



# Franklin News Flash

**MARCH**

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## Coordinator's Message

**Dear FSO Parents, Guardians, and Students:**

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of the third quarter! As we approach the fourth quarter, March and April will be especially busy with important events and activities.

### Key Dates to Remember in March:

#### Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins

#### Wednesday, March 12

End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

#### Monday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day

#### Wednesday, March 19

Madness begins for college basketball fans!

#### Thursday, March 20

Junior Achievement Inspire Event

#### Monday, Week of March 24

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards available in Infinite Campus

#### Monday, March 31

Professional Day – No school for students

Looking ahead, April will be an exciting time as we begin packing for our transition to Lakewood High School in Fall 2025.

Additionally, state testing will take place throughout April and into May.

As we finish the third quarter, please encourage your student to stay focused on academics and attendance. Their effort now will set them up for success in the fourth quarter.

Important Reminders:

Dress code expectations remain in effect: No crop tops, halter tops, spaghetti straps, hats/headwear that conceal identity, or hoods inside the building.

Only clear bags or small pouch purses are permitted.

No open drinks are allowed.

Please review the FSO Handbook to ensure a smooth and enjoyable fourth quarter.

If you have any questions, concerns, or need clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic spring!

**Respectfully,  
Ms. Terrilynn Bornino-Elwell**



## Important Dates! **APRIL - JUNE**

#### Friday, April 18

Holiday - No school for students

#### April 21 - 25

Spring Break

#### Monday, April 28

School Reopens

#### Friday, May 23

Senior's Last Day & Senior Breakfast @ FSO

#### Monday, May 26

Memorial Day - No school for students

#### Friday, May 30 @ 8:30 sharp!

**MANDATORY GRADUATION PRACTICE!**

LHS Gymnasium

#### Sunday, June 1

**GRADUATION!**

Congratulations Class of 2025!

#### Monday, June 2

Last Day of School for All Students!



# Daily FSO Building Expectations...

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## A B C

Attendance – Attend on time

Behavior – Be appropriate

Coursework – Complete all work

## Reminders...

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\*On-site students should utilize their time in Mr. Chiaravalle's room and during Maker Space to get caught up on missing work and/or complete online elective/credit recovery classes. Please make sure you are reviewing Infinite Campus and checking with your teachers about any missing assignments.

\*Backpacks/bags/purses are not permitted to be carried in the building at FSO. Additionally, jackets are not permitted to be worn around the building. Students who wish to carry their supplies will be issued a clear backpack, with females permitted to have a small, personal bags. Students in need of extra layers of clothing will be issued an FSO long sleeve shirt. Students with bags or jackets will be required to leave them in the designated office space upon arrival each day.

\*Students cannot bring open containers into the building. This includes coffee, tea, water bottles, soda, etc. If students bring an outside beverage (besides water), it must be sealed upon entry and will need to be stored until the end of the day.

\*Chromebooks - All FSO students have been issued a Chromebook. We strongly recommend that on-site students leave their Chromebook each day to charge overnight. This will ensure that Chromebooks are not left or damaged outside of school, as students are responsible for their technology. Students leaving their Chromebooks should put them on the charging station in their homeroom at the end of each day to charge.

\*Loaner Chromebooks - any student needing a loaner computer should go to Mr. Tovtin's room (101) to sign out a computer. Reminder - loaner computers do not go home and must be returned to me at the end of each day.

\*Respect- Students should respect all peers and the staff at all times. No bullying, harassment, or racism/discrimination will be tolerated. These are serious offenses that will result in school discipline.

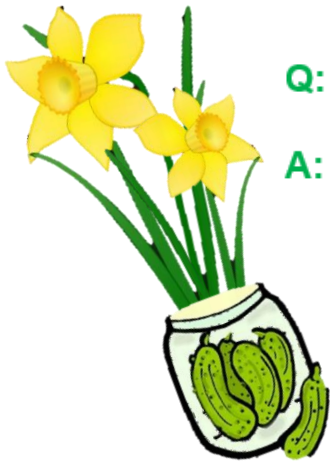
\*Criminal Activity - FSO will not tolerate drug, selling of drugs, gang activity, smoking, vaping or any other illegal activity. These are serious offenses that will result in school discipline and criminal charges/tickets/fines.

\*Students must follow their assigned schedule. If a student needs to leave class, or use the restroom, they must have a pass/permission at all times.

\*FSO does not have "Open Campus" privileges. Students may not leave campus at any time during the school day, unless they are a West Shore student or are approved for early dismissal. If a student needs to leave school for any reason, they must have their parent/guardian contact the FSO Office. Students are not permitted to call themselves out or sign themselves out. If a student is feeling ill, they should come to the office and a staff member will call home.

