

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

Leo Jr. Sr. High School is off to a fantastic school year. The official student enrollment for the 2011-2012 school year is 1,342 students (Middle School-407, High School 935). Overall, we increased by 46 students from the previous year.

We would like to thank the Leo Jr. Sr. High School students, staff, and community for the smooth transitioning of the Paul Harding High School Students. We have 84 Harding students who became Leo Lions. Through a strong EACS Restorative Practice program the feedback from students and faculty has been excellent. Everybody seems to be comfortable and well adjusted.

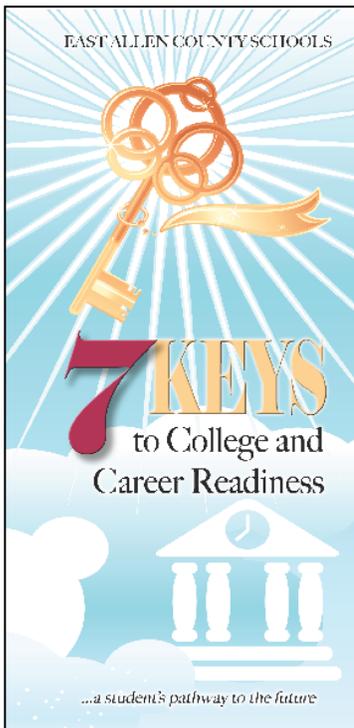


Academically, we are continuously meeting the needs of our students. The New Math and Language Arts curriculum in the middle school is now fully implemented. Mrs. Newman, the instructional coach is working daily with our Math and Language Arts teachers. East Allen County Schools Seven Keys to college and career readiness is being introduced to our students, faculty, and community. The East Allen County Schools Seven Keys are significantly more demanding than state requirements for earning a high school diploma. The Seven Keys raise the bar for all East Allen County Schools students. The Seven Keys require students to achieve a "B" or better in Math, Science, Technology and dual credit courses. Students are also required to score 3 on the AP Exam, score 1650 on the SAT, or score 24 on the ACT. Completing these rigorous standards will go a long way in preparing students for college and career readiness.

As we expand opportunities to meet the needs of our student body, we have an after school tutoring program held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the auditoria from 3:05 till 4:15 p.m. Mrs. Roth, our school restorative/transition manager supervises the after school tutoring program. Mrs. Roth is a behavior interventionist. Her primary responsibility is to assist Leo students with educational and vocational objectives.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III



7 Keys To College Readiness and Career Success

East Allen County Schools *7 Keys* initiative provides all students a pathway to college and career readiness by significantly increasing the requirements students must meet throughout their school career. Today's students will graduate from EACS and face a global economy where most jobs require education or training beyond high school. The EACS *7 Keys* opens the door to college and career readiness for students and while not every student will attend college...every student deserves to be prepared to attend college or post-secondary training.

- Key 1: Read at advanced levels in grades K-2.
- Key 2: Score Pass+ on Language Arts and Mathematics portion of ISTEP in grades 3-8.
- Key 3: Complete Algebra I by grade 8 and Algebra II by grade 10 with a "B" or better.
- Key 4: Complete an advanced science class such as physics chemistry by grade 11 with a "B" or better.
- Key 5: Score 3 on an AP Exam or complete dual credit courses with a "B" or better.
- Key 6: Score 1650 on the SAT or 24 on the ACT (out of 2400).
- Key 7: Complete an advanced technology class with a grade of "B" or better.

Please look for more information about each Key in upcoming issues of our school newsletter.

Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)

The Scholastic Reading Inventory is a comprehension test taken by all students in grades 7 – 11. These tests are used to measure a student's reading abilities. Each student is given a number known as a lexile score that represents their personal reading comprehension level. As a student progresses through school their lexile score should increase.



Parents can monitor the lexile level of the books their student reads by visiting the following websites and entering the books title into the appropriate field.

