

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

From the Principal's Desk

There has been a considerable amount of concern expressed about the traffic before and after school on Amstutz Road and Hosler Road. The big issue is safety. Community feedback has been very helpful. A meeting was held at Leo Jr. Sr. High School on Wednesday, January 11, 2012. Present were Peggy Garton, Leo-Cedarville Town Manager; Jeff Studebaker, EACS School Safety Manager; Denny Kern, Leo Jr. Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Kenny Litzenburg, Sheriff Department; Jill Brady, Leo Elementary Principal; and Neal Brown, Leo Jr. Sr. High School Principal. Long term and short term solutions were discussed.

However, most of our discussion focused primarily on short term or immediate solutions. It was a general consensus that the roads around the schools were not designed to handle the high volume of traffic. During my observation of the traffic in the morning, we only have a high volume of traffic for about 8 to 10 minutes. Therefore, our key concern was how to improve school safety. After collaborating with the Allen County Sheriff Department, the Leo-Cedarville Town Manager, and various feed-back from the community, we are asking our student, parents, and community to use caution and pay special attention to traffic laws around the school zones. Thanks to Peggy Garton, we were able to get the lighting on Amstutz repaired.

Reminder to drivers when traveling on Amstutz in the school zone:

- Please be patient and obey all traffic laws.
- The right lane heading south near the crosswalk is a turn lane for the day care. The solid white line indicates a no passing zone. It is a traffic violation to use this lane for passing.
- You can only turn right out of the circle drive Monday-Friday from 7:00 am- 8:00 am and 2:30 pm- 3:30 pm. It is a traffic violation to make a left turn.

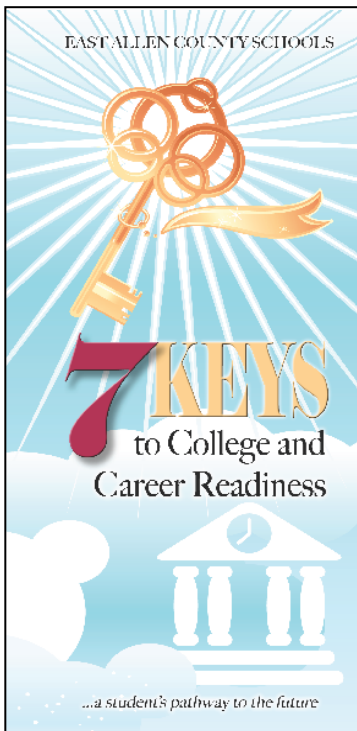
Everyone is responsible for school safety. Please do your part. During school hours, please be patient and respect the school zone. The crossing guard, the police officers, the low speed limit, yellow flashing light, and legal turns and passes are all created to make the school zone safe for the students. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Dr. Neal Brown
Principal



7 Keys To College Readiness and Career Success



Today's students will graduate from EACS and face a global economy where more jobs will require education or training beyond high school than ever before. Keys 3, 4, and 7 address issues of student preparation for post-secondary study by which courses they take in high school.

Key 3: Complete Algebra I by grade 8 and Algebra II by grade 10 with a "B" or better.

EACS students are now positioned to be ahead of their peers regarding advanced mathematics study. Beginning this year, all EACS 8th grade students study high school algebra in the 8th grade. This gives our students the advantage of pursuing higher-level mathematics during high school, which allows them to be more competitive when applying for college. Not only is it important that students take advantage of accelerated classes, but also that they perform well. There are many enrichment opportunities available to students to help ensure their success in these courses.

Key 4: Complete an advanced science class such as Physics or Chemistry by grade 11 with a "B" or better.

The US leads international comparisons of student performance in grade 4 (only trailing Singapore). However, by the final year of high school, US students lag significantly behind other nations in science performance. Just as studying mathematics is important, studying advanced science courses is crucial to long-term student success. Biology, Chemistry and Physics provide a solid foundation on which all other scientific study can grow.

Key 7: Complete an advanced technology class with a grade of "B" or better.

The amount of information in the world is growing at incredible rates. It is estimated that more information was posted to the world-wide-web last year than is contained in all the books ever written! Since technology has direct and significant impact on virtually every career path a student can study, it is vital that our students understand and study technology for their future success. At Leo, students can take a full array of advanced technology courses in Project-Lead-The-Way Engineering and Biomedical Sciences, as well as Web Design and Advanced Computer Applications.

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

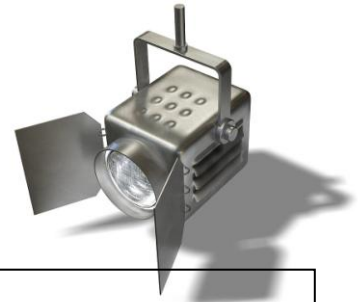
It is the policy of Leo Jr./Sr. that we will not deliver items to students unless the items are needed for class. Likewise, unless it is an emergency, we cannot deliver messages to students throughout the day.