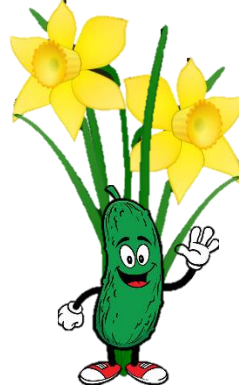
\*Ohio law requires that students receive a minimum of 910 hours of schooling per year. Any missed time will count against this total, including absences, tardiness, and early releases. FSO operates with a modified schedule (9:00-2:30) so students must be in school every day, for the full day. Student who are consistently missing school hours will be required to make-up hours. Once students miss 72 hours in the school year, an attendance letter will be sent, requesting a meeting to create a plan to help support any barriers to regular school attendance. Continued absences will result in a truancy filing with Juvenile Court.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH!



**Q: What is Spring's favorite kind of pickle?**

**A: Daffo-dills!**



**From the Desk of Mr. Maruk...**

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## FSO COUNSELING CORNER...

**\*Interim Progress Reports** - Q3 Interim reports and failure warnings were mailed home this week for in-person students. Reminder, all in-person HS courses are semester courses. Final semester grades will be determined based on the two grading periods and a final. Students need to pass two of the three in order to receive a passing final grade. For in-person MS courses, promotion to the next grade is contingent on passing 3 of the 4 core classes. Students must earn a passing grade in 3 of the 4 grading periods in order to pass a course for the school year.

**\*Infinite Campus** - Parents/guardians and students are reminded to check Infinite Campus on a regular basis for updates on grades and progress. Report cards will no longer be mailed home and will only be released to Infinite Campus, so it is imperative that families have access. If you are having trouble accessing your account, please email [ichelp@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:ichelp@lakewoodcityschools.org)

**\*Credit Recovery** - any HS student who does not pass a class for 1st semester has been enrolled in credit recovery online during the 2nd semester in order to earn the necessary credit and stay on track for graduation.

**\*West Shore** - any 10th grade student interested in a West Shore program during their junior and senior years should apply ASAP. You can use the following link to apply. See me with any questions. Acceptance decisions will be announced in late March/early April. Students will be notified via school email.

<https://westshore.enrolltrack.com/studentportal/#>

**\*Junior Achievement** - our partners at Junior Achievement have invited us to participate in the JA Inspire Career Event on Thursday March 20, 2025 at the Cleveland Public Auditorium. This event features workshops, speakers and a career fair all geared towards career-readiness. This opportunity will be available to select FSO students, based on grades, attendance, behavior etc. Eligible students will be notified in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for more details!

**\*FAFSA/College** - The new FAFSA application form is now open. FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Seniors interested in college should apply to qualify for financial assistance. Please use the following link to get started. The link is also available under the "classwork" tab <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. Students applying to colleges should check with those specific schools for admission requirements and application dates/deadlines. Let me know if you have any questions or if you need any assistance with this process. Keep me posted if you are applying to colleges so I can send your transcripts as well.

**\*CCP** - All students in grades 7-12, are eligible to take college courses at local colleges and universities for free, through the CCP program. This allows students to earn college credit, while still in high school. These credits will also count towards high school graduation requirements. Please know, students will be responsible for applying, meeting all requirements, scheduling and attending on their own. They will need to arrange their own transportation as well. The CCP brochure and letter of intent are available under the "Classwork" tab. Please review this information with your student and consider this opportunity. Let me know if your student is interested, and do not hesitate to reach out with any additional questions. Interested students/families should review, sign and return the letter of intent to the FSO office no later than April 1, 2025. Please know, turning in this form does not commit you to the program.

**\*CCP Tri-C** - Tri-c will be hosting a series of CCP information sessions in the coming weeks. Any student interested in CCP through Tri-C should consider attending for more information. I've posted the flyer under the "Classwork" tab.

**\*College Info/Scholarships** - any student looking for information on colleges and/or scholarships should check the LHS bookroom announcements each day. These announcements are sent to your school email. LHS will post info about college rep visits to LHS and scholarship requirements/deadlines.

**\*YouScience** - FSO has a new career assessment & exploration tool this year called YouScience. All FSO students need to take their assessment and answer the accompanying goal-setting questions. Any time spent on YouScience can be logged as offline hours for online students. Students can also explore the YouScience website to view career options, college programs, scholarships and more.

<https://signin.youscience.com/>

Please be sure you complete your assessment and answer the accompanying questions, if you have not done so already. Let me know if you have any questions. The step-by-step instructions have also been posted under "24-25 Career Counseling" in the classwork tab of this Google Classroom.

