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School Corporation

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Students challenge the traversing wall made possible by the federal Carol White Physical Education Program grant.

from the Superintendent



Dedicated Jefferson High School students spend their summer days perfecting new marching band routines.



Instruments in the Attic

Lafayette School Corporation is pleased to announce participation in the Instruments in the Attic ARTreach campaign sponsored by the Tippecanoe Arts Federation and North Central Health Services. This program seeks to benefit area youth who could not otherwise afford the opportunity to learn a musical instrument by providing a musical lending library. The concept of the lending library is to provide an instrument to students grades 5 - 12.

The community is asked to donate old and unused small instruments (flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, etc.) For every one instrument donated, the funds provided by NCHS will be used to purchase a brand new instrument for the lending library. Interested students should contact their band director for more information.

To donate an instrument please contact Tom Barker, Jefferson High School Band Director, 772-4700, tbarker@lsc.k12.in.us or Kelly Coleman, LSC Administration, 771-6036, kcoleman@lsc.k12.in.us.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for entrusting your child to our care! We welcome your participation in our schools and encourage you to become actively involved in your child's education. Included in this newsletter are legal notices the corporation is required to provide and information we hope you may find helpful.

Please make a note of the time and date to register your child for school. This period of registration will allow you to gain information about your child's schedule, teacher(s), and provide an opportunity to pay or make arrangements to pay book rental.

Monday, August 23rd is the first school day. Students will attend school a full day on August 23rd. Lunch will be served. Buses will operate. If your child is scheduled to ride a bus, you should have been notified on or before August 1st. If you have questions about your child's bus schedule, please call your child's school.

Again, thank you for your support of our children and our public schools! On behalf of all of the staff of the Lafayette School Corporation, we hope your child has a great school year.

Sincerely,

Edward E. Eiler

Edward E. Eiler, Ed.D., Superintendent



NFL New Orleans Saints quarterback, Drew Brees, signs a jersey for Jefferson High School freshman, Nick Chew. See PEFCU article on page 6. (Photo courtesy of Jefferson Nautilus staff.)

WeTip Hotline
800-78-CRIME
(800-782-7463)

You can call this number 24 hours a day
and report your concerns.
No one will ask your name.
You will remain anonymous.

2010–11 Meal Prices

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| Breakfast* (Elementary) | \$1.10 |
| Breakfast (Secondary)..... | 1.20 |
| Reduced Breakfast | .30 |
| Adult Breakfast | 1.45 |
| Elementary Lunch | 1.90 |
| Secondary Lunch | 2.00 |
| Reduced Lunch..... | .40 |
| Adult Lunch..... | 2.75 |
| Extra Milk | .35 |

*Additional items may be purchased individually in some buildings.

Registration

Parents of new students must provide a birth certificate and immunization record. ALL parents will need to bring **PROOF OF RESIDENCY** to registration.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

Friday, August 13, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Monday, August 16, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

SUNNYSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Students New to LSC:

Walk-In Registration—All Summer
Monday-Friday, 8:00-11:30 a.m.,
12:30-3:00 p.m.

Orientation:

5th Grade: August 11, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
6th Grade: August 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Dedication of New Building:

August 11, 6:15 p.m., Auditorium

TECUMSEH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL:

Students New to LSC:

Walk-In Registration—All Summer
Monday-Friday, 8:00-11:00 a.m.,
1:00-4:00 p.m.

7th Grade Orientation/Schedule Pick-Up

August 16, 7:00 p.m.

7th & 8th Grades Registration/Schedule Pick-Up

August 17, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
August 18, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
August 19, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL:

Students New to LSC:

Appointments for early enrollment can be scheduled on the following dates:

Monday, August 2-Friday, August 6
Wednesday, August 11

Call 772-4700, Ext. 2736 for an appointment

Freshman Transition Day

Tuesday, August 17, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Opening School

Book Rental and School Lunch Assistance

Students who apply and qualify under the School Lunch Program for free or reduced-price lunch will qualify also for assistance for state adopted textbooks and the workbooks that accompany the state adopted texts.

