

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Dear Parents:

Your son/daughter will soon be graduating with the class of 2012. The Faculty and Staff at Leo Jr. / Sr. High School wish to congratulate you for assisting him/her in achieving this milestone in his/her life. We wish your son/daughter every success in the future.



In order to keep you informed concerning graduation and other upcoming events, we submit to you the following information:

1. In order to graduate with a diploma from East Allen County Schools and Leo Jr. / Sr. High School, a senior must have met Indiana high school diploma requirements and passed the End of Course Assessments (ECA's) in both Algebra I and English 10. All parents and students should be aware of their individual graduation status. Seniors who have not fulfilled minimum state graduation requirements by May 22, 2012, will not participate in the graduation ceremony on June 8, 2012.
2. Graduation will be at 7:00 P.M. on Friday June 8, 2012. Exercises will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum. Students should be at the War Memorial Coliseum no later than 6:15 P.M. to line up for the procession. General admission begins at 6:00 P.M.
3. In the interest of time and in order to preserve the dignity of the graduation ceremony, we ask that recognition of all graduates be held until all seniors have received their diplomas. Traditionally the graduation ceremony is a dignified ceremony, and anything that interferes with the ceremony is disturbing to all. We ask that there be no yelling, whistling, or other activity that would draw undue attention to a particular graduate. We also ask that you encourage your son/daughter to conduct himself/herself in a manner that will not detract from the dignity of the ceremony. The time for recognition is at the end of the reading of all graduates' names. I know all of you are proud of your graduate, but individual recognition is out of order and you are asked to refrain from it. Parents, we really need your cooperation in this matter. Please do your part to make sure we have an orderly graduation.
4. All financial obligations to the school are to be remedied by Tuesday May 22, 2012, at 3:15 P.M. Books are to be turned in and all fees paid.
5. Exam Schedule-Seniors Only
 - A. Friday, May 18th Class Periods 2, 4 and 6
 - B. Monday, May 21st Class Periods 1, 3, 5 and 7
 - C. Tuesday, May 22nd make - up exams, 12:00-3:15 P.M.

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6. Tuesday, May 22nd Schedule

- A. Breakfast and Senior Awards – 8:00 A.M.
- B. Bus leaves for Coliseum - 9:30 A.M.
- C. Picture for students who earned an Academic Honor Diploma (group photo), Valedictorian and Salutatorian - 11:00 A.M. (Cap & Gown must be worn for picture).
- D. Bus returns to Leo – Noon

- 7. A group picture of academic honor diploma recipients, valedictorian and salutatorian will occur at graduation practice. Recipients will need their caps, gowns, dress shoes and National Honor Society stoles. Without the preceding items, you will not be part of the photo and will be mentioned as absent. The group picture will hang in the south entrance of our school, above the display cases.
- 8. Male graduates are to wear dress shirts with ties as well as dress pants and dress shoes with their graduation gowns. Ladies are to wear dresses or dress pants and dress shoes with their gowns.
- 9. Parking is available in the War Memorial Coliseum parking lot at a charge of \$4.00 per car.
- 10. General Admission seating is available as well as handicapped accommodations. There are 2400 seats available for the families of 214 graduates. The War Memorial Coliseum is air-conditioned for your comfort.
- 11. During graduation practice, students will be instructed in the procedures for gathering with relatives and exiting the Exhibition Hall after the graduation ceremony.

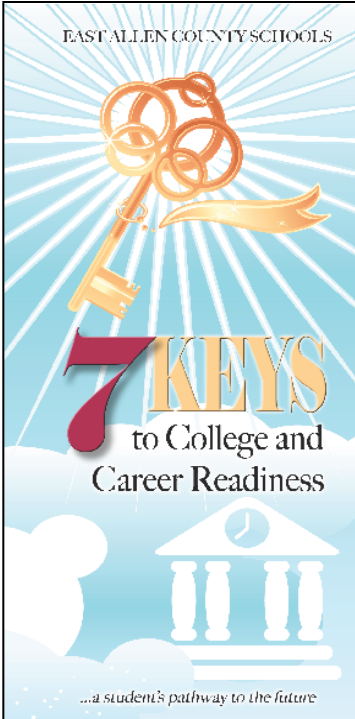
We anticipate a large crowd for graduation, and we will do everything possible to limit the ceremony to a reasonable length of time, hopefully one hour or less.

We hope the above information will prove to be helpful to you. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the school. Once again, congratulations to the Leo High School Class of 2012 Graduates!

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 5 and 6 help prepare students for post-secondary study and to allow them to gain college experience during high school.

Key 5: Score 3 on an AP Exam or complete dual credit courses with a "B" or better.

Leo currently offers 8 out of a possible 32 Advanced Placement courses. *Calculus (AB & BC), English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Macroeconomics, Psychology, U. S. History, U. S. Government & Politics, and World History.* Students who take AP courses may take the Advanced Placement examinations in May each year. These tests are scored "1 – 5", with "5" being equivalent to an "A" in a college course. Students who earn a score of "3" or better are guaranteed to earn college credit if they attend an Indiana public post-secondary institution.