**\*Stay in the Game** - This year, the Lakewood City Schools has joined the Stay in the Game initiative, in partnership with the Cleveland Browns. This is a program designed to help improve student school attendance. The district has asked that we have students complete the SITG attendance pledge. Students can access the online pledge by clicking the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHXHRhR8s7npfZedLzIYmaqkJVaHpnn38WqgRvspEYhVzF5w/viewform>

Please take a few minutes to sign the online pledge. Be on the look out for signs around the building, and stay tuned for more activities, and prizes throughout the year.

**\*Additional Support** - I've provided the contact information for some resources and services below, if you need additional support.

**Emergency situation:** Call 911

**Mental Health Crisis Intervention:** Call 988

**Lakewood Police Department Non-Emergency:** 216.521.6773

**Grief Resources:** <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/patients/information/bereavement/education-resources>

**United Way 211** - Free and confidential referral services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for community resources. Featuring 1,700 social service, healthcare, and government agencies, covering nearly 10,000 unique programs:

**Call 211 or visit** <https://www.211oh.org/#>

**Crisis Text Line:** Text "Support" or "4hope" to 741741

**Cuyahoga County Suicide Prevention Crisis Hotline:** 216.623.6888

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 1.800.273.TALK

**Trevor Project Hotline (LGBTQ+):** 866.488.7386 or text "start" to 678678

**Safer Ohio School Tip Line:** 844.723.3764

**\*Winter Clothing** - Hats, gloves and shirts are available in my office for students during the winter months. Additionally, we will start collecting donated clothing, apparel, jackets, boots, etc. to have available for students. This will be housed in Ms. McCarthy's room. Stay tuned for more details.

# LAKEWOOD COLLABORATIVE & YOUTH SERVICES

The Lakewood Area Collaborative is a group of dedicated individuals working together with children, families, and communities to achieve sustainability through skill building and resource connection.

The Lakewood Area Collaborative, located in the Cove Community Center provides **free** and **optional** community-based services to families with children under the age of 18 (or 21 with a disability) residing in the following neighborhoods:

BAY VILLAGE

CLEVELAND (44111 & 44135)

FAIRVIEW PARK

LAKEWOOD

ROCKY RIVER

WESTLAKE

## Developing Relationships and Community Connections

## PROGRAMS

### FAMILY ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

- Free, fun, and enjoyable activities to share with your family

### FINANCIAL LITERACY

- 8-week educational series to build a better financial future such as opening a bank account and building credit

### KINSHIP SUPPORT

- A welcoming support group for individuals providing full time care for a child of a relative or friend

### ME/WE FAMILY EDUCATION & SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM

- A safe and supportive forum for adults affected by a loved one's substance abuse

### PARENTING EDUCATION

- An educational series to promote healthy parenting from birth to 18 years old (First Five Years, School Age, and Teen)

### FOR OUR PARTNERS

- Monthly Lakewood Area Collaborative meetings  
Please email [lakewoodcollab@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodcollab@gmail.com) for more information
- Subscribe to the monthly newsletter  
Please email [lakewoodcollab@gmail.com](mailto:lakewoodcollab@gmail.com) for more information
- Referral form  
Please email [tdm.notifications@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:tdm.notifications@lakewoodoh.net)

## SERVICES

### AVAILABLE COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

#### CASE MANAGEMENT

- Through individualized time with your family, we assess your strengths, needs, and goals and then connect you with resources to achieve those goals.

#### ADVOCACY

- Working with your family to access, navigate and coordinate other systems such as school, legal, and human service agencies to create family sustainability.

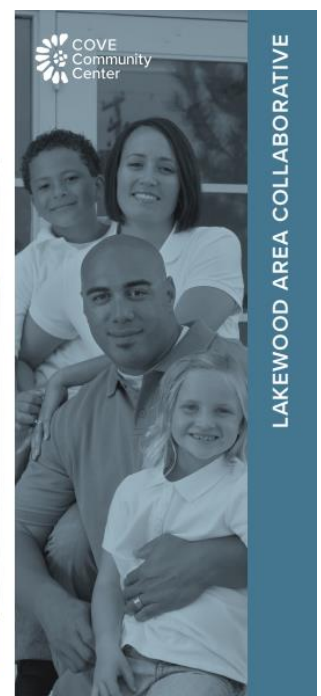
#### COMMUNITY RESOURCE CONNECTIONS

- Hunger
- Mental Health
- Recreation Activities
- Domestic Violence
- Childcare
- Clothing
- Employment
- Fatherhood Support
- Finances
- Substance Abuse
- Transportation
- Truancy
- And more

**\*Resource** - The Lakewood Area Collaborative works with children and families to help achieve sustainability, through resource connection and skill building. This resource is located in the Cove Community Center and provides free and optional community-based services to families with children under the age of 18 (or 21 with a disability). Please see the included flyer for more details on the available programs and services. Contact information and links are also provided. This flyer has been posted in the Classwork tab of Google Classroom, under "Resources". Let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information about this resource.



