

LEO HIGH SCHOOL

CAREER MAJORS ACADEMY



Principal's Desk

During the 2009-10 school year East Allen County Schools developed a Core Curriculum for Language Arts (K-8) and Math (K-6). A Math Core Curriculum (7-8) is presently being developed and will be implemented in the 2011-12 school year. The seventh and eighth grade Language Arts teachers have been busy implementing the Core Curriculum at Leo Jr/Sr High School.



A core curriculum identifies the following:

- What is taught in each subject area
- How instruction occurs (programs/initiatives)
- When instruction is delivered
- What interventions support the specific objectives
- What extensions support the specific objectives
- What resources are available to support instruction
- What technology will support the objectives
- What evidence can be used to assess student learning

(EACS Core Curriculum)

Our teachers are provided on-going training to effectively implement the core curriculum. We have an instructional coach on the faculty whose primary responsibility is the implementation and fidelity of the Core Curriculum. The instructional coach provides on-site training for our teachers. The instructional coach also demonstrates/models teaching in the classroom. This process is working wonderfully at Leo Jr/Sr High School.

The purpose of the Core Curriculum is to provide instruction for all students that best meets their educational needs. Teachers analyze data to help determine what is best for students during whole group, small group, and individual instruction. Testing is an essential part of the data collection process. Testing informs teachers of students' strengths and areas of need. This valuable information helps shape classroom instruction.

Our language Arts classes are now scheduled back to back. One language Arts class has a reading focus and the other class has a writing focus. Students are enrolled in these two classes all year.

The Core Curriculum is a research based initiative. The works of authors Wiggins, Smekens, Fountas & Pinnell, and others have been used along with local information to develop a Core Curriculum for EACS. Students are responding well to the Core Curriculum. If you would like to have more information on the Core Curriculum, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Neal Brown III

Spotlight on Academics



Math Department

Math Department Focuses on Literacy

In support of Leo's School Improvement Plan, the math department will focus on improving student achievement by increasing math literacy. The entire math department will implement strategies designed to help students become proficient in reading and writing in the language of math.

Vocabulary will be emphasized heavily in all courses. Students will be required to use appropriate terminology during class discussions and in writing activities. The department will use thinking maps which were introduced to East Allen County Schools by the National Urban Alliance. There are a variety of thinking maps and each has a particular function. For example, circle maps are used for defining words/concepts in context whereas double bubble maps are used for comparing and contrasting words/concepts. There are maps that address such topics as cause and effect, describing, creating analogies and classifying.

Reading the textbook will be another emphasis. Students will be held accountable for acquiring knowledge by reading and then analyzing and discussing and/or writing about what was read. Teachers will assist students with developing strategies specific to reading mathematics for comprehension. There are multiple strategies that will be utilized to assist students with comprehension of text.

Efforts to improve education nationwide have prompted the math department to adjust and improve instructional strategies. There is a great anticipation to see how these adaptations will affect student performance.

Fine Arts Department

The Scholastic Art and Writing Competition is probably the largest and longest-running high school art competition in the country. Many famous artists and writers have been winners in this national competition when they were in high school including Andy Warhol, Robert Redford, and Truman Capote.

The Fort Wayne Museum of Art sponsors our region, which now includes 52 counties in Indiana and Ohio. With only about 10 percent of the submitted works being accepted, judges look for original ideas and "personal voice" in this fierce competition. Those selected will be on display at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art for several weeks. The gold key winners (top pieces) will be sent on to New York to be judged on the National level. Last year, Leo's Paige Dempsey was a National winner.

For more information including samples of past entries, visit the Fort Wayne Museum of Art's website. Those interested in submitting work should see Mrs. Hoff (Art) or Mr. Valley (Writing). Entries cost one dollar each and a student may enter up to five works in both art and writing. Entries must be submitted to Mrs. Hoff or Mr. Valley by December 17.

The Leo music department continues to engage students in high-level study of the performing arts. Research has shown that students who participate in music programs perform better academically in math and other related subjects. By supporting Leo's school improvement goals in our music classrooms, our students are exposed to many cross-curricular activities that help them in all classes. The music department offers many different performance opportunities including concert and jazz bands and choirs, beginning programs, marching and pep bands, as well as drama productions. Come check us out, we hope to see you at our concerts soon.

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 Coach Sauder and the football team for winning the schools first regional football title!

Due to the football team playing deep into the playoffs, the following events have been rescheduled:

Boys Basketball vs. Harding rescheduled to December 22, 2010

Boys Basketballs vs. Whitko rescheduled to January 22, 2011

Wrestling vs. Westview rescheduled to January 4, 2011

The winter athletic schedule is in full swing. We encourage everyone to get out and cheer on the LIONS!!

Mark Your Calendars!

Yuletide Choir + Band Concert

Saturday, Dec. 4

5:30 wassail

6:00 p.m. Candlelight Dinner

7:30 Concert

*Tickets will be available the evening of
the concert for \$5.00*

Doors open at

7:00 p.m. for the concert



Lost and Found

Lost and found items are located in the Attendance office.

**Happy Holidays
to each of our
Leo family and
friends!**

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.

October

Grade 7 – Nate Morris
Grade 8 – Alex Coley
English – Joshua Creech
Math – Amy Roth
Science – Isaiah McGillivray
Social Studies – Nick Smith
Foreign Language – Jaron Birkey
Fine Arts – Elizabeth Huber
FACS – Rachel Schelling
Technology – Derek DeWitt
Business – Jacob Scheitlin
PE/Health – Cassie Aker
Careers – Cydney Lock

November

Grade 7 – Max Dove
Grade 8 - Adam Freeby
English – Paige Dempsey
Math – Hannah Field
Science – Jordan Baer
Social Studies – Brian Rapes
Foreign Language - Danielle Blumenschein
Fine Arts – Victoria Gardner
FACS – Rachel Bougher
Technology – Spencer Roof
Business – Bryce Beer
PE/Health – Erika Ruhl
Careers – Shannon Connors



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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



- **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!
- **End of Course Assessment (ECA)** retesting in Algebra I and English 10 will take place during the December 7 – 22 testing window. These tests (Algebra I and English 10) have replaced ISTEP for the graduation requirement, so it is very important that your child pass! Ms. Ashton and Mr. Valley will be working with students to remediate them for this testing opportunity.
- **Work Ethic Certificate** - Juniors and Seniors should plan to participate in the 2010-11 Work Ethic Certification process. Seniors have already received information about this great opportunity and juniors will begin sign ups in December. You will need to start documenting your hours for community service and/or internships.
- **2010-11 Financial Aid Night** - Mrs. Vickie Dahl, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at IPFW, will be at Leo High School on Wednesday, February 2, 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.



Have a wonderful holiday season!

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.