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Lehigh Senior HS

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When Lightning Strikes... **THUNDER ROLLS**

For the Parents, Students and Community of Lehigh Senior High School

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Mission

Increase achievement. Improve teaching

Vision

To be a world-class High School.

Principal's Message

Greetings from Lehigh Senior,

Third quarter is coming to an end, and I can't think of any other school where I would rather be. Looking back at the beginning of the year, we have had to overcome quite a few obstacles. In spite of those, we have made great strides in every area of academics, athletics, behavior, classroom success, discipline and social emotional learning. Our student body is the best around. From Nair Alvarez scoring a perfect game in bowling, to Yamicel Bermudaz being a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist our students are shining. In our choir program, Presley Culbertson made it to state, members of the Band "Electric" Indoor Color Guard and the Percussion Front Ensemble received "Straight Superior Ratings" at the Florida Bandmasters at their Music Performance Assessment, Addams' Family and Mary Poppins Jr. were both successes, our JROTC program still boasts the largest program in the nation, and we have had 45 students earn their Cambridge diploma.

As we approach test season, all areas point in the direction of gains, growth and proficiency. Please take advantage of our after-school tutoring opportunities and look for communications about boot camps and drill down days to help prep our students.

We are excited to have quite a few Seniors receive college acceptances and scholarships. We have some important dates for Senior families to keep in mind:

Our graduation date has been finalized for May 19th at 7:00pm. All graduating seniors will receive 6 complimentary tickets for guests. Our senior awards night is scheduled for May 1st with grad bash being April 19th and prom being May 4th. Our Seniors last instructional day is set for May 10th.

Again, I say, I can't think of any other school where I would rather be. Our students prove every day that we are stronger than any storm that comes our way.

Sincerely, Principal Darya Grote

#TimeToStrike

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Lehigh Senior AVID National Demonstration School

Happy New Year from the AVID family!! Going into 2024 we look forward to

seeing more student's success. Juniors and Seniors will begin to dig deeper into scholarships and college decisions. Students, if you get a college acceptance letter or scholarship, please make sure you see Miss Del Rio to ensure we celebrate your accomplishment! Seniors, please make sure you are on top of your FASFA application and checking on your forms, FASFA has had some new changes so please make sure you see college and career specialist for any updates. As always, we will be working on WICOR heavily to ensure you are college and career ready in every aspect. We will continue with tracking our GPA's, our individual quarterly goals, as well as our progress monitoring.

Students, please remember to update your planners with important due dates such as tests, deadlines, and applications. We will continue to organize ourselves with our planners, assignment logs, and binders. Please ensure that you are utilizing FOCUS and updating your records to ensure accuracy. It is very important to stay current with your Community Service Hours as they play an important role in your scholarship opportunity. Please remember Quarter three's Community Service is due on March 1st, 2024. AVID Professional Dress Day is always a moment to shine and a requirement for students to dress their best prepared to go on an interview. Please make sure you are dress code appropriate. Tutorials will resume every Tuesday and Thursday, so make sure you take the time to ensure you are identifying your individual area of improvement.

We are so proud of our students! We can't wait to see what new opportunities pop up for you. Take time to sit down with your parents, teachers, and guidance counselor to ensure you are on track and supported!

Counseling CORNER

Our school counselors are hard at work meeting with seniors individually to confirm final graduation requirements. Additionally, they are working with underclassman to ensure they are staying on track with their graduation needs. Counselors are encouraging students planning to continue their education after high school to take an ACT (actstudent.org to register) or SAT (collegeboard.org) this Spring.

Upcoming events include:

- February Brightest and Finest student celebration
- March College fair which will have over 50 college representatives visiting our students
- April Underclassman registration
- May Senior Awards, Senior Signing Day, Graduation

Grade level tasks for students:

Freshman – work on keeping your grades on track and start thinking about classes to take next year.

Sophomores – start exploring in Naviance what career you may want to pursue after high school.

Juniors – if college is in your future, start your scholarship searches and take an SAT or ACT this Spring.

Seniors – order your cap and gown, meet with your counselor to ensure you are on track for graduation.

Please contact your students counselor or our college and career specialist with any questions you have throughout the year.

