



## Lake Washington High School



October 29, 2020



### Message from the Principal

Dear Kang Families,

November 4th is the last day of first quarter! Congratulations to all our students, parents, teachers and staff for the perseverance and grit you show every day during remote learning. We know how challenging it is and we are thankful for your dedication.

Our greatest hope is to return students to the classroom as soon as it is safe. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 cases in King County are headed in the wrong direction. To get back into the classroom, COVID-19 cases must come down. It would be helpful if you could have conversations with your students around following [CDC guidelines](#), specifically around mask wearing. The University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation recently [released a study](#) that indicates if **95% of people wear masks, we can significantly reduce the number of fatalities due to COVID-19 by February.**

Remote learning is especially challenging for making connections and developing relationships. This is true for both teacher-to-student and student-to-student ties. To support connections, we will be adjusting our practices. Beginning November 5th students will need to upload their Skyward school photo as their account picture in TEAMS. Seniors, however, may use their Senior portraits if they wish. *Students will learn how to do this during Homeroom next week.* This will allow teachers to get to know students by their faces and

allow students to do the same. We are also requesting that at a minimum, students turn on their cameras when they are speaking. Making connections is an important part of learning. We are making this change because teachers and students are finding it difficult to connect with each other when the pictures they see are of memes or other pictures that do not show the person's face. We hope you will work with your student on implementing this new practice.

I'd also like to remind you; we have two short weeks in November. One is [Veterans Day week](#), and one is [Thanksgiving week](#). Both weeks come with different schedules. All schedules are located on our [Remote Learning Schedule](#) webpage for easy access.

If you haven't already, please follow us on our social media accounts for ongoing school information. We are here to help so feel free to reach out with questions.

Sincerely,

[Christina Thomas](#)

Principal



## Attendance During Remote Learning

### Attendance Information

This year, learning in a remote environment, it is important to know that attendance is just as important as ever.

Our teachers are expected to take attendance every day. Following are the ways Lake Washington High School teachers account for student attendance on synchronous and asynchronous learning days:

#### **“Live” or Synchronous Instruction Days:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday** “live” or synchronous instruction is happening, teachers will take attendance based on who is participating in their

Classroom Teams meeting. Students can show that they are present by turning their cameras on or indicating that they are there in the chat feature. Their participation is kept by Teams as they sign into the class.

There may be some circumstances when a student can't make a synchronous class time on a given day but is able to log into their Classroom Teams later that day and engage in the learning activities for that class. Under new state rules (WAC 392-401A), when teachers are provided evidence of student's engaging in the learning activities for the day, they can also mark the student as being present.

### **Asynchronous Instruction Days:**

On **Wednesdays**, students can demonstrate that they have attended by logging into their Classroom Teams and participating in the learning activities that their teacher has designed. It is important to note that while asynchronous work can be completed on different days, students are still expected to log in to Classroom Teams (or other platform as directed by their teacher) on **Wednesday** to show evidence of participation for that day.

### **Reporting an Absence:**

If your student is unable to attend school/class on either a synchronous or asynchronous day, please contact us. Excused absences **MUST** still be reported (illness, appointment, computer issues, etc.)

- Attendance hotline (425) 936-1701
- Email: [LakeWashingtonHSAttendance@lwsd.org](mailto:LakeWashingtonHSAttendance@lwsd.org)
- Online via Skyward Family Access: <https://www.lwsd.org/help/skyward-family-access/submit-absence-in-skyward>

### **Student Messenger / Robo Calls:**

With the start of 2nd quarter, we are going to reinstate the automated calls home to report absences. These will be by class sessions missed that day. Please follow the instructions for reporting attendance or call us with questions.

- [Suzie Connor](#), Attendance Professional (425) 936-1701
  - [Joe Joss](#), Dean of Students (425) 936-1708
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## **Información de asistencia**

Este año, aprendiendo en un entorno remoto, es importante saber que la asistencia es tan importante como siempre.

Se espera que nuestras escuelas tomaran asistencia todos los días.

A continuación, se muestran las formas en que nuestras escuelas explican la asistencia de los estudiantes en días de aprendizaje sincrónicos y asincrónicos:

### **Días de instrucción "en vivo" o sincrónicos:**

En los días en que se esté llevando a cabo la instrucción "en vivo" o sincrónica, los maestros tomarán asistencia en función de quién participa en reuniones en Classroom Teams. Los estudiantes pueden mostrar que están presentes encendiendo sus cámaras o indicando que están allí en la función de chat.

