



Message from the Superintendent—Mr. Jonathan J. Cleaver

With the new school year upon us, we are exceptionally optimistic and excited about what lies ahead for the students of Lehigh, as well as the entire school community. Lehigh Area School District is committed to stay focused on why we are here and what we're all about "The Students". As we look ahead, we are planning for significant academic growth and development. With support and assistance from all members of our school community, we feel that we can continue to move this District even further in a positive direction.

The Lehigh Area School District is committed to building and sustaining a positive experience where all students develop the necessary skills to positively contribute to our ever-changing society. We feel that we are strong academically and prepare students for life after high school, but conversely feel that more academic rigor is needed in our curriculum K-12. As good as the Lehigh Area School District is, we know there is always room for improvement, and the entire school community is making a "commitment to excellence" for our children.

Message from the Board—Mr. Rocky Abner, President

Lehigh Area School District is a very unique district. Out of 500 districts, there is no other like ours. We have 4 elementary buildings that have their own personalities, yet can work together as one. Our Middle School teaches team work, and our High School builds character.

Brick and mortar do not make our district, YOU DO. You, the professional staff. You, the support staff, you, the administrators. And, most of all, you, the parents.

We the Board of Lehigh Area School District are dedicated to the education, safety and welfare of the students at Lehigh Area School District.

In the past few months, we have replaced bleachers, sidewalks, security cameras, etc. for safer buildings. We are bringing curriculum from Wyoming Valley Alcohol and Drugs and adding computer labs to the elementary buildings to better educate our students. We see the District moving in a positive direction with a new superintendent, a Board that has the best interest in the taxpayers monies....and the feeling that the school is here for the students, not us! Our future plans are to make a safe environment for our students and employees.

Ending on that note, I would like to welcome everyone back to school and also invite you to attend events. There is nothing more enjoyable in the world than seeing a Christmas concert, a sporting event or dealing with the quality students, employees, parents, and people of Lehigh Area School District.

Enjoy the 2012-13 school year!

Curriculum & Instruction—Mr. Timothy M. Tkach, Coordinator of Curriculum

Hello and welcome to another school year in the Lehigh Area School District. We are going through a transition process at both the High School and Central Administration as I move into this new position and complete my stay at the high school. Mr. Reichl will be starting with us on Monday, October 22, 2012, and at that time I will be moving full-time into my new position. In the transition, the staff and students have been tremendous.

As the high school moves from traditional PSSA's to the Keystone Exams this year, the staff is continually reviewing and evaluating their curriculum to make sure it is aligned with the eligible content and standards required by the state. This year all Juniors will be tested in January on Algebra I, Biology, and Literature and the underclassmen will be tested in May 2013 as they complete these courses. This is a year of great transition for them and we ask their patience and due-diligence as they complete these requirements.

At the elementary and middle school levels we will continue with PSSA's and again the staff is doing the same process of reviewing and evaluating their curriculum to make sure it is aligned with the state standards and eligible content. In addition, as the state moves forward with the transitioning of PSSA's and Keystone Exams to Common Core Content, we will stay abreast and up-to-date with the latest requirements and expectations for our students.

The staff is continuing to work diligently with technology on all levels, as the elementary staff increases their skills and knowledge of STAR and Compass Learning. With the success at the elementary level, we have moved some of these programs to the middle school. In addition, the middle school will be doing a pilot program with CDT's (Classroom Diagnostic Tools) with Mrs. Lopata, Mrs. Kokinda, and Mr. Kirsch. The information the teachers collect from these activities and programs will help drive data-based decision making that will meet the needs of the individual students at all levels.

At the high school level, Mr. Repsher, Assistant Principal, and the department chairpersons and staff have already implemented a very thorough and complete remediation/enrichment program to help all the Juniors as they prepare for the Keystone Exams in January.

On a general note, we have made some improvements with PowerSchool and hopefully this has eased the parent sign-on process for multiple students as well as obtaining their information. If you have any questions regarding PowerSchool, please contact your student's guidance office.

We look forward to another successful year and working with the Lehigh community. If you have any questions, please contact the Curriculum Office at 610-377-4490.

