



# Life at Lincoln

December 1, 2024

## Note from the Principal

Welcome to December, Raider Family! I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and charged your batteries with family time and turkey! I enjoyed some time with my family and a trip to Chicago. Now I'm ready to brave the cold temperatures for a great three weeks of learning in December!

December is a great time at LHS. Students get a fresh start with new classes for Trimester 2. We have a door decorating contest to get in the holiday spirit. The promise of winter break helps keep most of us in a good mood through adversity. Look for me to add Christmas songs to my morning playlist at the student entrance before school!

We do understand that the holidays are not a great time for everyone and not everyone has the same comfortable home to look forward to over break. We care for each of our students and have a gift exchange program called Season of Sharing to help take care of students who might need it.

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and invigorated for a fun month at LHS. As always, if you need anything, feel free to reach out!

Go Red Raiders!

Rod Watson, LHS Principal

## Reminders

Please do not park across the street from LHS after school to pick your students up. It is dangerous to cross 16th during dismissal! Use the parking lot on the South side for pick up.

Inclement Weather- we have two free snow days built into our schedule. We'll have to work virtually if more are needed!

## Upcoming Events




Last Day T2 Class Changes

LHS Orchestra Concert at 6:30pm

LHS Choir, Orchestra, Band Concert at 6:00pm

Winter Break

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## Topics to Highlight

I encourage you to talk to your students about vaping. This industry has its hooks in our students. When cigarette use among teens dropped into the single digit percentage in the early 2000s, vaping products with sweet flavors appeared. Now studies estimate that 30% of teens use these dangerous products. We fight vape use at LHS every single day, with multiple reports coming to us of students vaping. We have also have the problem of vape disposal, with these increasingly large devices being flushed and clogging our pipes at LHS. This is a very frustrating, time-consuming, and expensive problem to solve. Thank you for your help working with our teens to help them understand that these products are dangerous, illegal, and not allowed at LHS.

Reminder- cell phones are not allowed in our classrooms. Students can put them in cell phone holders in the room or in their lockers. We want to focus on learning without the distraction of these devices!



Flavors of confiscated vapes in November:

Strawberry Melon, Fanta Strawberry, Cherry Lemon, Pina Colada, Blueberry Watermelon, Sour Apple (2), Strawberry Ice, Peach Blueberry, Peachy Mango Watermelon, Snow Ice, and Blue Rancher. Some vapes even have video games on them! Who are they marketing these products to?

## LHS Streams Live Events!

LHS Life Stream broadcasts a variety of school and district events throughout the year. You can find links to these broadcasts currently at [rapidsathletics.org](http://rapidsathletics.org) or by adding the Boxcast Channel to your Roku, AppleTV, or FireTV.

The LHS Live Stream Team uses media technology to stream events a variety of district events. In addition, we also operate and create content for the Daketronics video board at South Wood County Stadium. Team members broadcast live events, create graphic designs, control and operate audio/visual 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.

## Reminders

Does your student enjoy the Raider Cafe? Consider giving a Raider Cafe punch card for the holidays, as a birthday treat, or just because! These cards make fantastic gifts or stocking stuffers, and they never expire—use them anytime for anything at the Cafe. We offer a variety of punch cards:

- 1 Drink Card - \$1.75
- 5 Drink Punch Card - \$7.50
- 10 Drink Punch Card - \$15.00
- Buy 10, Get One Free Popcorn Punch Card - \$5.00
- Raider Cafe Gift Certificate - Choose Your Own Amount
- Punch cards are available for purchase at the front office.



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## Meet Youth Success Coalition Partner: The LEO Program

The LEO (Learn and Empower Oneself) Program is an evidence-based, interactive substance prevention program that seeks to empower youth to understand their unique brains and quickly improve resilience, adaptability, and fearlessness in a rapidly changing world. By promoting higher-brain activation and resiliency through key tools, youth can reduce stress and anxiety, and improve memory, creativity, self-awareness, and overall quality of life – each of which are key factors in preventing substance use.



The LEO Program serves youth ages 12-20 and works with school and community partners to deliver program curriculum and one-on-one mentorship to youth. The LEO Program operates two separate contracts funded through the Brighter Futures Initiative Substance Prevention grant via the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families in both Adams County (operated by Adams County Health and Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions) and Wood County (operated by Wood



County Human Services in partnership with CW Solutions). If you're interested in learning more, connect with us at [leoprogram@changewithin.net](mailto:leoprogram@changewithin.net).

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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





# Graduation News

We have had a significant number of seniors who have not placed their orders for caps, gowns, and tassels. All graduates who will participate in the 2025 graduation ceremony are required to wear a cap, gown, and the “Souvenir” tassel. These items will be delivered to the school and distributed in April.