Puede haber algunas circunstancias en las que un alumno no puede hacer una hora de clase sincrónica en un día determinado, pero es capaz de iniciar sesión en Classroom Teams más tarde ese día y participar en las actividades de aprendizaje de esa clase. Bajo las nuevas reglas estatales (WAC 392-401A), cuando los maestros reciben evidencia de que los estudiantes participan en las actividades de aprendizaje del día, también pueden marcar al estudiante como presente.

### **Días de instrucción asíncronos:**

En los días en que el aprendizaje es asíncrono, como los miércoles, los alumnos pueden demostrar que han asistido iniciando sesión en Classroom Teams y participando en las actividades de aprendizaje que su profesor ha diseñado. Es importante tener en cuenta que mientras que el trabajo asincrónico se puede completar en días diferentes, todavía se espera que los alumnos inicien sesión en Classroom Teams (u otra plataforma según las instrucciones de su profesor) el miércoles para mostrar evidencia de participación para ese día.

### **Informar de una ausencia:**

Si su hijo no puede asistir a la escuela en un día sincrónico o asincrónico, comuníquese con la escuela para reportar la ausencia. Las ausencias justificadas deben seguir siendo reportadas (enfermedad, cita, problemas informáticos, etc.)

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### **Mensajero del estudiante / Llamadas de Robo:**

Con el comienzo del segundo trimestre vamos a restablecer las llamadas automatizadas a casa para reportar ausencias. Estos serán por sesiones de clase perdidas ese día. Por favor, siga las instrucciones para reportar asistencia o llámenos con preguntas.

- [Suzie Connor](#), Profesional de Asistencia (425) 936-1701
- [Joe Joss](#), Decano de Estudiantes (425) 936-1708

## **From the Counseling Center**

### **College Applications**

It's college application season, and students naturally have a lot of questions. It's the first time they've been through this very new (and sometimes confusing) experience and a lot is riding on their final submission. There is so much information on our [LW Counseling website](#) that students can check out.

- We have both written and visual presentations that students can easily access.
- They can print off an [unofficial copy of their transcript](#) to help them complete their academic history and [order an official transcript](#) to be sent to their college choices.
- The differences between the submission sources--like Common Application, Coalition, and SENDedu-- are explained.
- Students need to follow the directions that each college application details for them.

**Students are encouraged to submit their applications early and not wait until deadlines. Remember, December 4 is the cutoff date to request transcripts and to request the counselor complete any online School Report Form (i.e. through Common Application, SENDedu, Coalition) for**

## January 1 due dates.

And we remind students every year that **counselors are unavailable during Thanksgiving break and winter break**. During this time, we are unable to respond to emails or phone calls, so please advise your senior student to have his/her college application questions answered prior to the winter closure.

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### College & Career Center Updates

The LWHS College & Career Center has information regarding college and community events, scholarships, career related information, outside programs, and more! Get connected:

- Follow [@lwpscounseling](#) on Instagram
- Check out the [College & Career Center Calendar](#) for events and programs
- Find out about [scholarships](#), [applying for college](#), and more on the [College & Career Center website](#)

Questions? Contact [Charolett Henderson](#), LWHS College & Career Specialist

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### From the Athletics Department

[Please take a moment to read the latest sport update from our Athletic Director.](#)

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Please help us with our planning by registering for all intended sports **NOW** through [Final Forms](#). Having all our potential student athletes registered allows us to accurately plan for a re-start of our athletic activities.

In order to be fully registered, students and parents must complete all paperwork in [Final Forms](#) and must have a valid pre-participation physical examination (obtained from your primary care provider) on file with the Athletic Office. **No participation fees are being collected at this time**, but it is critical that every student register now for the sports they intend to play.

Questions? Contact [Rick O'Leary](#), LWHS Athletic Director

## From the Librarian

Happy Harvest to our LW Parents and Students,

As we continue to adjust and settle into remote learning, LW Library is proud to offer three different ways to access books including curbside pickup of our LW books! [Check out my Sway for more information](#).

