

October 2024

THE NINTH GRADE NEWS

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

Mrs. Lawrence's message:

Believe it or not, your student has almost completed 1/4 of their freshman year. Hopefully, your student has settled into a routine and is finding success at LCHS Ninth Grade Campus. This is the most difficult grading period for most students as they are acclimating to a new school, new friends, and more classes. If your student is struggling, we have several programs in place to help them be successful:

After School Program

The LCHS9 After School Program is offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 at LCHS9. Students are housed in the cafeteria and provided snacks from 2:52-3:30, then they can select which class they need the most help in that day. Algebra, civics, literature, and biology teachers are here for each session and will provide time for tutoring, make up work, etc. Transportation is provided home after these sessions. Call the school at 903-3590 if you would like to enroll your student.

Saturday School

Saturday School is available twice a month from 9:00-12:00 for students that need help in algebra, civics, biology, or literature classes. As with the after school program, academic teachers will be on campus to assist them. Students are allowed to swap subjects at 10:30 if they need help in other content areas. We do require students stay the entire three hour period. Please email the teacher for the class your student needs assistance in to get your child signed up.

PRIDE Time Remediation

This is offered on Thursdays during the school day for algebra and biology only. The teachers generally recommend and place students in remediation as needed, but if you would like to ensure that your student is involved, please email your child's algebra or biology teacher.

Upcoming Activities:

October

- Sept. 30-Oct. 4 - HOCO Dress-up days
- 2nd - CTAE nine weeks exam
- 3rd @ noon - Last moment to purchase homecoming tickets on GOFAN.
- 3rd - Homecoming parade at 5:30
- 4th - Social Studies nine weeks exam
- 4th - Homecoming game vs Coffee, KO 7:30
- 5th - Homecoming Dance, 8:00 pm - no tickets will be sold at the door
- 7th - Science nine weeks exam
- 7th - Wear blue for bullying prevention month
- 8th - Math nine weeks exam
- 9th - ELA nine weeks exam
- 10th - Flexible learning day
- 11th, 14th - Student Holidays
- 16th - 1st 9 weeks report cards go home
- 17th - Commit to graduate assembly sponsored by Jostens
- 22nd - PSAT for those that pre-registered
- 23rd - Student flu shots
- 28th-Nov. 1 - Red Ribbon Week



2024 HappiLEE Ever After Homecoming Info

September 30 - October 5

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



LCHS Homecoming Dance Dress Code

- Skirt length and slits should be no more than 3" above the kneecap.
- NO SHORTS OR SUNGLASSES
- No see through material that reveals undergarments
- Back should not be exposed below the natural waist
- No skin should be visible in the midriff area
- Chest- if any skin shows beneath your hand when your hand is placed on your chest with your index finger on your collar bone on one side, and your thumb on the collar bone on the other side, your dress is too low cut.
- Button-up shirts, Polo style shirts, or Tux—No t-shirts
- Khakis or dress pants (NO HOLES) — shorts and jeans are not allowed.
- Shirts may not be removed during the dance.
- No caps, hats, or other head coverings
- Students may not wear a coat without a shirt
- Students may wear a Tux/shorts outfit
- All students AND guests must adhere to the LCHS Homecoming Dress Code, or they will not be admitted to the dance. This applies to LCHS students AND guests of students.
- All non-LCHS students must be pre-approved and must show ID at the door.
- Shoes must be worn to enter the dance.

LCHS HOMECOMING DANCE



TICKETS

FOR 9TH GRADERS

HappiLEE Ever After 2024
Oct 5th 8:00-10:30 pm

Ticket Sale Dates and Prices:

Sept 16 : \$25 each
Sept 27th @ 3:15pm: \$50 each



All tickets will be sold through GoFan - No tickets will be sold at the door
Ticket sales will end on GoFan on Oct 3rd at 3:15pm - No tickets sold after then
Tickets are not transferable and not refundable

Students - use your personal email address when purchasing GoFan tickets
Do not use your school email address

Students must be in GOOD STANDING to purchase a dance ticket
No outstanding financial obligations - check your Portal account in the Fees section. Must be passing 5 out of 7 classes
See the LCHS Handbook for all Good Standing requirements

Students in GOOD STANDING as of September 9th should use their student ID as their promo code on Go Fan

If you paid your outstanding fees after Sept 9, 2024 and meet all other GOOD STANDING requirements, your ID will be submitted to Go Fan
Please allow 48 hours for your student ID to be submitted and uploaded by Go Fan
No student IDs will be submitted or uploaded over the weekend or school holidays or the final day for ticket sales

Guests that do not attend LCHS (9-12) must be pre-approved
Dance date approval forms are due in the front office by Tuesday, October 1st
Promo codes will be issued for non-LCHS students
Please allow 48 hours for dance date forms to be processed

2024 Homecoming Representatives



**Congratulations to Adyson Ricketson
and Lauren Graham!**
Freshmen Homecoming Representatives

Vaping Information and Resources

Each year, schools in Lee County use their school academic survey and behavior data to develop a school improvement plan to be implemented the following year. During the 2022-2023 school year, Lee County High School Ninth grade saw a drastic increase in the number of students vaping on campus. In an effort to reduce the number of students vaping, we will work this year to provide students with the resources they need to make informed decisions about vaping, and we will be providing parents and guardians with vaping information and resources through our newsletters. If you have any questions or would like additional resources or information, please reach out to the school.

Why should I be concerned about vaping as a parent?

- ▶ Most vaping devices contain nicotine, the same addictive chemical in cigarettes.
- ▶ One in 5 high school students vape, so your child is likely to know someone who vapes.