Attention Drivers:

We ask that you use caution and pay special attention to traffic laws and patterns when around the school. We have been able to get some of the lighting fixed near the north crosswalk. Some drivers may not be aware that the right lane heading south near the crosswalk is a turn lane for the day care. It is a violation to use this lane for passing. Also note that it will be a violation to turn left out of the circle drive Monday – Friday from 7:00 - 8:00 am and 2:30 - 3:30 pm. We appreciate your patience and concern as we try to get approximately 1400 people in the building by 7:45 and then exiting the same people for home around 3:00.

Spotlight on Academics

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World Language

The World Language Department welcomes Mrs. Benz as the first French teacher at Leo Jr./Sr. High School. She teaches levels 1-3 for both Leo and Heritage high schools. Her classes are currently working on correspondence with students from Paris through e-mail. Level one students have enjoyed some popular French treats such as *mousse au chocolat*, *crêpes*, *bûche de Noël*, and *galette des rois*. Level 2 students are studying the lives and accomplishments of famous historic figures of French-speaking countries. Another new course here at Leo is the middle school World Language class with Mrs. Coria. It is an exploratory course and students learn about the culture and language of not only French and Spanish but also Japanese. It is a nine-week course and Mrs. Coria divides the time between the three languages highlighting basic conversational language and popular culture. Students have enjoyed the diversity and are getting a better understanding of which language they may want to continue in high school. Mrs. Coria, Mrs. Steury and Mrs. Talarico are teaching Spanish level 1. The students are currently having fun learning about foods and meal times. They are working on creating different kinds of menus and also enjoying different samples of popular food and drinks of Spanish-speaking countries. Mrs. Steury, Mrs. Talarico and Mrs. Miller are teaching Spanish level 2. Those students are currently studying how to get around a community and express actions in the past. Mrs. Miller is also teaching Spanish level 3 and 4. Passers-by may have noticed the display of impressive art work in the Spanish hallway. The students studied famous artists from Spanish-speaking countries and demonstrated their own talents by replicating popular art pieces. High school students also had the opportunity to participate in a field trip in November to see some amazing artwork at the Indianapolis Art Museum. There were displays dedicated to The Day of the Dead and students also learned a craft technique using aluminum. In April we are striving to have another field trip, this time in the music area. We are planning to take students to a concert with Justo Lamas, a pop singer from Argentina that will take place at Garrett High School. The World Language Department encourages students, faculty, and parents to keep an eye out for new displays of student work and talents.

Science

The Science Department is hard at work with our students. We are happy to have Smart Boards in our classrooms this year and are learning how to use them—sometime from our students! We are also supporting the School Improvement Plan through writing in our science courses. Here is what each teacher is doing:

From Mr. Shappell: In Chemistry we are discussing the mole and how to convert that to different units. In Biomedical Sciences we are finishing our unit on Diabetes by creating brochures and websites. And in Medical Interventions we are discussing different types of cancer and how they are diagnosed and treated.

From Mr. Tonkel: In Integrated Chemistry and Physics the students are learning about nuclear energy and the components of what makes a nuclear power plant work. The Biology students are examining the age old question of nature vs. nurture as we discuss genetics. The chemistry students are learning that a mole, no not the one in the backyard, the other one is a chemist best friend.

From Mr. Carey: Mr. Carey's biology classes are currently studying the work of Gregor Mendel and the principles of genetics. Students will soon be discovering the structure of DNA molecules and how the replication process takes place.

From Ms. Snyder: Chemistry students are hard at work studying their ions to ensure their continued success. Anatomy is beginning their dissections. We just finished a cow eye and are moving on to hearts. Anatomy 2 completed their family health portrait. We are working on dissecting brains.

From Ms. Corner: In Earth Space Science we are studying volcanoes and are about to do an activity where we map the volcanoes that occur around the world. In Anatomy and Physiology we are beginning the study of the endocrine system. In 8th Grade Science we are studying land, air, and water resources and are going to do an activity in paper recycling. In Human Body Systems we are studying burns and the sensation of pain.

