

Focus on Literacy by Mr. Christianson

Adolescent literacy has drawn much attention at both the state and national levels in recent years by educational reformers, policymakers, and work force development representatives, to mention a few. In a 2008 report from then State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster, which outlined Wisconsin's Adolescent Literacy Plan, Ms. Burmaster explained, "becoming literate is a critical element in adolescents' ability to be successful in learning, in the workforce, and as global citizens. Literacy is at the heart of learning." A recent policy report titled *Reading Between the Lines: What the ACT Reveals about College Readiness in Reading* said, "high school must still play the primary role in providing students the kinds of complex reading materials and experiences they need in order to be college and work ready." For these reasons and many more, student literacy has been a primary school improvement focus at Lincoln High School the past few years. Professional development activities have included school-wide in-service training on effective reading habits, the implementation of common assessments in core academic areas, individual teacher generated classroom activities that promote good reading habits, teacher reflections on literacy instructional practices, and targeted

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Parent's Role in Upcoming Class Registration

As a parent, you can take an active role in the registration process. A few simple, effective things for you to do is ask your student what courses they plan on taking. Ask them if the course fits their interest, ability, and is consistent with a career interest or if it will prepare them for post-secondary experiences. **Be careful** and wise when guiding your daughter or son in making course selections for next school year. We



hold students accountable for their course selection choices. As a general rule, students cannot drop courses once the course schedules are run during the summer. Again, please encourage your son or daughter to consider their course selections carefully. Our counselors will be available to all students on February 8 in Student Services to answer any questions regarding the registration process. Don't forget about the **Registration Expo** held in the LHS cafeteria on Monday, **February 8 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

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Community Care Day Volunteers



The fourth annual South Wood County Community Care Day will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Lincoln High School. Community Care Day is a free clinic that offers a variety of free services to clients. It also serves as a connection point between people in our community who may have a variety of needs with the services and organizations that can help meet those needs. Student volunteers, as well as interested LHS parents, should contact Sue Zirnhelt at 422-7217 if interested in helping at this clinic.

Text-A-Tip Service

Text-A-Tip is a new service which provides community members with a confidential way to report underage drinking, drugs, weapons and any other suspicious activity. Targeted at students, the new tip reporting process is simple: users type their message using the texting service on their cell phone, and send the message to **274637**. The message needs to start with the keyword **WCCS** to ensure it is properly routed. After being sent, the message is encrypted and delivered

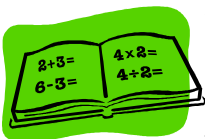
to local law enforcement officials, who can then communicate with the tipster and follow-up on the illegal activity. The entire exchange is anonymous and the user's identity remains confidential. Users receive a claim number and may be eligible for a cash reward, similar to the traditional Crime Stoppers tip line. Local officials are excited about this new tip line, as it better aligns with the way teenagers are communicating in today's world. The traditional telephone tip line is still operating at

1-877-325-7867, but officials feel this service is an additional asset as it allows teens to report the activity immediately and provide timely information that concerns them. If you have any questions or would like more information about the Text-A-Tip service, contact Deputy Bev Ghiloni at the Wood County Sheriff's Department at 715-421-8709.



Math Textbook Preview

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 6 p. m. at Central Office Room A/B, the Math CII Committee welcomes parents and community members



to view the new math textbooks that are being considered for Grades 6-12 for the 2010-11 school year. Your input is a valued part of the decision-making process. Some of the teachers in Grades 6-12 who have been piloting these materials at various times over the past year will be available to share their experience with the textbooks with you.

PTV Night

We want to connect with parents early in the semester to help build strong partnerships with parents. At our second semester PTV night on Tuesday, March 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., you will receive a **progress** report. We look forward to seeing you on March 9. Please mark your calendars for this very important date.

No School

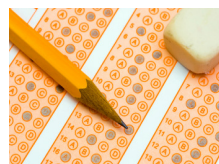
Please mark your calendars, there will be no school on Monday, February 15. This is a scheduled Professional Development Day.



Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Parents must submit application forms to the nonresident school district during a three-week period in February. For the 2010-2011 school year, parents must apply no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on February 1, 2010, and no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 19, 2010. (Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.) Application forms may be obtained from our district office at 510 Peach Street or on-line at www2.dpi.state.wi.us/OpenEnrollApp.

ACT Information

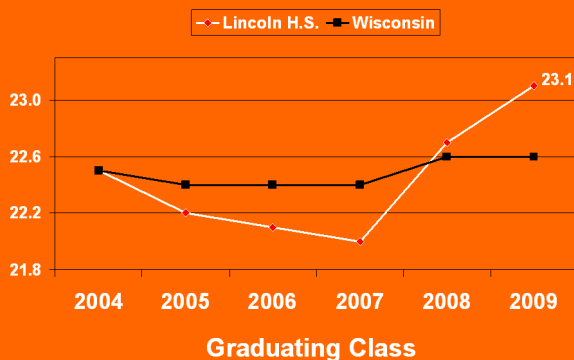


The deadline to register for the April 10, 2010 ACT exam is March 5. Students can pick up the registration material in Student Services. There will be an ACT Prep Class offered in room 210 on Tuesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 8 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to help students prepare for this important exam. The cost of class is \$15. For more information or to sign up for this prep-class, have your student stop in Student Services. The 2009-10 basic registration fee for the ACT is \$32, which includes sending score reports to up to four college choices. The basic registration fee Plus Writing is \$47. For more information about the ACT, go to www.act.org.