Students who receive food stamps and/or TANF will receive a letter notifying them of their free status for the 2010-11 school year. If you receive this notification letter, you do not need to complete a new application. Students not receiving a notification letter will still need to complete an application. Only one application per household needs to be completed.

Applications for free and reduced lunches and textbook assistance will be mailed to high school students with student schedules by the first week in August. Applications for elementary, middle, and junior high school students will be available at all elementary, middle, and junior high schools to help parents who think they may qualify for assistance. If you have questions or need help completing the form, please call the building where your child is a student or phone Food Services at Vinton Elementary School, 771-6145.

Open House Schedule

All Elementary Schools will hold their Open Houses on Friday, August 20th at the following times:

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| Earhart | 6:00-7:00 p.m. |
| Edgelea | 4:00-5:00 p.m. |
| Glen Acres | 5:00-6:30 p.m. |
| Miami | 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| Miller | 4:00-5:00 p.m. |
| Murdock | 4:00-6:00 p.m. |
| Vinton | 5:30-6:30 p.m. |

Sunnyside Middle School: Tuesday, August 31, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tecumseh Junior High School: Monday, August 30, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Jefferson High School: Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 p.m.

Textbook Rental, Workbooks and Supplementary Fees 2010–11

Elementary

Challenge

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| Kindergarten | \$ 73.00 | | \$ 66.50 |
| Grade One | 77.25 | | 96.50 |
| Grade Two | 71.25 | | 102.00 |
| Grade Three | 89.50 | | 106.25 |
| Grade Four | 85.00 | | 101.75 |

Middle School, Junior High and High School: Cost varies depending on courses selected.

Information



The Jefferson Art Department has consistently been known as one of the premier visual art programs in the nation.

Did You Know?

- Based on the number of mastered Accelerated Reader Tests, students in grades K–8 read 246,043 books! That equates to 1,169,856,706 words read!!!
- Students in grades K-5 mastered 171,669 math objectives.
- LSC Staff are true life long learners earning several advanced degrees:
 - 183 Bachelor Degrees
 - 123 Masters Degrees
 - 305 Graduate work beyond Masters Degree
 - 13 Doctorate Degrees
- 732 Jefferson High School students attained Honor Roll during the 2009/2010 school year.
- 98 Jefferson High School students earned a grade point average of 4.0 or higher.
- Purdue University students volunteered through College Mentor for Kids to foster relationships and promote college attendance with 160 LSC students.
- Every academic classroom in Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School is equipped with SmartBoard technology.
- 451 Jefferson High School Students chose and were accepted in postgraduate programs, the majority of those programs being four year colleges.

2010–2011 School Year Calendar

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| August 23 | First Day of School—Full day Elementary students report before 8:25 a.m. Middle School, Jr. High, and High School students report before 8:05 a.m. |
| September 6 | Labor Day—No school |
| September 14, 15, 16 | ISTEP+ Graduation Qualifying Exam, Retest |
| October 29 | Fall Break—No school |
| November 1 | Fall Break—No school |
| November 25, 26 | Thanksgiving—No school |
| December 6–17 | End of Course Assessments (Jeff) |
| December 22–31 | Winter Break—No school Students dismissed end of day 12/21; classes resume 1/5/11 |
| January 3–4 | Winter Break—No school (classes resume 1/5/11) |
| January 5–14 | End of Course Assessments (Jeff) |
| January 14 | End of First Semester |
| January 17 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No school (Provided no make-up days are needed) |
| February 21 | Presidents' Day—No school (Provided no make-up days are needed) |
| February 28 | ISTEP+ Applied Skills, Grades 3–8 |
| March 1–9 | ISTEP+ Applied Skills, Grades 3–8 |
| March 8, 9, 10 | ISTEP+ Graduation Qualifying Exam, Retest |
| March 28, 29, 30, 31 | Spring Break—No school |
| April 1 | Spring Break—No school |
| April 22 | Mid-Spring Break—No school (Provided no make-up days are needed) |
| April 25–29 | ISTEP+ Multiple Choice, Grades 3–8 |
| April 25–29 | End of Course Assessments (Tecumseh & Jeff) |
| May 2–31 | End of Course Assessments (Tecumseh & Jeff) |
| May 2–4 | ISTEP+ Multiple Choice, Grades 3–8 |
| May 10–14 | Advanced Placement (AP) Exams (Jeff) |
| May 30 | Memorial Day—No school |
| June 1–2 | End of Course Assessments (Tecumseh & Jeff) |
| June 2 | Last Day of School—Students attend a full day. |
| June 3 | Make-up day if needed |