Guidance Department



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

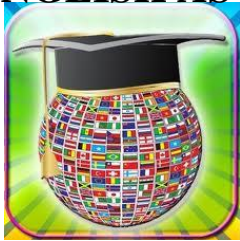


- Scheduling for next year is right around the corner!!! Look for information to come home with your child in the next couple weeks!
- **Senior cap/gown orders** have been taken. There are still many seniors who have not ordered yet! Please take care of this very important detail of your senior year! You must contact Jostens directly at 483-1825.
- **ISTEP (grades 7 & 8)** – will begin the week of March 6.
- **2012 Lugar Academy Days** – Learn more about attending one of the U.S. Military Academies. You are invited to attend on Sunday, March 11, 2012 from 1 – 4 p.m. in the Walb Union Ballroom at IPFW. To pre-register, visit: lugar.senate.gov/services/academy.
- **College Goal Sunday** – Need help filing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)? Financial aid professionals are volunteering their time to help you complete your FAFSA form. Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 p.m. at IPFW. Information was sent home with seniors regarding this event.
- **Military Students** – The Department of Defense is providing a program that gives all Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve members – and their dependents – free access to professional tutors 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Go to www.tutor.com/military to sign up.
- **Z-TEAM** at the Zoo – This is a volunteer opportunity for teens from 13-17. It is a hands-on experience volunteering at a zoo. Teens will explore animal-related careers while developing important lifelong professional skills. Applications for this summer's program are due on February 29, 2012. All application materials can be found on the zoo's website at <http://www.kidszoo.org/support/teenvolunteer.htm>.
- **Youth Entrepreneurship Symposium** – The Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership and the Northeast Indiana

Innovation Center will host a one-day series of workshops for Indiana high school students. This free symposium will focus on activities to turn creativity and innovation into solid business plans. The event is on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 8:30 – 2:00 p.m. at the University of St. Francis. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Register at www.sf.edu/yes.

- **Purdue University Vet Camp** – If you are excited by science, enjoy working with animals and would like to find out more about what it takes to become a veterinarian or a veterinary technician, this program is for you! Aspiring veterinary healthcare professionals will experience first-hand the fascinating world of veterinary medicine. There is a “Junior Camp” for students who will be entering grades 8 and 9 in the fall of 2012 and a “Senior Camp” for students who will be entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade in the fall of 2012. Visit www.vet.purdue.edu/boilervetcamp to register.

ENGLISH AS A NEW LANGUAGE



The students in the English as a New Language (ENL) program have been enjoying the transition to Leo Jr. /Sr. High School this year. They are receiving excellent support from their fellow students, teachers, and the Restorative Practices Manager, Mrs. Roth.

Special events were planned to highlight these students of culture. “All about Me” posters were created and displayed at the entrance to the winter homecoming basketball game between the Woodlan Warriors and the Leo Lions. Also, Burmese Dance was presented during the varsity half- time. This represented a collaborative effort between the Leo Dance Team and the ENL students and incorporated traditional Burmese dance steps and music. In addition, a cultural awareness video featuring student interviews is being produced and will be shown later this year.

Leo's Got Talent!



~ A Benefit for Leo PTSA Senior Scholarships ~

Saturday, February 18 at 7pm

Talent show will be in the auditeria

Mark Your Calendars

Girls Basketball Sectional 2/7, 2/10 & 2/11 at Garrett

Boys Basketball Sectional 2/28, 3/2 & 3/3 at Garrett

Presidents Day (Snow make-up) is now a regular session school day. From snow day 1/26/12. **School is in session.**

3rd Quarter ends: 3/9/12

ISTEP+ (session skills) testing window: 3/5/12 – 3/14/12 (student attendance is very important!)

ATHLETICS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE WINTER ATHLETES. IT WAS A GREAT SEASON AND WE ARE VERY PROUD OF OUR TEAMS, PLAYERS, AND COACHES.

BE SURE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR SPRING COACHES SO THAT YOU KNOW WHAT THE PRESEASON WORKOUT SCHEDULE IS.

SPORTS PHYSICALS - WE WILL AGAIN OFFER SPORTS PHYSICALS HERE AT SCHOOL. WE WILL BE SETTING THE DATES SOON SO LISTEN FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

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.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LEO ATHLETE AND A GREAT DAY TO BE A LEO LION!



LIBRARY INFORMATION



The Library is a very busy place! AR for grades 7-10, research papers, projects, PLATO, and lots more and happening on a daily basis in the library ☺. The library is open from 7:15 to 3:15 Monday through Friday. On Monday through Thursday, Mrs. Roth has a “study table” for any student in grades 7-12 that need help with any class. There are high school NHS tutors available to help students as well. Study table runs until 4:15 each day.

All 7th & 8th graders who read ALL genres, which are required in their Language Arts class, by the end of April, will receive a free ticket to attend a TinCaps game. All 9th & 10th graders need a total of 30 points for their AR goal this semester. This is just a reminder that their AR points count towards a test grade in their Language Arts class.

Lost and Found is located in the library. There will be announcements letting students know when Lost and Found will be cleaned out. All items will be donated to Goodwill.

Encourage your child to read EVERYDAY!!!!



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES

EAST ALLEN UNIVERSITY: AN EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY

At Tuesday's Board meeting the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees voted to move forward with their plan to establish an early college high school by entering into a partnership with Vincennes University. Superintendent Dr. Karyle Green stated, "East Allen University will be a highly focused high school program where students can earn an Indiana Core 40 high school diploma while also earning college credits toward an Associate Degree from Vincennes University. The program will include internships with business partners, project based learning, and inquiry learning. One of the key concepts of the school will be a personalized school environment promoting the inclusion and belonging of all students leading to high academic achievement through enhanced support structures".

