

September 2024

THE NINTH GRADE NEWS

The Lee County School System fosters relationships through diverse, challenging, and quality educational experiences that cultivate successful citizens.

Upcoming Activities

September

2nd - Student Holiday

5th-6th - Club rush

10th - Suicide Prevention Day Recognized
(students are asked to wear purple, turquoise, or orange)

10th - Progress Reports go home

14th - Saturday School

16th - Homecoming tickets go on sale for \$25

17th - After school tutoring begins

23rd - Pictures - makeup day

23rd - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Recognized
(students are asked to wear yellow)

27th - Homecoming tickets increase to \$50

October

3rd @ noon - Last moment to purchase
homecoming tickets on GOFAN. Tickets will
turn off at noon

5th - Homecoming Dance - no tickets will be sold
at the door

16th - 1st 9 weeks Report Cards go home



SGA Presents
HappiLEE Ever After
Homecoming 2024
Sept 30-Oct 5

Dress Up Days

Monday-Rhyme Without Reason
Tuesday- Tweedledee and
Tweedledum Twin Day
Wednesday-Your Happily Ever After-
Your Dream/Future/Career
Thursday-Teacher/ Student
Swap Day
Friday-Once Upon A Time in Lee
County-Spirit Day

The poster features a colorful illustration of a castle with multiple towers and a flag on top, set against a blue sky with clouds. The text is arranged in a clear, readable font, with the title 'HappiLEE Ever After' in a large, stylized purple font.



SEPTEMBER IS
**SUICIDE
PREVENTION
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Mrs. Lawrence's message:

We have had a wonderful start to the 2024-2025 school year. I hope your student has gotten into the routine that works for him or her in regards to homework and study habits. Progress reports will be coming home soon and we want all students to hold themselves accountable for their grades and progress this year. We certainly appreciate parents' help and support in this area as well. This is a busy time of the year at LCHS Ninth Grade Campus and research shows that students who are engaged in extracurricular activities are more inclined to stay in school and outperform those who are not involved. Club rush begins soon and we hope students will join a club that will appeal to them. Fall sports are also in full swing and homecoming week begins September 30th. With so many activities to fit the different needs, hopefully students will find something to get excited about this year!

The teachers and staff at LCHS Ninth Grade Campus work hard to provide educational and extracurricular activities to support our students. We are enjoying getting to know all the students and their unique personalities and needs. If you have any concerns, please contact the school. We are here to help.



Lee County High School Ninth Grade Campus is excited to announce Mrs. Tracey Woodcock as their 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year! Mrs. Woodcock teaches biology and environmental science on our campus. Mrs. Woodcock, an eighteen year veteran science teacher, has taught high school biology, honors biology, chemistry, honors chemistry, and physics. Before coming to the LCHS Ninth Grade Campus, Mrs. Woodcock taught two years in Korea and two years in Oahu for the United States Department of Defense, ten years at St. Teresa's Catholic School in Albany, and is currently in her fourth year teaching on our campus. She has served on the Lee County School System Superintendent's Advisory Committee, the LCHS Ninth Grade Campus Leadership Committee, and also as a mentor teacher for new science teachers at LCHS Ninth Grade Campus. Mrs. Woodcock earned a master's degree in biology from the University of Saint Joseph and is currently working towards her Doctorate of Education. She is also a recipient of grants from the Sumter EMC Foundation, Professional Association of Georgia Educators, Albany Junior League, Lee County Education Foundation, and Georgia Science Teacher Association. Mrs. Woodcock has been married to her husband Jon for 28 years. They have three children, Ian, Caden, and Kat. Ian attends Columbus State University, Caden attends Albany State University, and Kat is a freshman at the LCHS Ninth Grade Campus. When they are all together their favorite thing to do is sit around the table and play board games and cards.

School Council

LCHS9 School Council representatives for the 2024-2025 school year are Barbara Cornett, Ruthie Garner, Joy Breeden, Amanda Owens, Jacqueline Andrews, Tracey Woodcock, Lisa Wright, and Christus Mattingly. The school council meets quarterly to get updates about the school and to discuss school issues. We thank all of the volunteers for their service to our school and our students.

Homecoming Dance

- September 16 - Homecoming tickets go on sale for \$25.
- Tickets are available for students in good standing on Go Fan.
- Good standing - no fees, no major ISS/OSS, passing 5/7 classes
- September 27 @ 3:15pm - Homecoming tickets increase to \$50
- October 3 @ 3:15pm - Homecoming ticket sales end
- Dance date approval forms will be turned in to the front office. Please allow up to 48 hours for these to be processed.

Homecoming Dance Dress Code Dress or Formal Attire

- No shorts, no jeans
- Tux/shorts ensemble allowed
- Shirts must be worn under jackets
- Skirt length and slits should be no more than 3" above the kneecap.
- Back should not be exposed below the natural waist
- No skin should be visible in the midriff area
- Chest- no excessively low cut

Saturday School/After School Tutoring Information

LCHS9 is able to offer Saturday school to students in biology, literature, algebra, and civics who are academically behind.

