

# NOVEMBER 2023 Life @ Lincoln

Ronald Rasmussen, Principal Nic Sydorowicz, Steve Thayer, and Kelly Zywicki, Associate Principals

# Chromebooks

Overall we have tremendous success with each student being issued a Chromebook. Teachers have put lesson plans and assignments in Canvas and students have easy access to this information in their Chromebooks. teachers know they will be out they can put their assignment in Canvas and students will continue to learn as if the teacher was in the building. It has been working well for teachers and students.

One requirement from students each day is to be sure their Chromebooks are fully charged each school day. Please be sure your student charges their assigned Chromebook at night so that they are prepared for the next school morning. We do not have the capability of charging every student's Chromebooks at the same time.

Thank you in advance for helping us be sure your student is prepared to use their Chromebooks every day.



Thank You to those that participated in the October Parent/ Teacher Visitation. Mark your calendar for term 2's Visitation Night for Wednesday, January 24 from 3:30-6:00 p.m. In the meantime, if you have questions about your student's academic status, feel free to contact their teachers and/or counselor by phone or email.

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Thanksgiving Break - No School

November 22 - 26

Record Keeping Day - No School

December 1

**Beginning of Trimester 2** 

December 4

Christmas Break - No School

December 25-January 1

# SENIOR INFORMATION.

# **CAP/GOWN/TASSEL ORDERS**

# BEST PRICE OF \$31.99 IF ORDER PLACED BY NOVEMBER 13th

All graduates that will participate in the 2024 graduation ceremony are required to wear a cap, gown, and the "Souvenir" tassel. These items will be delivered to school and distributed in April.

- Order online at <u>Jostens.com</u> by November 13, 2023 to avoid late fees. Cap & Gown may be returned if you do not participate in the 2024 ceremony.
- ♦ If you choose to borrow a cap and gown from a previous LHS graduate you will need to purchase a 2024 "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.

# Cap/Gown/Tassel package prices are as follows:

\$31.99 - If ordered by November 13, 2023 \$49.99 - If ordered between November 14-December 29, 2023 \$59.99 plus late fees - If ordered after December 29, 2023

If you have questions call Jostens at 1-800-567-8367 or Mrs. Wefel in the office at 715-424-6751.

# SENIOR Parents: WE NEED YOUR

**HELP!!** We are looking for several parents to help volunteer for Class Reunion Zero 2024 to keep the tradition going for graduating seniors. The event will be held on Friday, May 31.

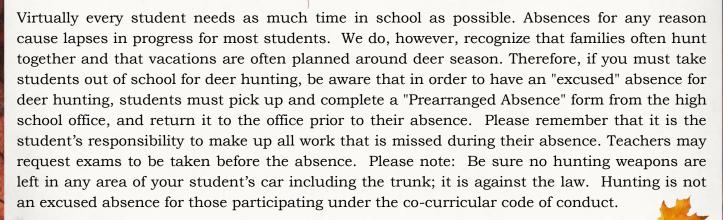
We need parents to work together to plan the event, fundraise, buy prizes, plan games, etc. The next parent meeting is **Wed.**, **November 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the LHS main office conference room**. If you would like more information, contact Tashia Dampier at dampier.tashia@yahoo.com.

Like us on Facebook: LHS Class Reunion Zero

**SENIOR Pictures:** The deadline to submit your senior picture for the yearbook is November 30, 2023. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS DEADLINE**. Upload directly to Jostens at <a href="mages.jostens.com">images.jostens.com</a>, using login: <a href="mages.jostens.com">0k1xatuuYJ5e6tQs2tKPXpw</a>. Head & shoulder front view only, without paraphernalia/props, hats, or hands in the photo. Be sure to label the file with the student's name.

**Fees/Fines:** All fees and fines MUST be paid prior to a senior participating in graduation. Be sure you are checking Skyward Fee Management regularly to take care of financial obligations.





