

Life @ Lincoln

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The staff of Lincoln High School wish you and your family a very happy holiday season!



LHS offices will be closed during the Winter Break December 23 through January 1

Community Candles Holiday Program



This year marks the 20th anniversary of Community Candles. Community Candles is a long-standing program sponsored by Lincoln's Academic and Career Planning Center, which raises funds to provide gifts for LHS students whose families are experiencing financial difficulties.

With such great success from previous years, we will again use an online giving platform. Our fundraising period is November 27th through December 10th. This year's goal is to raise \$2,500 within this timeframe. If you are interested in donating, please follow our social media pages for ways to donate once the donation period starts. There will also be an RPT competition to see which classroom can donate the most money!

Last year, Community Candles served 86 students with a holiday gift. We appreciate the support from LHS sports teams, clubs, organizations, LHS staff, WRPS staff, and community members. If you have any questions, please contact Liz King at elizabeth.king@wrps.net or 715-424- 6750 ext. 4030.

Visitors

If you are coming to LHS as a visitor, you will need your driver's license with you each time you visit to receive a visitor pass in the main office.

Early Release Days

Early Release Days Collaborative time with Professional Staff (PLC) will be from 2:20-3:30 on the Wednesdays listed below. Students will be dismissed at 2:20 p.m. Students that need to be at school until the bus arrives will be supervised in the commons. Buses may pick up and leave LHS earlier than the usual time.

**December 6 & 20, January 3, 17 & 31, February 14 & 28,
March 13, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22**

Mark Your Calendar

3rd Annual Program Showcase Jan 24 - 5:30-7:00 p.m.

All current 8th-11th grade students and parents will spend the evening at LHS exploring and having fun while learning about programs and courses at LHS. Classrooms and labs will be open for interactive tours and/or conversations. Highlights of the showcase include:

- ⇒ Free WR drawstring bag for all students
- ⇒ Career & Technical Education areas will have special tokens
- ⇒ The Wolf Den will be offering an extra 10% off with student passport
- ⇒ Free snacks served in the Culinary Arts area
- ⇒ A chance to win a set of AirPods or a \$25.00 gift card

We hope you will join us as we showcase all the great opportunities available to your student(s).

Save the Dates

Community Holiday Concert
December 17
2:30 & 4:00 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

Parent Teacher Visitation
January 24
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Winter Break
Dec. 23 - Jan. 1

Classes Resume
January 2

DECA Making An Impact in Our Community!

On Halloween Rapids DECA members took another opportunity to participate in community service during Trick-or-Can. Prior to the event, DECA members promoted the event by creating hallway sign-up posters, announcements, and different social media posts. On Tuesday, October 31st, more than 100 different DECA members split into teams to trick-or-treat for non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantry, SWEPS. After trick-or-treating had ended, all of the different groups brought the cans collected back to Lincoln High School to load into the trailer to take to SWEPS. The next day, additional members transported and packed the items for the food pantry.



This year, our chapter celebrated a decade of Trick-or-Can. We want to send a special Thank You to all the DECA members and community members who have participated and/or donated throughout the years. Our community is a better place because of you! You are #Rapids Pride

Guest Speaker - Joe Beckman

Students will have the opportunity to hear guest speaker, Joe Beckman at an all school assembly on Thursday, December 7th. Joe's mission is to Reclaim Human Connection in school communities. Joe has shared his passion in over 1,000 schools worldwide.



Grading Dates

End of Progress 2 - January 19

End of Term 2 - February 29

End of Progress 3 - April 18

End of Term 3 - June 4

WRPS Pupil Nondiscrimination Statement The School District of Wisconsin Rapids is committed to equal educational opportunity for all District students. The District will not deny any person admission to, participation in, or the benefits of any curricular, extra-curricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of a person's gender, race, national origin, ancestry, creed, religion, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, transgender status, gender identity, or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability, or any other characteristic protected under State or Federal civil rights laws. Please review Board Policy 411 for additional information. Incidents of discrimination or harassment should be reported to a teacher, administrator, supervisor or other District employee to be addressed or forwarded on to District Compliance Officer Brian Oswall.

WRPS Sex Discrimination Under Title IX In compliance with the federal Title IX statutes and regulations set forth in Chapter 106 of Title 34 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex in any education program or activity that the District operates. Title IX's requirement not to discriminate in any education program or activity extends to cover, but is not limited to, District students, certain admissions processes, and District employment. Inquiries regarding how Title IX and the federal Title IX regulations apply to the District may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator (as designated below), to the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, or to both. Please refer to Board Policy 411.11 for additional information.

