



The Spartan Connection

April, 2018

News and Information Connecting You to Lakeview High School

Dates to Remember

- 5/4 ½ Day – 11:15 a.m.
Dismissal
- 5/24 Academic 4.0
Excellence
Breakfast 7:00 a.m.
- 5/24 Spartan Excellence
Assembly-9:00 a.m.
Parents Welcome
- 5/25 Seniors Last Day
Senior March @
2:30 p.m.
- 5/26 Senior Prom
Battle Creek County
Club
- 5/28 NO SCHOOL
- 5/31 Senior Breakfast/
Graduation Practice
9:00 a.m.
- 6/3 Graduation
2:30 p.m.

Principal's Message

Dear Spartan family:

Looks like perhaps Spring is here for good! Hope you've been enjoying the beautiful weather.

Speaking of Spring, every year when the weather warms up we have an increase in dress code issues. We appreciate you reminding your students that the basic expectation is that everyone be covered from armpits to finger tips. It's a pretty simple idea, and they can check it themselves before they leave. Thank you for your help with that.

Thank you, too, to all of you who made it a priority to have your junior students in school for state testing. Those tests help us learn where we are doing well, and where we need to focus our improvement efforts. We know the odd schedules are a hassle for families. So thank you for your flexibility. We are glad to be done with that for the year.

As most of you know, on the third day of testing we took the afternoon to have students do some team building and also some listening to each other students' experiences here. This activity turned out to be a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about other's perspectives and to think more about how we can make sure that every student feels safe, welcomed, and supported here at LHS. Many students reported that they learned things they didn't realize before about other students' high school experiences. Better understanding of one another among students, and between students and staff, is an important part of creating the best school culture we can.

Know that next year we will be continuing keeping our students' voices and experiences front and center at the high school. We have developed a Student Advisory Committee to make sure we get student input into the school culture work we are doing. We will be engaging a wide range of students more often about improvements we need to consider at the school. And we will continue to try to create opportunities for students to talk with each other about difference across difference. This ability to engage in real conversations with others who are different from ourselves is an important skill for every student's future success in our increasingly diverse nation. It will also help our students move out into the world prepared to help improve it for everyone in the future.

Your partner in developing world-changing students,

Jeff

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Counselors' Corner

Seniors Interested in the Legacy Scholarship

Just as a reminder, here are the requirements for attending KCC on the Legacy Scholarship:

- KCC application
- FAFSA
- Battle Creek Community Foundation (BCCF) General Scholarship application.

Once these above items are completed, there are a few follow up items to finish up:

- Send the KCC financial aid award letter to the BCCF. In order to obtain a KCC financial aid award letter, students may need to complete several documents and return to KCC. They can review any necessary requirements by logging into their Bruin Portal.
- Sign Terms and Conditions Paperwork for the BCCF. This paperwork is available when the BCCF receives the financial aid award letter.
- Orientation on April 30th or May 2nd: Students can attend orientation at KCC on one of these two days to learn about many of the items on this list.
- Sign up to meet with a KCC academic advisor
- Register for classes
- Submit a graduate transcript to KCC after graduation. Students will be asked to inform Mrs. Newman where they want their final graduate transcript to go.

Legacy Orientation

As mentioned above, there will be two possible dates to attend a special orientation for Legacy Scholars. The dates are April 30th (for seniors whose last names start with the letters A-L) and May 2nd (for seniors whose last names start with the letters M-Z). Seniors will be able to do many of the tasks necessary to finalize their Legacy Scholarship and register for classes in the fall. We have approximately 150 students registered for these orientation dates. Please feel free to check with your counselor to see if you are on the list.

Seniors interested in any BCCF Scholarship

Don't forget the foundation also needs a copy of your financial aid award letter from whatever institution you will be attending.

Senior Graduation Information

In order to be considered for inclusion in the commencement program and the list of graduates in the Battle Creek Enquirer, all graduating seniors must have all classes required for graduation at a grade of 60% or better by 3:00 pm on the last day for seniors. The official status of the grade will be determined and verified as it appears in the teacher of record's official gradebook. It is the responsibility of the student to know when all work must be turned in to the teacher of record in order to have it graded and included in the official grade by that deadline. It is possible for a student to complete their graduation requirements after the deadline and participate in commencement; however, they may not appear listed in the aforementioned publications.

In order to participate in commencement, all graduating seniors must have all classes required for graduation at a grade of 60% or better by 3:00 pm on the Friday prior to graduation. The official status of the grade will be determined and verified as it appears in the teacher of record's official gradebook. It is the responsibility of the student to know when all work must be turned in to the teacher of record in order to have it graded and included in the official grade by the deadline. It is possible for students to not participate in commencement, but still receive a diploma later in the summer after getting all necessary grades up to a 60% or better.

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Standardized Testing

The next offering of the SAT will be May 5th, the registration deadline is/was April 25th. The next date after that is June 2nd. The test costs \$62.00 with the Essay, \$46.00 without the essay. If the essay portion has already been taken, it doesn't need to be taken again. The closest place to take both of these exams is Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

The next offering of the ACT will be June 9th. This test is available at LHS. The registration Deadline is May 4th. The test costs \$62.50 with the essay, \$46.00 without the essay. The first time the test is taken, the essay portion should be taken with it. Register for the test at www.actstudent.org.

When trying to decide which test to take, know that all colleges will select either. All students will take the SAT as a part of state testing in 11th grade. Students interested in going straight to a 4 year institution should take both because they may do better in one than the other. It is best to retake whichever test has the higher score because ultimately, all that matters, is the highest score possible to get.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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