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FAFSA Information

Basic Information:

- Based on household income
- Students can qualify for up to \$7,395 for the school year
- Current seniors will apply for the 2024-2025 school year

Creating a Username and Password:

- Each student AND at least one parent will need to create a FAFSA username and password
- Go to https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/createaccount/launch
- You can also google FSA ID and click "Create Account"
- You must make sure the name on your account matches the name on your Social Security card!!!
- You will need to confirm your email address and phone number before your account is considered complete.
- Your account can take up to two weeks to process. Once it has been processed, you can now fill out the FAFSA
- Keep your username and password in a safe place. You will use the same account information every year your child is in college You will also use the same information for any other children

What is needed to apply?

FSA ID username and password for both the student AND a parent/guardian

Information is needed from the parent >> who had primary financial responsibility for the student

Social security numbers for the student and parent/guardian

Even if the parent does not have a social security number, they still must create a FAFSA username and password

Which parent needs a FAFSA ID is determined by how the 2022 taxes were filed:

- Married/ Filed Jointly: 1 FSA ID (either parent/ guardian)
- Married/ Filed Separately: 2 FSA IDs (both parents/guardians)
- Recently remarried after 2022: 2 FSA IDs (both parents/guardians)
- Divorced/ Separated: 1 FSA ID from parent who has primary financial responsibility for the student

Questions? Email me at darcvd@leeschools.net! Students can also make an appointment with me via Calendly. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend these scheduled appointments.







National French Week 2023/24 from November 1–8

This week-long celebration of all things French took place in schools, communities, and AATF

chapters across the U.S. from November 1-8, 2023.

In celebration of National French Week, our students created artwork that was displayed in the gallery in the front lobby on November 6 - 16, 2023.





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Lehigh Senior Varsity Soccer Team Scores Big Turnaround in Remarkable Season

In a stunning reversal of fortune, the Lehigh Senior Varsity Soccer Team has emerged as a powerhouse this season, leaving their previous struggles far behind.

Last year's lackluster performance, finishing with a 3-13-3 record and conceding a staggering 3.87 goals per game while only managing 2 goals per game, is now a distant memory.

Under the leadership of Coach Juan Suarez, the team has undergone a remarkable transformation, boasting an impressive 7-5-1 record. The most notable improvement comes from their fortified defense, significantly reducing their goals-against average to 2.61. Simultaneously, the offense has hit its stride, with a remarkable increase in scoring to an average of 4.53 goals per game.

Coach Suarez expressed immense pride in the players, commending their resilience and determination to "prove them wrong." This group of young men has redeemed the team's reputation and left an indelible mark on the district standings.

Arlan Romero-Gomez, a standout senior, has emerged as the leading scorer in the district, showcasing his prowess on the field. Joining him in the top ten scorers for the district are Lens Dorlys (Junior), Roberto Cocom (Junior), Marc Rovens-Pierre (Senior), and Omarion Kerr (Junior), all contributing significantly to the team's offensive prowess.

In the goalkeeping department, Alan Ruiz has played a pivotal role in securing the defense, receiving crucial support from a solid backline consisting of Oscar Hernandez Jr. (Junior), Joao Castro Marilhants (Senior),

Gianjairo Arriaga-Rojas (Senior), Jay Torres (Freshmen), and Darwin Perez (Freshmen).

As the Lehigh Senior Varsity Soccer Team continues to defy expectations, their extraordinary season serves as a testament to the resilience and dedication of these young athletes. The team's ascent in the district standings reflects their unwavering commitment to success on the field.





Florida **State Statute 1012.42** recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The teachers on the report below are certified but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take the appropriate steps to comply with statutory regulation or are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their Florida Educators Certificate.

Teachers Assigned to Teach Out-of-Field

ESOL Endorsement

- Baker Amanda
- Barrett Evalea
- Blair Mardi
- Englehart Leslie
 - Goss Monica
- Grissom Megan
- Howard Caroline

Subject Area

- Nieto Kiabely Social Science 6-12
- Walker Princess Reading (Endorsement)
- Willett Joseph Earth Space Science 6-12

FGCU Scholar & Crops Clubs GC Code: bw5ou56

The LSHS FGCU Scholars and CROP clubs. The FGCU Scholars Program whose



Morris Patrick

Ramon Chelly

Diana

Santiago Calixto

Walker Princess

Quarltere Theanna

Scholars Program, whose Florida Gulf Coast University motto is "Shaping the Minds of the Future," is a collaboration between the Office of Outreach Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University. The Scholars & CROP Programs provides assistance and enrichment opportunities for students who aspire to excel academically, develop leadership skills, exhibit citizenship, and serve their community and school. The CROP (College Reaching-Out Program) motivates and prepares students to pursue scholarships, participate



in fun and educational field trips, and successfully complete a postsecondary education.