Graduation Information

- ⇒ Graduation day will be Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the WoodTrust Bank Field at South Wood County Stadium.
- ⇒ The [Student and Parent's Guide to Graduation](#) can be found on our website. Take time to review all the information you will need concerning graduation.
- ⇒ All seniors participating in graduation MUST participate in graduation practice on May 31st at 10:00 a.m. NO EXCEPTIONS.



2024 CLASS REUNION ZERO



Class Reunion Zero (CRZ) is a parent run, alcohol and drug-free party for all graduating seniors. The event will be held on Friday, May 31st. The coordinators need your help!

- We are looking for groups, individuals or businesses to donate prizes or a monetary donation so that prizes can be purchased. See page 9 of this newsletter for more information.
- We need senior parents to serve on the CRZ committee.
- We need senior parent volunteers for the evening.
- We need senior parents to help fundraise and get prizes.

Page 8 of this newsletter provides opportunities for senior parents to get involved, if interested complete this form and return it to LHS at your earliest convenience.

If you are willing to help with a contribution, help with the planning of this event, or work that evening please contact *Abbe Bredl* at abbew@wctc.net.

Check out our Facebook page at "[LHS Class Reunion Zero](#)"



LHS Mission - To develop the skills and character to achieve success!

Incorporate Scholarships

Incorporate is preparing for the 2024 Scholarship season and they are excited to announce that scholarship applications will be available prior to Winter Break!

- *The online application will open Thursday, December 15, 2023*
- *The online application deadline is Thursday, January 25, 2024*

This will give students an opportunity to work on their application over Winter Break if they so choose.

Watch for Incorporate Scholarship information coming soon from Student Services. Refer to the [Incorporate Foundation website](#) for more information.

Cap, Gown, Tassel

We have a significant number of seniors that have not placed their orders for caps, gowns, and tassels. If you plan to borrow a previous graduates cap and gown you still need to order a 2024 SOUVENIR tassel. All orders are placed online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com). If you are unable to place your order online see Mrs. Wefel in the main office.

Mandatory Senior Meeting

Seniors will have a MANDATORY senior meeting on April 15 at 8:45 a.m. where they will receive important information about graduation. Announcements, caps, gowns, and tassels will be delivered following meeting in the PAC. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Wefel at 715-424-6751.

Fees/Fines

Now is the time to look at your student's fee management account for any outstanding fees. All fees/fines MUST be paid before students are allowed to participate in graduation. Payments are accepted online or at the payment desk in Student Services.



LHS streams live events!

LHS Live Stream broadcasts a variety of school and district events throughout the year. You can find links to these broadcasts currently at rapidsathletics.org or by adding the Boxcast Channel to your Roku, AppleTV, or FireTV.

The LHS Live Stream Team uses media technology to live stream events for Lincoln High School as well as district events. In addition, we also operate and create content for the Daktronics video board at South Wood County Stadium. Team members broadcast live events, create graphic designs, control and operate audio/visual (A/V) equipment, and even have the opportunity to do on-air commentary for sporting events. If you are interested in learning more about the team, please see Mr. Huglen in Room 229. No previous experience is necessary, just an eagerness to learn and become skilled in A/V media productions.



For your convenience you may take advantage of the Fee Management area in Skyward Family Access. Fee Management allows you to view school fee activity that relates to your student. You can make payments on the fees/fines by sending a check or cash to the office or you can make

an online payment through e-Funds. The online payment feature will allow you to make a payment on multiple fees and for multiple students with one transaction. If using the online payment feature there will be a small processing fee. For additional information on viewing this feature or making a payment online, follow [this link](#).

Weather Related Information

You can gather all the information you need about weather related school closings by listening to any local radio or television station. If the radio or television doesn't have word of a WRPS cancellation, then you can safely assume that school is in session. Please do not call school or the radio or television station. Complete inclement weather school closing information is located on the home page of the [WRPS website](#).



Find Fun at McMillan Library: Events & Activities For All Ages!

Did you know McMillan Library has year-round programming for children and teens?! Here are some highlights happening at the library!

Teen Game Day

2-4pm, December 1st & 28th

Enjoy snacks, PS5, Nintendo Switch, & tabletop games with others!