Seatbelt Safety

With the new school year in full swing, PennDOT is reminding young drivers and parents/caregivers alike of the state's laws regarding child passenger safety. Drivers or passengers under 18 years of age must buckle up. Children under 8 years old must be properly restrained. This is a primary law, which means that police will pull you over, write you a ticket and if convicted, you'll have to pay a fine. To learn about recommendations on child safety seats as well as the state's law for wearing seat belts over age 18, visit www.JustDrivePA.com.

Facilities Update—Mr. Joseph Hauser, Supervisor of Plant Operations

The start of the 2012-2013 school year has come about quickly. The summer work crews and regular staff have worked very hard to restore our facilities with that fresh-look appearance. The Administration is proud to be associated with all the staff and we say **THANK YOU** for a job very well done, for our students, staff, and community.

Along with routine summer maintenance, the Lehigh Area School District has many capital projects that have been completed or are near completion: Renovation of the Middle School Gymnasium. The installation of new playground fences at the East Penn, Franklin and Mahoning Elementary Buildings. The installation of new concrete sidewalks at the Franklin Elementary Building. The installation of new concrete at the front entrance of the Mahoning Elementary Building. Repairs made to concrete sidewalks at the Shull-David Elementary Building. New Student Safety drop off/pick up area created at the Shull-David Elementary Building. Installation of traffic control gates at High School Student Parking Area. Installation of new computer labs for 30 students at Franklin and Shull-David Elementary Schools. The Mahoning Computer Lab is anticipated to be completed by the end of October. Epson Interactive Projectors and White Boards are currently being installed in East Penn Elementary classrooms. Installation of retractable hand rails for the high School Gymnasium Bleachers. Installation of security gates in the High School corridors. Installation and upgrade to High School security camera system. The replacement of the domestic water heater system at the High School.

There are many other smaller maintenance projects that have been completed that are not listed.

Safety and Environmental Information:

The district will be complying with the new EPA/DEP water testing regulations starting in 2012. These regulations are for facilities supplied by on-site well water. The facilities are Mahoning Elementary, East Penn Elementary, and the Field House.

The **Asbestos Management Plan** and inspection reports are on file at the District Administration Building in office of the Supervisor of Plant Operations; as well as East Penn Elementary, Franklin Elementary, Mahoning Elementary, Shull-David Elementary and the Middle School Main Offices.

Potable Water test results and reports are in compliance with DEP regulations and are on file at the District Administration Building in the office of the Supervisor of Plant Operations.

Right to Know (Chemical Awareness) are annually updated. Information is located in the main office of each school facility and in the office of the Supervisor of Plant Operations.

Lead Based Paint Inspection Reports are on file at the District Administration Building in the office of the Supervisor of Plant Operations. The District is in accordance with 40CFR 745.225 EPA Lead Rule.

District-Wide Safety Committee-Safety is of the greatest importance to the District. For more information contact the Supervisor of Plant Operations.

Fire Protection Systems (Main Building Systems, kitchen exhaust hoods and fire extinguishers) are inspected annually.

Technology News—Mr. Marcus A. Statham, I.T. Director

First, we would like to welcome our newest members, the class of 2025, and their parents, to the Lehigh Area School District. You are about to start a great journey. Those already on the journey know what an exciting challenge it is. We look forward to working with you all.

Keeping you informed is a top priority at Lehigh Area School District. One of our tools used is the ALERTNOW Notification Service, which will allow us to send a telephone and/or e-mail message to you providing important information about school events or emergencies.

As most of you know, we have been using the system to notify you of school closings and delays, school events, and reminders. ALERTNOW can call every household in the district within 20 minutes. The district has seen over a 95% success rate in notifying district households.

What you need to know about receiving calls sent through ALERTNOW:

- Caller ID will display the school's main number when general announcement is delivered.
- Caller ID will display 411 if the message is an emergency message.
- ALERTNOW will leave a message on any answering machine or voicemail.
- If the ALERTNOW message stops playing, press the 1 key on your keypad and the message will replay from the beginning.
- We update your telephone number via the school that your child attends. All you need to do is keep your home telephone, emergency telephone, and e-mail updated with your child's school office and we will do the rest in getting that data into ALERTNOW.
- You can opt out of getting call/e-mails by requesting not to be called in writing to your child's school.