# **Students Leaving Early**

We realize that students need to leave early periodically for appointments, etc. Parents/guardians can send a written note with your student in the morning to get a pass from the attendance clerk. Or, you can put your request in Skyward Attendance, however, keep in mind that it is not monitored every minute of the day, or you can call the office (press 2 for attendance).

We ask that you give us a **TWO-HOUR** notice before your student is to be dismissed. Keep in mind that office staff needs to prepare a pass, locate your student (which may be in lunch, phy ed, class, etc.), and get them to the office to be dismissed timely. Your student will not be able to leave their classroom without the written pass from the office.

ALL students **MUST** go to the office to sign out before they leave the building. You may pick up your student in the front lot between 7:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. If before or after that time, please pick them up in the student lot.

# **Student Absences**

When your student is absent for any reason or coming in late, you should either report this absence by using Skyward, phoning in on the Attendance Line, or by sending a note. If you go through Skyward or call the Attendance Line, you do not need to send a note in with your student when they return. Only one of these methods is necessary.

Students coming in late MUST check in with the office to get a pass and sign in.

**Attendance Line:** 715-424-6765

# **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.

Nov. 8, Dec. 6 and 20, Jan. 3, 17, and 31, Feb. 14 and 28, March 13, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22

# **School Closings**

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, the radio, or television station. See pages 10-11 of this newsletter for more information.

Note that when school gets canceled, all other activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are also canceled. As outlined in Board Policy 723.1, it is possible that certain dates will be designated as Remote Learning Days - we will communicate more about expectations for students on these dates when they occur.



# **GRADING DATES**

End of Term 1 - November 30
End of Progress 2 - January 19
End of Term 2 - February 29
End of Progress 3 - April 18
End of Term 3 - June 4

# **Class Rings**



Jostens recently met with freshmen about class rings. However, any student may order a ring at <u>Jostens.com</u>. Order before November 7th to receive \$20.00 off your ring

using promo code RING20 (does not apply to certain styles). If you have questions call 1-800-854-7464 or see Mrs. Wefel in the main office for a ring packet.



# **Incourage Scholarships**

Incourage 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 December 15, 2023
- The online application deadline is January 25, 2024

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

Watch for Incourage Scholarship information coming soon from Mrs. Halbur in Student Services. Refer to the <u>Incourage Foundation website</u> for more information.



# Empowering Youth: The Boys & Girls Club of the Wisconsin Rapids Area

Currently serving over 400 youth, Boys & Girls Club programs provide much needed after-school care, while helping youth develop character and build academic & life skills.

Healthy lifestyles are learned through physical activity, healthy habits, and social emotional learning. The Second Step program teaches members how to identify, understand, and manage emotions.

STEM activities ignite interest in science, technology, engineering, and while creative arts mathematics, projects encourage self-expression and artistic appreciation.

Club members also get fun and unique opportunities to participate in programs like NBA Math Hoops which teaches math & social emotional skills through basketball over a 12-week program.

Committed to all ages, the Teen Center offers programs like Career Launch for job-ready teens to learn important soft skills; and Teen Cuisine, for hands-on cooking instruction. Additionally, the Work Force program allows teens to gain valuable job experience within the Člub, and the Cougar Paths program in partnership with MSTC offers guided career exploration.

To learn more, reach out to Member Service Director Chevenne Kester at ckester@bgcwra.org or 715-818-5252.





# Winter Sport Start Dates

Girls Basketball - November 6 Gymnastics - November 6 Boys & Girls Hockey - November 6 Boys Swim & Dive - November 13 Wrestling - November 13 Boys Basketball - November 13

# **Community Candles**

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 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.

# **Keep Kids Warm**



Are you a student or parent of a student in need of winter gear - coat, boots, snow pants, hat, or gloves? If so, you can register for a slot at <u>Keep Kids Warm</u>.

There is no cost for either event held on November 9th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and November 30th, 7:30 - 11:00 a.m. at East Junior High School. We will be accepting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items and/or winter gear that your child has outgrown. We invite you to participate as you are able.