Three years ago, we began the process of diversifying the LW book collection. For our library to meet the educational, informational, and entertainment needs of our student body, our collections must be diverse and inclusive. My focus is to include more books that reflect the experiences of LGBTQ+ people, people of color, ethnic, cultural, religious minorities, and more. I believe strongly that this work is very important, and I will continue to diversify LW's collection.

**Hispanic Heritage Month** occurs each September 15th-October 15th, coinciding with independence days of many Latin American countries. It is a time of national attention on the contributions and cultures of Hispanic/Latinx Americans. We are proud of our Hispanic and Latinx Kangs, and excited to offer books by and about Hispanic and Latinx individuals! [Enjoy this curated Latinx book list that our LW Library has available for students](#).

If your student is experiencing tech problems, please have them email me for help: [ecourage@lwsd.org](mailto:ecourage@lwsd.org). We have the capacity to help students one-on-one onsite by appointment, but I am often able to troubleshoot issues via email.

Please don't forget your student has many library resources available at their fingertips through our **Virtual Library Teams Page**. Thanks to the District, I now have all students on one Team. Students can utilize the *Ask-A-Question Channel* for nearly instant help with such questions as: "Why didn't I get a pen?" or "Does anyone have the schedule for this week?"

Keep Reading,  
[Elizabeth Courage](#)  
[Library Webpage](#)

## Yearbook Deadlines for Seniors

### Senior Portrait Submissions

If students want to use their senior portrait for the yearbook, please submit to Jostens by December 1, 2020. Details can be found [on the LWHS website under Yearbook](#).

### Senior Recognition Ads

Looking for an additional way to celebrate your senior? Through Jostens, parents have the opportunity to create a senior recognition ad for their student that will go in the Yearbook. It's a way to celebrate all of their hard work and accomplishments and commemorate a unique year. The deadline for ads is also December 1, 2020. [Click here for more information](#).

[Hannah Kreutz](#)

LWHS Yearbook Advisor

## School Announcements

### Club Information

If your student missed the mini-club fair in Homeroom on October 2, check out the [school website here](#). You will find descriptions of clubs that are meeting virtually and advisor contact information to learn more.

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### First Friday's for Freshman

Link crew's First Friday's for Freshmen is a student event for all new students to LW including Freshmen. Students can hear from a staff guest speaker, student speakers, and ask questions to admin, counseling, ASB, and more. The event is at **3 PM on November 6th**, and students can access the event by joining the link to be sent out in email that week. This is a student only event and students will have to join with their school emails.

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## **Kang News**

Kang News is a great way for your student (and you!) to know what is going on in the broader school community and has lots of good tips and fun snippets of info. This recorded live broadcast done by students is usually shown in homeroom but you can subscribe to their news channel and [view archived editions here](#). and even subscribe to their news channel. Episodes can also be viewed on Instagram [@KangNewsLive](#).

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## **LWHS Theatre**

We are excited to announce our winter play is...It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Play! It will be performed digitally through streaming and can be enjoyed all over the world! Want to stay up to date on shows and events? [Sign up here](#) and follow us on social media ([FB](#), [Insta](#), [Twitter](#)). The Bailey family is excited to see you this holiday season! [LWHS Theatre Boosters](#)

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## **Honor Society Peer Tutor Program**

The National Honor Society offers Peer Tutoring. A Peer Tutor can help students with technology, organization, research, and more. [Click here to make your request](#).

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## **Election Engagement Opportunities for Students**

LW history teachers take their responsibility seriously to teach students how to engage in civil discourse and civic duty. This is true even during a pandemic with remote learning in an election year. We want you to know that our teachers are helping students set clear norms for civil discourse, as well as providing important opportunities for younger students to practice voting, and for older students to actually register to vote. We also want to acknowledge what a great job our students have been doing in expressing their thoughtful ideas about the important issues informing our election. LW students are the best!

Students who aren't old enough to vote will be able to engage in a mock in-school election. [Students can click to vote here](#).

Students who are old enough to vote can learn how to [register to vote](#). If you would like to know more about LW's approach to teaching about the election process, please consult [this document from Dr. Jen Rose](#)..

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## **TEAMS Update: Completed Assignment Reports**

Parents, you should be receiving automated weekly emails from TEAMS informing you of completed and incompleting assignments. Please be aware these emails are helpful but do not tell the entire story. Students have the ability to mark assignments as completed even if they are not. As such, please use [Skyward](#) as your primary source for tracking your student's assignments and grades.