There is now a web site that will allow parents and guardians to re-listen to calls and e-mails sent out by the district. The web site's address is <https://www.alertnowmessage.com>. At this web site, just put in your telephone number or e-mail address and you will see the last ten (10) messages sent to that telephone number or e-mail address.

The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information for each student, so please make certain that we have your most current phone numbers. If this information changes at any time, please notify the school immediately.

Teen Driver Safety

Driving is a complex activity – it involves putting together multifaceted evaluations, split-second decision making and performing intricate maneuvers. As Oct. 21-27 marks National Teen Driver Safety Week, it's important for teen drivers to develop and maintain the proper attitude about driving. Remember – driving is a privilege, not a right. And, it's important for parents/guardians to start an open dialogue with their teen about safe driving skills before they turn 16, set a good example and consider establishing a parent /teen driving contract. A sample of this contract and more safety tips for teens and parents are available at www.JustDrivePA.com. The website also includes information on passenger and license requirements that went into effect in 2011, and are important reminders for parents and young drivers alike.

Elementary News

Traffic Procedural Reminders for Shull-David Parents

Listed below are changes to traffic patterns in the morning and afternoon for Shull-David Elementary School. Please go over our policies below. It is extremely important for everyone to follow our drop-off/pick-up procedures to ensure student safety.

A.M. Drop-Off

It is suggested that parents park in the lower middle school parking lot in the yellow lined/designated areas and escort their child to the crossing guard or the school. Please allow the crossing guard to help you cross the street. For safety reasons, we ask that you do not walk across the street without the crossing guard.

Left turns are prohibited from Beaver Run Road into the Shull-David horseshoe lot at all times by all traffic.

Only buses may enter the Shull-David Driveway from 8:00-8:20 daily. All other parent traffic must go to the lower middle school parking lot. From 8:20-8:30 parents may drive into the Shull-David lot to drop off their children. Please see posted signs displaying the rules.

There is no passing allowed within the driveway.

Teachers will be positioned in front of the building to assist children in and out of vehicles and buses. Please do not exit your car when dropping children off inside the circle. This will cause traffic to become stagnant. All parents are asked to stay in an orderly line during parent drop-off and pick-up. Students are asked to exit all vehicles on the passenger side so they are not walking between traffic. It is suggested that students wait inside of the vehicle until they are at or near a teacher at the front doors to exit the vehicle.

Students may enter the building at 8:15 A.M. Do not bring students to school before 8:10 A.M. Those students who arrive after 8:30 must be accompanied by a parent to be signed in at the office.

P.M. Pick-Up

Parents should park in the lower middle school parking lot and walk to the school to pick up their child. Please allow the crossing guard to help you cross the street.

Only school buses will be permitted into the driveway from 2:45-3:05 p.m. All bused students will be loaded onto the buses. Once all the buses have exited the school, parents may enter to pick up children by making a right into the circle.

Lines have been painted along Beaver Run Road for parents to slowly drive into Shull-David by making a right turn off of Beaver Run Road. Please do not park in this area as signs are posted for no parking. Student dismissal begins at 3:05 P.M. daily.

When parents are picking kids up inside the circle, students should enter all vehicles on the passenger side so they are not walking between traffic. It is suggested that students wait to enter the vehicle until it pulls up to the curbing area and comes to a complete stop. The children know to wait behind the yellow line at all times.

When students enter your vehicle to leave school, please make sure your child is buckled in the proper seat to follow state seat belt laws.

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*****REMINDER**

The LASD and the Borough of Lehighton have worked together to create a safe, smooth traffic pattern to ensure all students are safe during drop-off and pick-up times. Please adhere to all traffic patterns. The LPD will issue tickets to those who do not follow traffic rules. Give yourself ample time in the morning and afternoon for these changes. If you have any questions about our traffic procedures, please do not hesitate to call the school office at 610-377-7880 to speak with Mr. Sebelin or Mrs. Schatz (head teacher).