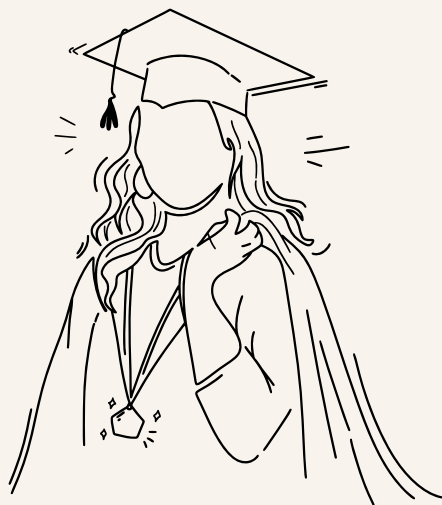
- Order online at [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com) by December 6, 2024, to avoid late fees. This date was extended, so please get your order in soon. Cap & Gown may be returned if you do not participate in the 2025 ceremony.
- If you choose to borrow a cap and gown from a previous LHS graduate, you will need to purchase a 2025 “SOUVENIR” tassel for \$13.00, which is also located in the individual products.
- If you are not able to place your order online, please complete the order form and either send it to: Jostens, PO Box 22, Holmen, WI 54636 or bring it to Mrs. Wefel at LHS.

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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.

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Remember to follow Class Reunion Zero events on Facebook for information on how to help prepare for this fun, safe annual event to send our new graduates off in style!





# Social Media Spotlight



## WRPS Family & Consumer Sciences

November 19 at 1:02 PM · 🌐

Lincoln High School CTSO's DECA and FCCLA were represented through Josh Bush and Maggie Kozlowski (State Officers) at Government Days in Madison. They had the opportunity to learn from Civic Engagement and Advocacy Sachin Chheda, participate in the legislative experience, with guidance from Grace Howe and Tom Bressner, and educate how CTSO's have influenced their achievements, leadership skills, the significance their respective CTSO has had in their lives. They also had the opportunity to meet with Senator Testin and Senator LeMahieu as well as Representative Scott Krug.

#LHSpride #wifccla #CTE Senator Patrick Testin Senator Devin LeMahieu Rep. Scott Krug



## WR Lincoln High School

Published by Chris Wefel

November 12 at 7:28 AM · 🌐

We are in the spotlight! We are pleased to share that the LHS Theatre Department and Mrs. Danke are featured in an EdTA blog. Don't miss the full story - check it out on

<http://schooltheatre.org/premier-communities-spotlight.../>



## WR Lincoln High School

Published by Rod Watson

November 21 at 7:14 PM · 🌐

The LHS Fall Band Concert was a success! These young musicians sounded great! Congratulations to them all and to Band Director Jeanne Olson!



## WR Lincoln High School

Published by Chris Wefel

November 15 at 9:31 AM · 🌐

Congratulations to our November 2024 Lunch Bunch recipients. Students honored are Aaron Volden, Dayton Rynish, Adelena Hartjes, Lorraine Kissinger, Hailey Lowe, Audrey Ringer, Esteban Jacinto-Kevilus, Bentian Neziri, Angel Holmes, Adria Sterwald, and Brycen Henslin. Staff pictured are Ms. DeVries-Polman, Ms. Wagner, Mr. Kostuchowski, Mr. Ontl, and Ms. Zywicki.



## WR Lincoln High School

Published by Chris Wefel

November 23 at 5:07 PM · 🌐



## Rapids DECA

November 23 at 3:22 PM · 🌐

Proud to be a part of the Widow's Weekend Vendor Event raising money for Best Christmas Ever! Rapids DECA members volunteered by helping run kids games, and even got in the holiday spirit (except for one Grinch) with some face paint! #RapidsPride



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## 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 and their likes and dislikes and is also a dopamine boost to help others! Volunteer opportunities are available through the morning announcements, social media, and 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? 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 and a bulletin board in the ACP Center where students can view current job postings.

We want your student(s) to be prepared for life after high school, regardless of their pathway 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.





## Pupil Non-Discrimination 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. 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.

### Special Statement Regarding Sex Discrimination Under Title IX

The Board of the School District of Wisconsin Rapids does not discriminate on the basis of sex and prohibits sex discrimination in any education program or activity that it operates, as required by Title IX and its regulations, including in admission and employment. Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the District's Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights ("OCR"), or both. The District's Title IX Coordinators are:

**Brian Oswall, Director of Human Resources**  
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Email: [titleixcoordinator@wrps.net](mailto:titleixcoordinator@wrps.net)

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The Board's nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located under the Board policies area of the District website located at [www.wrps.org](http://www.wrps.org).

### Statement Concerning Special Accommodations to Include in Handbooks, Newsletters, and All School or District Related Communication

#### English

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.

#### Spanish

WRPS está comprometido/a a garantizar que todos los estudiantes y padres tengan acceso a la información del distrito escolar, pólizas, procedimientos y programas. Si necesita ayuda con servicios de intérpretes o traducción, o cualquier otra adaptación especial que le sea útil, por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la escuela de su hijo/a o llame al Departamento de Servicios para Alumnos al 715-424-6724 para que podamos ayudarle.

#### Hmong

WRPS xav kom txhua tus menyuam thiab niam txiv sawsdaws tau kev pab ntawd lawv lus tsev kawm ntawv txog peb cov ntaub ntawv, kev cai, thiab lub hom phiaj. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais lus lossis lwm yam, thov hu rau koj tu menyuam lub tsev kawm ntawv lossis hu rau Pupil Services Department ntawd tu xov tooj 715-424-6724. Peb zoo siab pab koj.