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Leesburg High School Times

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Jacket Family,

On behalf of the teachers, faculty, and students, I would like to welcome everyone to Jacket Nation! My name is Mr. Randolph, and I am excited about the great things that are occurring at Leesburg High School.

Leesburg High School: Over 120 staff and faculty members, 1500 students, over 3000 parents and family members, an invested community, and one focus: ***To be Overachievers.*** What does it mean to be an overachiever? According to Merriam-Webster's Dictionary, the term overachiever means, "one who achieves success over and above the standard or expected level." Our goal at LHS is to develop a culture of overachievers ranging from our faculty members down to our students. This focus is intentional in the fact that we do not just want high-achievers at LHS. The reason for this is that we want to meet the needs of all of our students. If we strive to create a culture of overachievers at LHS, then we will expect every student to strive to be the best version of his or her self everyday.

In order to foster a sense of community and build upon the traditions and accomplishments at LHS, I would like to introduce an annual theme. The purpose of a theme is to convey a message within a story. LHS' theme will highlight our approach to teaching, learning, school culture, and the celebration of our success. The stories that we create this year at LHS will focus on creating a renewed sense of school spirit. This year's theme is "#LeesburgPride". As a faculty, we will continue to take pride in our amazing community and the students that we serve. We will strive to create a culture in which LHS is a destination school for all of our students, and we will encourage them to walk the hallways with a renewed sense of pride for our school.

I am humbled and honored to serve as the Principal of Leesburg High School, and I look forward to working with our faculty, staff, students, parents, and community during this school year.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Randolph, Principal
#LeesburgPride



Administration

Principal

Michael Randolph

School Secretary

Sandy Rowe

Assistant Principals

Porshiale Byfield, 11th

Carlos Celis, 9th

Karla Clark, 10th

Tammy Demps, 12th

Guidance Counselors

Adrian Banks, 9th Grade

Catherine Lockett, 10th Grade

Amanda Reynolds, 11th Grade

M. Griffin-Gay, 12th Grade

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Charlene Kee

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School Day

7:20 a.m. -2:20 p.m.

Wednesday: 7:20 am. – 1:20 pm

"Home of the Yellow Jackets"

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Please Mark Your Calendar

- November 20-24** .. Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)
- December 20** End of Second Grading Period (Wednesday)
- Dec. 21-Jan. 3** Winter Break
- January 4** Classes Resume (Thursday)
Third Grading Period Begins (Thursday)
- January 15** Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)
- Feb. 19** Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)
- March 16** Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)
- March 19-23** Spring Break (Mon. – Fri.)
- March 30** Non-Student Day (Storm Make-Up Day) (Friday)
- May 24** Last Day of Classes (Thursday)

Leesburg High Parents: Want to Get Involved?

You are invited to join our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC meets monthly on the Second Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm in our LHS Media Center and all parents are invited to join us. Our SAC committee is vital to our school's success. These dedicated parents help us make informed decisions that affect our students and families and help us communicate upcoming initiatives and events. Current SAC officers are:

- Chair: Melonie Henderson
- Co-Chair: Kelly Owensby-Monahan
- Secretary: Denise Junkin
- Treasurer: Daniel Morris

Parents, Have The Best Year Ever!

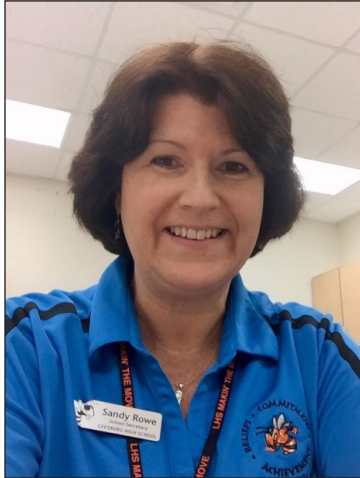
Assure a strong start and successful school year by establishing a solid home-study routine with your student. Encouraging, supporting, and participating in this vital activity will improve your student's attitude and performance at school and support a work ethic that endures for a lifetime.