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### **AP Test Payments are Due Friday Oct 30th**

The payment window for all exams is October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020. We encourage all students wanting to take May 2021 AP exams to complete the registration and pay for their exams during this registration window.

CollegeBoard has suspended the cancellation fee for the 2020-21 school year. Students may cancel an exam at any time throughout the course!

To make a payment online [click here](#).

For students that may still be deciding in October if they want to take AP exams in May, LWSD is offering a LATE AP Exam Registration window from February 1, 2021 through end of last lunch on February 19, 2021. Students who register during the late AP Registration window will incur a \$50 per exam late fee in addition to the \$96 per exam fee.

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## **Kudos!**



LWHS could not be more proud of ASB president and Senior Ndidi Opara. Ndidi's research into the connection between socially conscious lyrics and popularity of music was so well written it was published in the Journal of Student Research. The article is titled "[BROCKHAPTON: Social Advocacy and Diversity in Rap Music](#)".

Read more about this research article on the [LWSD website](#).

Congratulations Ndidi!

**LWHS PTSA**

## **Thank You PTSA Hospitality!**

Thank you LWHS PTSA for the Spooktacular Caramel Apple Bar!  
You made our week oh so sweet!



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## **SAT and ACT Practice Tests are Back**

LWHS PTSA is once again partnering with Princeton Review to give students the opportunity to take SAT and ACT practice tests. This year, due to the COVID situation, the practice tests will be conducted online.

The practice tests are created from original SAT/ACT tests from past years. They are a great way for your student to get comfortable with the format and style of the SAT or ACT. Students who take the test will also be invited to a strategy session that provides tips and tricks for better performance in the actual test.

The online practice tests will occur:  
SAT Practice Test - Nov 7th, 2020

Registration Ends: Nov 3rd, 2020

Strategy Session Date - November 10th, 2020 6:30 pm

ACT Practice Test - Nov 14th, 2020

Registration Ends: Nov 10th, 2020

Strategy Session Date - November 17th, 2020, 6:30 pm

Don't let your student miss this opportunity. Sign up for free! Registration must be completed before November 3rd.

[Click here for additional information](#) and [here for registration instructions](#).

Questions? Email [satactpractice@lwhspts.org](mailto:satactpractice@lwhspts.org)

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## Reflections Art Competition



Get your student's creative juices flowing for this year's Reflections competition. The theme is **I Matter Because...**

**What Is Reflections?** A national arts competition offered through the LWHS PTSA. Students enter a piece of art that goes through a judging process at the high school level with the potential to advance to the Council, State and National level.

**What are the Art Categories?** Visual Arts (2D only), Music Composition, Photography, Literature, Film Production and Dance Choreography. There is also a Special Artist Division (for students with disabilities).

**Who can participate?** Any student attending LWHS.

**How to get started?** Review the Rules for the art category and the Checklist for

Success, both located on the PTSA website under [Student Programs: Reflections](#). Reflect on the theme. Create a piece of art. Submit the art\* along with a completed Student Entry Form (a fillable PDF) also located on the website. Note: signatures are not required on Entry Form.

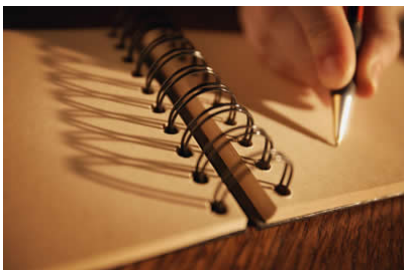
**\*What is new this year?** Students will be submitting entries online: Visual Arts & Photography (JPG/JPEG/PNG format); Literature (PDF format); Dance & Film (MP4 and AVI format); Music Composition (MP3 and WAV); Entry Forms (fillable PDF). Upload location will be announced soon. The Reflections Chair will provide help to any students who is deterred by submitting entries online.

**When is the deadline?** Monday, November 2 by end of day.

**Questions/Concerns?** Contact [Pam Hay](#), Reflections Chair

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## College Application Workshops



LWHS PTSA is pleased to provide students with FREE virtual application essay support on Wednesdays after school and select evenings via ZOOM. Students can connect with trained volunteers who will assist with editing college application essays and personal statements. Volunteers can also answer questions about the college application process and steer students in the right direction for any additional support they might need.

