



# Life @ Lincoln

Principal - Ronald Rasmussen

Associate Principals -

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January 2024

## Program Showcase

You're invited to the  
third annual  
"Program Showcase

Night" on Wednesday, January 24th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln High School. All current 9th-11th grade students and parents will spend the evening exploring and having fun while learning about programs and courses at LHS.

Classrooms and labs will be open for interactive tours and/or conversations in: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Art, Business, Marketing, Computer Science, Family & Consumer Sciences, Health Science, Music, Social Studies, Technology & Engineering, Theatre, Counseling, World Language, and post-secondary options.

Highlights of the showcase include:

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

We hope you will join us as we showcase all of the great opportunities available for your student at Lincoln High School.

## Transition Night

During the Program Showcase on January 24th from 5:30-7:00 p.m., the SwD Department will host a transition night in the 2nd floor Grand Rapids room. Community agencies and post-secondary representatives will be available to discuss the next steps for your student. This is also an opportunity for parents of 8th graders in the program to come and talk about transitioning to high school. Watch the mail after winter break for a flyer with more specific information!

## Registration

The Lincoln High School registration process will take place during RPT the weeks of January 15 and January 22. Students will receive their registration materials and watch an informational video the week of January 15. Students will enter their selected courses in Skyward and hand in their registration forms the week of January 22. When choosing courses, be sure your student places considerable thought into the decision. Help them plan a schedule that meets both immediate and future plans. The course selection process is crucial when we plan next year's staff and schedule. Budget, class size, and teacher assignments are based on the numbers from registration. Please select courses carefully!

### Schedule of Events for Registration:

*Tuesday, January 16: 7:30-8:35 a.m.*

Registration presentation and materials provided in RPT

*Wednesday, January 24: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.*

Program Showcase (see description to the left)

*Wednesday, January 24: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

Advising Day in Student Services

*Thursday, January 25 - 7:30 - 8:35 a.m.*

Students enter selected courses in Skyward

## Parent Teacher Visitation

Virtual Parent Teacher Visitation will be held on

Wednesday, January 24th, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Click on the [link](#) to schedule an 8-minute appointment with your child's teacher. In the description please indicate how you would like to meet. You can request a phone call, zoom meeting, or an in-person meeting. In-person meetings must be requested no later than January 17th. Unless indicated, the primary phone number in Skyward will be called.

The Term 2 six week progress report will be posted on Skyward Family Access during the afternoon of January 22nd.

## Important Information for Seniors

- ⇒ Are you pursuing a degree in business or education? How about a STEM field? Are you planning on attending MSTC, UWSP, or UW Madison? Have you been involved in 4H? Make sure you continue to check our [scholarship website](#) as new scholarship opportunities are continually being added. Many scholarship due dates are approaching quickly!
- ⇒ Contact student services as soon as you have made your college decision. College pennants are posted in the hallway to represent the student's college choice.
- ⇒ If you have received any college or outside scholarships, contact student services. We would like to recognize your awards during the Scholarship Night in May.
- ⇒ Mark your calendar for an important MANDATORY senior meeting on **Monday, April 15th**. Josten's orders will be distributed immediately following the meeting.
- ⇒ Be sure fees/fines are paid. All obligations must be taken care of in order for students to participate in the graduation ceremony. Payments can be made in the main office or online through the Fee Management System in Skyward.
- ⇒ Graduation practice is MANDATORY. Mark your calendar to attend practice on **Friday, May 31st** at 10:00 a.m.

## Graduation Information



Senior parents and students...if you have not already done so, be sure you have placed your order for your graduation cap, gown, and tassel. A packet from Jostens was distributed to seniors in the fall, if you need another packet pick one up in the main office. You can also view items and place your order online at <https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1115997/Wisconsin-Rapids-Lincoln-High-School/>



## Class Reunion Zero

Preparations for Class Reunion Zero (CRZ), the party for all graduating seniors, is underway. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday, January 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the LHS main office conference room. All senior parents interested in helping plan this event are encouraged to attend. We will be discussing plans, fundraising, and many other things. We are also looking for groups, individuals, or businesses to donate prizes or to make monetary donations so smaller prizes can be purchased, entertainment can be reserved, and food can be ordered. If you have questions or are willing to help with a contribution please contact *Abbe Bredl* at [abbew@wctc.net](mailto:abbew@wctc.net). Additional CRZ information can be found in future newsletters, so please stay tuned! You can also like our page on Facebook at [LHS Class Reunion Zero](#) for information, events, and updates.