Students may also take advantage of dual-credit opportunities in Pre-calculus, and Calculus at Leo earning credits from IPFW or any number of college courses taken at local universities. Leo teachers are currently working with universities to provide more dual-credit opportunities next year. Under Indiana State law (I.C. 21-43-1.5-2), the rate charged to Indiana students for an identified dual credit priority liberal arts or CTE course shall not exceed \$25 per credit hour.

Key 6: Score 1650 on the SAT (out of 2400) or 24 on the ACT.

Both the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and the ACT (American College Testing) are standardized test that assess a student's college readiness and are used by colleges to help determine admissions status. The SAT test is comprised of three sections; Mathematics, Critical Reading, and Writing. Each section is worth 800 points (2400 points possible). The ACT is given in four sections; English, Mathematics, Reading, Science Reasoning, and an optional Writing exam. Each section is worth 36 points.

These tests are usually taken during the junior and senior years of high school. The tests may be taken more than once so a student can improve their score. With a national average SAT score of 1509, and an ACT average of 22, East Allen's benchmarks of 1650/24 make our students more competitive by placing them in the upper two-thirds of all test takers.

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

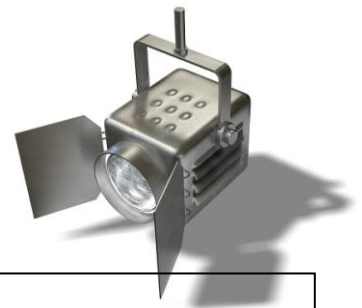
It is the policy of Leo Jr./Sr. that we will not deliver items to students unless the items are needed for class. Likewise, unless it is an emergency, we cannot deliver messages to students throughout the day.

Attention Drivers:

We ask that you use caution and pay special attention to traffic laws and patterns when around the school. As warmer weather arrives there will be more foot traffic around the school. Please be cautious. Remember 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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Family and Consumer Science

The FACS department offers numerous classes focused on students and their futures - equipping students for both personal and professional success. Below is an overview of the varied elective courses students may take at Leo Jr/Sr High School.

7th Grade FACS is an introduction to life skills such as communication, conflict resolution, childcare, and kitchen skills. Students are encouraged to continue on to courses in high school.

Nutrition & Wellness I is focused on the development of skills in choosing and preparing nutritious foods. The six main nutrients are studied in depth. Basic food preparation skills are also practiced.

Nutrition & Wellness II is a second level class in a sequential course. Special emphasis is on nutrition & wellness for individuals and families.

Advanced Foods & Nutrition is a third level foods class that emphasizes food throughout the world. Emphasis is on food customs, traditions and cooking styles.

Child Development Class is focused on the development of children through age one. Students take home the computerized baby for a weekend.

Advanced Child Development is a yearlong class focused on children between the ages of one and six. Students write and illustrate a children's book; and write and teach curriculum at a daycare.

Interpersonal Relationships is focused on developing healthy relationships. Emphasis is on effective communication, managing stress, and relationships within the family, community and workplace.

Adult Roles and Responsibilities is focused on independent life. Topics include personal goals; personal finance; and consumer decisions.

Fashion and Textiles Foundations is a new class for 2012-2013 focused on study of the elements of design and properties of textiles and fashion products. Each student will construct three projects.

Social Studies

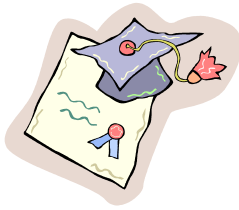
Mr. Lightfoot, Mr. Lance and Mrs. Kattner are gearing up to take 36 8th Grade Students and 17 parent/chaperones to Washington, D.C. We leave on the Capitol Limited Amtrak at 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 2 and will be in Washington Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We will be back Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. This is a great experience we and are looking forward to the trip!

Mr. Lance's students have gathered care package items and sent them over to Afghanistan to 4 deployed soldiers. The classes will also continue collecting items for the Wounded Warrior Project after Spring Break.

Mr. Bethay's 7th grade Social Studies classes recently completed a writing essay in which they pretended that they had spent their entire summer vacation in East Africa and wrote a "Letter Home" about their experience to a family member or friend. Students had to incorporate important geographical and historical information about the region as well as culture and life today as a part of their letter.

Many high school Social Studies students are busy preparing to take Advanced Placement exams in early May. The Social Studies department offers more Advanced Placement experiences to our students than any other department at Leo JSHS with classes in AP World History, AP US History, AP Government, AP Economics, and AP Psychology. AP classes are a way for students to meet Academic Honors diploma requirements as well as East Allen Count School's new 7-Keys initiative.

Guidance Department



Christi Smeltzley, Guidance Director – grades 11 & 12

Gary Rogers, Guidance Counselor – grades 9 & 10

Cary Cogdell, Guidance Counselor – grades 7 & 8

Deborah Roth, Restorative Practices Manager

Scheduling for 2012-13...

- The scheduling process for next school year is under way.
- Most students have met individually
- If you have any questions, contact one of the guidance counselors.

ATTN SENIORS: Academy Cord Checklists Due!!!

