month the junior high faculty selects one 7th and one 8th grade student and each high school department selects one student to be recognized as Student of the Month. These students have exemplified the characteristics of our *PRIDE* initiative (Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Diligence, and Excellence). Please join us in congratulating the October and November Student of the Month winners.

February

Grade 7 –	Hannah Tzack
Grade 8 –	Alfred Jeremy Saylor
English –	Miller Kern
Math –	Chandler Fields
Science –	Katie Wertman
Social Studies –	Grace Crain
Foreign Language –	Kevin McGrady
Fine Arts –	Ben Elder
FACS –	Lily Gordan
Technology –	Zac Stoner
Business –	Alexandra Schanbacher
PE/Health –	Nina and Sophie Gutermuth
Careers –	Audrey Coolman

ISTEP+

The state is providing you a glimpse into the world of the ISTEP+ testing that your children will soon experience.

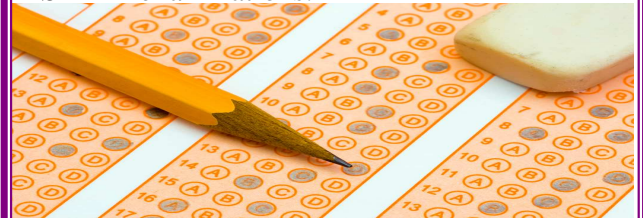
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<https://www.stage.inparentnetwork.com/pn/pages/login.seam> to get a Parent Network login

username and password. You can use your username and password at

<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment/parent.html>

to see questions in the same format your student will experience in the upcoming ISTEP+ examinations.



*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>

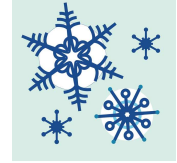
Leo JSHS webpage:

<http://www.eacs.k12.in.us/lhs>

Guidance Department



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



- **Scheduling has begun!!!** Thank you to the many parents that attended the parent scheduling meeting and thank you to the many families that have turned in their course selection sheets on time! Individual student meetings will begin on Monday, February 14.
- **End of Course Assessment (ECA)** testing will begin for all students in English 10 – 2, Algebra I – 2 and Biology I – 2 now through February 17. These tests (Algebra I and English 10) have replaced ISTEP for the graduation requirement, so it is very important that your child pass! If you have any questions about testing days/times, please contact Mrs. Roth in the Guidance Office.
- **2010-11 Financial Aid Night - RESCHEDULED** - Mrs. Vickie Dahl, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at IPFW, will be at Leo High School on Tuesday, February 15, 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.
- **8th grade NAEP testing** – is scheduled for Wednesday, February 16. This test, which is given to a random sample of 8th graders chosen by the National Assessment of Educational Progress, will be administered to 90-100 8th grade students. If your child was one of the 90-100 students chosen, you would have received a letter in the mail a couple weeks ago. If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Smeltzley.
- **ISTEP (grades 7 & 8)** – will begin the week of February 28.
- **ISTEP (GQE testing)** – seniors who have not yet passed ISTEP will have their final opportunity to retest from Tuesday, March 8 – Thursday, March 10.



Attention 7th and 8th grade Parents:

Your student may be eligible for **FREE COLLEGE TUITION** through Twenty first Century Scholars! Once enrolled in the Scholar Program, students will enjoy: Summer Programs, Career Workshops, Tutoring Resources, College Visits, and more! Your family will qualify for this program if your student participates in the free/reduced lunch program AND you complete an application. Apply online at www.scholars.in.gov or call 260-481-4175 to receive an application. Students must sign up before June 30, 2011. Act NOW!

Greetings Parents,

As the weather gets colder and more students are being dropped off and picked up, we would like to review the parking lot procedures. Remember, these procedures help us keep students safe. Please respect the following procedures at all times.

1. Amstutz circle drive is for A.M. drop off only. The circle drive is closed for afternoon pick up. Parking is not permitted along Amstutz Road. Violators can and will be ticketed.
2. The north parking lot is for student pick-up. Parents are asked to park within the parking spaces and wait for their student to go to the vehicle before exiting.
3. The south parking lot is for student drivers and staff. Traffic will be flowing to the west and traffic will be able to turn left or right onto Amstutz Road. Parents picking up in this lot must park in a parking space and exit with student traffic.
4. The east lot is for bus pick up and drop off only. Traffic will not flow around the east side of the building.

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**EAST ALLEN
COUNTY SCHOOLS**

News Release

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EAST ALLEN COUNTY STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN 'VOLUNTARY' ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO SURVEY

On February 17, 2011, all EACS students in Grades 7-12 will be provided an opportunity to participate in a **voluntary** survey that measures the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. The survey, which is conducted by the **Indiana Prevention Resources Center (IPRC)**, is part of a statewide process to collect data.

Participation by EACS in this survey stems from a **collaboration with Southwest Allen County Schools, Northwest Allen County Schools, and the Allen County Drug and Alcohol Consortium**. The program grant is a "**Drug Free Communities Support Program**." It is funded through a joint effort of the **Office of National Drug Control Policy** and the **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**.

The survey is being conducted for **three** purposes:

1. To provide local schools and their communities with valid estimates of the prevalence of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use among students; and
2. To provide Indiana with similar estimates of prevalence on a statewide basis.
3. To gather data for use in supporting future grant requests.

Important information for parents and students:

1. This survey is completely anonymous and completed in private, without any personally identifiable information that could be traced to an individual student.
2. Participation by EACS Grades 7-12 students is completely voluntary and students can easily "opt out" of participation by submitting a blank survey form.
3. To insure valid data collection, there is a need for non-drug using students to participate so that accurate estimates are obtained.
4. Parents have an opportunity to inspect this survey form prior to the 17th of February.

Specific instructions for administration of the survey will be sent to participating schools as soon as the IPRC provides the information.

If you have additional questions, please contact Jeff Studebaker, EACS School Safety Manager jstudebaker@eacs.k12.in.us or extension 3206.

Our mission of East Allen County Schools is to inspire in all students a passion for learning while developing knowledge, skills and character necessary to become responsible contributors to the local and global society.

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