



LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

Pride News

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Week #3

We are now 12 days into the school year and 10 days away from the long Labor Day weekend holiday. School is fully involved now, but we still work to make adjustments as needed to maximize our school and each student's school time daily.

PRIDE OF THE PRIDE

Our fall sports are fully in play now as you'll see by the Pride of the Pride moments. Please join me in congratulating our:

- **Lady Lion's softball team** on their victory on Friday evening over Eagles Landing High School with a final score of 12 – 9.
- **Lady Lion's volleyball teams:** On Tuesday evening both the Junior Varsity and Varsity teams defeated Heritage and Decatur high schools and on Thursday evening the Junior Varsity won 2 matches, and the Varsity split their two matches.
- **Football Lions** who won their scrimmage game against Forest Park High School at Tara Stadium on Friday evening by an impressive score of 21 – 0.

Congratulations to all and Go Lions!

AP PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT

The Advanced Placement parent/teacher night will be this Tuesday, August 20 beginning at 6:30 PM in the Commons Area. We'll be introducing our AP teachers and will provide details about the various changes in the AP program made by The College Board for this school year, including AP exam registration occurring in the fall, as opposed to the spring as has been the practice before. You will also have the chance to hear from your student's AP teacher(s) who will provide applicable class information.

It is very important that parents with AP students attend this AP parent/teacher meeting night.

HERFF – JONES NOW WORKING WITH LHS

As many parents of juniors and seniors now know, Herff – Jones is our vendor for junior, senior and graduation items. The Herff – Jones Company has a long and successful history in the junior and senior item business.

Herff – Jones is new to us this year, but has already met with both junior and senior classes on the first two days of school at class expectation meetings. At each meeting, Herff – Jones provided information to all students. Copies of their brochures are available in the LHS front office.

They will return to school each month to take orders and answer questions. **The next date will be Wednesday, September 4 during all lunches.** On all dates, they will be taking orders and answering questions for both junior and senior items.

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Call our Herff – Jones representatives at 770 – 921 – 9022.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS

Beginning this year, we are able to accept payments online using debit or credit cards for most school services and activities using My School Bucks. Previously, only lunch monies were paid through My School Bucks, and we had had to use PayPal for payments for AP exams, graduation fees, etc..., but now will be able to accept those payments through My School Bucks. There is a link to My School Bucks on our webpage in the Short Cuts column.

If you do not already have an account, let me encourage you to go to our website and set up an account. You will need your student's official HCS student ID number, which allows all payments to be linked to your student. We are excited that the school system is now allowing us to use this site for all payments, which is a convenience for you and our students. Very soon, we'll be adding various payment categories including senior activities fees (for non-graduation, senior items), AP exams, etc....

A REVIEW OF SCHOOL SUCCESS IN 2018 – 2019

From last week, I wanted to remind everyone that 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.

Our school's improvement goals for 2019 – 2020 are:

- **Performance Goal #1:** Luella High School will increase the percentage of stakeholders engaged in the school community (SPTC attendance, Parent Universities, Community Nights, Student-led conferences, School Council, etc.) to achieve the status of becoming a 4-star school.
- **Performance Goal #2:** Luella High School will increase EOC scores by 7% in the areas of proficient and distinguished learners. An upward trend should be noticeable in levels 2-4 of the EOC scores.
- **Performance Goal #3:** Each ninth grade student of 2019-2020 school year will make a 15% increase from their 8th grade EOG Lexile score to their 9th grade Lexile score as reported on their ELA EOC.

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.

REMINDERS AND INFORMATION

[School Information:](#)

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- 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.

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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