Mahoning & Shull David Elementary—Mr. Aaron Sebelin, Principal

It is a very exciting time as we kick off the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year. On behalf of the staff of Shull-David Elementary School, I would like to welcome you “BACK TO SCHOOL!” We are excited to start a new adventure with your children, and it is only with your support and cooperation that your child/children will have a successful and prosperous school year.

As you know, school started on Monday, August 27 at 8:15 AM and dismissed at 3:10 PM. Your child’s regular attendance and punctuality throughout the year is critical to academic success. It is important that the students understand the necessity of attending regularly to help them be successful in school and life.

At the start of this school year you may notice some changes to our staff. Mrs. Gandy has moved from Title 1 math to Kindergarten. Shull-David will again house three Kindergarten classes. Mrs. Wentz will move from second grade to third grade due to the student population. Mrs. Swanson will be shared between Mahoning and Shull-David Elementary Schools. She will continue working with Title 1 Math students. Miss Fedor is our new art teacher and Miss Schafer will be filling in for Mrs. Kulpa while she’s out on a maternity leave. Mrs. Blasiak has joined our staff as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Winkelspecht is the speech/language teacher this year. We know these changes will benefit our programs and look forward to new beginnings!

Our schools will continue many of the programs conducted in the past:

- Grade level family luncheons — Student of the Month Lunch with the Principal
- Student of the Month Assemblies — Intervention/Enrichment times
- Use of technology in classrooms — Family events sponsored by the PTO
- School Wide Celebrations
- Math/reading centers and other small group projects and activities during I/E
- Grade level and school-wide assemblies combating bullying and promoting anti-drug and alcohol decision making

***We will also be working on the following initiatives:

- “The Principal’s List- Positive phone calls from staff highlighting great behavior
- Improving standardized test scores

On the second day of school your child received the Student-Parent School Handbook. I urge you to read the handbook with your child, and please return the last page to school with your signatures on it. Please complete **ALL** forms handed out the first week and return them to the school office as soon as possible.

As always if you ever have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at 610-377-7880 school. Have a wonderful year!

East Penn & Franklin Elementary—Mrs. Suzanne Howland

Hello from East Penn and Franklin Elementary Schools. On August 27th we welcomed 450 students back to East Penn and Franklin Elementary Schools. We had a smooth transition from summer break to the academic year. Our students and teachers have come back full of enthusiasm and eagerly engaged in their STAR benchmark assessments in September.

Our East Penn teachers and students would like to thank the PTO for the generous donations that purchased the Interactive Projectors for the East Penn School and for the LASD matching funds. All rooms have been outfitted with these boards and are currently being used in daily instruction. Franklin Elementary was upgraded with a brand new computer lab and has two new interactive projectors purchased by their PTO and the LASD. During the summer, the Franklin Elementary had all new sidewalks installed that stretched down to accommodate the entire bus drop off and pick up.

Franklin and East Penn have implemented the *TRIBE PRIDE* Oath and the new school behavior matrix. The Oath was developed with contributions from staff and PTO from both buildings over the past summer. All students and staff in both buildings signed the oath and signed a display located in the entrance to both buildings. It stands for:

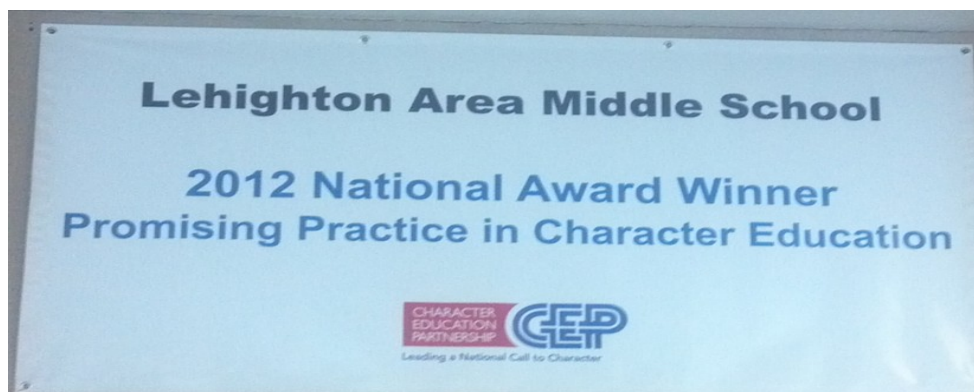
I will
Need to
Do my Best
I will
Always treat People and Property with Respect
Never put
Staff or Students Down

