

LEO HIGH SCHOOL CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

As part of Career Majors Academy, Friday November 20, 2015 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 career oriented presentations.



Students had the opportunity to select 4 out of 16 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). Students completed a Post-Activity during the wrap-up session reflecting upon what they learned during the presentations.

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 March 18, 2016.

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. Dick, Director of our Career Development Center (CDC) at 260-446-0180 ext. 7116. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III
Principal

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Science

The weather outside is frightful, but Leo science is so delightful! The middle school program is working on the periodic table and are destined to be well-prepared for high school chemistry. Our freshmen are exploring science related careers in biology. Some of them have decided to pursue a career that will put their classroom knowledge to use. Chemistry and Integrated Chemistry Physics has recently had their ions test, are exploring acids and bases, and the unit of moles. Ions will be extremely important for all chemistry students second semester. Anatomy students recently viewed a knee replacement surgery and are preparing to watch an autopsy. They also just attended a field trip to Indiana Tech to learn about neurons and the brain. In physics and astronomy students are working on Newton's second Law and just got back from the Brown Planetarium at Ball State University. The PLTW Biomedical Science classes are studying a variety of things: from diabetes to polymerase chain reaction and genetics testing, the students are learning how their bodies work and why they work that way. If you have questions about what we are studying, please check Canvas any time for lesson plans.

World Languages

The World Language Department includes Spanish and French classes from junior high level to dual credit courses this year. Mrs. Benz teaches high school French I, II, III, and IV. Mrs. Coria teaches Spanish III, IV and Dual credit. Mrs. Kern is teaching Spanish II. Mrs. Talarico teaches Spanish I and II. New to our school is Ms. Stockinger. She is teaching Spanish I for high school as well as 8th grade Exploratory World Language. For the fourth year, students taking Spanish IV have the opportunity to gain college credit for Spanish. Mrs. Coria works with the IPFW program and students are now able to gain not only credit for the equivalent course taught at IPFW but also credit for the two preceding courses. Our Leo students will have a total of 9 college credits upon completion of the Spanish IV class. We will be facilitating a field trip this January. We will have a private screening of the film The 33, which is a true story of a disaster involving miners that occurred in Chile. We will also will experience cultural Hispanic dances taught to us by a local dance studio. We will inform the students of the opportunities this month.



Join students from the Leo Fine Arts Department for the Yuletide Dinner and Concert on December, 5th. Dinner starts at 6:00 PM with the concert following at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the concert are available at the door. Please contact Mrs. MacDonald for more information.

Final Exam Schedule and Information

Final exams will be given on Wednesday thru Friday, December 16-18.

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| Wednesday, 12/16 | Periods 3 & 6 |
| Thursday, 12/17 | Periods 2 & 5 |
| Friday, 12/18 | Periods 1, 4 & 7 |

Please note: Students are not permitted to take exams early for any reason.

Students who miss exams associated with an excused absence will be afforded the opportunity to make up exams with their teacher upon returning to school in January. All students should schedule make up exams with their teachers prior to leaving on vacation.

Winter Break!

December 21, 2015
- January 4, 2016



From all of us at Leo JSHS,
We wish you Happy Holidays!

East Allen County Schools is looking for;



Bus Drivers, Food Service Workers, and Substitute Teachers.

If you are interested in finding out more information please call the Human Resources Department @ [260-446-0100](tel:260-446-0100).