1. **SET A SCHEDULE:** Establish a regular timeslot for this important daily activity. Seek your child's agreement and commitment to reserve this time each day for homework and study. Encourage this habit. In many ways, it's his/her job and should become routine. Your support and involvement in your student's home-study effort makes a huge difference in the high school experience.
2. **CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT:** Students can be easily distracted. Teach them to create an atmosphere conducive for concentration. Having a defined study area works with some students but not all. The most important requirements are time, focus, and your support. Minimizing social media access, loud music, and other detractors will improve effectiveness and retention.

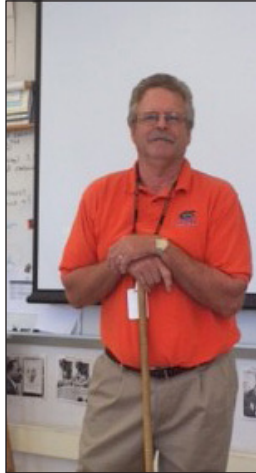
3. **OBSERVE AND ENGAGE:** Psychologists suggest that it takes three weeks to break or establish a habit. When school resumes this month, **commit three weeks to this routine with your student.** Make it become a habit for both of you. Your daily assistance and attitude toward school have a huge impact on your child's performance.



Congratulations to our Three Leesburg High Stars



Support Employee of the Year
Sandra Rowe



Teacher of the Year
Danny Morris



Rookie Teacher of the Year
Jessica Browning

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Attendance

Parents, here's just a little reminder about your student's attendance. Each student has 4 parent notes per 9 weeks and of course medical or legal documentation to excuse an absence, checking into school late or leaving school early.

The documentation can be dropped off in the Main Office or the student can bring it directly to the Attendance Office.

For the student's convenience the attendance office has a black pocket to the left of the door on the wall. Also, there is a black wire basket marked with an orange sign located on Mrs. Mathews's Desk that they can drop it in as well. Everything that is turned into the attendance office is processed the same day.

In case you may not know, we have a special program for "Good Attendance".

INCENTIVES FOR GOOD ATTENDANCE

Participation points shall be awarded and applied to midterm and final exams. Points are based on classroom attendance (see scale below). *Any absence Excused or Unexcused will count against incentive (excluding field trips or other school related absences).

- 0 days absent 9 points added midterm/final
- 1-2 day absent... 6 points added to midterm/final
- 3 days absent .. 3 points added to midterm/final

Example: A student with a 79 on his/her semester exam and 0 absences would have 9 participation points added to his/her semester exam grade making it an 88/B. Semester exams may not exceed 100 points for grading purposes.

Checking out a student:

ALL check outs are done through the Main Office with Ms. Nash. 352-787-5047 ext. 7015. You must fill out a salmon check out form for each student.

If your student is a non-driver, you must come in and sign your student out. (You fill out the salmon form)

If you're running late for an appt. you can call ahead and Ms. Nash can call them down for you. (You fill out the salmon form)

If your student drives, you will need to call Ms. Nash @352-787-5047 ext. 7015. Please DO NOT call your student on their cell phone, as all check out calls must go through the Main Office with Ms. Nash. (The salmon color form is done for you by your student or Ms. Nash, if not you will need to fill one out and sign.)



NO OUTSIDE FOOD or any type of deliveries such as flowers, stuffed animals, balloons, etc. are permitted unless they are school related.

EACH STUDENT DRIVER must have a Parking Permit to be able to park on campus.

If you have any Attendance questions, please call Mrs. Mathews at 352-787-5047 ext. 7025.

Senior Announcements!

Senior Sponsors:

Ms. Melissa Padilla
Ms. Keely Quillen-Burnett

SGA Senior Reps:

Maria Flores
Garrett Mac Gregor
Abbi Freeman
Morgan Cuellar

They are already working hard to make this senior year amazing! Please feel free to share this information

UPCOMING MEETINGS IN THE AUDITORIUM:

December 2nd, 6:30-7:30 pm -
Grad Bash, Baccalaureate and Project Graduation updates

February 1st, 6:30-7:30 pm -
Senior BBQ, Senior Breakfast and updates

April 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm -
THE MEGA GRADUATION INFORMATION Meeting