The Oath and Behavioral Matrix can be found on the building websites.

We welcome Norine Zehner—East Penn Kindergarten, Christina Haupt-- Second grade East Penn and Lauren Strohl-- Special Education Franklin. All have done a great job engaging their new students and promoting a positive educational climate. We like to congratulate Ashley Lichtenwalner, Ashley Kovatch and Stephanie Smith on the arrival of their new babies.

As always, our teachers and staff remain fully dedicated to educating our children utilizing new technology, new curriculum strategies and unmatched enthusiasm. We encourage parent involvement at all levels, especially via the PTO. We want all parents to realize that learning does not stop at 3:15 when our students leave the building.

Middle School News—Dr. Mark McGalla, Principal



The Character Education Partnership (CEP) has recognized Lehigh Area Middle School with a 2012 Promising Practice Award for the Humanitarian Club. Each year as part of the National Schools of Character (NSOC) Program, CEP recognizes educators in the United States and elsewhere who have implemented unique, specific, and effective character education strategies. In 2012 there were over 500 applications submitted with 297 Promising Practices awarded. DeSales University and The Kids-of Character Organization of the Lehigh Valley are very involved and committed to the CEP organization.

Since clubs were formed at the Lehigh Area Middle School, the goal of the Humanitarian Club has been to encourage students to help others in the community, state, country, and world. Students select the causes to pursue, and the club advisors facilitate student pursuits. In the words of the advisors, "By improving the lives of those in need, we also enrich ourselves."

Some of the causes that have benefitted from this club are: Toys for Tots, Dream Come True, collection of items for our troops serving overseas, help with local animal shelters, and fundraising for fellow students whose families have been touched by fires or serious illnesses.

In the words of some of the club members:

"It makes me feel like a better person because I helped people and animals."

"It helped me to be involved in things and open my eyes more."

"Humanitarian Club affected me by giving me a chance to get more involved in the school charities and let me help others I wouldn't normally know how to help."

By working behind the scenes with little or no recognition, the Humanitarian Club members and their advisors, Mrs. Decker, Mrs. Rex, and Mrs. Solt, have touched many lives, and in all cases made them better, at least for a time.

*"It helped me to be involved in
things and open my eyes more."*

Tribe Pride Program

Lehigh Area Middle School is embarking on a new program to focus on all the positive behaviors that are occurring each day in our school. When students meet certain requirements they receive Indian Bucks. Students will receive Indian Bucks for excellent attendance, being prepared for class, participation in Red Ribbon week, being a B.O.S.S. recipient, showing kindness and compassion for others, and much more. These Indian Bucks are stored in their planners. Students may spend the Indian Bucks at the designated school store located by the auditorium. This store has a variety of items that students will enjoy. **The school store will only accept Indian Bucks; please do not send money for your children. Children can obtain Indian Bucks by following these basic guidelines:*

Some examples of store items are listed below:

Lehigh drawstring gym bags
Pencils
Pens
Notebooks
After school activities and field trips
Gift cards
Eating lunch in the environmental center
Various Lehigh apparel
Much More!

Indian Bucks Do's and Don't's

Do...

Do follow school core values.

You are responsible for keeping track of your "Indian Bucks."

Think before spending your "Indian Bucks." Could you save them for something more valuable?

Don't...

Don't forget to use the Golden Rule. (Treat others the way you want to be treated.)

Lehigh Area Middle School believes it is important to focus on catching our students doing something right and recognizing those behaviors and decisions. We are going to focus on the positive choices students make and celebrate all those little decisions that shape and mold the character of our students.