**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.

## Incorporate Scholarships

Scholarship season is in full swing at Incourage. The online application opened on December 16th. The application will close on Thursday, January 25th. The link to the online application may be found at <https://incouragecf.org/for-students/>. Do not procrastinate....get started now!

### **A couple of tips:**

- ⇒ Students should create their online scholarship account with a personal email address rather than their school email. ISTS, 3rd party scholarship administrator, communicates with applicants using the email address provided. Follow up communication includes reminders during the application process, as well as award details, reminders, and renewable requirements after.
- ⇒ All students pursuing post-high school education are encouraged to apply whether it is at a college, university, or technical college. Currently, nearly 70 out of the more than 100 scholarships Incourage offers are open to students pursuing a technical college degree. We have seen a downward trend in the number of technical college applicants over the past several years. Unfortunately, this means that some of the scholarships open only to technical college students have gone unawarded.
- ⇒ Information entered, essay(s) completed, and effort put in to the application matters. Students are considered for all eligible scholarships based upon the information they enter. There is a common essay required for all scholarships, with some additional unique essays and/or short answer questions specific to various scholarships. If a student chooses not to submit a unique essay or complete short answer questions that may populate during the application process, they will not be considered for the specific scholarship, even if they meet all of the other donor-defined criteria.
- ⇒ Questions or issues with the application process should be directed to ISTS Customer Care between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

## Code Yellow, Red, and Blue

Over the past few years there have been several school safety incidents in Wisconsin. We wanted to provide an update on what certain code levels mean at LHS.

**Code Yellow - Soft Lockdown:** This code is used when hallways or common areas need to be free of students. This code is utilized for medical emergencies, when student privacy is paramount, or to enhance the level of security of the building. Staff are to lock all classroom and exterior doors and clear the hallways of students. The key to a Code Yellow is for normal activities to continue in the classroom. All lessons, tests, projects, etc. continue as normal. This is by far the most used code during the school year and used primarily for medical emergencies.

**Code Red - Full Lockdown:** This code is used in response to an actual emergency situation. This is used when there is a threat of violence or serious incident that could jeopardize the safety of staff and students. We practice Code Red drills each term utilizing our A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) procedures.

**Code Blue - Emergency Evacuation:** This code is used for emergency evacuation not related to a fire incident. Discussion on how and where to evacuate is discussed at the beginning of each year with our students. An example would be a natural gas leak.

For further information about our A.L.I.C.E. procedures, please review a letter sent to all families in April 2016 at <https://goo.gl/ys8wgM>. We do hope that this brief explanation of our codes provides you with factual information. Please feel free to contact a LHS administrator with any questions.

## Alumni Wall of Fame

The Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Alumni Wall of Fame wishes to annually recognize one or more distinguished alumni or friends of education to Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School. We believe members of the Wall of Fame are role models who can inspire our students to continue the tradition of excellence which defines the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln community.

To be considered as a candidate for the Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School Alumni Wall of Fame, an alumnus or educator/supporter of WRPS must:

- 1a. have graduated from Wisconsin Rapids Lincoln High School at least ten years prior to the nomination,  
OR
- 1b. served as a staff member/supporter of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids,
2. have made significant contributions to his or her field and/or the community at large, exhibit outstanding leadership, character, and service to the community,
3. have a record of outstanding achievement in his or her field, and
4. exemplify the attitude and code of conduct synonymous with the School District of Wisconsin Rapids.

A candidate's career, achievement, contribution, or service must fall into one of eight categories:

- Medicine and science
- Business and professional services
- Literature, arts, and entertainment
- Humanitarian and service
- Lifetime recognition
- Students
- Teacher, administrator, or district supporter

The process for making a nomination is as follows:

- The application must be completed and submitted online.
- Nominations must be received by the Lincoln High School Principal by February 1st to be considered for that year's induction class.
- Nomination forms are available at the district's website at [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org). Go to the high school link, click on "About" and click on "Alumni Wall of Fame" or directly at <https://docs.google.com/a/wrps.net/forms/>

## Interested in Building a New Home?

The Building Construction Class at LHS has a history of building one fully functional house per year for an applicant. The goal of the class is to provide students the opportunity to get real life experience related to residential building. It is now time for the selection process to begin for the 2024-2025 school year. This process is intended for someone interested in having the class build a residential home within the Wisconsin Rapids School District. For more information as well as the application procedure, please contact Terry Bores (LHS Building Construction Instructor) at [terry.bores@wrps.net](mailto:terry.bores@wrps.net). Additional [information](#) on his process can found on the WRPS homepage.

