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February 29, 2024

The end of Term 2 was today. Students do not have school tomorrow. Term 3 begins on Monday, March 4th.

Congratulations to Carter Freeman on winning the D-1 126# Championship at the WIAA State Wrestling Championships last weekend!!! Also, congratulations to Ben Weidman for finishing 6th!



Good luck to our wrestling team as they compete at the WIAA Team State Wrestling Tournament tomorrow and hopefully Saturday at the UW Field House in Madison. The schedule and more information are below.

Tomorrow and Saturday our Athletic Department hosts the WIAA Division 1 State Gymnastics Championships in the LHS Field House. We will welcome over 4,000 participants and spectators to Rapids. The schedule is below.

A reminder to parents that student drop-off in the morning must occur in the student parking lot along the curb. Drop-off should not be occurring in the front lot until after 7:30 a.m.

Advanced Placement (AP) testing occurs in the first two weeks of May. **Payment for AP tests is due by March 6th.** If payment is not received, students will be unable to test. A link to the form is [here](#).

Seniors, The US Department of Education has created a checklist for completion of the FAFSA. The 2-page pdf is available [here](#).

As we continue to develop our master teaching and class schedule for next school year, we are adding a step of verification in the process. Beginning on Tuesday, March 5th through Friday, March 15th, primary and alternate courses that students requested will be visible in Skyward. On Tuesday, March 5th during RPT, students will receive their selections on paper. **This MUST be returned to the student's RPT teacher by Friday, March 15th either stating the course selections are correct or changes may need to be made.** If sheets are not returned, we will assume all primary and alternate course selections are accurate. Counselors will be available from March 18th through 20th to discuss changes. After this date, schedule changes will not be made unless an [extenuating circumstance](#) based upon our schedule change/course correction policy. Our staffing and budget decisions are based on course selections. It is vital that the student's course selections are accurate.

The Arts Council of South Wood County and Mead Witter Foundation are offering a hands-on songwriting session led by Steve Leslie, a Grammy-winning songwriter and professor who performs the music of James Taylor. Steve will take suggestions from the audience and talk them through the process of writing a song on the spot. The workshop takes place at the PAC at 10:00 a.m. on March 7th and will last about an hour. Please contact the Arts Council's Executive Director at 715-421-4552 or email Director@SavorTheArts.org for more information or to save a spot. There is no charge for the student outreach, but we have \$10.00 student tickets for the evening performance at 7:30 p.m. A flyer for this event is below.



We are beginning the state-required testing season. Juniors have a mandatory ACT exam on Tuesday, March 12th. Free ACT practice tests and preparation materials can be found on the [DPI ACT Practice Tests and Sample Items webpage](#). Below is a graphic for test-taking skill activities in English, Reading, and Writing.

Sophomores will have the FORWARD exam the week of March 18th. Freshmen and sophomores will have the PreACT Secure exam on April 9th. More information will be coming soon.

Please encourage your child to do their best on this

assessment. Earlier this year, LHS earned the highest school report card grade among conference and neighboring high schools.



Seniors will be participating in the **"Reality Check"** financial simulation requirement for graduation along with community engagement and round table discussions with business and industry professionals from 7:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12th. **This is a requirement for graduation. If a senior does not complete this, they will be assigned an online reality check lesson to complete during Term 3.** [More information is in the February newsletter.](#) Senior yard signs will be sold for \$20.00 immediately following Reality Check. Look for the CRZ table when you are done in the morning.

Freshmen and Sophomores will have brief work posted in Canvas for March 12th. In-person attendance is NOT required on March 12th for these two grade levels. Freshmen and Sophomores have mandatory state testing on Tuesday, April 9th. Juniors and Seniors will not attend in-building instruction on this date.

On March 12th buses will run as usual but most students will complete Reality Check around 11:30 a.m. and ACT testing around 1:00 p.m. **If the parent completes [this form](#), the student will be dismissed from school after ACT testing or Reality Check is complete.**

Is your child looking for employment? If so, have them sign up to attend the **Teen Job Fair**. It is on Wednesday, March 20th, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School. All teens must register to attend by clicking [here](#). Those who register in advance are entered into a prize drawing. They can also register at the door but are not eligible to win prizes.

Click this [link](#) to see which businesses are participating so far, and what type of employment opportunities they have. Volunteers will be available to provide employment resources and support, including interview and resume help. Stop by their booth to learn more.

There will also be an area for application help. Students who have never filled out an application or are unsure of what an application is asking can speak with one of our friendly volunteers. Multiple employers are ready to review applications and do onsite interviews during the job fair.

When you arrive, please park in the student parking lot. You will need to walk around the Performing Arts Center and enter the school through the main entrance. Any adults must have a valid Driver's License and check into the office if entering the building during the school day.



The next Class Reunion Zero (CRZ) parent meeting is Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the LHS main office conference room. CRZ will be held on Friday, May 31st. [Please join their Facebook Page for more information and upcoming meetings.](#) The CRZ committee is selling "Class of 2024" yard signs for seniors. You can purchase them from Mrs. Wefel in the office for \$20.00 each. Proceeds will be donated to the Class Reunion Zero event.

Earlier this week, I had the opportunity to chaperone the DECA State Career Development Conference. Leading the conference were two LHS students serving as State Officers - Paige Gunderson and Emily Hartjes. We also had four students be recognized as state champions in their events - Emily Hartjes, Taylor Hartjes, Paige Gunderson, and Ruby Marti. Lastly, Josh Bush will serve as a state officer of DECA next year. Congratulations to all!

Our March newsletter will be posted today as well on our [website](#).

Lastly, communication was shared from the Central Office about Late Start Mondays beginning next school year. To view the letter, click [here](#).