The anonymous quotation below captures the essence of how important the "little" things are.

“Watch your thoughts, for they become words.

Watch your words, for they become actions.

Watch your actions, for they become habits.

Watch your habits, for they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny.”

This program is a continuation of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (P.B.I.S.) program that was started district wide last year.

Additionally, we have included a new enclosure in the student- planner's located on pages 24-25. These are guidelines that students can develop to help them be successful throughout their daily lives and beyond. A different message will be delivered every quarter to students via school-wide announcements and administrators, guidance counselors, teachers and support staff will follow up with students regarding their goals. Also, guidance counselors will be meeting throughout the school year and will deliver lessons pertaining to drugs and alcohol, bullying, and positive decision making. This will aid our students in relating goal setting and decision making to making wise choices regarding how to handle peer pressure. As a parent you are encouraged to and can review these inserts in their planners with your students at any time. As always, a strong connection between the home and school promotes successful students academically and socially.

High School News—Mr. Timothy M. Tkach, Principal

Welcome Back

Another exciting school year is ready to begin at the high school. We are excited and looking forward to serving the students, parents, and guardians of our community. We will continue to provide a positive and caring atmosphere that is conducive and essential in making this a successful school year. Our commitment to you and the community is to continue making students and learning our top priority. All students can learn and we will do everything within our means to help all of our students achieve high levels of academic success.

We are a team and we need your help and support in order for this to be a successful and memorable experience for your child or children. Communication is an important factor in this equation. One of our goals is to see that the parents/guardian of students, like the students themselves, feel at home at Lehigh Area High School. To help accomplish this goal, we want to maintain and improve upon an open dialogue between the home and school. Our door is always open for positive suggestions that can improve our school, academics, or athletic programs. One final note, please take a few minutes each day out of your busy schedules and spend some time with your child or children; the payback will be very rewarding and satisfying. Good luck and best wishes for a great and enjoyable school year.

PSSA Test Scores

We would like to announce that the High School has maintained or made small progress in our PSSA test results for the 2011-2012 school year. The entire High School staff and students are committed to improving student scores. Through hard work and dedication from both the staff and students, we will be able to make improvements in both Reading and Math. We made AYP with meeting 9 targets out of 11.

Preliminary data returned from the state shows that 72% of our 11th grade students were proficient or advanced in Reading, 66% were proficient or advanced in Math, 55.5% were proficient or advanced in Science and 82% were proficient or advanced in Writing. We would like to thank our school board, Mr. Jonathan Cleaver, Superintendent, and all of our central administrators for their help, guidance, and support. Again, we would like to thank the staff, students, and parents for their support, dedication, and encouragement. We have the best staff, students, and parents and their work is reflected in these test scores. Congratulations on a good job!

Drug & Alcohol Task Force

Last year our district experienced very difficult and trying times with some of our recent graduates dying from a drug overdose. These tragedies have led to some good and positive initiatives on behalf of the school district, parents, community, and local agencies. One key initiative has been the formation of a Drug & Alcohol Task Force. We had several sessions this past year and the meetings have been well attended and great dialogue has been happening between the task force, school, and community. We are thrilled to have entered into a partnership for the upcoming school year with Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol Services, Inc. Starting October 1, 2012 we will have Mr. Travis Andrews on board as our new LASD Prevention/Education Specialist. He will be involving the students, school district, and community on several initiatives during the 2012-2013 school year. More information will be forthcoming as we progress through the year. Our next program will be held on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Another initiative was the formation of a Community Crime Watch Group.

New Staff

We would like to welcome our new staff members, Ms. Sarah Beck in our Special Education Department, Ms. June Potts, our librarian, Mrs. Heather Spotts in our Language Arts department, and Mr. Steve Hluschak in our Social Studies department.

Guidance:

SAT testing dates at Lehighton are:

Oct 6, 2012 (* at LAMS)

Nov. 3, 2012 (at LHS) - registration deadline is Oct 4th

Dec. 1, 2012 (at LHS) registration deadline is Nov, 1, 2012

Please see the Lehighton High School website for a link to Collegeboard.org which has a list of what to bring on test day.