- Academy Cord Requirement Checklists are now available outside the CDC office, in student services, or from the Academy Director. These forms must be completed and submitted by Friday, March 23 in order to apply for an Academy Cord for the graduation ceremony.

College Applications

- Seniors should have applied to colleges by this time. If you have not and need some assistance, see Mrs. Smeltzley in the guidance office. If you have not received an acceptance letter yet from a college you applied to, contact the admissions office to see if something is missing.

Study Tables

- Before and after school study tables are available for students needing extra assistance with academics.
- Contact Mrs. Roth (x7113) with any questions.

7/8th Grade ISTEP

- We have completed the Applied Skills portion of ISTEP.
- Multiple Choice testing will begin on May 1, 2010.
- Please try to avoid scheduling appointments the mornings of this week!

Parent Access Codes

- Parents can call Anita Bultemeier at 446-0180 x7106 or stop by student services.
- Students can get their own code by talking to Mrs. Bultemeier.
- This code will let you log in and view grades, attendance, lunch account balances, and more.

Guidance News cont.

ECA Testing

- Students currently enrolled in Algebra I and/or English 10 will be taking the End of Course Assessment (ECA) for each class.
- These tests have replaced ISTEP as the graduation requirement.
- Any student who has taken the ECA previously and has not passed will also be retested.
- Testing windows are below. Please try to avoid appointments and/or absences on these days!
 - Biology: April 23 – May 2
 - English 10/Algebra I: May 10 – May 21

Dual Credit

- Students interested in taking a course at IPFW next year will have the opportunity to sign up on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Ann Brown, IPFW Collegiate Connection Coordinator, will be here to take applications and assist in the enrollment process. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Smeltzley.

QUESTA Scholars Program

- This program offers attractive loan forgiveness incentives for graduates who wish to become part of northeast Indiana's workforce after college.
- If a Questa Scholar graduates with a 2.75 or higher GPA and chooses to live and work in one of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana for a minimum of five years after college, Questa Foundation will forgive up to 50% of the loan on a graduated scale over five years.
- Through a Pay Back Partnership Program, Questa Scholars who attend participating northeast Indiana colleges are eligible to have an additional 25% of their Questa loan repaid on their behalf.
- Visit questafoundation.org for complete program details or stop by the guidance office for a brochure.
- Great Scholars Program for students pursuing engineering as well!
- Application deadline is June 1, 2012.

Leo Drama Department proudly presents

Cole Porter's ANYTHING GOES

Thursday – Saturday April 26 - 28



Mark Your Calendars

Class Tourney	March 23	5:00 PM
Spring Break	April 2 – 6	
EACS Auction / Fundraiser	April 13	6:00
Sports Physicals	April 17 & 18	During School Day
Spring Musical	April 26, 27 & 28	7:00 PM
ISTEP+ (grades 7 & 8)	May 1	
Advanced Placement Testing	May 7 – 17	Check with Teachers for dates and times.
Last Student Day	May 22	(if no further cancellations)
Commencement	June 8	7:00 PM

ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORT SEASONS ARE UNDER WAY. GET OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR LIONS!

SPORTS PHYSICALS WILL BE OFFERED AT LEO JSHS ON APRIL 17 AND 18. THE COST IS \$10 AND THE FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENT-ATHLETE AND A PARENT/GUARDIAN PRIOR TO SEEING A DOCTOR.

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



Meet Author Mike Mullin!



He will be visiting
LEO High School
on **4/18/2012** to discuss writing, geology, and
his novel *Ashfall*.

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If you or your student wants a copy of *Ashfall*, they will be available for
sale at school for \$15.00
Mr. Mullin's autograph is FREE.
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Many visitors to Yellowstone National Park don't realize that the boiling hot
springs and spraying geysers are caused by an underlying supervolcano. It has
erupted three times in the last 2.1 million years, and it will erupt again, changing the
Earth forever.

Fifteen-year-old Alex is home alone when the supervolcano erupts. His town collapses into a nightmare of darkness,
ash, and violence, forcing him to flee. He begins a harrowing trek in search of his parents and sister, who were visiting
relatives 140 miles away.

Along the way, Alex struggles through a landscape transformed by more than a foot of ash. The disaster brings out the
best and worst in people desperate for food, clean water, and shelter. When an escaped convict injures Alex, he
searches for a sheltered place where he can wait—to heal or to die. Instead, he finds Darla. Together, they fight to
achieve a nearly impossible goal: surviving the supervolcano.

Advance Praise for *Ashfall*:

Kirkus Reviews, [Starred Review](#): "In this chilling debut, Mullin seamlessly weaves meticulous details about science,
geography, agriculture and slaughter into his prose, creating a fully immersive and internally consistent world scarily
close to reality."

School Library Journal: "Tautly paced and well researched, this is a high-action read-alike for fans of Susan Beth
Pfeffer's *Life As We Knew It*."

"The book is well written and its protagonists are well-drawn, particularly the nontraditional and mechanically inclined
Darla...this is a riveting tale of survival."—*Publishers Weekly*

ORDER FORM:

Name _____ **Homeroom** _____

Copies of Ashfall _____ **x 15.00 =** _____ **Please**

enclose cash or check and return to the library.