Teen Anime Matinee

2-4:30pm, December 9th

Watch anime with friends!

Teen Lego Build Day

2-4pm, December 27th

Have snacks, build cool stuff.

Family Take Home Kits

Learn to knit at your own pace—yarn & instructions included! Sign up ahead and pickup on December 29th.

Family Movie Night

6pm, December 12th

Enjoy a showing of the new Super Mario Bros. Movie!

Taylor's Version Celebration

4:30-6pm, December 21st

All ages of Swifties are invited to dress as their favorite era & party like it's 1989! Enjoy snacks, trivia, a photo booth, and supplies for friendship bracelets and paper rings!



Academic and Career Planning Center



What can ACP do for you?

Your student may be able to tell you what ACP stands for, Academic and Career Planning, but have they taken advantage of any of the services offered? Below are some of the ways ACP can help:

1. Job shadowing

Let's help your student save time and money after high school by setting up a job shadow. Maybe they'll love it! Maybe they'll hate it! Either way, it's valuable information to help inform their decisions after high school. Students are allowed to job shadow up to 3 dates in their high school career.

2. Resume/Cover Letter Help

Does your student need a resume for a job or a Youth Apprenticeship? If they do and aren't sure where to start, the ACP Center can assist!

3. Volunteering Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to gain soft skills and experience. It helps students learn more about themselves, their likes and dislikes, and also is a dopamine boost to help others! Volunteer opportunities are in the morning announcements, social media, as well as the ACP's [volunteer page](#).

4. College

Let's answer your student's questions about applying to college, majors, campuses, financial aid, etc. Did you know students are allowed 2 excused days for campus visits? Also, the ACP Center coordinates two college field trips per year, one in the fall and one in the spring. And don't forget, students can also take Dual Credit and AP classes!

5. Military

The ACP Center can help students get in touch with recruiters, discuss the different branches of the military, and help them get set up for the ASVAB test that takes place at Lincoln.

6. Apprenticeship/trades

Need help with entering the trades after high school? Come discuss the possibilities and the process of entering the trades!

7. Employment

ACP can help students fill out job applications, find a job, and work on interviewing skills. There is an [online job board](#) as well as a bulletin board in the ACP Center where students can view current job postings.

We want your student to be prepared for life after high school, no matter what pathway they take or if it changes afterward. That preparation can start today! Have your child stop by and see Mrs. King in the ACP Center for assistance.



FROM THE NURSE



There are a lot of different viruses circulating this time of year. Please be cognizant when determining whether or not to send your student to school. As a reminder, they are allowed 10 sick days throughout the year. Anything covered by a doctor's excuse does not count towards the sick days. Please request a doctor's excuse anytime your student has an appointment or is seen for illness. If your child is having a fever (>100.4), vomiting, or diarrhea, please keep them home until 24 hours symptom-free with no medication use.

It is recommended to follow up with a healthcare provider if your student has been ill for 3 or more days.

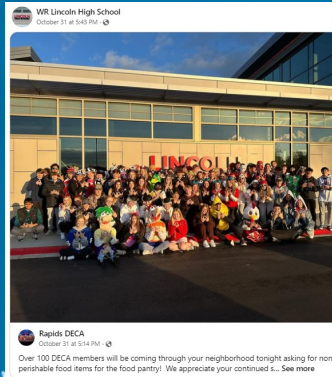
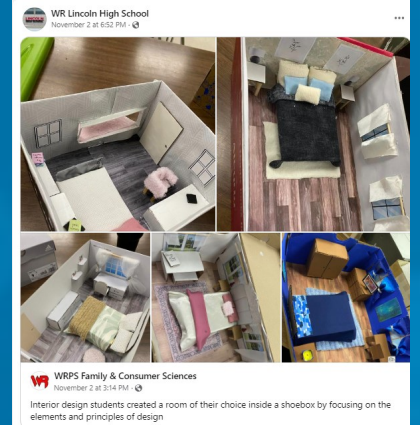
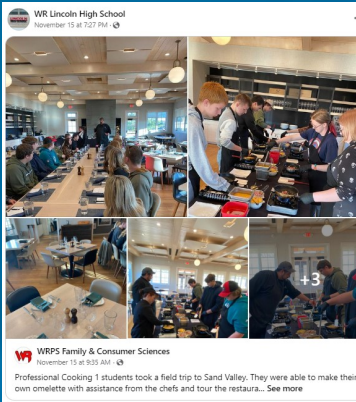
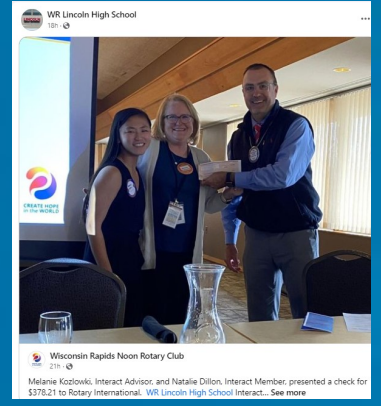
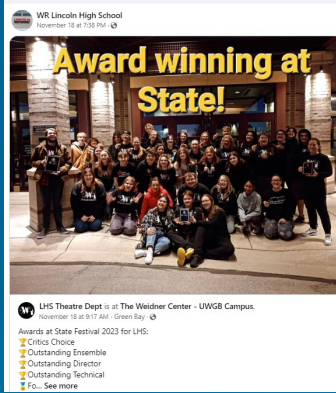
Please take some time to refresh and recuperate over the holiday break. Enjoy your time with family and friends!!