What do vaping devices look like?

- ▶ Popular vaping devices look like USB drives, markers, watches, or pens.

How can I tell if my child is vaping?

- ▶ Look for these telltale signs

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| • Fruit or candylike smells | • Mouth sores | • Throat clearing |
| • Trouble breathing | • Increased thirst | • Increased irritability |
| • Unexplained cough | • Nosebleeds | • Mood swings |

How do I talk to my child about vaping?

- ▶ Ask your child to share what they think about vaping.
- ▶ Share facts and resources about the harms of vaping.



The Lee County Health Department will be offering the flu vaccine to students on October 23, 2024. Students must have a parent consent form signed and dated. Consent forms are in the front office.

October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month: LCSS will wear blue October 7th to bring awareness to this issue

report bullying or cyberbullying

help your friends

be proactive

report depression

SEE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING.
Submit your reports anonymously

report threats against schools

report drug or alcohol use

report strange behavior

Send a report online:
<https://tips.anonymousalerts.com/leecountyschools>

FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE OR TABLET

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Start the app, enter **Activation Code: leecountyschools**
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

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LEE Red Ribbon Week

October 28-November 1

Monday- October 28
WE ARE "RED-Y" TO BE DRUG FREE! Dress in as much red as possible to show that you are drug free!
Tuesday- October 29
PEACE OUT TO DRUGS! Wear your tie dye or peace sign attire to show drugs to peace out!
Wednesday- October 30
MY FUTURE IS TOO BRIGHT FOR DRUGS! Wear your neon colors to show drugs you are too bright for them!
Thursday- October 31
SAY BOO TO DRUGS! Wear orange and/or black to Boo drugs away!
Friday- November 1
TROJANS HAVE TOO MUCH SPIRIT FOR DRUGS! Wear all of your Trojan spirit wear!

All Things Yearbook

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

- Through October 4, 2024, the price is only \$80.

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 we wrap up September and Unit 1, literature students and teachers look toward Homecoming week and a new focus for Unit 2: Rhetoric. As if students aren't already skilled in persuasive rhetoric, we will be looking more closely at techniques for effective speaking and writing using an unconventional but popular medium, the Serial podcast! In addition, honors students will discover poetic language even in a piece of prose and will begin *The Book Thief*. They are sure to "find" poetic language within its pages this month. Honors literature students will also put their word parts knowledge to the test on Halloween when we conduct our famous Phobias Anonymous Support Group. More on this to come!



Civics - Students spent the month of September studying the United States System of Checks and Balances, and the U.S. Constitutional Amendments. In October, students will be reviewing content for the Legislative and Executive Branches of government.

AP Human Geography - Students spent the month of September studying Unit 2 Population Distribution and Composition. We will spend October studying Unit 3 Cultural Patterns and Processes.

World Geography: We will be starting our Cultural Unit and how ethnic compositions of various groups have led to diversified cultural landscapes.



Spotlight: Basic Agriculture

Basic Agriculture classes have been learning about lots of things so far this year including leadership, FFA, SAEs, tools, careers, and our basic needs met by agriculture. To demonstrate SAEs and branch into plant science, we have begun work in our raised beds. We have prepared them with soil and will soon be planting a winter crop of broccoli, cauliflower, and greens. We will develop seedlings from seed and then transplant them into our beds. Our goal is to harvest enough vegetables to share with our students and teachers. In other news, our 9th grade meat evaluation team just won 1st place in area competition and will be competing at state.

Classroom Connect



Algebra 1 - Students continue to study numerical relationships. They have calculated unit conversions, manipulated equations, and solved word problems looking for consecutive numbers.

Geometry - Students are currently learning the angle relationships formed by two or more parallel lines and a transversal. They are learning how to justify their steps in solving problems in preparation for proofs. In the upcoming unit, students will apply the algebraic concepts of slope, midpoint, distance formula, the Pythagorean Theorem, and parallel and perpendicular lines to geometric figures constructed on the coordinate plane. Students will also use their knowledge of quadrilaterals' properties to justify their solutions to the problems.

Algebra 1/Geometry Block - Students have learned how to simplify radical expressions with and without variables and can classify rational and irrational numbers. The upcoming unit will focus on modeling and analyzing quadratic functions.



For the month of October, students will focus on retail in the community. They will be learning how to locate items in stores and how to determine the prices of items. Students will visit Big Lots, TJ Maxx, Party City, and Michael's on Community Based Instruction.



Biology is a rigorous course for ninth graders and as you may have seen at this point there are numerous vocabulary terms students are learning throughout each unit. Students have sets of vocabulary words and language of biology root words for each unit they should be studying at home as well as reading over their biology notes each night to prepare for upcoming tests and quizzes. Students have access to a variety of resources to help them study (in addition to the notes taken in class and posted in their Google Classroom) by visiting the following websites: www.quizizz.com, www.gimkit.com, www.quizlet.com, www.edpuzzle.com. The HMH biology textbook students received at the beginning of the year is also a great resource to use to study. HMH has a digital textbook with embedded practice questions and videos students can access through their Clever accounts as well. Biology labs, hands-on investigations, and projects are still taking place to teach students how to make real-world connections with the content they are learning about in the classroom.



In our health classes, we will be focusing on mental health with an emphasis on suicide prevention. Suicide is the second leading cause of death for ages 10-34. Students will become aware of the warning signs associated with suicide and how they can help others who may be struggling with their mental health. Additionally, students will learn how important self-care is and be familiar with the strategies and techniques they can use to promote good mental fitness.