PSAT testing will take place on Saturday October 20, 2012 (at LHS). Registration and fee of \$14 must be submitted to guidance by Friday October 5, 2012.

ACT testing date is: Saturday October 27, 2012.

Several Colleges/Universities, Trade Schools and Military representatives will be visiting Lehighton Area High School in October and November. Students in 11th and 12th grade who would like to meet with these representatives should sign up in the guidance office.

Please see the High School Guidance webpage for additional information from the guidance office throughout the school year. Thank you!

Mrs. Kathy Ebbert – Counselor for grades 9 and 11. Mrs. Kelli Costenbader – Counselor for grades 10 and 12.

SAT Prep Courses

The English and Math departments are offering SAT Prep courses. Courses will cover general test-taking strategies as well as content specific practice. The cost of the course is \$25 per subject area.

The following dates have been scheduled:

September Prep DatesEnglish

Mon Sept 24

Wed Sept 26

Math

Thurs Sept. 20

Thurs Sept. 27

October Prep DatesEnglish

Mon Oct 15

Mon Oct 22

Math

Wed Oct 17

Wed Oct 24

November Prep DatesEnglish

Mon Nov 5

Mon Nov 12

Math

Thurs Nov 15

Thurs Nov 29

All classes will be held from 6:30-8:30. Courses will be taught by Ms. Rohrbach and Mrs. Shober Steigerwalt and held in their classrooms.

Maroon, White and Green?

A symbiotic relationship is being developed between Lehigh Area High School and The Lehigh Gap Nature Center. Under the tutelage of Dan Kunkle and with the resources of the Nature Center, Lehigh High School Students are meeting regularly with students from other Carbon and Lehigh Valley School Districts that have an interest in our environment and issues related to ecology and conservation. We have, through these meetings, taken the opportunity to get involved with the Eastern PA Phenology Project. This spring the Nature Center offered a bird feeder and two types of native plants to interested schools. The high school campus is now home to an Aster and a Serviceberry. The Phenology Project specifics can be accessed at the Nature Center's web site. The gist of the program is that interested people, through reporting observations of bloom times and migrations dates for certain animals and vegetation, can help to accrue data that will monitor environmental changes.

Outdoor activities are also a part of our new jointure. Lehigh Students hiked a trail on the Blue Mountain last spring where we identified different bird, plant, and tree species. We had the good fortune of spotting a bald eagle over the Lehigh. We enjoyed an informative session on the revitalization of the land that had been damaged by the smelting of zinc. After the Nature Center offered us so much in terms of knowledge and opportunities, we signed up to participate in a very successful river clean up day. Anyone who is interested in joining our next meeting at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center can contact Mrs. Shober Steigerwalt or Mr. Schuler. Next up...Monarch Butterfly tagging!

Through our involvement with the LGNC and in sharing ideas with other high schools, we hope to foster the conservation of our resources, to get outside and enjoy our surroundings, and to implement changes to make our school more environmentally conscious. Website: lgnc.org

Ski Club

The High School Ski Club will be visiting Blue Mountain again this year. Anyone is welcome to take advantage of the fabulous group rate. You can get six lift tickets for \$103 that can be used anytime, Monday through Thursday except Holidays. Please visit the ski club website for details. Money and forms are due at the end of October. Come join us on the mountain.

lahsadventure.weebly.com

LEHIGHTON STUDENT ATTENDS NATIONAL FBLA CONFERENCE

On June 27-July 3, 2012, Zach Coleman and his advisor, Ms. Kim Mychalyszyn-Simko, attended the Future Business Leaders of American National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas. More than 8,000 of America's youth traveled to the historic city of San Antonio to make some history of their own as they showcased their talents as future business leaders and vied for the opportunity to win over \$95,000 in cash awards. This year's national theme, "FBLA: Gateway to Greatness" reflects the goals of FBLA members, some of the best and the brightest of today's young people.