Transportation

Approximately two weeks before the start of school a letter of notification will be mailed to each family who has a student eligible to receive bus transportation. This letter will indicate the bus number, bus stop location, and the approximate pick-up and drop-off times. In addition, a copy of the expectations for student behavior will be included. It is imperative to remind parents that your children's safety is the most important concern of the Lafayette School Corporation Transportation Department.

You can help us with this by reminding your child of the following expectations:

1. Students are always to observe classroom conduct while on the school bus.
2. Students should always co-operate with the bus driver and obey the driver's instructions promptly and respectfully.
3. Students should walk safely to and from the bus stop. Walk facing oncoming traffic when there are no sidewalks. Cross in front of the bus when signaled by the driver. Walk 10 steps in front of the bus before crossing to and from the bus stop.
4. **STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE PAPERS OR ARTICLES WHICH ARE NEAR OR UNDER THE BUS!!**
5. Students should be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes before the assigned pick up time. Wait at least 10 feet from the roadway.
6. Students should never attempt to enter or leave the bus until it comes to a complete stop. The driver will signal students when to load or unload.
7. Students should sit in their assigned seats as promptly as possible and are not to block the aisles. Students are not to stand or move from seat to seat while being transported.
8. Electronic communication devices (cell phone, pager, etc.) and all other electronic devices **MUST** be turned off and placed out of sight while on the school bus.
9. All students, especially younger children, should know their first and last names, address, and where their bus stop is located. If they have not memorized this information, they should have it in writing on their person or in their backpack.

Should you have any questions about transporting your child, do not hesitate to contact the Transportation Office at 771-6059 for assistance.



Second grader, Mir, receives immunizations to stay healthy

Immunization Requirements for the 2010-2011 School Year

Indiana law requires the following immunizations for school attendance:

Kindergarten: 5 DPT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella

Grades 1- 5: 5 DPT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 1 Varicella

Grades 6-12: 5 DPT, 4 Polio, 2 MMR, 3 Hepatitis B, 2 Varicella, 1 Tdap, 1 MCV4

ATTENTION: 3 NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

- # 2 VARICELLA (chicken pox)
- Tdap (whooping cough)
- MCV4 (Meningitis)

FREE SHOTS from the Tippecanoe County Health Department:

1. Call the Tippecanoe County Health Department at 423-9221 to make an appointment to have shots administered any Tuesday—Friday.

OR

2. Attend a walk-in *Shots Not Spots* Clinic at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds on August 4, 11, 18, 25 from 1 – 6 pm.

To legally attend school, please see that your student receives these shots from their physician or the health department and bring the shot record to school for the school nurse BEFORE school begins.



High School

Science Students Earn Top Recognition

Once again this year Jefferson High School students outshined the competition at the Lafayette Regional Science and Engineering Fair held at Purdue University. This science fair represents students from an eleven county area. In 14 different categories, Jeff students combined for 8 gold medals, 4 silver, 7 bronze, and 7 honorable mention, allowing Jefferson High School to lead all schools with 65 total medal points. Jeff High School has earned the Outstanding School Award 12 out of the last 13 years. Senior, **Ashley Sankari** was selected as one of the top two students, earning Ashley and veteran Science teacher, **Joe Ruhl**, an all-expense paid trip to the International Science & Engineering Fair in San Jose in May, 2010. Ashley joins a select group of ten other students who have been selected for this honor since the induction of the Science Research course in 1997.

