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September 22, 2023

Tonight we induct three individuals into the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame. Congratulations to

- Michele Curry - Class of 1990
- Angela (Hilgers) Pergande - Class of 2000
- Scott Roeder - Class of 1983

If you would like to nominate an individual for the Hall of Fame, visit [www.rapidsathletics.org](http://www.rapidsathletics.org)

With our schedule for next week, students will only have an RPT period on Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday, September 27th is an early release day at 2:20 p.m.

Over the past week, we have had many parents contact the office on how to become a parent observer in Canvas. The following two links will show you how.

- [Canvas Parent Observer Set-Up](#)
- [Canvas Parent Pointers](#)

Due to continued inappropriate language use, horseplay, and trash being left on tables, there will be no outside lunch for the next two weeks.

Juniors who did not take the PreACT on Thursday should report to the Success Center just off the commons on Monday at 7:30 a.m.

Our Picture Retake Day is Thursday, October 5th. Seniors will take the Class of 2024 photo in the Field House during RPT.

In conjunction with the no-bag policy implemented for school dances (attendees and visitors), Lincoln High School has instituted a Clear Bag Policy for our outdoor athletic events for all spectators. More information was in last week's update.

LHS Class of 2024 Parents - LHS is in search of parents of seniors (Class of 2024) to help coordinate Class Reunion Zero to take place in May 2024. Planning must begin ASAP! It is something VERY rewarding to do for your graduating student before they begin the next chapter of their lives. If you are interested, please contact me. EVERYTHING from prior years is saved to assist you in planning. Please consider volunteering to make it a special night for this year's seniors!

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 -- Changes are coming to the FAFSA. At the end of the update is a summary of the changes.

**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.

- 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.

- Assemblies

- Monday we have an assembly for our students **only** beginning at 1:20 p.m.
- Friday our all-school assembly will be open to the public who would like to attend beginning at 1:20 p.m. in the Field House. You may enter through Doors JJ beginning at 1:20 p.m.

- Dance

- The dance is on Saturday from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the Field House. All guests must have been approved previously.
- Students **MUST** have their physical student ID to attend and all guests must have a driver's license or another school's ID.
- Tickets will be on sale at lunch this week for \$15 or at the door for \$20.
- Please review the dress code in the LHS handbook.

Senior Pictures for the yearbook are an important part of Lincoln's history. It is important to include every senior's picture. If you wish to include a different picture than the one taken for the school ID, please submit it by November 30th. There will be NO exceptions to this deadline. Portraits can be submitted by the photographer or parent/guardian. Submit portraits to <https://images.jostens.com/>. Enter Login ID: [Ok1xatuuYJ5e6tQs2tKPXpw](https://images.jostens.com/). Label the file with the student's name. Head and shoulder front view only. No props, paraphernalia, hats, or hands in the photo. JPG or TIF image preferred. We will use color portraits. They must meet these specifications:

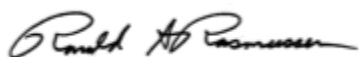
- Head and shoulder shot only; no extreme close-ups or full body shots
- No hands in the portrait
- No props such as hats, hobby paraphernalia, sports uniforms, or pets
- Plain or subdued background – outdoor sittings, while popular, often create glare that is distracting

- Appropriate clothing (no deeply-cut necklines, off-shoulder shirts, or inappropriate messages)
- No text or special effects
- No black and white photos—only color photos should be submitted

Should the student select a portrait that does not meet these specifications, we reserve the right to reject it, and the student will be asked to have another portrait taken.

Our fall athletic season is continuing. You can purchase tickets for our events and learn what events we are live streaming on our athletic website at [www.rapidsathletics.org](http://www.rapidsathletics.org) or on our [WRPS YouTube Channel](#).

Proud To Be The Red & White of Rapids!



Ronald A. Rasmussen  
Principal

### **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.