## Dates to Remember

**Monday - January 15**

No School - PD Day

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**Friday - March 1**

No School - PD Day

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**March 25 - 29**

No School - Spring Break

# ACT® Plus Writing

The State of Wisconsin legislature mandates that **ALL JUNIORS** across the state take the - ACT® Plus Writing. Below is some information about this assessment.



- Consists of four multiple-choice tests: English, Math, Reading, and Science; and a 30-minute essay test that measures your writing skills
- Assesses a student's general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work
- A paper and pencil test
- America's most widely accepted college entrance exam
- Used for college admission at most Wisconsin colleges (SAT is also accepted at most)
- Scores may be used for a variety of purposes including college admission, scholarships, and NCAA eligibility
- Visit <http://www.actstudent.org/index.html> for more information
- Prepare for test at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). A practice test with text-to-speech will be added to the website
- Find other resources to assist your student in preparing for the ACT at [act.org](http://act.org)
- **Testing Date is Tuesday, March 12, 2024 beginning at 7:30 a.m.** The cost of this test date is covered by the State of Wisconsin and WRPS

## Theatre Department's Winter Show

LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

### Winter Showcase '24

Three one-act plays written by former Advanced Drama students



**False Verdict**  
by Raegan VanWagner

Twisted stories, false accusations, and with a mysterious case to solve, False Verdict is a play full of loose ends that must be resolved. It all begins with a missing person's case with our main detective, Julia, and her superior partner, Norman, assigned to solve the mystery. A word of warning, the truth is not what it seems to be...

The Other Directions is a band of 5 best friends who are auditioning on the popular vocal talent show, The Vocalizer. The boys must face many challenges on their way to fame, including their talented rivals, a terrible girlfriend, and a band member betraying his band. Will the Other Directions make it to the top, or will they have to go another direction?



**Drama Queens**  
by Chantel Thompson

The biggest event of every theater kid's life: the senior musical. A fight for their futures. The ultimate showstopping contest. The riveting battle between two high school girls. Watch as Owen and her high school arch-nemesis Allison struggle to win over their director's favor, offering increasingly outrageous gifts, and straining personal relationships in the process. Will their efforts prove to be worth it? Or will the girls turn out to be nothing but drama queens.



**Vocal Vengeance**  
by Anna Kelly

Jan 19 & 20 at 7:30pm | Jan 21 at 2pm

Tickets: \$5.00 each  
[www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com) or at the door

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS



Three one-act plays  
written by former  
Advanced Drama  
Students

January 19-21, 2024

Performing Arts Center



Get the  
J U M P on your  
COLLEGE CAREER with  
Concurrent Enrollment

Lincoln High School is pleased to be partnering with UWSP to offer concurrent enrollment options. Successful completion of concurrent enrollment courses will result in students earning Lincoln High School credit while at the same time earning college credit on a UWSP transcript. UWSP courses offered through LHS are guaranteed to be transferable to any of the UW four-year college campuses. In addition, UWSP courses may transfer to any other higher education institution that typically accepts University of Wisconsin credits.

UWSP concurrent enrollment courses are challenging college level courses taught in high school. The benefits of taking UWSP courses in high school are numerous: students are better prepared for college, students save money and time, and students have the option of taking the class for high school credit only or for a combination of high school and college credit. On the other hand, students who struggle could possibly start college on academic probation.

Any junior or senior may take a concurrent enrollment course for high school credit if they meet the college requirement to take the class. To receive transcripted, college credit for the class, a student must complete the following steps:

- ⇒ Register for the course at LHS.
- ⇒ Complete the UWSP application to take the course and meet the required prerequisites. Admission offices will consider the following to see if you're ready to succeed in college classes.
  - Rank in class
  - Grade point average
  - ACT or SAT scores
  - Rigor of your high school courses
  - Letters of recommendation
- ⇒ Pay UWSP tuition rate for concurrent enrollment, which has been approximately half the cost of a typical UWSP course. Rates for the 23-24 school year were \$99/credit. Most of our UWSP classes are 3-5 credits so the cost ranges were \$297-\$495 per course. The cost for the class, and ordering of transcripts is the responsibility of the student/parent.
- ⇒ Successfully complete the concurrent enrollment course.
- ⇒ Order transcripts from UWSP and send them to the college the student will be attending.