For more information, see the flyer on page 12 of this newsletter.

# ALL 2024 GRADUATES ARE ADMITTED TO MID-STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE!

Seniors in Mid-State's district are automatically accepted through the Direct Admission opportunity.

Mid-State can help your senior find their fit with upcoming Direct Admission events that lead up to the Admit Day celebration on Friday, May 3.



LEARN MORE AT
MSTC.EDU/DIRECT-ADMISSION

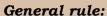
# MyACT.org

ACT has an online platform called MyACT that allows students to access their scores, register for future tests, and more.

MyACT.org is a tool that allows students to register, schedule, and pay for future ACT tests, explore ACT test prep products, and access and send their scores to colleges and institutions of their choice. MyACT.org also contains free college and career planning tools to help students navigate their next steps and provides insight to their interests and how they align to their future goals.

Once the scoring process is completed, students will receive their scores in the mail, if they provided their correct mailing address during testing. Their scores will also be available in MyACT. Their mailed score report will contain a supplement providing them with information on how to create a MyACT account that will successfully link to their state testing scores, using their uniquely assigned ACT ID number included on their mailed report. If your students have trouble creating or accessing their scores, or if they created an account without using their ACT ID number, please have the students contact ACT Customer Care at <a href="https://www.act.org/content/act/en/contact-act.html">https://www.act.org/content/act/en/contact-act.html</a> for assistance.

# From the Nurse....



Please keep your child home if they have a temperature of 100.4 or greater, vomiting, and/or diarrhea, or if they just are not feeling well enough to attend school. They must be fever/vomiting/diarrhea-free for 24 hours without the use of medications before coming back to school.

### Winter season:

If your student has a history of asthma and needs an inhaler, please make sure they have their inhaler at school and an order from the doctor for use. Asthma exacerbation/flare-ups are very common due to weather changes.

# **COVID:**

<u>If your student tested positive for COVID:</u> they may attend school as long as they are fever-free without the use of medication, and feeling well enough to attend school. Currently, there is no masking requirement, but if they feel more comfortable wearing one that is fine.

# Medications at school:

Students requiring administration of prescription medication at school must have a PHYSICIAN/ DENTIST ORDERS FOR ADMINISTERING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION IN SCHOOL form on file in the nurse's office. This form and additional health forms (seizure, migraine, food allergies, bee allergies) may be found on the WRPS Webpage <a href="here">here</a>. Any medication identified as a controlled substance, such as medication for the treatment of ADD/ADHD, anxiety, or pain, must be delivered to the school office by a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult. These medications must be in a pharmacy-labeled container, placed in a sealed envelope, labeled with your child's name, and if in pill form, the number of pills sent. Medications classified as non-controlled substances, such as antibiotics, eye drops, and inhalers for the treatment of asthma, may be sent to school with a student. These medications must be in a pharmacy-labeled container, placed in a sealed envelope, labeled with your child's name, and if in pill form, the number of pills sent.

### Dental Care at school:

Bridging Brighter Smiles will be providing dental care for students right here at LHS. The program is open to students in grades 9-12. Each student that enrolls will receive 2-3 visits per school year. Enrollment information was emailed home previously or you can register at <a href="https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/">https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/</a>. If you need a paper copy of the enrollment form, please contact your school nurse or the main office.

### Immunizations:

If your child received any immunizations recently, please call/report that to your school nurse, so they can update accordingly.

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.

