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September 15, 2023

Greetings from Lincoln. This past week definitely felt like Fall was moving in.

We have multiple communications that are sent home or posted on our website. We will have a monthly newsletter and weekly updates sent home via email and posted on our website. We also post our [daily announcements online](#) for all to view.

We continue to utilize Canvas, our Learning Management System (LMS). We have many technology learning resources available for students and families.

- [Home Page](#)
- [Canvas Parent Observer Set-Up](#)
- [Canvas Parent Pointers](#)
- [Student Help Desk Ticket for Hardware or Software Issues](#)

The deadline to order the yearbook at the best rate is **TODAY**. If you order by then you get the book for \$63 and earn free icons. To order visit this link <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1115997/Wisconsin-Rapids-Lincoln-High-School/>



Students have the option to purchase Chromecare for \$25.00/year. This care policy will cover accidental damages that may occur at a reduced price. If the care policy is purchased for ALL FOUR YEARS of a student's high school career, the student will be given the Chromebook after graduation. The deadline to sign up for the Chromebook Care Program is **TODAY**.

Cell phones are not allowed to be used in individual classrooms. Cell phones are to be on silent mode and kept in student lockers, backpacks, or classroom cell phone holders according to teacher-classroom policies.

Juniors will take the PreACT on Thursday, September 21st. A schedule and further information was sent home earlier today.

Seniors -- if you are applying to four-year colleges, please look at the colleges' application process on their websites. If a college you plan to attend **requires** the Common Application or you feel you need to use the Common Application, please see your school counselor about the process. Most UW schools do not need the Common App.

Seniors -- There are many changes coming to the FAFSA. At the end of the update is a summary of the changes.

The **Wisconsin Education Fair (WEF)** is taking place on Tuesday, September 26th at Mid State Technical College at the Wisconsin Rapids campus. Juniors and Seniors will have time to explore college choices and learn more about post-secondary options by talking with admissions representatives. There will be over 70 post-secondary schools present at this event as well as representatives from the U.S. Military. We will be providing bus transportation to the event. If your student is interested in attending, please have them pick up a permission slip from either the Academic & Career Planning (ACP) Center, or the Student Services Office as soon as possible. The deadline to return permission slips is Thursday, September 21st. Pre-registration is required and can be completed by visiting: <https://wefs.swoogo.com/registration>. Feel free to have your student stop into the ACP Center if they would like additional information or contact Liz King, ACP Coordinator, via email at [elizabeth.king@wrps.net](mailto:elizabeth.king@wrps.net) or via phone at 715-424-6750 ext. 4030.

*In conjunction with the no-bag policy implemented for school dances (attendees and visitors), Lincoln High School is instituting a Clear Bag Policy for our outdoor athletic events for all spectators. This will begin tonight (9/15/23) for our home football game. The only bags that will be allowed to be brought into these sporting events will be clear. If you get to the gate and have a bag that is not clear, you will be asked to return to your vehicle to store it.*

*This policy is about both safety and improving the overall fan experience at these events. This policy provides us with greater visibility for items being brought into these venues, especially during evening events. The clear bags will enable administration and security to discretely scan bags as our fans move through the ticket gates. Clear bags allow staff and security to be more efficient and effective in viewing items entering the stadium.*

*During prior outdoor events, we have had spectators drinking alcoholic beverages and vaping in our home stands. In addition, we have had confrontational situations during events with our staff which involved individuals having sealed bags. The dynamics of these events have led to a greater concern among our staff members when handling these situations. After conducting a review of these situations, it caused us to reevaluate our safety procedures leading to this new policy.*

*Overall we will be requiring fans to bring in any items in a fully clear plastic bag that does not exceed 12" x 6" x 12 ". or a one-gallon, clear plastic bag. NO backpacks, purses, coolers, or stadium seats with zippers will be allowed. Medical bags, diaper bags, and any ADA-specific bags will be allowed. Additional clothing, blankets, etc. are allowed if carried in loosely. Small clutch purses the size of a woman's hand, measuring no larger than 4.5 x 6.5 inches are permitted, but subject to search. Small cameras, binoculars, and cell phones are acceptable if carried in loosely. For cold-weather games, battery-operated clothing is permitted. All bags are subject to inspection upon entry or while on school grounds. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain safety during our athletic events and for your respect toward gate staff or other personnel as we transition to this new entry process.*

*We would recommend all spectators for current Fall indoor athletic events abide by this as well. As all athletic events move indoors this Winter we will continue to evaluate our safety protocols during events*



Homecoming is the week of September 24th through the 30th. Activities begin at Noon on the 24th, an assembly on the 29th, and the dance on the 30th in the fieldhouse from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Guest permission slips are to be submitted online and are due tomorrow!