Guidance Department



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

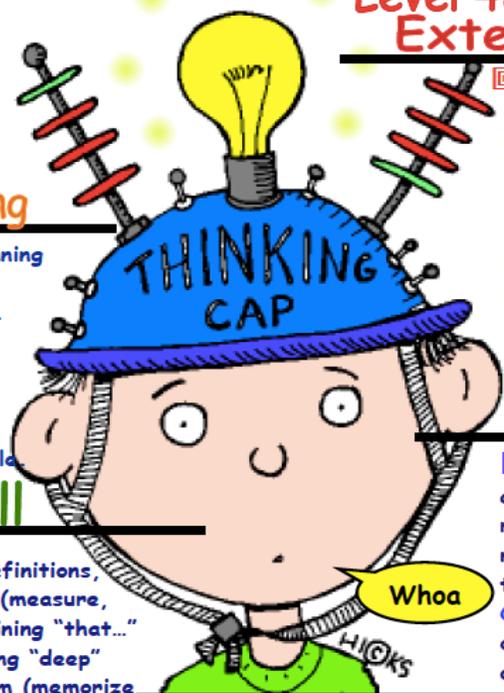


- **Senior Newsletter** – The Senior Newsletter will be posted monthly on the Leo HS website beginning this month. It will also be emailed home to all parents. Please take the time to view this document. There are many scholarships listed as well as important information.
- **Wednesday Counseling** – Counselors will be available in the cafeteria every Wednesday for any student needs. If it is not convenient to come to the guidance office, this is an opportunity for students to ask questions, seek guidance, or take care of any student service needs.
- **Grades** – Please take advantage of the [Parent Access](#) tool to monitor your child(ren)'s grades. Communication with teachers is very important to ensure you know what is taking place in the classroom and how your child(ren) is/are progressing.
- **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.
- **ECA Testing** - End of Course Assessment Re-Testing in Algebra I and English 10 will begin the week of December 7. Any students who have not passed either or both test will be involved in this testing. It is very important that students pass both of these tests as they are required by the State of Indiana for graduation. Look for more information to be delivered by Mr. Rogers.



Depth of Knowledge (DOK)

Teachers in EACS have begun using Webb's *Depth of Knowledge* levels to deliver instruction to students. The four Depth of Knowledge levels categorizes tasks according to the complexity of thinking required to successfully complete the task.



DOK (Depth of Knowledge)

Level 3: Strategic Reasoning

☐ A. Focus is on reasoning & planning in order to respond (e.g., write an essay, apply in new/novel situation). B. Complex and abstract thinking is required. C. Often need to provide support for reasoning or conclusions drawn. D. More than one "correct" response or approach is often possible.

Level 4: Extended Reasoning

☐ A. Requires complex reasoning, planning, and thinking (generally over extended periods of time) for the investigation. B. Assessment activities have multiple steps with extended time provided. C. Students may be asked to relate concepts within the content area and among other content areas. D. Students make real-world applications in new situations.

Level 2: Skill/Concept

☐ A. Focus is on applying skills and concepts (in a familiar/typical situation), relationships (compare, cause-effect), main ideas. B. Requires deeper knowledge than definition. C. Explaining how or why. D. Making decisions. E. Estimating, interpreting in order to respond. F. One right answer.

Level 1: Recall

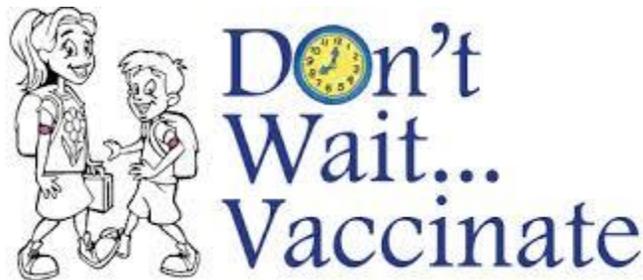
☐ A. Focus is on specific facts, definitions, details, or using routine procedures (measure, divide, follow recipe, etc.) B. Explaining "that..." C. Can be "difficult" without requiring "deep" content knowledge to respond to item (memorize a complex theory without being able to explain its meaning or apply it to a real work situation) D. Combination of level ones does NOT = level 2. E. One right answer.

"He who learns but does not think, is lost! He who thinks but does not learn is in great danger." Confucius

- Any students in Grades 11 or 12 taking an AP class: The deadline to sign up for the practice AP test is quickly approaching!! If you would like to take a practice test, please sign up in the CDC by this Friday, December 4. The test will take place from 10-1 on Saturday, December 12 – with pizza after the test!

Parents of 11th Grade Students

It's time for your teen's Meningococcal Booster Vaccine



All incoming seniors need to have their meningococcal booster (MCV4) prior to the start of their senior year. Consider securing this required vaccination during the current school year. Bring paper documentation that the shot was given to the School Clinic.

- Meningitis is caused by bacteria that can be spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions (e.g. saliva or mucus), sharing drinks, kissing, close contact. Commonly spread amongst young adults on college campuses.
<http://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/bacterial.html>
- Remember to wash hands, cover coughs; do not share drinks and vaccinate.
- Vaccination records not submitted this school year should be brought to registration in August.

This vaccination is available at:

Allen County DOH Immunization Clinic
4813 New Haven Ave., at the corner of New haven Ave. and Meyer Road
Appointments only – call 449-7514

OR

SUPER SHOT CLINICS

Evening and Saturday hours available

For more information call 424-7468 or visit their web site @

<http://supershot.org/>

OR

Your Health Care Provider