LJHS Students Use Science and Engineering to Engage in the Battle Against (Potential) Nuclear Terrorism

Eight high achieving pre-engineering and physics students spent their vacation working on engineering research projects in Dr. Rusi Taleyarkhan's Purdue Nuclear Engineering lab during the summer of 2009. Each student worked 75 hours in the lab, mentored by a graduate student or undergraduate researcher, under the supervision of Dr. Taleyarkhan and Mr. Ruhl. After long days and intense studies, students completed their final, formal research reports. As a follow-up to this summer experience, the students presented the results of their project work to pre-engineering and physics classes during the 2009/2010 school year at Lafayette Jefferson High School.

First Edition Show Choir Celebrates 25 Years of Success!

Since its inception in 1985, the Lafayette Jefferson High School First Edition has been one of the most advanced and influential show choirs in the nation. This outstanding group of young performers has been featured on "This Morning on CBS", "ESPN", won numerous show choir competitions, and have served as ambassadors for the Lafayette community in several major cities across the United States and Internationally.

Celebrating the group's 25th year, 2009/2010 proved to be another successful year for this talented group of performers, tech crew, band members and staff! Competing throughout Indiana and Illinois, First Edition earned an award every time they performed! Several of these prestigious awards included:

- Best Band
- Best Tech Crew
- Best Vocals
- Best Choreography
- **Grand Champions!**

Congratulations First Edition! Here's to another 25 years of success!!



PEFCU Gives Advice on Managing Your Money

NFL New Orleans Saints Quarterback and Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union Spokesperson Drew Brees shared advice with Jefferson High School students to overcome adversities like financial issues.

"Save. Save. Save. And live within your means," said Brees. "Set a goal to save a certain percentage of your money every week and put it in a safe savings account. Down the road it will grow into something larger."

Brees shared with the students his money-management experiences, both good and bad, and presented an authentic, autographed jersey to Nicholas Chew, a Jefferson High School student, for his outstanding essay about financial literacy.

Purdue Employees Federal Credit Union is the first financial institution in Indiana to open an in-school branch operated by student tellers. The first PEFCU@School was opened at Jefferson High School in 2005. PEFCU is focused on providing financial literacy to Jefferson High School through this student-run branch, which begins with the student employees. Students open and maintain accounts, obtain internship opportunities and financially prepare for life after high school. In addition to being able to monitor his or her account daily, students have the unique opportunity to participate in all the financial literacy programs offered by PEFCU. Topics include identity theft prevention, understanding credit reports and scores, good savings habits, budgeting tools, and more. You will also find several PEFCU employees in the classroom on a regular basis with programs like Junior Achievement, NEFE (National Endowment for Financial Education), and other teacher-classroom partnerships throughout Lafayette School Corporation.



State of the art computer labs equipped with Elmo projectors and Smartboard technology.



The new wood floors complete the renovation of the Sunnyside gymnasium.



The new spacious Media Center is home to a multitude of resources for both entertainment and informational purposes.



The new fitness center is part of the physical education program and is also available to students after school.

Middle School

Sunnyside Middle School Building Project

The 2010/2011 school year will be an exciting year for LSC fifth and sixth graders! They will be the first students to attend the completed building project at Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School! In addition to new students, over 25 new staff members will be joining the ranks of the Sunnyside faculty, as well.

The core academic classes will be taught by a Humanities teacher and a Social Studies or Science and Mathematics (STEM) teacher, each responsible for teaching Language Arts and STEM, respectively. Students will spend six of the eight periods during the day with these teachers.

