

# LEOPARD NEWS

The official newsletter of Louisville High School



## Message from Mr. Tausch

As we welcome the arrival of March, I am filled with excitement and optimism for the opportunities that lie ahead for our students. March not only marks the beginning of spring, but it also signifies the end of the third nine weeks (March 20) of the academic year. This part of the school year serves as a valuable moment for reflection and growth, both academically and personally. I encourage each student to take advantage of the remaining weeks to engage in their studies, embrace challenges, and showcase their accomplishments. Let us continue working together to foster a positive and supportive learning environment, ensuring that every student reaches their full potential. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in shaping the success of our students.

## Parent Roundtable: March 5

Join Timothy and Tamia Woods for an essential Parent Roundtable Discussion on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the LHS library. Dive into the crucial and relevant topic of sextortion: understanding what it is, its impact, and most importantly, how to protect your child. No registration required—your presence is priceless.

## Strive for Excellence

Louisville High School strives to be a beacon of excellence, relentlessly pursuing greatness in both academics and extracurricular activities. Beyond our commitment to academic success, our extracurricular achievements shine brightly. The cheerleading squad has clinched the title of DIII Game Day Large Division State Champions, showcasing their unparalleled spirit and skill. The Speech and Debate team made a mark by securing the 13th position in the entire state, a testament to their eloquence and argumentative prowess. The band program consistently earns superior ratings statewide, captivating audiences with their musical mastery. Triumphs extend to the sports arena, with the girls' basketball team emerging as sectional winners and the boys' basketball team currently ranked number 5 in Ohio Division 1, with a captivating journey towards a state title. The girls' swim team, placing 14th in the state swim meet's 200 free relay, and the wrestling team's district runner-up status further illuminate the diverse and exceptional talents within our school. Congratulations to all of our students on their incredible accomplishments. Let celebrate as Louisville High School continues to inspire pride and achievement!

## Final Exam Policy

**Final Exams for seniors will take place on May 13-15. Final exams for all underclassmen will be May 28-30.** Every student can expect to complete a final exam in each of his/her courses.

Finals serve as the summative end-of-course exam for students and teachers. They are used to codify learning for students and give teachers important information for future instructional decisions.

For students in Biology, Geometry, Algebra 1, American History, American Government, and English 2, they will be required to take the Ohio State Tests (OST) in each of these subjects come April.

Understanding that the OST mirrors the content covered in our end-of-course exams, and to alleviate repetitive assessments, students will have the ability to use their OST scores as their end-of-course exam, essentially exempting them from their final end-of-course exam on May 28, 29, and 30 if they so choose.

**I have included some additional information parents and students should be aware of concerning final exams.**

- A grade for finals will be determined using the end-of-course assessment that will equal 10% of a student's final grade.
- Regardless of their score on the OSTs, all students will have the opportunity to take a final during the final three days to improve their grade.
- If students choose to take the end-of-course final in their OST tested course, in an attempt to better their score, the teacher will record the higher of the two scores into the gradebook.
- Students in Honors courses must score a 4 or 5 on their OST to be exempt from taking the end-of-course final.

## Important Dates

### MARCH 7

*Parent Roundtable Discussion on Sextortion*  
6:00 p.m. in LHS Library

### MARCH 7

*Parent/Teacher Conferences* 3:00-6:30 p.m.

### MARCH 25-29

*Spring Break - No School*

### APRIL 1

*No School*

### APRIL 8

*No School*

### APRIL 9-10

*Ohio State Testing - ELA II*

### APRIL 16-18

*Ohio State Testing - Biology / Amer. Studies / Amer. Gov't*

### APRIL 23-24

*Ohio State Testing - Algebra / Geometry*

### APRIL 27

*Jr/Sr Prom* 7:00 p.m.

### MAY 2

*Spring Band Concert* 7:00 p.m.

### MAY 7

*Senior Honors Night*

### MAY 14

*Choir Spring Showcase* 7:00 p.m.

### MAY 16

*R.G. Drage Graduation* 9:00 a.m.

### MAY 23

*LHS Graduation* 7:00 p.m.