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Congratulations to our October 2023 Lunch Bunch recipients. Students honored are Trevor Linzmeier, Teegan Olson, Kaleb Ellis, Ella Berg, Lauren Carlson, Jayda Khane, Carol Korte, Maverick Moore, Brady Steward, Rhowanen Obgartel, Talon Bork, Vinne Ashbeck, Keston Ripp, Chick Kawleski, Alexandria Benson, Staff pictured is Mr. Sydorowicz, Mr. Smalley, Mr. Dallege, Ms. Matten, Mr. Ten, and Mr. Gold. Marten, Ms. Tonn, and Mr. Cook,







WR Lincoln High School October 14 at 1046 AM ⋅ 🍪



WR Lincoln High School
October 5 at 8:41 PM · 🚱 Rotary (%)

Warren Miller, Wisconsin Rapids Noon Rotary Foundation President, presented a check for \$500 to Melanie Kozlowksi, WR Lincoln High School Interact Advisor. Mel... See more















Our sophomore Teen Leadership students visited some pretty amazing places yesterdayl First, they toured the fire station, where they got to intubate a dummy, g... See more





# COMMUNITY OPINION SURVEY ON SUBSTANCE USE

# \$25 KWIK TRIP CARD



or visit: <u>bit.ly/Substance23</u>

Help us understand substance use in Wood County. This survey only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and you will be entered to win a free \$25 Kwik Trip gas card.

**SURVEY OPEN THROUGH NOVEMBER 1, 2023** 

healthypeoplewoodcounty@gmail.com www.healthypeoplewoodcounty.org @HealthyPeopleWoodCounty

# How does school get canceled due to weather?





Parents may be interested to know how school closure decisions get made when inclement weather sweeps across our area. The number one priority in every closure decision is the safety of our students, and what is in the best interest of all students. When schools close, we lose valuable learning time with your child(ren), and many families have concerns or complications surrounding childcare. Furthermore, there may be times when parents feel differently about whether school should be open or closed based upon the weather. Should this happen, the District encourages parents to make a decision that they believe is best for their child's health and safety.

Decisions to close school are not taken lightly; and a great deal of thought and communication is involved in the process. Following are some details about what is involved in the weather-related school closure process, and how a final decision gets made:

As the Superintendent of Schools, I monitor weather conditions relative to snow/ice precipitation and gather input and feedback from all appropriate sources including meteorologists, transportation providers, and area highway personnel and/or law enforcement agencies that have personnel out driving on our roadways. Additionally, in cases of extremely cold temperatures and/or wind chills, a decision to close generally comes into play when temperatures will continue to remain around 35 degrees below zero or lower.

I will make every attempt to make a school closure decision as early as possible, and in no case later than 6:30 a.m. of the morning when school is to be in session. When feasible, decisions are made on the evening prior to the school day so that parents can make the appropriate arrangements necessary for childcare, if needed. Unfortunately, this early decision is not always possible given the unique weather patterns of Wisconsin.

You can find out about school closure decisions in a variety of ways:

- ➡ Through email, text, and phone alerts generated by our Skylert notification system - you can sign up for these alerts through your "Family Access" account
- By liking the District Facebook page, you will see inclement weather-related posts

- from WRPS come up in your newsfeed (facebook.com/wrpsdistrict)
- By going to our www.wrps.org webpage weather closure alerts get posted at the top of the main District page, once a decision has been made
- You can sign up for community related alerts through Nixle and receive a variety of school district, law enforcement, and other notifications for our area which you may find of interest
- By listening to local radio and television news stations

Note that when school gets canceled, all other activities scheduled in school buildings for that day are also canceled. As outlined in Board Policy 723.1, it is possible that certain dates will be designated as Remote Learning Days - your school will individually communicate more about expectations for students on these dates when they occur.

Once school begins for the day, schools generally will not dismiss early unless absolutely necessary in order to avoid complications with transportation and childcare arrangements. Again, the safety of our students is always at the forefront of the decision-making process.

A decision to close during the school day will occur by 10:00 a.m., and lunches will be served to students in grades KG-12 before they are dismissed. Middle school students will be dismissed first at 12:00 p.m., followed by Lincoln High students at 12:20 p.m.; and the elementary students will dismiss last at 1:00 p.m. Afternoon sessions for our 4K and River Cities High School programs are automatically canceled if we close early. Communication to parents about an early release is similar - via Skylert, our District webpage and social media pages, Nixle, and various local media outlets.