The Wisconsin Rapids Public School Nurses would like to wish you and yours a Happy Holiday and a wonderful New Year!

NOVEMBER 2024



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To Parents of Lincoln High School Seniors;

Please help us create a special night celebrating academic success for Lincoln High School graduating seniors!

Lincoln High School parents of graduating seniors have established a tradition called **Class Reunion Zero**. **CRZ** is a graduation party held in a well-chaperoned, substance-free, environment as a way for seniors to make final memories together as a graduation class. This year's event will be held on Friday, May 31st, 2024 at Lincoln High School.

This event has been made possible in the past through donations from parents, student organizations, and community businesses. Cash donations will be used to fund entertainment for the evening including a hypnotist, inflatables, and carnival games. These donations will also be used to purchase food and grand prizes such as laptops, televisions, dorm-sized refrigerators, microwaves, and gift cards. Prize donations are also welcome and will be used as additional items for drawings throughout the evening. If you would like to help with CRZ, or just want to find out a little bit more about the event watch for more information about future parent planning meetings.

I would like to be on the CRZ committee, but I cannot attend the informational meeting.

I am not interested in being a part of the CRZ committee but I am **willing to volunteer** to help the night of the event.

AND

I want to support Class Reunion Zero 2024, but do not want to do any fundraising. Here's my \$25 instead.

I am really busy, but want to help the class of 2024 celebrate! Here's my \$50 instead.

I'm making this donation in appreciation for not having to do anything except complete this form. Here is my donation of \$_____

Contact information:

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email _____

We appreciate any support you can provide for this event. Please have your senior drop this form off along with your donation to the high school office or mail a check payable to **Lincoln High School - CRZ** to:

Lincoln High School
ATTN: Class Reunion Zero
1801 16th Street South
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

If you have questions, you may contact Abbe Bredl at (715) 459-3845 or email abbew@wctc.net.

Thank you in advance for your contribution of time, cash, or prize donations. We would not be able to host this event without your support!

Sincerely, Your Class Reunion Zero Committee Members



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Friends, Supporters, and Sponsors of Lincoln High School,

Lincoln High School and parents of graduates have established a tradition called Class Reunion Zero. **Class Reunion Zero (CRZ)** celebrates its own 33rd reunion this year! **CRZ** is an established tradition originating in 1991 by Lincoln High School parents of graduating seniors. **Class Reunion Zero** is a graduation party held in a well-chaperoned, substance-free, environment as a way for seniors to make final memories together as a graduating class. This year's event will be held on the evening of **Friday, May 31, 2024**, at Lincoln High School.

In the past, this event has been made possible through generous donations from parents, student organizations, and community businesses. Your support will help provide entertainment, food, and prizes for the attending seniors. If you are making a monetary donation, please make checks payable to *Lincoln High School - CRZ* and send to:

*Lincoln High School
ATTN: Class Reunion Zero
1801 - 16th St. So.
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494*

Prize donations are also welcome and will be used for drawings throughout the evening. If you wish to make a prize donation, please contact **Abbe and Jay Bredl (715) 459-3845**, via email at abbew@wctc.net. Our committee members will be happy to pick up the gift at your convenience.

