



LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

Pride News

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Week #2

It was a really good first full week of school in The Lion's Den. While we continue to make minor adjustments, we have established our daily routine and are settling into school happening daily.

PRIDE OF THE PRIDE

Some fall sports have already begun, and others will begin in the next few days. On Saturday, the volleyball Lady Lions helped host and played in the Southside Classic tournament including teams from throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area. After a full day and many matches, the Volleyball Lions earned the championship in the Silver Division, earning first place and bringing home the first championship trophy of the year to the Lion's Den. Congratulations to all and Go Lions!

A REVIEW OF SCHOOL SUCCESS IN 2018 – 2019

In my [Principal's message](#) that is posted on our website, I have provided a summary of school assessment data for last school year, including: an analysis of End-of-Course test and Advanced Place exam scores, an evaluation of success on the school's continuous improvement goals and annual graduation rates. This information provides a review of our school's success in 2018 – 2019. In next week's Pride News, I'll list this school year's continuous improvement goals, which provide the focus of our work.

ADVISORY/HOMEROOM

On Wednesday of last week, we had our first 5th period Advisory/Homeroom meeting time. On Wednesdays during this school year, our students will not go to their regular 5th period class, but rather will spend that time period with their Homeroom/Advisory class.

During this time, students will participate in grade level appropriate programming that assists in better preparing students to be life-ready, as our mission statement requires. This time will also give us an opportunity to survey students periodically about their experiences at Luella High School, which gives us real time input to assist us in improving school climate, culture and the student experience. Also, Advisory teachers will be monitoring student progress and talking with each student regularly.

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 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.

AP PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

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We will host an Advanced Placement parent/teacher night on Tuesday, August 20 beginning at 6:30 PM. AP teachers will provide details about the meeting to their students during the coming week. With the various changes in the AP program made by The College Board for this school year, it is very important that parents attend this AP parent/teacher meeting night.

Registration for AP exams will now occur in the fall, as opposed to the spring as has been the practice before. I urge all parents with a student in AP classes to attend.

REMINDERS AND INFORMATION

School Information:

- School information, including the HCS Student/Parent Handbook and this year's bell schedules, is posted on our website – click on the School Information box in the center section of our website.

Semester Grading:

- Beginning this school year, all high schools in the Henry County Schools will award credit at the end of EACH semester. It is vital that all of us reinforce to our students that grades at the end of the 1st semester (December 20) will determine whether a student receives .5 credit for each of the student's first semester courses. The same will be true at the end of the 2nd semester (May 22).

Parking Information:

- Parking Permit information is posted on our website. Students have through Friday, August 16 to purchase a parking permit. Any cars parked on the LHS campus without an LHS parking permit beginning on August 19 will be subject to tow at the owner's expense. Remember there is a 50% discount on parking permit fees for students who have a 3.0 or higher unweighted grade point average.

Attendance Office:

- The attendance office is now located in the front office lobby. Please remember that anyone checking a student out must provide appropriate identification and be listed on the student's IC account as authorized to check out the student. Checkouts will be accepted through 2:55 each school day.

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. Beginning soon, students still 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.

LHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

If you are interested in serving as a member of the [LHS School Council](#), please email Mr. Smith directly. If you would like additional information about the school council, go to the About Us tab on our website and click into the LHS School Council link.

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!

Jerry Smith

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