School closure decisions are not always popular, and I can appreciate that parents may have different opinions about whether or not school should be canceled. Again, we always leave the final decision up to parents about whether to keep their child(ren) home if they feel this is best for their circumstance.

We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support when school closure decisions become necessary on inclement weather days. The decisions are not always easy, but they are definitely made with the best interest of all students in mind.

If you have questions concerning this information, feel free to contact me.

> Craig Broeren Superintendent craig.broeren@wrps.net

715-424-6701







# 2023-2024 ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY STATEMENT INCLEMENT WEATHER DAY PROCEDURES

### CANCELLATION

If bad weather during the night makes it impossible for buses to run in the morning, the following procedure will be used:

Announcements will be made using our Skylert system for parents, posts on the WRPS District webpage (<a href="www.wrps.org">www.wrps.org</a>), the Nixle alert system, and also reported to these media outlets **as early as possible**, <a href="but in no case later than 6:30 a.m.">but in no case later than 6:30 a.m.</a>:

WGLX (103.3 FM)	WFHR (AM 1320)	W
BIG CHEESE (107.9 FM)	WDLB (AM 1450)	W
WYTE (106.5 FM)	WLJY (105.5 FM)	W
HOT (96.7 FM)	WOSQ (92.3 FM)	W

VSPT (97.9 FM) VKQH (B 104.9FM) VPCN (AM 1010) VAOW-TV 9

WAXX (104.5 FM) WAYY (AM 790) I-94 (94.1 FM) WSAW-TV 7

WIFC (95.5 FM) WDEZ (101.9 FM) WRIG (AM 1390) WOZZ (94.7 FM) WSAU (AM 550 or 99.9FM)

# **EARLY DISMISSAL**

If bad weather develops during the morning while school is in session, the following procedure will be used:

- Lunches will be served before the students are dismissed. (There is no lunch for 4K students.)
- Buses will run according to the following schedule:

Middle School	12:00 p.m.	
Assumption High School	12:10 p.m.	
Lincoln High School	12:20 p.m.	
River Cities High School (a.m. session)	11:00 a.m. (as usual)	# # Afternoon RCHS sessions will be canceled.
Elementary Schools (Public & Parochial)	1:00 p.m.	* * Afternoon early education unit sessions will be canceled.
Morning 4-Year Old Kindergarten Session	10:45 a.m.	₩#Afternoon 4K sessions will be canceled.

Announcements of the early dismissal will be made on the above listed stations by 10:00 a.m., advising parents that their children will be sent home early.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/EVENTS**

If an event or trip is canceled, it is the responsibility of the coach/advisor to inform the participants (the news stations listed above may be used for this communication). The safety of our students and staff is the primary consideration when making these decisions. While the "importance" of an event, the difficulties of rescheduling, and other inconveniences are recognized; safety is the only issue that is a factor in these decisions. Your cooperation, understanding, and assistance in these matters will be appreciated.

Questions regarding this Administrative Policy Statement should be referred to Superintendent Craig Broeren at 715-424-6701.

Craig Broeren Superintendent



LIKE our WRPS Facebook account, or follow us on Twitter to get up-to-date weather closure information!

# Keep Kids Warm WRAMS & LHS Families

If your child is in need of winter gear (coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, and/or boots), please attend our Keep Kids Warm events!

November 9, 2023 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm or November 30, 2023 7:30 am - 11:00 am

Follow the link below to sign up for a time slot for your family. <a href="https://calendar.app.google/BwhJbUWGtDAFBDXx7">https://calendar.app.google/BwhJbUWGtDAFBDXx7</a>

Keep Kids Warm takes place at the former East Junior High (311 Lincoln St, Wisconsin Rapids) in Room 103. Please park on Lincoln street and enter through the front entrance. Staff from your child(ren)'s school will be there to assist you.

If you have any questions, contact Tessa Gruszynski, School Social Worker, 715-424-6740 ext. 3068.

\* We will be accepting donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items and/or winter gear that your child has outgrown. We invite you to participate as you are able!