

LIFE AT LINCOLN

LHS MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2025

LHS Administration:

- Rod Watson- Principal
- Jack Smalley, Ashley Tessmer, Kelly Zywicki- Associate Principals

Testing at LHS

It is almost testing season! We take three state-mandated tests in WI high schools—the PreACT (Grades 9 & 10), Forward (Grade 10), and ACT (Grade 11). These tests give us information about college and career readiness for each student and give us information about how our school is doing. They are very important and we appreciate your support in making this clear to our students. Here is our testing plan:

- **March 11th- ACT/Reality Check:**

- All juniors take the ACT in classrooms. It is a paper and pencil test and it will take until about 1:00pm. Students can then go home if excused by a Google Form by parents or stay for a study hall.
- Seniors do a life simulation activity during this time called "Reality Check" and have a similar schedule.
- Freshmen and Sophomores do not have school on this day.

- **March 20th- Forward (Social Studies):**

This test is taken by one grade in one class and does not affect the learning day.

- **April 8th- PreACT:** This is the required test for underclassmen and a nonattendance day for upperclassmen, unless juniors need to make up the ACT. I will give more details in the next newsletter.



Upcoming Events

- 3/6/25: End of T2
- 3/7/25: No School: Inservice
- 3/10/25: Start of T3
- 3/11/25: Reality Check/ACT
- 3/20/25: Forward Testing
- 3/24/25-3/28/25: Spring Break
- 4/2/25: Teen Job Fair
- 4/8/25: Pre ACT and +ACT Makeup
- 4/18/25: No School (Inservice)
- 6/1/25: Class of 2025 Graduation
- 6/5/25: Last Day of School





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ACP Center News

Job Fair

The Job Fair is happening April 2nd from 2:00-5:00 with special access for teens only from 2:00-3:00! It is open to ANY area teen 14-18 years old looking for part-time, full-time, or seasonal employment. Teens should pre-register [here](#) in order to be entered into the prize drawing. The general public is welcome to join from 3:00-5:00 and they do not need to pre-register.



**JOB
FAIR**

Volunteer Hours

All volunteer hours for the 2024/2025 school year must be submitted by Friday, April 25, 2025, by 3:15 PM. For directions on how to submit volunteer hours, please visit: <https://www.wrps.org/schools/lincoln/academics/volunteerprogram.cfm>

LHS to host ASVAB

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a heavily researched and well-respected aptitude test developed by the Department of Defense. The ASVAB measures aptitude and acquired skills which can be used to help predict future academic and occupational success. ASVAB scores thus give students insight into their options and aid them in planning their next step after high school. For any student interested in the military, it is used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces. Taking the test does not mean students have to enlist in the military.

Lincoln High School is hosting the ASVAB exam on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 11:00-2:00. Any interested student can take the exam. Please see Ms. King in the ACP Center to sign up. For questions, call 715-424-6750 ext. 4030 or email elizabeth.king@wrps.net.

Lincoln's ACP Scholarship is back!

We are pleased to announce the ACP Scholarship will be awarded to two seniors later this spring. This scholarship is unique as any senior, regardless of their plans after graduation (apprenticeship, post-secondary education, military, full-time employment) is eligible to apply. Two \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded. Seniors must submit a brief essay and also have their RPT advisor complete a brief recommendation form. Details of this scholarship will be emailed to all seniors this month. See Ms. King in the ACP Center with any questions.



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DECA Members Advance to International Career Development Conference

At the end of February, 52 DECA members were competing at the State Career Development Conference in Lake Geneva. Our chapter came home with 4 state champions and 22 students placed in the top 7. A special congratulations to Josh Bush, Jonah Rasmussen, and Olivia Zimmerman for placing first in Community Awareness. Additionally, Kayla Sachs placed 1st in Marketing Education Training Presentation. Also, Josh Bush finished his term as a member of Wisconsin DECA's State Officer Team. Thirty students will be moving on to the International Career Development Conference in Orlando!



LHS Livestream Recognized by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association

Congratulations to the LHS Livestream Team for their achievements recognized by the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association at Lambeau Field on Saturday! The team took first place in the state in the public service announcement/promo category with their football hype video for the Red Raider Football Program. Additionally, the team placed third in state in the play-by-play broadcast category for their coverage of the Rapids Hockey vs. DC Everest game in December. A special shoutout to Digital Media & Live Broadcast student Austin Tisland for his significant contribution to this success.





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Financial Quiz Bowl Winners and State Qualifiers

Today 46 LHS students competed in the Financial and Investment Challenge Bowl at Mid-State Technical College. These 13 teams competed against other schools from Central Wisconsin. We had great success today with the team of Gabe Larson, Josh Bush, Jonah Rasmussen, and Olivia Zimmerman taking 1st place in the tournament. Congratulations to all of our competitors on a fantastic day!



