



LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

Pride News

Issued for: September 16, 2019
Week #7

We are now 31 days into the school year and have 5 class days before our Fall Break, which is the next week: September 23 – 27.

[2019 – 2020 HCS School Calendar](#)

Thank you all who came out to last week's parent informational nights with the counselors. We will continue to work to provide you with applicable information.

We had a spirit-filled Pep Rally on Friday at the end of the day. Our student government leadership facilitated the pep rally where the band provided spirited music; we honored our fall sport teams, enjoyed performances by our cheer, dance and step teams and honored the 2019 state AAAA champion Jada Blanton (high jump).

In the most anticipated moment, Senior basketball player Keely Brown announced that she had chosen Fresno State University from the many basketball scholarship offers that she had received – the crowd loved it! Congratulations to Keely and her parents.

This pep rally was a wonderful way to end our school week!

PRIDE OF THE PRIDE

Please join me in congratulating senior Ryan Cortes. He has been designated as a College Board National Merit Semi-Finalist, which is one of the most significant national honors that any high school can achieve. The designation is based on performance on the PSAT. He will now compete to become a National Merit Finalist and Scholar and is one of only two students in the Henry County Schools this year to earn this honor.

Our Softball Lady Lions won a major victory against Woodward Academy last week by a score of 23 – 8. Wow, Go Lions!

Friday night's football halftime was a wonderful moment for our school community. Initially we honored all of our state playoff teams and athletes from last year, recognized were: softball, volleyball, girls basketball (Final Four), wrestling, girls and boys soccer, and girls track (Jada Blanton – state champion, high jump).

Next, our student leadership organized a reflective and moving ceremony to honor Ozzie Diaz, our student who died tragically in the summer. The field was virtually filled with students participating. Senior Zoe Delbridge wrote and read moving words on behalf of our students. As we pause and reflect on this moment, it reminds us all how amazing and caring our students are.

Our students are truly our Pride of the Pride.

BENCHMARK TESTS UPCOMING

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As I indicated in last week's Pride News, with the end of the first nine weeks approaching after Fall Break, teachers will administer benchmark tests in all courses during the first few days of October. The benchmarks are meant to measure the degree to which students have mastered the first nine weeks' applicable, course standards. Results on the benchmarks will help teachers and students determine what, if any, remediation or intervention needs to occur in order to assure that students have mastered all the applicable standards.

EARLY RELEASE DAY

Our school, and all Henry County Schools, will have an early, student release day on Friday, October 11. Full bus transportation will be provided for the early release. I'll provide more specific details in the next Pride News, but I wanted to be sure you were aware so that you could make any arrangements that you might need to make for your student on this early release day.

The early release days are marked on the school system's calendar.

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

[Parking Information:](#)

- Parking Permit information is posted on our website. Any cars parked on the LHS campus without an LHS parking permit are now subject to tow at the owner's expense.

[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 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.

Given that we'll be out of school for the week of Fall Break, I won't be back in touch until Sunday, September 29 with Pride News #8.

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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