Semester 1 was a great success in BETA and we are excited to see what semester 2 brings. Semester 1 saw the arrival our newest Honorary BETA, Elliot Michael Verlato, born October 26th. The Beta boys have been so excited for this little one to make an appearance. Congratulations to the Junior/Senior BETA teacher, Mrs. Verlato on your new little blessing. Mrs. Verlato plans to return to the classroom in February and in the meantime Ms. Del Rio, Coach Dixon and Mrs. Heitman are doing a great job of holding down the fort.

BETA Project Updates:

- The boys sold BETA Breast Cancer Awareness Shirts as a fundraiser in October with a portion of the proceeds going to the local office of the Susan G Komen Foundation. We do have a few shirts left so if you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Coach Dixon.
- The Tortuga Elementary Mentoring program is going great. Our junior and senior young men love working with little ones and do everything from reading to them, doing arts and crafts projects and playing sports. Both the Tortuga students and the teachers love having our BETA come into their classrooms every 3rd Thursday of the month.
- The annual BETA/Oma's heart toy was a great • success, and we were able to provide a huge box of toys for the Oma's Heart Christmas Store which allows parents to come in and shop for their children for free. Here is an excerpt from Oma's Heart: "First of all I want to thank you for the tremendous response to the toy drive effort. Oma's Heart registered 551 families totaling 1,816 children for the Toy Store! We could not provide Christmas for these children without you. What a blessing your gifts were to these families! Thank you again for your generosity!"

We had a great time closing out Semester 1 at our annual bowling event. We would like to thank Lehigh Lanes for hosting us again and taking great care of us. It was an afternoon filled with fun and laughter for all.

Upcoming Events for Semester 2:

- SENIOR YARD SIGNS will be going on sale in February. This is also a BETA fundraiser so Senior parents be on the out. Signs are \$20 and are a great way to celebrate your senior's accomplishment to your neighbors and friends.
- BETA will be hosting a Pre-Basketball Game Lock-in with the date to be determined.
- We are planning on a Faculty/Staff carwash on the next early dismissal day for students which will be Feb 28th from 11:30 - 1:30. Students will need to be picked up at 1:30 at Parent Drop Off. We are looking for donations of dish/auto soap, drying towels, and rags.
- Our annual BETA Camping Trip will be the weekend of Feb 23rd. We will leave campus at 11:30 am on Friday and will return to campus by 11:30am on Saturday morning. Students will be bringing home a permission slip and a list of what to bring. There will be a small cost for the trip to help cover food expenses.
- Induction Ceremony will take place towards the end of the year and is a mandatory event for those students who have met all requirements of BETA. Date to be determined and parents are invited to this formal dinner.

Our BETA team is excited to continue moving forward and pouring lots of love into our boys. BETA is an all-male class which also includes a monthly bonding and characterbuilding component outside of school hours. In BETA, AVID/ BETA teachers, Ms. Jill Del Rio and Mrs. Elise Verlato, help our young men to prepare for college and career using the AVID college-readiness curriculum. Football Coach Anthony Dixon, helps to prepare our young men for success in life by teaching and mentoring them about the importance of having a strong character and the value of maintaining integrity, honor, respect, honesty, and high moral values. We would love for you be a part of this life-changing group of leaders. For a better understanding of what our program is about, please view this video: https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=xlaxQCwfwgs. For more information please email Ms. Naylor at leslieln@leeschools.net or Mrs. Marisa Mazza at Marisalm@leeschools.net.

Visual Arts News **Center Holiday Open House**



Our Visual arts students came and shared their love of arts and showcased some of their art and they were available to answer questions from our visiting families ..

Edison Childrens Tree Trail



Installed by National Art Honors Society at the Historic Ford Estate. Christmas trees are on display until December 31

Cambridge Updates

June 2024 Testing Schedule

The Cambridge schedule for the June 2024 Exam Series is now available. Please look over the exam schedule to see when your AICE Exams are scheduled. <u>Cambridge sets the dates and times of these exams. As a result, there are no make-ups.</u> The start times for exams are determined by Cambridge Key Times which ensure AICE exam security. Our Key Times are 9:00am and 1:00pm, which means a student must be under Centre Supervision at those times. Exams are scheduled so a student will finish a few minutes after the Key Times. In some

cases, students may need to eat during an earlier lunch shift so they can be ready to start the exam at the scheduled time.

