



## Lower Merion High School

LMSD schools will celebrate Black History Month with a variety of educational and enrichment activities throughout February. African-American history is part of the year-long curriculum at all levels, but teachers and students will take extra time throughout the month for further exploration of significant historical figures and events. Displays throughout the schools will feature art, literature and general information reinforcing curricular learning while a variety of programs and classroom-specific activities will emphasize the significance of African-Americans throughout history.

- ☀ Advisory lessons occurring throughout the month of February will draw interdisciplinary connections between different Black History Month ideas/themes and the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate programming.
- ☀ Students will decorate windows throughout the building with quotes from prominent black figures throughout history.
- ☀ The Black Student Union (BSU) and Student Council are collaborating to create banners honoring and celebrating Black History Month that will be hung throughout the school.
- ☀ The BSU has organized [Shades of Black: A Black History Program](#), an educational and entertaining event that will serve as a special celebration of Black History Month.
- ☀ The BSU will be hosting a Black History Month **Jeopardy** competition where students will test their knowledge on all things related to Black History.
- ☀ The BSU will be hosting a movie night featuring a film (TBD) that highlights and depicts a story connected to Black History.
- ☀ There are also a number of other classroom-based activities including, but not limited to:
  - Entrepreneurship classes watching *The Banker*, which was inspired by true events in the 1960's detailing the lives of two entrepreneurs who hatch a plan to fight for housing integration and equal access to the "American Dream". During and after watching the film, students will analyze barriers to entrepreneurial endeavors, synthesize programming and services that could be created to further provide entrepreneurial equity for marginalized citizens and connect foundational knowledge of entrepreneurship to specific examples throughout the film.
  - AP US History will research and create podcasts about Black reformers and activists of the 1870s - 1900s, such as Octavius Catto, Ida Wells-Barnett, Booker T. Washington, W.E.B Du Bois, George Washington Carver, Mary Church Terrell, William Monroe Trotter, Mary White Ovington, and share these with the class.
  - Global Studies 2, groups will research modern African nations and explore the legacy of colonialism and independence movements. Groups will then create short documentaries on what they learn.





Black Student Union & Student Council

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Celebrates

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February 1 – March 1

Black History Month is an annual observance in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom for remembrance of important people and events in the history of the African diaspora. The purpose of the observance is to recognize the contributions of African Americans to U.S. history and to recognize the central role of African Americans in shaping the nation's history.



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