Grading Dates

End of Term 2:

March 6, 2025

Term 3 Progress:

April 25, 2025

End of Term 3:

June 5, 2025



Mr. Look Recognized as 2025 Unsung Hero

Through our partnership with the Wisconsin Rapids Rafter's Baseball Club, this annual award celebrates deserving individuals who go above and beyond to benefit students and K-12 schools in Central Wisconsin. Students nominated Mr. Look for his unwavering kindness and positivity. Congratulations, and thank you for making a wonderful impact each day!



Notes on THC Vapes

We have seen an increase in vapes with THC cartridges at LHS. THC is derived from marijuana and is very unhealthy. It is against the law and against LHS school rules to possess or use a THC vape at school. Students who are caught with THC cartridges will face very stiff consequences, including potential expulsion from school. Please talk to your teens about THC and help them to understand the dangers.



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Red Raider Wrestlers Advance to State Tournament

Six Red Raider Wrestlers advance to the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Tournament: Jackson Freeman, Landyn Freeman, Aspen Tritz, Carter Freeman, Kailar Tritz, and Tanner Gormanson. The results are as follows:

- 5th Place: Carter Freeman
- 3rd Place: Kailar Tritz
- 1st Place: Tanner Gormanson

Congratulations on an amazing season!



What did **YOU** do this weekend?



Are you between the ages of 13-20?
Are you interested in high adventure
military-like training such as
**Water Survival, Land Navigation,
Urban Ops, Obstacle Courses
and Helicopter Flights?**

WISCONSIN ARMY CADETS

**Open House on Sunday March 16 9:00AM -
12:00PM - Free Event**

Complete the [Registration Form](#) or email WIARC@gocadets.org
Check us out at www.GoCadets.org or on Social Media @WIARC



Location: WI Army National Guard Armory, 2801 W 2nd Street, Appleton WI

LHS Gymnast Advances To State Tournament

On Friday, February 28th, Lincoln High School hosted Sectionals. Congratulations to Elsa Urban, who will advance to the WIAA State Gymnastics Tournament at Lincoln High School! Elsa qualified on both the bars and beam by placing 2nd in both! Elsa scored a 9.05 on the bars and an 8.95 on the beam! Congratulations to all of our Red Raider Gymnasts on a great season, and best of luck to Elsa as she competes next weekend at the state tournament.



UPCOMING ACP EVENTS

MARCH

11

SENIOR REALITY CHECK-REQUIRED

APRIL

2

CAREERS UNLIMITED JOB FAIR
EXCLUSIVE STUDENT ACCESS 2:00-3:00
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 3:00-5:00

11

ASVAB TESTING
FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN MILITARY OR
LEARNING MORE ABOUT FUTURE CAREER OPTIONS

17

SPRING COLLEGE VISIT
LA CROSSE AND WESTERN TECH
FOR SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

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Lincoln HS Honors Breakfast

LHS will be carrying on the Honors Breakfast tradition this year. It will be the 7th annual breakfast for Honors students at LHS. Students who have earned a 3.5 GPA or higher for the first two trimesters of the 2024-25 School Year will be recognized. This recognition will take place in the west side of the fieldhouse. The doors will open at 6:30 AM, the program will begin at 6:45 AM, and it will conclude at 7:15 AM. Students who qualify will receive a letter in the mail letting families know which date to attend. The dates for Honors Breakfast this year are:

- April 22- Freshmen and Sophomores
- April 23- Juniors and Seniors

LHS Prom 2025

Our Prom is open to all students in grades 9-12. It will be on Saturday, May 10th, from 8:00 PM to midnight. The ticket price will be \$20 per person. Here are the expectations:

- Semi-formal attire is a minimum dress requirement. Examples are a tuxedo, suit, or dinner jacket. Dresses need to reach the knee at a minimum. Slits in dresses may not extend above mid-thigh. No excessive midriff exposure is allowed.
- Guests are allowed if they are at least in high school or under 21 years old. Guests must be registered through the form sent out by Officer Olivares by April 18th.
- LHS students must show their student IDs to get in. Guests must have an official photo ID.

Students will know our expectations before the event. Please reinforce these at home so everyone is on the same page and the students can have a positive, fun experience.

The Grand March will be at 9:30 PM with doors opening at 9:00 PM. Doors lock when March begins. The Grand March will include the Junior Prom Court and Royalty, junior couples, and anyone accompanying a junior. The entrance fee for this is \$5 per spectator.

Spring Sport Start Dates

Baseball- March 24th

Boys Golf- March 24th

Girls Soccer- March 24th

Softball- March 17th

Boys Tennis- March 24th

Boys and Girls Track- March 10th

If your student is interested in joining any of these sports, email Ms. Becca Austin at becca.austin@wrps.net for details!

LHS Spring Musical: May 1-4!





Class of 2025

Graduation Ceremony

The 2025 graduation ceremony will be held at the WoodTrust Bank Field in SWC Stadium on Sunday, June 1st. We take the health and safety of our staff and students very seriously and are happy to be hosting the graduation ceremony in the safest manner possible to celebrate this milestone with our students. In the event of bad weather, the ceremony will be held in the field house. All seniors participating in graduation **MUST** attend the mandatory graduation practice on Friday, May 30th at 10:00 AM. at the WoodTrust Bank Field. Students must arrive on time or they will not be allowed to practice or be in the graduation ceremony. If your student is not participating in the graduation ceremony, they must have a form signed by a parent/guardian and filed with Dr. Watson by Tuesday, May 27th. The form can be found on our website. Please refer to the Parent's Guide to Graduation on our website for more specific information. If you have any questions about graduation or ordering a cap, gown, and tassel, contact the main office at 715-424-6751.