NEED A TUTOR

When: After School **Cost:** FREE
Location: Leesburg High School

TEACHER	BLDG/ ROOM #	DAY(S)	SUBJECTS
Mrs. Wood	5-204	Tuesday	Environmental
Ms. Glaude	3-118	Tues./Thurs.	Geometry and AP Statistics/Honors
Mr. Jelsma	5-105	Tues./Thurs.	Algebra II
Mrs. Robertson	1-101	Tues./Thurs.	Math for College Readiness /Pre-calculus
Mr. Morris	1-218	Tues./Thurs.	AP US History
Mr. Kelly	4-202	Tues./Thurs.	AP Calculus/ Physics/AP Physics
*Mrs. Kelly	1-129C	Tues./Thurs.	Reading /ILA
*Mrs. Mclendon	3-220	Tues./Thurs.	AP Psychology /Biology /AP Human Geography
Ms. Emery	3-219	Tues./Thurs.	AP Biology / Biology
Ms. Martine	3-218	Tues./Thurs.	L.A.M/ Algebra 1/ Geometry
Ms. Booth	1-118	Tues./Thurs.	English Language Arts
*Mr. Thek	4-219	Tues./Thurs.	Algebra I
Mr. Greene	5-206	Mon./Thurs.	Government and Economics /AP HUG

*Tutoring Days are flexible at the teacher's discretion. Please make arrangements with the teacher.



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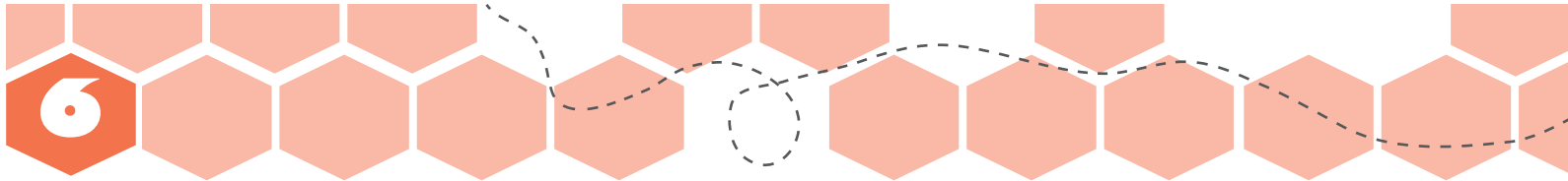
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Wonderful Weekend of Weightlifting

Pictured: (Center Back): Taylor Woods, (Left): Lucas Wolter, (Right): Ruchit Patel, and (Center Front): Coach Mr. Joshua Boyer.

Total for the day. Hailey, tough as nails, wiped away her tears, found her focal point, controlled her breathing, and nailed her final lift to go out swinging.

I know my words probably don't do her performance in that situation justice, but she demonstrated the toughness and grit that I see in our Leesburg kids so often. She was obviously disappointed about not medaling, but what she demonstrated will serve a much greater purpose for her in life as she gets older. For that reason, I couldn't be more proud of how she represented herself, her family, her school, and her community.

Good afternoon Jacket Nation,

My USA Weightlifting club, Iron Jungle Weightlifting, competed in the Florida Weightlifting Federation State Championships this past weekend at the legendary Spruce Creek High School. Our kids once again demonstrated to the Weightlifting world the quality that the Leesburg community produces in this world of competition.

- Ruchit Patel started our weekend off Saturday morning with personal record lifts in Snatch, Clean & Jerk, and Total to bring home the Silver Medal in the 56kg male weight class. Ruchit lost the state title to the reigning 56kg National Champion.
- Lucas Wolter hit personal bests in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk, and Total to bring home the Bronze Medal in the male 62kg weight class. It was a tough battle, but Lucas hit the lifts he needed to bring home a medal.
- Taylor Woods hit a competition personal best in Snatch and Total to bring home the Gold Medal and claim the State Championship in the female 63kg weight class.