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reading recovery programs. While there are many individual success stories and a general sense of accomplishment in our effort, we are particularly proud of the trend revealed by our students' performance on the reading section

Average ACT Scores: READING



of the ACT.

In addition to the performance rebound in reading, the 23.1 average that was achieved by the Class of 2009 matches the highest reading score earned by any class in the history of Lincoln High School (the Wisconsin state average for the same year was 22.6). It is our hope that our students will continue their development as good readers during their time at LHS. We believe strong literacy skills will contribute significantly to the success of their future endeavors.

Important Information for Seniors

Scholarships

If your son or daughter is awarded a scholarship from a college or other source, please contact Ronelle Glaza, LHS Student Services, at 422-7316. We want to recognize everyone at Awards Night and want to be sure no one has been omitted.

Class Reunion Zero

Class Reunion Zero is a parent run, drug-free party for all graduating seniors. This event will be held on Friday, June 4, and we need your help. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lori Stanton at 422-7123.

Caps and gowns

Caps and gowns, which were ordered in December, will be delivered on April 14. Please watch for further details.



Diplomas - In order to receive your diploma, all fees, fines, and other money obligations must be paid in full.

A Message For Senior Parents

This can be a very "interesting" time of the school year as a parent or guardian of a graduating senior. Keeping your teen on the right track in school and in making good decisions can



be a challenge, especially the second semester of their senior year. As a parent or guardian, please keep your standards and expectations high. We realize this may be difficult because seniors start spreading their wings in preparation for college. Despite their tendency to want to slow down at the end, please help us

emphasize the need to "finish strong." Colleges monitor second semester academics to make sure students are not "slacking off" so please communicate with your student the need for them to continue to strive for excellence. Thank you for your support.

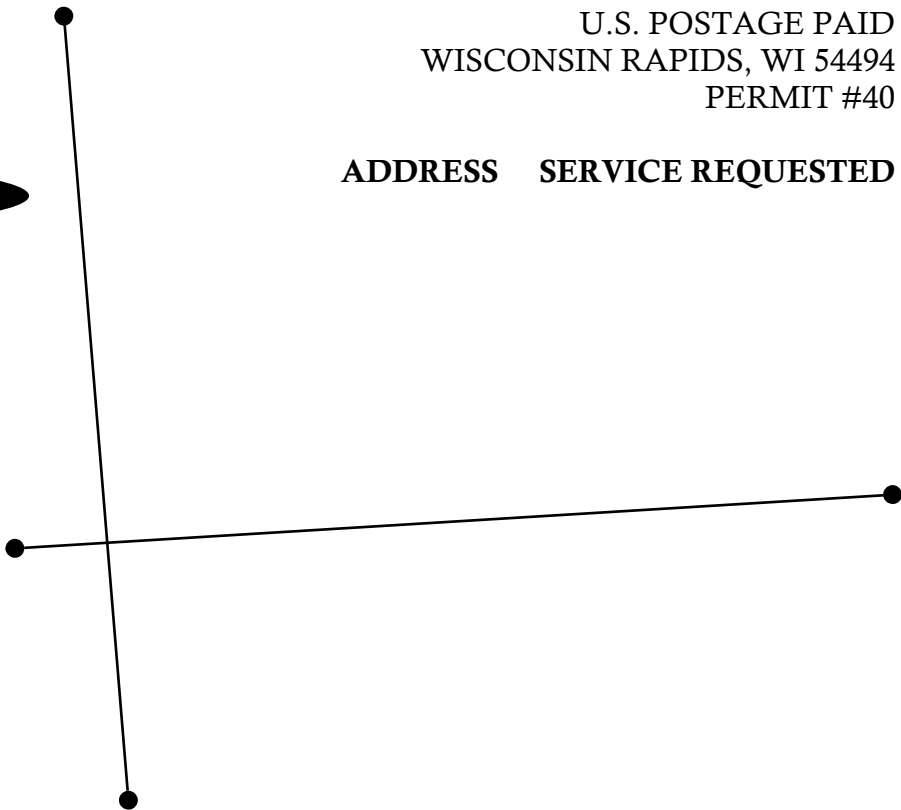
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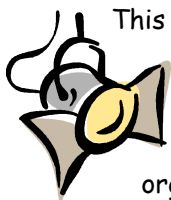


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LHS Club “Spotlight”



This month, SkillsUSA is the club we are spotlighting. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization that serves high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical, and skilled service occupations. Students who enroll in any technology education course at LHS have the opportunity to join SkillsUSA. This group's national web-site states that the program provides experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development. It

builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes, and communication skills. It emphasizes total quality at work, high ethical standards, superior work skills, life-long education, and pride in the dignity of work. SkillsUSA also promotes understanding of the free-enterprise system and involvement in community service. In the past, Lincoln High School has been very successful at local, state and even the national level of SkillsUSA competitions demonstrating occupational and leadership skills. Last year 10 students

from Lincoln competed at the state level. Some student demonstrations included: Electronics, Welding, Automotive Technology, Power Equipment Technology, Computer Repair, Photography and Building Construction. Students that join SkillsUSA also can enjoy the benefit of using the LHS Technology Education labs once a month for school-related projects, tuning-up their skills for competition, or to fix grandpa's old snowmobile! If you are interested in finding out more, contact Mr. Bickelhaupt.