The corporation has been working since early summer to design an innovative 9-12 program to go into the closed Paul Harding High School space. The school is scheduled to open in August with approximately 60-100 freshmen and grow to approximately 350-425 students over the next four years. Current 8th grade students from across the district as well as those from outside the East Allen boundaries have the opportunity to apply. Doug Hicks assistant principal at New Haven High School and a leader in planning the school indicated daily schedules will include additional study and resource time for all students as well as daily collaboration time for staff. He also stated students will have access to the vast online Vincennes media resources, that students would be utilizing a high level of technology, focusing on 21st century skills, with an emphasis on social and character skill building. Of great benefit to students and parents is that up to 62 transferable university credits can be earned at no cost or a very minimal cost to students through the Vincennes University partnership.

Current EACS 8th grade students and their parents will be invited to meetings in January to learn more about the opportunities of East Allen University and how to apply for the new school. In addition, meetings will be scheduled in early February for students outside of the district who may be interested in the Early College Academy at East Allen University.

Currently there are over 250 early colleges across the county and that number is expected to exceed 300 by next fall. The early college concept utilized by Vincennes University is based on the research of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with 86% of graduates pursuing additional higher education.

For more information contact Karyle Green, Superintendent at 260-446-0100 or kgreen@eacs.k12.in.us or Doug Hicks, Early College Administrator at 260-446-0220 or dhicks@eacs.k12.in.us.

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.
www.eacs.k12.in.us



Dear Parents,

EACS-NAND (No Alcohol No Drugs) is an initiative bringing parents together to provide greater insight into the problems of adolescent drug/alcohol abuse. **The goal of NAND is to create a network of parents helping prevent students' alcohol, illegal drug and tobacco use:**

- At parties
- In homes
- Among their peers
- At school activities
- At social events

Community and school leaders are concerned with the cavalier approach many students have towards alcohol/drug use. They have been searching for ways to improve student attitudes and behaviors. It is our hope the NAND initiative will effect positive change in the prevention of student alcohol, illegal drug and tobacco use.


Our schools provide alcohol and drug education to all students through our mandated health education programs and other alternative activities. Schools alone cannot prevent alcohol and other drug abuse. Prevention **must start at home:**

- Despite teens' protests, parents remain the greatest influence in the alcohol, drug and safety decisions their students make.
- Parents acting together provide greater safety for ALL students.
- Tools are offered throughout this booklet to help.

The majority of research available on deterrent drug, alcohol and tobacco programs indicates signing a pledge card increase the level of ownership and shows a real commitment to the program. Please show your willingness to join other concerned parents in making your home "party safe" by completing and returning the attached pledge card to NAND at your child's school or go to www.eacs.k12.in.us and follow the link to register online.

We hope the collaboration between the various schools in Allen County combined with **your** involvement will lead to a safe school year for our students. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,


Jeff Studebaker
EACS - NAND

I Pledge to Provide a "Party Safe" Home

- I will not knowingly allow parties or gatherings in my home when I am not present.
- I will not serve nor will I knowingly allow youth under the legal drinking age to consume alcohol in my home or on my property.
- I will not knowingly allow the use of illegal drugs in my home or on my property.
- I wish to be informed, confidentially and without judgement, by any parent who has PERSONALLY observed my child using alcohol or other illegal drugs
- I will make an effort to inform, confidentially and without judgement, the parents of a child whom I have PERSONALLY observed using alcohol or other illegal drugs.

This Party Safe Homes pledge is a statement of concern and intent. Party Safe Homes and its members are not able to guarantee or enforce compliance.

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please list the schools your children attend: _____

- Yes No If my school prepares a directory of parents who sign the pledge Cards, I give my permission to have my name, address and phone number listed.

Please sign, stamp, and return.

Return to:
EACS - NAND
1000 Prospect Ave
New Haven IN 46774

Parent Signature

**Family
Table**

A project of:
McMillen Center
for Health Education

Tip of the Week:

Grocery shopping is one of my least favorite tasks. So, I use the same list every week because it saves time and makes it easy. Even when I take the time to make a meal plan, it usually has the same things on it, because I know what to buy and how to prepare it. And so my family complains that they're bored with *the same thing, again*.

I decided to try at least one new recipe this week. You can imagine my excitement when I found 100 Ways With Chicken online! It gives you 100 pictures (and the recipe when you find one you like!) from which to choose. And, the most exciting part? The kids can pick something that looks good to them, from chicken dippers to creamy chicken pasta. Less squabbling, at least about how it looks!



For more information on Family Meals, visit www.FamilyTableOnline.org