Hailey Zakos placed 5th in the 69kg female weight class. I was very proud of how Hailey represented the toughness that so many of our Leesburg kids possess. Hailey didn't have her best day on the platform for various reasons. She went 2 for 6 on her lifts hitting her opening Snatch attempt and her final Clean & jerk attempt. Being down two lifts in the Clean & Jerk, most kids would cave to pressure and call it a day. She was upset obviously, and we had our talk about her choices: either allow the emotions of the situation get the best of you, or lock in and make her last lift count to salvage a

Taylor becomes the 13th or 14th State Champion we have produced since we started competing in USA Weightlifting back in 2012. I can't recall at the moment. If you see any of these outstanding kids or have them in class, please take a moment to congratulate them. There aren't many people that realize the meticulous and challenging training time they put in to attain these levels. These are great kids and phenomenal competitors that often get overlooked because this area still doesn't understand the sport of Weightlifting. USA Weightlifting is what you see in the summer Olympics where athletes compete in the Snatch and Clean & Jerk disciplines. We have developed some outstanding Olympic lifters over the years. Those of you who have been here a while will remember.

Now we have that seamless transition into the Girls High School season. Those of you who are new to the school, we have one of the top Girls Weightlifting teams in Florida. Our girls should make a very strong run for the FHSAA Team State Title this season. We return a very talented sophomore and junior class with another nice freshman group added this season. The boys are a spring sport, so they aren't in full competition mode yet. I will be sending out the Girls WL roster soon.

Thank you for those who have supported the Weightlifting programs over the years. If you would like to see videos, send me a request.

Coach Boyer
Leesburg High School
Varsity Football
Varsity Weightlifting
USA Weightlifting #14047
Iron Jungle Weightlifting

Testing Information

Winter retakes of End of Course (EOC) exams are scheduled for Nov. 27 through Dec. 15. The exams are for:

- Students who completed the courses but missed taking the EOCs on the day they were originally scheduled,
- Students who are currently finishing courses online, and
- Students who have completed their Algebra 1 course requirement but need to take or retake the Algebra 1 EOC exam to fulfill their graduation requirement of passing the exam.

To learn more about the FSA or to access practice tests for your student, please visit the FSA Portal at <http://www.fsassessments.org/>. Google Chrome is the preferred browser.

Score Reports

Score reports for Fall Retakes are not in yet. We anticipate them to arrive hopefully within the next month.

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Practice for SAT

Students who are wishing to get practice material for the SAT can link their College Board account to Khan Academy. Students who have previously taken their PSAT can use their results on College Board to receive personalized practice tailored to their score results. The following link can be used to obtain more information: <https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

In addition, further practice is available through Khan Academy for other various subjects. Practice material can be used for support on the FSA ELA assessment, the Alg. 1 EOC, and also includes support for various AP courses.

If additional information is needed please contact Mary Bailey at 352.787-5047, Ext. 7109.



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Do You Know Your Family School Liaison And What's Available at LHS?

My name is Charlene Kee. I am the Family School Liaison at Leesburg High School. My role is to aid students and parents in ways that can help in having a successful school year. I am responsible for providing workshops and trainings for you as parents, in order to support your child's success in school. Please review the list of workshops/trainings listed below for you and the family to attend. We encourage you to RSVP before every event to insure that adequate meals and handouts are ordered.

My office is located in Building 1-Room 111. The Parent/Student Engagement Center has educational materials and take home technology available for parents to check out for their child. I also have basic need items, such as school supplies, personal hygiene products and clothes closet to assist our LHS families.

Please feel free to contact me about any specific needs that you may have regarding your child or children's education. My goal is to best serve your needs and direct you to the proper faculty, staff member, or outside agency if needed. My hours are 7:00 am-2:30 pm, Monday – Friday.

Thank you.

Charlene D. Kee

Charlene D. Kee, Family School Liaison, LHS
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keec@lake.k12.fl.us

PARENT/STUDENTS WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS AT LEESBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Saturday, January 27, 2018

UNCF Career Day – Lake County
Event (Everyone is Invited)
College Scholarship Available
(10:00 am – 1:00 pm)
UNCF Representatives (Free Food)

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

AVID/Literacy Night
(5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Science Night
(5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)

Thursday, April 26, 2018

Career Technical Education Night
(5:30 pm – 7:30 pm)
(8th graders from feeder schools
are invited to attend)