Teachers can recommend students for Saturday school which is held two Saturdays a month from 9 am-12 pm.

Teachers will focus on review, remediation, make up or redoing work. Students are expected to remain at school for the duration. If your student is recommended to come to Saturday School, they will have a letter with details about the program.

Saturday school begins September 14th.

After school tutoring will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm for students to receive extra help or make up work.. Bus transportation can be provided if needed but parents will need to contact the front office to make arrangements. If your child would like to participate in this program, please scan the QR code or email their teacher or Mr. Haynes at haynestr@lee.k12.ga.us.

After school tutoring begins September 17th.



Fees

Please check your portal account for any new and outstanding fees. Ag fees have been applied to your account if applicable. Students also may have fees for items that need to be returned (lost books, calculators, etc.) All fees must be paid in order to attend the Homecoming Dance according to our Good Standing policy. All fees can be paid through your portal for your convenience. Please contact the school bookkeeper at blocktr@lee.k12.ga.us

All Things Yearbook

If you have not ordered a 2024-2025 yearbook, please purchase now for early bird pricing.

- Through September 6, 2024, the price is only \$75.

Afterwards, the price of the yearbook increases.

- Take advantage of the low price now.
- Payment plans are available.
- Scan the QR code to link directly to the high school yearbook.



The high school yearbook includes grades 9-12.

Classroom Connect



As freshmen begin on the EPIC journey that IS high school, literature classes are focusing on the epic journey of Odysseus in Homer's famous epic poem The Odyssey. Unit 1 focuses on telling details and the importance they play in literary works. The Odyssey is a perfect focus text for Unit 1 as it is FULL of imagery and "telling details." We are also working to incorporate more writing this year with a focus in Unit 1 on sentence structure.

Students will not only consider their own sentence structure but will also learn to take note of interesting choices authors make as to how they structure their works. Honors literature students will begin their first out-of-class reading assignment, Anthem by Ayn Rand and will ultimately take part in a Socratic seminar in which they will showcase their ideas and deeper understanding of the themes present in this short novella through academic conversation. Honors students are writing in class almost every Wednesday and should be working at home to complete

Weekly Online Work (WOW) as their "standing homework" assignment each week. Lit is definitely starting the year off on FIRE!

Students interviewed their family members to learn about their family health history. This information provides insight into the conditions common within their family so they may understand potential health risks as they grow older. Following this project, the students were given a profile for a fictitious person. They used the information to fill out patient medical forms. This life skill is important as our teens transition into adulthood and become responsible for their own doctor appointments. For the month of September, we will focus on teen stress and mental health.



Spotlight: Criminal Justice

Students in the Criminal Justice Pathway are about to start their first hands-on activity for the year. They will begin working with radios. Students will learn proper radio procedures as well as GSP 10 codes. This will culminate in students sending and receiving messages via hand held radios.

Classroom Connect



Algebra: Concepts and Connections: This nine weeks students are modeling and explaining real life phenomena with linear functions. They will construct and interpret arithmetic sequences as functions, use formal notation to represent linear functions and the key characteristics of graphs of linear functions, and informally compare linear and non-linear functions. Students will also extend their understanding of linear inequalities in two variables.

Algebra: Concepts and Connections

Support Classes: will support the material presented in the Algebra: Concepts and Connections class and work on number sense.

Geometry: Students in Geometry started the year with a review of polynomials from Algebra: Concepts and Connections. We have added a geometry context to the polynomials they learned last year by finding perimeter, area, volume and surface area of figures. In our next unit, students will learn fundamental geometry vocabulary and symbolic notations as well as proving geometric theorems involving quadrilaterals. Students will use a compass and straight edge to complete basic geometric constructions.



This month, students will learn about leaders and first responders in the community. For Community Based Instruction, students will visit the Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education, and the LC Courthouse. First responders will come to the school to teach students about their jobs and how they serve the community.



Hands-on learning through interactive labs, constructing models, and investigating phenomena are essential to having students connect what they are learning in the science classroom to the real world. The biology department has been implementing these engaging learning experiences since the very first day of school with our ninth graders. Biology students kicked off the school year learning about macromolecules and cells and how they are essential to all living things. All biology students worked to solve a fictional murder mystery using chemical indicators to test for the presence of different macromolecules in a food sample. Students will be learning how to use microscopes to study the structure of different types of cells. Biology teachers will continue to implement hands-on learning strategies to engage students and encourage them to draw connections between the content and their surroundings. Please help support these labs and activities if you are able by donating needed supplies throughout the year.



Civics: Students will spend the month of September studying the United States System of Checks and Balances, U.S. Constitutional Amendments, and begin reviewing content for the Legislative Branch toward the end of the month.

AP Human Geography: Students will spend the month of September studying Unit 2 - Population Distribution and Composition.

World Geography: Students will be discussing the physical geography of Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East.