Proud To Be The Red & White of Rapids!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald A. Rasmussen".

Ronald A. Rasmussen
Principal

2024 State Gymnastics Tournament Schedule

Friday-Saturday, March 1-2

Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln Fieldhouse

Friday, March 1

Team Competition

10:30 a.m. – Building opens for competitors

10:45 a.m. – Judges Meeting

11-11:30 a.m. – General stretching and bar settings

11 a.m. – Facility Opens for Spectators

11:30-11:40 a.m. – All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation

11:45 a.m. – March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).

Noon – Competition begins

Saturday, March 2

Individual Competition

8:30 a.m. – Building Opens for Competitors

9-9:30 a.m. – General stretching and bar setting

9 a.m. – Facility Opens for Spectators

9:15 a.m. – All gymnasts gather in balcony for march in preparation

9:30 a.m. – March in (Note: Athletes must be attired in school-approved warm-ups and/or leotards).

10 a.m. – Competition begins ●



2024 State Team Wrestling Tournament Schedule

Friday-Saturday, March 1-2

UW Field House, Madison

Doors open for spectators one hour prior to the start of competition each session.



**Teams will be seeded on Sunday, Feb. 25,
and posted after seed meetings.**

Friday, March 1, 2024 (one session)

Weigh-ins – 4:30 p.m.

Admission \$16 for one session

Division 1 Quarterfinals – 5:30 p.m.

Match 1 - #1 Seed vs. #8 seed

Match 2 - #4 seed vs. #5 seed

Match 3 - #3 seed vs. #6 seed

Match 4 - #2 seed vs. #7 seed

Division 1 Semifinals – 7:30 p.m.

Match 5 – Match 1 winner vs. Match 2 winner

Match 6 – Match 3 winner vs. Match 4 winner

Saturday, March 2, 2024 (two sessions)

Weigh-ins all divisions – 9 a.m.

Admission \$11 for each session

Division 2/3 Semifinals – 10 a.m.

Match 1 - #1 Seed vs. #4 seed

Match 2 - #2 seed vs. #3 seed








Championships in all Divisions – 3 p.m.

All tickets may be purchased online through the GoFan ticket link. ●

English, Reading, & Writing PreACT Secure and ACT Prep

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

ACT SKILL PREP ACTIVITIES TRIMESTER 2

 ACT ITEM ANALYSIS & RESOURCES	 ENGLISH SECTION	 READING SECTION	 WRITING	 TEST STRATEGIES
<p>Utilize Pre-ACT booklet and individual results report to review errors (see Mrs. Kozlowski for a new report)</p> <p>Refer to the free guide from ACT: 2023-2024 Preparing for the ACT</p> <p>Utilize free practice and review options:</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; gap: 10px;">  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">Free ACT Test Subject Practice Questions</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 8px;"> ACT Math ACT Reading ACT Science ACT Writing </div> </div>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">ACT HALF-LENGTH PRACTICE TEST</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">ACT POP QUIZ</p> <p style="font-size: 8px; margin: 0;">ACT QUESTION OF THE DAY</p> </div> </div>	<p>Complete No Red Ink lessons -- assigned through ELA teacher</p> <p>Revisit Methodize English lessons through XELLO; review answer explanations for questions answered incorrectly</p> <p>Review ACT English Study Guide for tips and strategies</p> <p>Review Methodize punctuation rules</p>	<p>Complete No Red Ink lessons-- assigned through ELA teacher</p> <p>Revisit Methodize Reading lessons through XELLO; review answer explanations for questions answered incorrectly</p> <p>Complete a paired-passage sample (did not appear on Pre-ACT)</p> <p>Review ACT Reading Study Guide for tips and strategies</p>	<p>Complete No Red Ink lesson-- assigned through ELA teacher</p> <p>Visit the ACT website for sample essays and a scoring rubric overview</p> <p>Review ACT Sample Prompt and Essay for tips and strategies</p>	<p>Listen to info during RPT</p> <p>Review ACT Prep Basics</p> <p>LEAVE NO BUBBLE EMPTY!</p> <p>Get enough sleep the night before. Eat a healthy dinner and breakfast.</p> <p>Dress in layers.</p> <p>Come to your assigned room with all required materials!</p> <p>(We repeat) LEAVE NO BUBBLE EMPTY!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Give your best effort on March 12!</i></p>

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Senior Yard Signs are sold in the main office for \$20.00. Pick yours up today.





How Sweet It Is!
STEVE LESLIE sings JAMES TAYLOR

Outreach Opportunity

Students will embark on an unforgettable journey of musical discovery with Grammy-winning singer/songwriter Steve Leslie, the star of HOW SWEET IT IS!, a captivating musical tribute to James Taylor. Delve into the heart of the vibrant Nashville music scene as Steve shares his persona journey, filled with fascinating anecdotes and valuable insights gained from working alongside iconic artists such as Kenny Rogers, George Strait, and Darius Rucker. In addition to performing soulful renditions of James Taylor's timeless tunes, Steve actively engages the audience by inviting suggestions for themes or topics, seamlessly weaving them into the fabric of a brand-new song on the spot. This workshop promises to be a unique fusion of storytelling, music, and creativity, leaving audiences of all ages inspired and uplifted.



The Arts Council of South Wood County and sponsor Mead Witter Foundation are excited to present this workshop. It takes place at the Performing Arts Center of Wisconsin Rapids at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, March 7, and will last about an hour. There is no charge, but pre-registration is required. The Arts Council is happy to cover transportation costs for students as needed. Please contact the Arts Council's Executive Director at 715.421.4552 or email Director@SavorTheArts.org for more information or to confirm attendance.



Student tickets for the evening performance are \$10.



Let Us Entertain You!