In addition to Humanities and STEM, fifth graders will also be taking Physical Education and STAR (Accelerated Reader), and a rotation of classes including Health, Art, Keyboarding, and Exploratory Music. The DARE program has moved to Sunnyside with the fifth graders and will take place in Health class once a week. Exploratory Music is a new and exciting program in which fifth grade students will have the opportunity to try instruments in band and orchestra and to sing in choir as they learn other music concepts. This valuable class will provide the experience necessary for families to decide how they may continue in the performing arts in later years.

Sixth graders have the option to enroll in a performing art such as band, choir, or orchestra. These organizations will perform concerts throughout the year to demonstrate their hard work and progress they are making. Physical Education, Art, and Keyboarding help round out the sixth grade curriculum.

The administration and faculty are very excited about the new building. Spacious classrooms are equipped with SmartBoards, document cameras, and sound amplification systems to enhance student learning. The facilities in Physical Education contain a state-of-the-art fitness room and climbing wall. The fully equipped fitness room will be available for student use outside of the regular school day, as well.

Other opportunities will be available for students to become involved at Sunnyside outside of the regular school day! Intramural sports such as volleyball and basketball are offered. Other clubs include robotics, fitness club, and game club. Sixth graders may choose to participate in wrestling, cross country, swimming, gymnastics, tennis, track, and golf as part of the Tecumseh Junior High athletic teams.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Go Bronchos!



Dressed For Success

This year students at Lafayette Tecumseh Junior High, Lafayette Sunnyside Middle School and Thomas Miller Elementary will be sporting a new look. After much consideration and parental input, the Lafayette School Corporation has adopted a standardized dress code for these three schools. The intent of these changes is to positively affect the climate at these schools which will in turn make for a better overall educational experience. While raising the minimum expectations for student dress across the board, an effort was made to allow students many choices. Boys may choose from a wide variety of solid colored collared shirts, shorts, and slacks. Girls will enjoy a similar range of options in the choice of blouses, belted shorts, slacks, and skirts. Please check our website for specific details. www.lsc.k12.in.us

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Regular school board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of Hiatt Administration Center.

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Edgelea Elementary.....772-4780
Glen Acres Elementary 771-6150
Miami Elementary772-4800
Miller Elementary 476-2930
Murdock Elementary 771-6120
Vinton Elementary.....771-6140
Sunnyside Middle School..... 771-6100
Tecumseh Junior High772-4750
Jefferson High School.....772-4700

School Hours

Kindergarten
Morning.....8:25 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
Afternoon.....12:10 p.m.–2:45 p.m.
Elementary
Grades 1–4..... 8:25 a.m.–2:45 p.m.
Miller Elementary
School..... 8:25 a.m.–3:45 p.m.
Sunnyside Middle
School..... 8:05 a.m.–3:15 p.m.
Tecumseh Junior
High School.....8:05 a.m.– 3:15 p.m.
Jefferson High
School..... 8:05 a.m.–3:15 p.m.



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Elementary Schools



Murdock students take part in summer camp provided a grant provided by the Indiana Department of Education.

A New F.O.C.U.S. for Murdock Elementary

Murdock Elementary School is honored to be the recipient of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant funded by the Indiana Department of Education. Families Organized within the Community Unites with School (F.O.C.U.S.) has been organized to support Murdock's highly successful after school enrichment program. The F.O.C.U.S. program aims to assist students and their families by providing daily academic and enrichment activities to promote positive self-esteem and lifelong interests. Supplemental academic services are provided for every child through direct instruction by highly qualified teachers and tutors. Other important topics are covered as well. Some of these topics include: health and fitness education, sport clinics, art and music lessons, and community service projects. The grant continues learning opportunities by offering a comprehensive summer camp for students.

Family participation is recognized as an important component to a child's education. To foster this, Murdock hosts free monthly family dinners that include parent education and student activities. Families are also invited to attend special field trips. To further extend educational opportunities Murdock has recently opened the Parent Resource Center which available to parents during the school day.