Senior Mandatory Meeting

All seniors who plan to participate in this year's graduation ceremony will attend a mandatory meeting on April 16th in the PAC during RPT. It is mandatory that seniors allowed to walk in graduation attend this meeting. Watch announcements for details. Jostens orders will be delivered following the meeting. If you still need to order a cap, gown, or tassel, please visit www.jostens.com.

Class Reunion Zero

Next Parent Planning Meeting: March 12th at 5:15 PM in the LHS main office conference room. Parents of current and future seniors are welcome! Watch the [LHS Class Reunion Zero Facebook](#) page for updates.

Interested in Donating: Do you want to help the Class of 2025 celebrate their graduation? But NOT interested in... Buying anything? Delivering anything? Then you can opt out. Donations can be made payable to Lincoln High School CRZ and sent to Lincoln High School.

Last Day for Seniors

Thursday, May 29th

Fees & Fines

In order for your child to receive their diploma, all fees, fines, and other money obligations must be paid in full. Please contact the office at 715-424-6751 if you have any questions.

Adjusting to Change

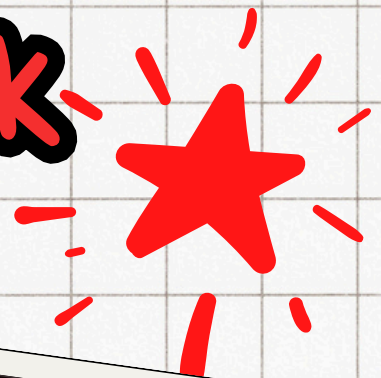
This can be a very "interesting" time of the school year as a parent or guardian of a graduating senior. Keeping your teen on the right track in school and making good decisions can be a challenge, especially the second and third trimester of their senior year. As a parent or guardian, please keep your standards and expectations high. We realize this may be difficult because seniors start spreading their wings in preparation for their future. Despite their tendency to want to slow down at the end, please help us emphasize the need to finish strong. Colleges continue to monitor academics to make sure students are not "slacking off" so please communicate with your student the need for them to continue to strive for excellence.



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Reality Check

MARCH 11, 2025



The Details....

- Interact with local business professionals in "Reality Check" Financial Simulation.
- The final event for your Financial Literacy graduation requirement.
- Learn and get motivated by a national speaker and singer from Colorado.
- Communicate with young professionals regarding your 1st rental & loans.



2025

Expectations

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- All students report directly to the PAC at 7:30 a.m. No backpacks, food, or beverages will be permitted.
- You must have your student ID to scan in
- Bring your cell phone or calculator
- There will be NO LHS classes in the afternoon. Bussing will run at regular times. Students will be dismissed at noon if the parent/guardian completes the [Google Form](#). Students who are not excused will report to the commons at 1:00 p.m.
- Lunch options are eating off-campus or eating hot or cold lunch on campus.
- If you have a cold lunch, please bring it at 7:30 a.m. to the PAC entrance; we'll have a secure place to hold it.
- You will not be allowed to your locker at noon/lunch.
- If you plan on leaving campus after the Reality Check event, you must bring your keys and coat to the PAC entrance at 7:30 a.m.

Dress for Success

- Dress for the career pathway (business, health, trades, etc.) you are pursuing & you will be eligible to go into the money machine and win **\$25** Kwik-Trip Cards.

Donate at school for the



Help for The Homeless **HYGIENE DRIVE**

**Feb. 23 -
Mar. 16**

**Help stock the
shelves of
your school's
care closet!**

Most Needed Items at WRPS

Body Wash

Cleaning Supplies

Deodorant

Hair Conditioner

Hair Shampoo

Laundry Detergent

Lotion

Paper Towels

Toilet Paper

Toothpaste

Donations remain in the community where collected!

**"Each item donated during the hygiene drive is not just a product;
it's a lifeline that helps families maintain hygiene and stability."**

– Outreach Director, St. Vincent de Paul

Thanks to our sponsors and event partners!
Details at **thefamily.net** or 800-236-9364



COMING SOON!

BRIDGING BRIGHTER SMILES at your school

Get your teeth cleaned at school, during the school day!

Preventative dental services offered are:

Teeth Cleaning

Oral Screening

Oral Health Education

Dental Sealants

Silver Diamine Fluoride

Fluoride Varnish

Referral Assistance

Sealant Retention Check



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with BadgerCare

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For questions call 262-896-9891



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
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: 715-424-6710
Email: titleixcoordinator@wrps.net

Steven Hepp, Director of Pupil Services
Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools
510 Peach Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: 715-424-6724
Email: titleixasstcoordinator@wrps.net

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.

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.