Leo High School Home page, click "Media Center," then Destiny Library Manager" and finally click "Catalog." Type the title in the box and press "enter."

Or, visit www.lexile.com and enter the book title in the "Quick Search" box and press "enter."

We encourage you to explore these websites and to encourage your student to read all types and genres of writing and at various lexile levels. Remember, the most important thing you can do to improve your student's reading scores is to simply encourage them to read more!

*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 Attendance Office

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.



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With the move to a seven-period day, an earlier start time, and the decrease from seven to five minute passing periods, we have experienced a significant increase in the number of students who are late to class. As with any change, we understand that it will take some students longer to acclimate to these changes than others. However, there are a few things you can do to help your student be on-time to class and avoid unnecessary school consequences.

Please discuss this issue with your student and encourage them to plan their route through the building carefully, avoiding congested hallways when possible. Also, make sure your student is getting up early enough in the morning to arrive at school on-time. We suggest students carry more than one book at a time when appropriate to avoid trips to their locker between every class. This can save valuable minutes while in the halls. Limit conversations with friends between classes and plan accordingly when using the restroom. Finally, if your student is still having difficulty getting to class on-time, please encourage them to speak with an administrator, counselor or teacher.

Spotlight on Academics



The Leo Junior-Senior High School English department is excited about the new school year, and the faculty and students are working hard. The English department has a new addition to the staff. Ms. Jessica Hancock comes to Leo from Paul Harding High School where she taught English. At Leo, Ms. Hancock will be teaching seventh, eighth, and ninth grade English. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Hancock on staff at Leo. Also, The English department is pleased to announce that it will be offering two new courses this year. The first course offered to high school students is a novels course that will be taught by Mr. Rothert. The other course being offered to students at the high school level is an SAT prep course taught by Mr. Clark and Mrs. Mahoney.

Accelerated Reader (AR) is still be utilized this school year by students in grades 7-10 and a few minor changes need be noted. Junior high students will not accumulate AR points; rather, they will read a pre-determined number of AR books according to genres each nine week grading period. Ninth and tenth grade English students will be required to read and accumulate 30 AR points each semester.

Finally, junior high students have begun using the Compass Odyssey program in their English classes. There has been a slight change to the program this year. Students will now take a pre-test before each teaching bundle. This pre-test will determine the skill(s) that each student needs to improve upon in the bundle. Then, the program will provide individualized remediation. In addition to class time, teachers are encouraging students to login to the Compass Odyssey program and work on the bundle needs at home, or opportunities do exist for students to access Compass Odyssey before and after school. Access to Compass Odyssey is through the district's webpage (East Allen County Schools) and accessed by selecting "students" on the menu.

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



- PSAT testing for grades 10 and 11 will be on Wed., October 12. The test is free to sophomores (courtesy of the State of Indiana); however, there is a \$14 charge for juniors to take the test. All sophomores will take the test. Juniors can still sign up by paying their \$14 in the Guidance Office. There are still a few seats left... Please direct any questions to Mrs. Smeltzley.
- The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation awards \$3 million in scholarships to high school seniors who demonstrate leadership, commitment to the community, and academic achievement. Last year, Leo's own Laurel Dispenza was a Coca-Cola Scholar!!! Applications are available online at www.coca-colascholars.org. Apply today!!!
- Mark your calendars... The second annual "Careers in Engineering Night" hosted by Homestead High School will take place on the evening of October 11th at 7:00 p.m. This event is designed for high school students and their parents in the Ft. Wayne area to explore the opportunities available in the engineering profession. The event will feature an engineering overview presentation, engineering colleges available to answer questions and engineers from a variety of disciplines and local companies. All math, science and technology teachers have a copy of the information flyer. You can also stop by to see Mrs. Smeltzley if you would like further information.
- The Leo High School Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the prestigious Indiana University Wells Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded on the bases of merit, provides full tuition, academic fees, and an annual living-expenses stipend for four years of study at IU Bloomington. Qualified applicants should have a GPA of 11.0 or higher, a combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1430 or higher, and be in the top 10% of the senior class. If you plan to attend IU, no matter what field of study, don't miss this opportunity! See Mrs. Smeltzley for further information.

