



# LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

## Pride News

Issued for: October 14, 2019  
Week #10

We are now 46 days into the school year and the 1<sup>st</sup> nine week grading period has ended. **Reports cards will be issued on October 16.** There are 44 days remaining in the first semester.

[2019 – 2020 HCS School Calendar](#)

### EARLY RELEASE DAY

Our Early Release day on Friday went smoothly. Our next early release will occur on December 20.

### PRIDE OF THE PRIDE

Congratulations to our **Girls' Flag Football team** who continued their winning record last week with victories over McDonough and Woodland High Schools.

Congratulations to our **Volleyball team** who competed in the Region 4-AAAA volleyball tournament last week to earn a berth in the state tournament. *Seniors Tasi Levao and Alex Tennant were both named to the All-Region first team.* Our volleyball Lions will play in the first round of the state tournament on Saturday, October 19 at Upson-Lee High School; starting time is to be determined.

Our **NJROTC Drill Platoon** competed with 12 other high schools in the Stockbridge High School drill meet on Saturday and did not disappoint. The platoon brought home 10 trophies and 9 individual medals.

- Individual medals for: Cadets Jones, Coulter, Wilson, Jupiter, Noble, Wilson, Wyndham.
- Team Awards:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Armed Basic, Armed Exhibition, Unarmed Exhibition, Curl Ups, Push Ups, Personal Inspection and Athletics overall.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Unarmed Basic
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Overall Drill

By placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Overall Meet, the Platoon now qualifies for the Area 12 Championships.

On Saturday, we hosted our **annual math tournament** with math teams attending from all over the state. Our Lion mathematics teams, both Varsity and Junior Varsity placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the county division – continuing a great tradition of our placing for several years.

### LION TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

Speaking of Pride of the Pride, on Monday, we named our Teachers of the Month for September. This is a new tradition that we are beginning. Students nominate teachers to be selected the student-choice teacher of the month and staff nominate teachers to be selected the staff-choice teacher of the month.

Please join me in congratulating our September Teachers of the Month:

- Student-Choice: Dr. Phillip Smith, Ms. Monica Curry and Ms. Camille Bratton.
- Staff-Choice: Ms. Carletta Perry and Mr. Mark Hammontree

### PSAT

We will administer the PSAT on Wednesday, October 16 during the school day, as we have in years past. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PSAT (paid for by the state) and any other students who have pre-registered and paid will take the PSAT.

### Our Mission:

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## **REVISED SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

Due to our administering the PSAT on Wednesday, it was best for us to re-arrange our class meeting days this week. For the week of October 14, following will be our daily meeting schedule: Monday – ODD Day; Tuesday - EVEN Day; Wednesday – ODD Day; Thursday – EVEN Day and Friday – Instructional Focus Day.

## **ONE-ACT PLAY**

The One – Act Play cast of Peter/Wendy will perform for the public on Wednesday, October 16 and Thursday, October 17 at 7:50 PM at the Henry Performing Arts Center. Please come out and support our One-Act Play cast, crew and directors.

The One-Act play will compete in one-act competition on Saturday, October 19. Break a leg to the cast and crew.

## **DECEMBER IS MAY**

Hopefully, I have your attention now. The first nine weeks has ended; therefore, we are half through the first semester. Remember that beginning this year we will award course credit at the end of each semester – meaning that the grades earned through December will be just like grades earned in May - - both now will determine if students earn the ½ unit credit for having completed the course with a final average of 70 or above.

If a student does not earn the credit, then the student will have to take the course again. For our seniors, this allows them very little room should they fail a course in order to graduate in May. Please take time with your student and review their report grades on October 16. All students will receive a printed report card in Advisory on that day, and grades will be posted in the IC Parent/Student portal.

Please help us spread the word: December is May!

## **HOMECOMING**

The week of October 21 will be our Homecoming week, culminating in our Homecoming football game against North Clayton High School on Friday, October 25 and the Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 26, with this year's theme being masquerade ball.

The Student Government Association is planning various activities; those details will be posted on our website, and be included in next week's Pride News.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Safety and Security continue to be our top priority each day. The following protocols and procedures are in place to assure the safety of each student and staff member:

- To enter the building during school hours, use one of the four main entrance doors. All other exterior doors will remain locked.
- All staff members will wear official picture ID badges.
- Visitors must check in at the front office and be issued a printed visitor ID badge, which must be worn while in the building. Any visitor without this standard ID badge will be stopped and escorted to the front office.
- During class time, all classroom doors will be locked.

## **REMINDERS AND INFORMATION**

### School Operation Hours:

- The school opens at 6:45 AM each school day and closes at 4:30 PM. Students should not be in the building outside of these hours unless they are under the direct supervision of a teacher or coach. Students remaining in the building after 4:30 PM will be moved into the front lobby to wait for their pick-up.
  - The front office is open, and telephones are answered from 7:45 AM until 4:00 PM.

Thank you for your support and understanding of our work. We are certainly #BETTERTOGETHER and together we do EXPECT *Exceptional*.

And, as always,  
Go Lions!

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