For the 2024-2025 school year, LHS will be offering the following concurrent enrollment classes:

- College English 101 (3 credit course)
- College English 102 (3 credit course)
- Physics 101 (5 credit course)
- World History 1500 (3 credit course)

More information can also be found at [https://www.wrps.org/schools/lincoln/academics/lhs\\_concurrent\\_enrollment.cfm](https://www.wrps.org/schools/lincoln/academics/lhs_concurrent_enrollment.cfm)

## After School Events

**Attention all students** who attend events at Lincoln High School: Please remember that school rules and behavior expectations are still in place at after school events.

If you choose to attend high school athletic events, you will be expected to sit in the bleachers. You will not be allowed to roam freely around the high school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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**





# Register with Selective Service!

## Stay eligible for

- Federal Student Aid
- Job Training
- Government Jobs
- U.S. Citizenship

Registration is easy AND it's the law.

You can register at the post office, or through  
the Internet (<http://www.sss.gov>).

You may also receive a registration form in the mail.



## E-Learning Inclement Weather

WRPS has 3 built-in inclement weather days. In the event the allotted days are used, we will be moving to "E-Learning" on future inclement weather days. Please review the letter on page 10 for schedules and more information.

## **LHS offices will be closed during the Winter Break December 25 through January 1**

WRPS is committed to ensuring that all students and parents have access to school district information, policies, procedures, and programs. If you need assistance with interpreter or translation services, or other special accommodations that would be helpful to you, please contact either your child's school office or call the Pupil Services Department at 715-424-6724 so that we can assist you.

## 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.

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

## WIAA Sports Information

All Athletes participating in interscholastic sports (WIAA) are required to have the following items turned in to the athletic office before the first day of practice:

- ⇒ Current WIAA physical or alternate year card
- ⇒ Signed Code of Conduct
- ⇒ WIAA Eligibility Information Form (must sign one every year in the first sport in which an athlete participates)
- ⇒ Concussion Education Confirmation sheet (must sign one every year in the first sport in which an athlete participates)
- ⇒ Consent to Treat Form

Required forms to participate in athletics and/or Clubs for students in grades 6 – 12 are available in Family Access. The completion of these forms is REQUIRED before your student can attend practice for their sport. To access these forms, log into Family Access and click on Online Forms from the left menu bar. If your student is only involved in clubs at their school you are only required to complete the Co-Curricular Code of Conduct. If your student is involved in any athletics you are required to complete the Athletic Information/Forms. If you have any questions, please contact the athletic office at 715-424-6760 x4015.

**Sports Physical Cards** - Athletes who get physicals for sports between now and March 31 should realize that their physical is valid for the 2023-24 school year and they will need a signed alternate year card for the 2024-25 school year. Physicals completed on or after April 1, 2024 will be good for the 2024-25 school year and will need an alternate year card for 2025-26. Questions? Contact the athletic office.

# News from the Nurse



## COVID Guidelines

Students may return to school within 24 hours of testing positive. They will just stay home if not feeling well and are unable to participate in class (or if they have a fever). If a fever is present, they should stay home until fever-free for 24 hours (without using fever-reducing medication). There are no masking stipulations. We are not tracking cases at all.

## Illness

As a general rule of thumb, please keep your student home if they are not feeling well enough to attend or until fever-free (less than 100.4 degrees) for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medications. Please keep your student home until diarrhea/vomit-free for 24 hours past the last episode.

Anytime your student is seen by a healthcare provider for any illness or medical appointment, please ask for a doctor's note to excuse them (they are allowed 10 days per year before a doctor's note is required).

## RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus)

A common respiratory virus that usually causes mild cold-like symptoms. Most people recover in a week or two, but RSV can be serious, especially in infants and older adults. A nasal swab can be taken to confirm RSV at any clinic.

Symptoms usually include:

- Runny nose
- Decrease in appetite
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Wheezing

For care of, transmission, and prevention of RSV, please view the following [link](#).

## Influenza (Flu)

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. A nasal swab can be taken to confirm influenza at any clinic.