Most exams are more than one day. Please make sure that you are reviewing the schedule to know when you test. Your exam dates should reflect the AICE courses outlined on your schedule. Note: we do not test Pre-AICE courses. Students will receive a print out of the exam schedule as well as a list of the exams they are scheduled to take in late January.

Transcript Requests

Beginning October 27, 2023, Cambridge now charges a \$17 fee to send a transcript request. The payment must be made using a

credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or American Express) on the Cambridge website (https://gradetranscripts.cambridgeinternational.org/). When filling out the transcript request, please add each exam series that you tested in on one request. Doing this will prevent you from having to pay the \$17 fee multiple times. Please check your Cambridge Google Classroom for a link to the directions. Please reach out to Mrs. Cioffoletti at DawnMC@leeschools.net with any questions.

Grade Level Google Classrooms

We have a Cambridge Google Classroom code for each grade level. Please make sure that you have joined your grade-level classroom. These Google Classrooms are used to post grade-level related information regarding courses and exams.

Syllabus Title	Duration	Date	Session	Arrival Time	Start/End Time
English General Paper	1h 15m	Thursday, April 25, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-9:15 AM
Psychology	1h 30m	Thursday, April 25, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-9:30 AM
Environmental	1h 45m	Friday, April 26, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:45 PM
Marine Science	1h 45m	Friday, April 26, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:45 PM
English General Paper	1h 45m	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-9:45 AM
English Literature	2h	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Environmental	1h 45m	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:45 PM
Marine Science	1h 45m	Wednesday, May 1, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:45 PM
Global Perspectives	1h 30m	Thursday, May 2, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-9:30 AM
Math	1h 50m	Thursday, May 2, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:50 PM
Spanish Language	1h 30m	Thursday, May 2, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:30 PM
English Language	2h 15m	Friday, May 3, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-10:15 AM
History	1h 15m	Friday, May 3, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:15 PM
English Language	2h	Monday, May 6, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Math	1h 15m	Tuesday, May 7, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:15 PM
Psychology	1h 30m	Thursday, May 9, 2024	AM	7:30 AM	8:00-9:30 AM
Sociology	1h 30m	Thursday, May 9, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:30 PM
History	1h 45m	Friday, May 10, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:45 PM
English Literature	2h	Monday, May 13, 2024	PM	7:30 AM	8:00-10:00 AM
Spanish Language	1h	Monday, May 13, 2024	PM	11:30 AM	12:00-1:00 PM
Sociology	1h 30m	Friday, May 17, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:30 PM
Spanish Language	1h 30m	Wednesday, May 22, 2024	PM	11:00 AM	12:00-1:30 PM





Class of 2024

Congratulations to the 37 seniors who have already earned their Cambridge diploma! Among the 37 students are 3 students who have received their Diploma with Distinction and 18 of the students have received their Diploma with Merit. We had a great time honoring our 37 seniors with a celebration in December.

AICE Diploma

AICE Diploma

Madison Escobales

Mitchell Calandro

Anietra Canady

London Lohr

Gabriel Silva

Jada Whalen

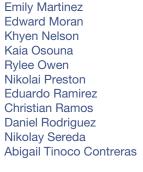
with Distinction

Marina Amparo-Torrijos









AICE Diploma with Merit

Elizabeth Anthony Amneris Azcona Yamicel Bermudez Alyson Cortez Presley Culbertson Shawn Estil Joirdyn Graham Talia Hall Trinity Hewitt Kaydance Hytonen Leydi Izquierdo Kassidy Kain Marlen Majia Lauralee Pierre Isaac Raldiris Fatima Rogriduez-Ovalle Gerardo Simon-Jorge Ryan Tang

Club News by Judith Cintron

Education Academy and FFEA Chapter

We are so excited to share with the community that we were invited once again to represent the LCSD to participate at the FFEA 35th State Conference that is celebrated in Orlando on February 2-4, 2024, and the Florida Dept of Education sponsors

this event. The theme is "Teaching is Out of this World!".