Please mark which level of support you can provide:

_____ Platinum - \$500

_____ Gold - \$250

_____ Silver - \$150

_____ Bronze - \$100

_____ Other

_____ Prize

Donor Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

All sponsorship will be recognized on our posters and Facebook page, "LHS Class Reunion Zero". To allow time for planning, we would appreciate receiving any donations at your earliest convenience.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution. We would not be able to host this event without your support!

Sincerely,

Your Class Reunion Committee Members



November, 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is required by state statute ([Wis. Stat. 115.385](#)) to generate a school report card and district report card for every publicly funded school and district in the state. The report cards are intended to help schools and districts use performance data to celebrate successes and improve their efforts to prepare students for their futures. These public report cards can be found online at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards>.

The current school report card is based on last year's performance during the 2022-23 school year. DPI encourages caution when interpreting scores and ratings. Multiple years of data impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are used throughout the report card.

At the foundation of the report cards are four priority areas. Schools and districts receive a score for each priority area:

- **Achievement** - proficiency in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics on the annual state assessments
- **Growth** - year-to-year progress in ELA and math achievement
- **Target Group Outcomes** - outcomes for students with the lowest test scores
- **On-Track to Graduation** - reliable predictors of how successfully students are progressing toward completing their K-12 education

The priority area scores are aggregated into an overall accountability score, from 0 to 100. This score is displayed on the front page of the school or district report cards. It is important to note that the 0 to 100 accountability score is not a "percent correct" measurement and is not aligned with traditional 0-100 grading scales. Based on its score, a school or district receives one of five rating categories, from *Fails to Meet Expectations* to *Significantly Exceeds Expectations*, as well as corresponding one to five stars.

All individual school report cards are posted on the www.wrps.org website. This is a link directly to the [Lincoln High School](#) school report card. You can also access statewide school and district report cards and find additional resources online by going to the [DPI Report Cards Home](#) landing page. Please reach out to your building principal or contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roxanne Filtz

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November, 2023

Dear WRPS Families,

Supporting students, their families, and our staff members' mental health continues to be a priority for Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools. WRPS has several available resources to meet these needs.

The District has continued our partnership which we began last year with Care Solace to provide students, their families, and staff access to mental health care coordination services at no cost. WRPS and Care Solace continue to focus on removing barriers in accessing mental health care. Care Solace streamlines communication and coordination to connect individuals with the right resources and appropriate level of care. Individuals seeking mental health care now have a trusted companion to rely on. With a team of more than 500 dedicated Care Companions, Care Solace connects stakeholders within WRPS to licensed mental health and substance use treatment providers. Through a human-centered and technology supported approach, these Care Companions navigate the mental health care system on behalf of individuals, helping them find the perfect fit for their unique needs and insurance requirements. These multilingual Care Companions are available 24/7/365 ensuring inclusivity and accessibility for the entire school community. It is important to note that this service is an optional resource, available at your discretion, and is not mandatory. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or a direct mental health service provider. In the case of a life-threatening emergency, please call 9-1-1 or the National Suicide Hotline at 9-8-8. To learn more about Care Solace and its services, visit caresolace.org.



Students, staff, and families may access Care Solace services in two ways:

- 1) **Call (888) 515-0595** at any time. Support is available in 200+ languages. A dedicated Care Companion™ will help you every step of the way to research options, secure appointments, and follow up to make sure it is a good fit.
- 2) For an anonymous search, answer a few questions to get matched with an extensive list of care providers at caresolace.org.

Another resource available is Gaggle Therapy. Since the start of the 2021-2022 school year, WRPS has contracted with Gaggle Therapy to provide therapy services to students as a way to address the local counselor shortage. Gaggle Therapy provides secure video platform-based mental health and support services to students, facilitated by licensed therapists and counselors who are experienced in working with children and teenagers. With parental consent, students participate in 45-minute weekly video therapy sessions. All FERPA and HIPAA guidelines are adhered to, and there are no costs for families or parents. For more information, please reach out to your child's school counselor.

Additionally, WRPS has partnered with several local agencies to provide in person individual and/or small group support. These supports are available in many of our schools. Please reach out to your child's school counselor to learn more about what is offered at school.

If you or a family member is seeking counseling-related services, please consider reaching out to Care Solace assistance or to your child's school counselor. These resources are provided to you by the District, and I am available to answer any questions you may have. You can contact me via email at steven.hepp@wrps.net or by phone at 715-424-6724.

Sincerely,

Steven Hepp
Director of Pupil Services