Symptoms usually include:

- Fever/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny/stuffy nose
- Muscle/body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue
- Vomiting/diarrhea (this is more common in children than adults)

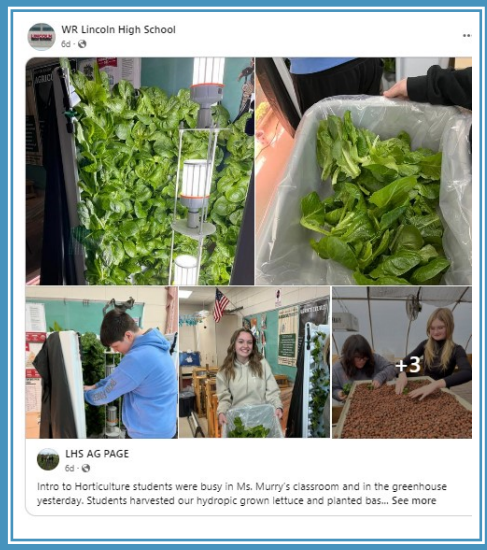
For care of, transmission, and prevention of influenza, please view the following [link](#).





# DECEMBER 2023

# F A C E B O O K R E F L E C T I O N S



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LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT  
PRESENTS

## Community Holiday Concert

Choir - Directed by Julie Stoffel  
UWSP Student Teacher, Allison Weaver

Orchestra - Directed by Ginger Marten

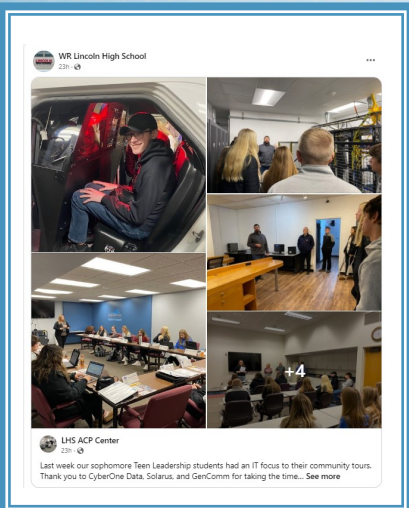
Wind Ensemble - Directed by Jeanne Olson

Piano - Priscilla Kite

Sunday, December 17th, 2023  
2:30 p.m. AND 4:00 p.m.

The presentation of the  
"Friend of Education" Award  
will be included in the 4:00 p.m. performance

Wisconsin Rapids Performing Arts Center





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December 2023

Dear LHS Parent/Guardian/Student,

WRPS has 3 built-in inclement weather days. In the event the allotted days are used, we will be moving to "E-Learning" on future inclement weather days. This will allow us to not extend our school year further into June.

The expectation is that students will join the classroom Zoom session at the designated times below. In the student's Canvas, each teacher has created a Zoom link for each class period. The staff member will provide the instruction for the learning content that is being given for the day. All staff and students will be online at that time period. Depending upon the teacher-led content, students may be E-Learning for the entire time period or for just the time needed to explain content expectations. Attendance is expected and will be taken. You will notice each class session is 35 minutes in length. A few expectations:

- If you need internet assistance, please visit our Chromebook Care Center for options.
- If a Chromebook is left at school, students should download the Canvas Student App in their phone's app store. This will allow students to gain access to all course materials.
- Attendance is required for all classes. Students do not need to check in for a study hall. If your son/daughter has an appointment and will miss a class during the assigned time, please contact the attendance line as normal.
- Students are not allowed to work at a job during class time. Working is not an excused absence.
- Students are expected to be active participants in the class. When called upon, they should be unmuting and answering.

In the afternoon, students will have time to work on the content and have teachers available via an office hours Zoom link for questions or additional assistance. Teachers will be posting the Zoom link for their classes and all content to be completed in Canvas. Our main office will be open these days and available for assistance at extension 4000.

#### **E-Learning Day Schedule**

1st -- 8:10 AM to 8:45 AM

2nd -- 8:55 AM to 9:30 AM

3rd -- 9:40 AM to 10:15 AM

4th -- 10:25 AM to 11:00 AM

5th -- 11:10 AM to 11:45 AM

Teacher Office Hours 12:15 PM to 2:55 PM

If you have any questions, please contact us in the LHS Main Office.

Sincerely,

Ronald A. Rasmussen  
Principal