TEACHING OUT OF THIS WORLD

The state conference provides an excellent opportunity for chapter members to meet with fellow students, chapter advisors, and new and experienced teachers. The workshops the students will attend will provide you with important information, ideas, and inspiration that will guide you as you work toward becoming an educator and other careers that work directly with the school districts, like social workers, etc. The conference also provides an opportunity to hear from outstanding teachers and others working in education and other careers as they present a shared vision of excellence in future classrooms and the community.

We are the only FFEA chapter at the LCSD to continue representing the county. Students and Ms. J. Cintron have several fundraisers to raise money for registrations, hotel rooms, transportation, and the bus driver. If you want to be a sponsor, don't hesitate to contact Ms. Judith Cintron by email at JudithZC@leeschools.net.

CTE Education Academy got sponsored by Hertz. FFEA Chapter 23-24 - Samuel Fermin (P), and Lillian Anthony VP.





Education Academy with the support of the FFEA Chapters and the guidance and support from Ms. JCintron. They are helping ELLs with Tutoring and Mentoring program. Also, ELL students will be learning English on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 pm in room 4141 with Ms. J. Cintron.







Lehigh Senior Save Promise Club

Sandy Hook Foundation SAVE Promise Youth Leadership Conference on Oct. 31, 2023.



SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Clubs provide a space for young people to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their peers, schools,

and communities from violence. SAVE Promise Clubs are student-led and, therefore, a powerful and empowering approach to violence prevention. Sandy Hook Foundation SAVE Promise Conference on Oct. 31, 2023.

10th FEA Regional Conference at FIU Miami on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023



Education Academy - Kagan Class & Team Building using Silly and Goofy Games with Minutes to Win It!

SAVE Promise Club and FFEA Collaborated to support Best Buddies, and Key Club Holiday Meals Drive for Lehigh Family in need Dec. 2023.









SAVE Promise Club and FFEA collaborated in donating more than 100 toys in support of the BETA Toy Drive for the Oma' Heart Foundation Toy Store. We collated more than 100 toys.







FFEA, and SAVE Promise Clubs

Volunteer at the **Oma's Heart Toy** Store in Fort Myers in Dec. 2023



American Sign Language (ASL) Lightning Club

LSHS American Sign Language (ASL) Lightning Club will start in Quarter 2. GC Code: e26ic4a

ASL club is where students share the collective goal of learning and understanding the language of American Sign Language. We meet to discuss deaf culture and learn how to communicate silently.

The American Sign Language Club brings awareness about the deaf culture while teaching American Sign Language to the Lehigh community. The LSHS ASL club aims to provide students with basic ASL skills and knowledge of the deaf and hard-of-hearing communities to apply ASL to their own lives.







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To Addressee or Current Resident



Latinos in Action: Building Relationships

Latinos in Action (LIA) is a leadership course aimed to help build relationships with peers, embrace and celebrate the differences in our cultures, develop professional skills, and academic excellency in our Latino youth at Lehigh Senior High School. An important part of this course is our weekly tutoring days with younger Latino students at a partner school. This year, LIA has partnered up with Tortuga's Preserve Elementary 5th grade students. LIA students were able to pick a tutee based on their shared interests and ability levels. During these visits the LIA students help their tutee complete homework, foster a love of reading by reading with them, and provide them with someone who is willing to listen and help them make good choices. Our LIA students are expected to be role models to their tutees and are held to high expectations when it comes to professionalism and academic excellency. The LIA tutoring partnership serves as a way for students to practice the skills being learned in the classroom in a real-life setting. We can't wait to see what the tutees progress will look like as the school year goes on. We hope to continue building

a positive relationship with our tutees in order to help build up their confidence as they are about to embark to middle school in the upcoming year.





Physical Education and HOPE Essentials

All PE and HOPE students are expected to keep their belongings locked up in a PE locker and wear their PE uniform with athletic shoes that tie. Our PE uniform consists of a gray shirt and navy-blue shorts.

Students are required to purchase these items in order to be successful in these classes. Students are not allowed to participate in activity without their PE uniform and athletic shoes. Grading is based on participation.

Items NOT allowed in PE:

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<u>Footwear:</u> crocs, boat shoes, hey dudes, boots, heels, slides, sneakers that do not have adjustable or laces that tighten the shoe.

<u>Clothing/Accessories:</u> spandex shorts, leggings, hats, sunglasses, jackets, PE follows the student handbook for clothing not allowed.