Each one-on-one session will be 30 minutes. Students must sign up in advance for a specific time/date. Parents are welcome to join the call as well!

**Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your spot NOW!**

## We Want Your Input!

### ***Opportunity for Community Feedback: Participate Online – Ends October 30, 2020***

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) community – we want your input! The LWSD Facility Advisory Committee (FAC) is offering you an opportunity to tour a virtual “open house” to learn about their recommendations, and to provide your feedback before they move their recommendations to the School Board for approval.

In November 2019, LWSD formed the FAC to make recommendations for future facility planning, informed by enrollment trends, community expectations and district programs. The committee met from November through May 2020 and provided preliminary recommendations in June.

The FAC plan included engaging the community this fall. Due to COVID that engagement was moved to an online format. These recommendations address the capacity and facility needs over the next ten years to accommodate our enrollment growth and provide for quality learning environments.

Visit this webpage to participate in this online feedback opportunity:

<https://lwsdgrowth.participate.online/>. This website will provide more context on this issue, provide an overview of the work the FAC has done, present the FAC’s draft recommendations, and offer opportunity for community input for these recommendations.

The FAC will be using this feedback as it finalizes recommendations for facility strategies to align with the district’s Strategic Plan. This online open house and feedback opportunity will be open now through October 30, 2020.

[Check out the Facility Advisory Committee’s webpage for more information.](#)

The district will also be sending out a separate survey in early November to

address the topic of remote learning for our families.

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## District Resources During Remote Learning

Lake Washington School District is working to provide services during the school closures. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the [LWSD Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) website](#).

Meals: [Grab and Go student meals](#) for students are available at six middle school sites across the district. [Delivered meals](#) are also available at 24 sites across the district. Pantry Packs will distribute weekend packs on Fridays at the middle school meal sites. Please check the [Pantry Packs](#) website for the latest information in case of changes.

Technology: Visit the [LWSD Technology Support](#) page for the latest information.

**Childcare:** The YMCA and Bellevue Boys & Girls Clubs are providing care for families in our district that need care. They have multiple locations to choose from. First responders and health care providers of direct services can use this program for free. More [details and instructions](#).

**Community Resources:** Find resources including health, wellness, food, finances, technology, Internet, legal and more.

Have a coronavirus or closure related question? Please check the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or [submit a question](#).

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## Fall Grab and Go Meals Now Available: Meals are Free for All Children Age 1-18

Lake Washington School District is offering free meals to all children ages 1-18. Please visit the website for more information: <https://www.lwsd.org/fall-2020/grab-go-student-meals>



The [menu is available here](#).

Meals should be ordered in advance and are available for pickup Monday through Friday. Friday pickup includes meals for Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, or to place an order, visit: <https://www.lwsd.org/fall-2020/grab-go-student-meals>

## COMMUNITY

### Emotional Wellbeing for the Latinx Community

Padres Unidos por la Educación RHS will be hosting a series of Emotional Wellbeing workshops directed to the Latinx community. The workshops will be in Spanish presented by Susana Valencia. RHS, in connection with LWSF and LWPTSA, will be hosting these workshops through Zoom for the next several Mondays from 6:00-7:30 pm (Nov 2 & 9). [Click here for more information](#) or visit their [Facebook page](#).

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84046639965>

Meeting ID: 840 4663 9965

+1 253 215 8782

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## Vote!





**Election day is Nov. 3! If you will be 18  
3rd you can still register to vote.**

**by Nov**

Now through November 3: Register to vote in person by 8 p.m. on Election Day at a County Elections Office.

**Future voters: 16 and 17 year olds can now pre-register to vote!**

[More Details Here](#)



## **Upcoming Events**

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**October 30: [AP Test Payments are Due](#)**

**November 2: [PTA Reflections Submissions Due](#)**

**November 11: Veterans Day (No School)**

**November 18: Student Supplies Pick Up Day & Student Store (10 am-1pm)**

**November 18: PTSA General Membership Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

**November 25: Half Day**

**November 26-27: Thanksgiving Break (No School)**

**[LWHS Full Calendar](#)**

**[College & Career Center Calendar](#)**

**[Counseling Resources: EvergreenHealth Calendar](#)**

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