Mark Your Calendars

PSAT

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

7:45 A.M. at school

All Sophomores, Juniors and Freshman who have paid/qualify for testing

PICTURE DAY RETAKES

Tuesday, October 18

During Lunch Mods

PARENT TEACHER CONFRENCES

Thursday, October 27, 2011

from 3:30 – 6:30

Thursday, March 22, 2011

from 3:30 – 6:30

NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 4, 2011

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25, 2011

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

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!!!

Requesting homework:

To request homework or books please call the Attendance Office: 446-0180 ext. 7114. Teachers will not get homework ready unless a child has been absent for 3 consecutive days. You can check the teacher's web page, assignments will be there. You can also call a classmate. Homework can be picked up in the Attendance Office at the end of the day.

Appointments:

Parents need to write a note or call the attendance office. Passports will be filled out for the students to leave class. Students will sign out in the attendance office. They can then be picked up by the glass doors. After students return from their appointments they need to check back in with the Attendance Office. Students need to bring a school excuse after they return to school. No bills please. School excuses may be faxed to 446-0189.

Vacations:

Parents need to provide a note to the Attendance Office. No phone calls please. The Attendance Office will fill out a vacation form for the students. The students will take it around to their teachers to sign. After teachers sign the form the parents will sign the form. Students will bring to the Attendance Office after form is complete.

Education is Everyone's Business

featuring

Mike Packnett

President & CEO Parkview Health

Thursday, October 20, 2011 ■ 11:30 am

Indiana Tech, Andorfer Commons, Seitz Conference Center
1600 E Washington Blvd, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Luncheon Cost: \$15 per person ■ \$100 per table
pre-payment only

Make checks payable to:
East Allen County Schools
1240 State Rd. 930 E., New Haven, IN 46774

RSVP TO: Jennifer Rose @ 260.446.0100 ext. 1025 by October 10th

Proceeds to benefit East Allen County Schools Programs & Initiatives

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FORT WAYNE URBAN LEAGUE AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY

High Expectations. No Excuses.

STANDARDS BASED INSTRUCTION

The FWUL provides homework help and academic enrichment activities for K-12 students, Monday through Thursday, 3 PM - 7:30 PM and Friday 3 PM - 6 PM.

IPFW Student-Teachers assist Urban League Scholars with daily homework and provide engaging, hands-on learning activities based on Common Core State Standards.

Contact the Urban League to register your student for academic assistance.



COMPUTER LAB

Students can use the Urban League computer labs to complete homework and participate in educational activities. Students learn about digital literacy, internet research, and improve their computer skills.

Students are required to use "Kid's College," a computer based reading and math assessment, before having free time on the computers.



- The Common Core State Standards Initiative represents one of the most significant reforms to U.S. education in recent history.
- 48 states, two territories, and the District of Columbia have agreed on the essential knowledge and skills necessary for the college and career readiness of our nation's students.
- Indiana will begin to assess for Common Core in 2014



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Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.

Frederick Douglass



NULITES NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE INCENTIVES TO EXCEL & SUCCEED

NULITES, is a National Urban League youth leadership model for students in grades 8-12. Students meet for 4 hours weekly to participate in activities focused on three college readiness priorities: *Academic Development, Social Development, Cultural and Global Awareness.*

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

We offer additional programs throughout the year, including:

- Parent Academy Workshops
- National Achievers Society Induction
- Robotics and STEM Learning

To track student progress, we use the Urban League curriculum "Project Ready" to assess progress and competencies, and we monitor each student's graduation plan. Graduation plans are a requirement in the State of Indiana.

To sign up for NULITES, contact John Foster: 260.745.3100 or jfoster@furbanleague.org



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