- Kick-Off Events: Sunday, September 24th:
  - Class Poster making (12-2 p.m. in the fieldhouse)
  - Corn Hole Tournament (12-2 p.m. in the fieldhouse/entryway)
  - Powder Buff in the fieldhouse at 2 p.m.
  - PowderPuff - SWC Stadium at 3:30 p.m.
- Dress Up Days:
  - Monday: Totally Technicolor Class Color Day
    - Seniors - Red
    - Juniors - White
    - Sophomores - Gray
    - Freshmen - Orange
    - Staff - Black
  - Tuesday: Double Denim Day -- Wear all your best denim
  - Wednesday: California Dreamin' -- Pajama or Comfy Attire
  - Thursday: Throwback Thursday -- Blast from the Past/Decade Day, Wear your favorite throwback day
  - Friday: "We Are Family" -- Raider Pride Day.

There's exciting outreach underway related to digital access, and we would value your help to grow that outreach. Having reliable internet ensures crucial connections to school, work, medical appointments, and more! Yet, there are barriers to this access: slow internet speeds, cost of internet service or devices, internet security, or just understanding the multitude of activities available online. There are two ways for community members to weigh in:

**1** – Attend a virtual community conversation! Attendees will receive a \$25 gift card for their input and attendance. Space is limited, register today at the links below! WI Council of Churches and United Way of WI will co-host two virtual conversations exploring digital access with attendees.

- Session 1: Tuesday, September 19, 6:30-7:30 pm  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7513272/Digital-Access-Virtual-Community-Conversation-Registration-1>

OR

- Session 2: Wednesday, September 20, 12:30-1:30 pm  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7513421/Digital-Access-Virtual-Community-Conversation-Registration-2>

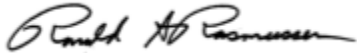
**2** – Complete this brief survey (in English, Hmong, and Spanish)

- English version: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7478805/Digital-Access-in-Wisconsin>
- Hmong version:  
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7499731/Mus-Saib-Nyob-Saum-Huab-Cua-Huav-Wisconsin>
- Spanish version: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7499680/Acceso-Digital-de-Wisconsin>

Our fall activities and sports are in full swing. We had many students sign up for clubs during lunch this week. Please support our youth in all they are doing outside the classroom.

As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns to me at 715-424-6751 ext. 4002 or at [ronald.rasmussen@wrps.net](mailto:ronald.rasmussen@wrps.net)

Proud To Be The Red & White of Rapids!



Ronald A. Rasmussen  
Principal

## FAFSA Changes/Updates

### 2024-2025 FEDERAL AID UPDATES

The *FAFSA Simplification Act* was signed into law in December 2020 as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. This act represents a significant overhaul of the processes and systems used to award federal student aid starting with the 2024–25 award year. The changes are aimed at making it easier for students and families to apply for aid by providing a more streamlined application process. The 2024-2025 FAFSA form will not be available until December 2023.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) typically becomes available on October 1 for the upcoming school year. As a result of changes that are being made to the FAFSA form and processing systems, the FAFSA for the 2024-25 award year will not be available until sometime in December. (The exact date has not been announced.)

### Key Changes Beginning in 2024-2025

- The number of questions on the FAFSA form will be reduced to a maximum of 46 questions.
- The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced by the Student Aid Index (SAI). Financial aid offices will use the SAI to determine the student's eligibility for need-based aid.
- Federal Pell Grant access will be linked to family size and federal poverty levels, which will allow more students and families from low-income backgrounds to qualify.
- An FSA ID will be required for all individuals who must enter information on the FAFSA form. The FSA ID is a username and password combination that allows students and parents to access the U.S. Department of Education's online systems.
- Every individual who is required to provide information on the FAFSA must consent to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the student's FAFSA form via direct data exchange with the IRS.
- For students whose parents are divorced or separated or were never married, students will report the income of the parent who provides the most financial support. Currently, students report the custodial parent's income, even if the custodial parent does not provide the majority of the student's financial support.
- Unlike the EFC, the Student Aid Index (SAI) will not be impacted by the number of family members enrolled in college. This means that some current students with siblings in college will see a reduction in their eligibility for need-based aid.