Numerous fundraising activities—Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, Teacher Dress Down Day, and Senior Assembly DVD sale—took place to help defray the cost of the conference, which the school district funded. Monetary donations from the following were also received: Mr. George Ebbert, LHS teacher; Brad Ohl, R.F. Ohl Fuel; Walker's Landscaping; Lehigh Legion Auxiliary 314, Shoemaker-Haydt Post; George's Transportation; and Zimmerman's Dairy.

Future Business Leaders of America is the largest and oldest student business organization. Participants at the conference were from across the United States, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico were in attendance for the conference to sharpen their business skills, network, and participate in more than 55 business and business-related competitive events.

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The competition was part of a comprehensive national competitive events program sponsored by FBLA that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Zach represented Lehighton High School and Pennsylvania in the Accounting I event. He qualified for the national conference by placing first at the Pennsylvania State Leadership Conference, which was held in Hershey this past April.

For many students, the competitive events are the capstone activity of their academic careers. In addition to the competitions, students immersed themselves in educational workshops, visited an information-packed exhibit hall, and attended motivational keynotes on a broad range of business topics.

The 8,300 delegates for this 60th annual conference elected the national student officers. Brendan Hopkins from Wisahickon High School in Pennsylvania became the National Parliamentarian for the 2012-2013 school year by achieving the highest score on the Parliamentary Procedure objective test.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) education association with a quarter million members and advisers in over 6,500 active middle school, high school, and college chapters worldwide. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. The association is headquartered in Reston, Virginia, just outside Washington, DC. For more information, visit www.fbla-pbl.org.

Athletics—Kyle Spotts, Director of Student Services

Lehighton Athletics

Many exciting games are ahead for our sports programs! Please join us and share in the INDIAN school spirit and support our teams. Our student-athletes and coaches work very hard to achieve success. Let's cheer them on! Remember always cheer for the Indians and never against the opposing team or officials! Go Indians!

Mark your Calendar:

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| November 16 th | First day of regular season practice for all Winter sports. Check with the individual coach or the high school office for times. |
| December 5 th | <u>"Meet the Tribe"</u> 7:00pm @ High School Gym - Introduction of all student-athletes and coaches participating in a Winter sports program, including a performance by the cheerleaders. Admission is free. |
| December 7 th | First day of regular season competition for Winter sports and first basketball game @ Palmer-ton High School. |

Athletic Information:

Lehighton Athletics Website: <http://www.lehighton.org/athletics.cfm>

The Lehighton Athletics Website is your hub for all Lehighton Athletics Information. Team schedules are accessible off the main page of the athletics website.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or inquiries. My door is always open.

I hope to see each one of you at a contest supporting our wonderful student-athletes and coaches. Good luck and have a great year!

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610-377-6535
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610-377-6180 (main office)
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School Hours:

Elem. 8:30 a.m.-3:10 p.m.
M.S. 7:45 a.m.-2:13 p.m.
H.S. 7:45 a.m.-2:18 p.m.
Adm. 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

George's Bus Transportation

610-377-5511

Important Dates

10/15/12	-	County-Wide Teacher In-Service Day—No School for Students
10/30/12	-	End of 1st Marking Period
11/16,19,20/12	-	Parent/Teacher Conference—Early Dismissal for Students
11/21/12	-	Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Holiday
11/22,-26/12	-	Thanksgiving Holiday—No School
12/7/11	-	Early Dismissal for Students
12/21/12	-	Early Dismissal for Winter Holiday
12/24/12-1/1/13	-	Winter Holiday—No School
1/2/13	-	School Schedule Resumes
1/14/13	-	End of 2nd Marking Period
1/17,18/13	-	Act 80 Days (Tentative)—Early Dismissal for Students
1/21/13	-	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—No School
2/15,18/13	-	Presidents' Holiday—No School (2/15-Tentative Make-Up Day)
3/1/13	-	Teacher In-Service Day—No School for Students
3/21/13	-	End of 3rd Marking Period
3/22/13	-	Act 80 Day (Tentative)—Early Dismissal for Students
3/27/12	-	Early Dismissal for Spring Holiday
3/28, 29 & 4/1/13	-	Spring Break—No School

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