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# FSO ONLINE...



**\*Are you getting behind?** If we see excessive incomplete work, we will require students to come in person to get back on track. You can always come in voluntarily and do your work with us on-site here at FSO. This is a great opportunity for you to refocus and refresh your vision of being a Lakewood Graduate, as well as, focusing on Self-Awareness, Self-Management, and Responsible Decision-Making. If you want to work on-site at FSO, we just need (1) day notice. ***Everyone is welcome at any time!***

**\*Attendance** is critical and taken seriously. Students' attendance is recorded a minimum of 25 online/10 offline hours weekly. These hours can be worked on over the weekend too.

If you have any questions, please email:

[Tony.Chiaravalle@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Tony.Chiaravalle@lakewoodcityschools.org)

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1. **Complete 25 hrs. online each week (Monday-Sunday)**, making progress in each course. Hours are logged automatically by Plato, and reports are pulled each Monday by the staff to track and monitor online attendance.

2. **Complete and log 10 hrs. of offline activities each week (Monday-Sunday)**.

This can be note-taking, reading, studying, or an academic activity outside of Plato.

These hours must be logged by the student and submitted, using the documentation Google Form. Please see the link to the form, provided in Google Classroom, under "Classwork".

I've also included it here...

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYGXqm6mAe\\_ALpUlgKqE7ESzMgsEdStTq4amRExUaxqH5AQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYGXqm6mAe_ALpUlgKqE7ESzMgsEdStTq4amRExUaxqH5AQg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

3. **Check-in at least one time weekly with the FSO Online staff**. HS students will check-in with Mr. Chiaravalle and MS students will check-in with Ms. Tovtin. Both teachers will be reaching out via email to set up check-in times in the coming days. Stay tuned! These check-in's will be via Zoom, with an option for in-person if needed. Students who are struggling, or falling behind on hours may be required to attend in-person to receive additional support.

\*Students can see their current grades and progress live, as all assignments are computer graded. Parents can log-in, using their student's log-in information, to see their student's progress and current grades. I will send report cards and progress reports home quarterly to provide updates.

## Course Reminders:

1. **Watch/complete tutorials (lessons)**

2. **Take Mastery tests (80% required)**

3. **Take Post-tests (60% required)**

4. **Take End-of-Semester Tests (60% required)**



# HEY, SENIORS!

## \*Seniors Events & Deadlines

**\*All seniors** should have received a senior status letter and updated graduation checklist via US mail this week. Please be sure you take time to review this information carefully. Students who are off-track/in danger on not graduating on time were strongly encouraged to set up a meeting to discuss.

**\*Students needing Rise Up** (alternative pathway) will also be receiving an invite for an information session in the next few weeks. Additionally, I will have availability to meet with any seniors who have questions or need additional clarification.

**\*Senior Events & Deadlines** FSO seniors should reference the senior calendar, posted under the "classwork" tab, for all seniors, events, dates and deadlines.

**\*If you have not already ordered your  
Cap & Gown, please do so ASAP.**

**\*Orders can be placed online using this link:**

[https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1049223/LAKEWOOD-HIGH-SCHOOL/Cap-and-Gown/2488484577/CATALOG\\_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/2488484600](https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productDetail/1049223/LAKEWOOD-HIGH-SCHOOL/Cap-and-Gown/2488484577/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/Cap-and-Gown-Unit/2488484600)

Remember, the last day of school for seniors is **Friday May 23, 2025**.

All credits/courses, testing and seals  
requirements **must be completed** by that date.

Graduation is **Sunday June 1, 2025**,  
with a **mandatory practice** on Friday May 30 at 8:30 am in the LHS gym.

**\*Please go to Mr. Maruk's Google Classroom for  
more detailed information'**



# FSO

## 7TH GRADE AND 8TH GRADE

*\*If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to reach out to the FSO Middle School team!*

Emily DePauw – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math - [Emily.DePauw@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Emily.DePauw@lakewoodcityschools.org)

Lucas Yousko – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies & Language Arts - [Lucas.Yousko@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Lucas.Yousko@lakewoodcityschools.org)

Amanda Varga – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science - [Amanda.Varga@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Amanda.Varga@lakewoodcityschools.org)

Sheri Tovtin – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science - [Sharon.Tovtin@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Sharon.Tovtin@lakewoodcityschools.org)

## Ms. Varga!



In 8th grade science, we are learning about meiosis and mitosis using Oreos, and getting into genetics, and heredity. We also completed a lab to see the DNA of a strawberry!



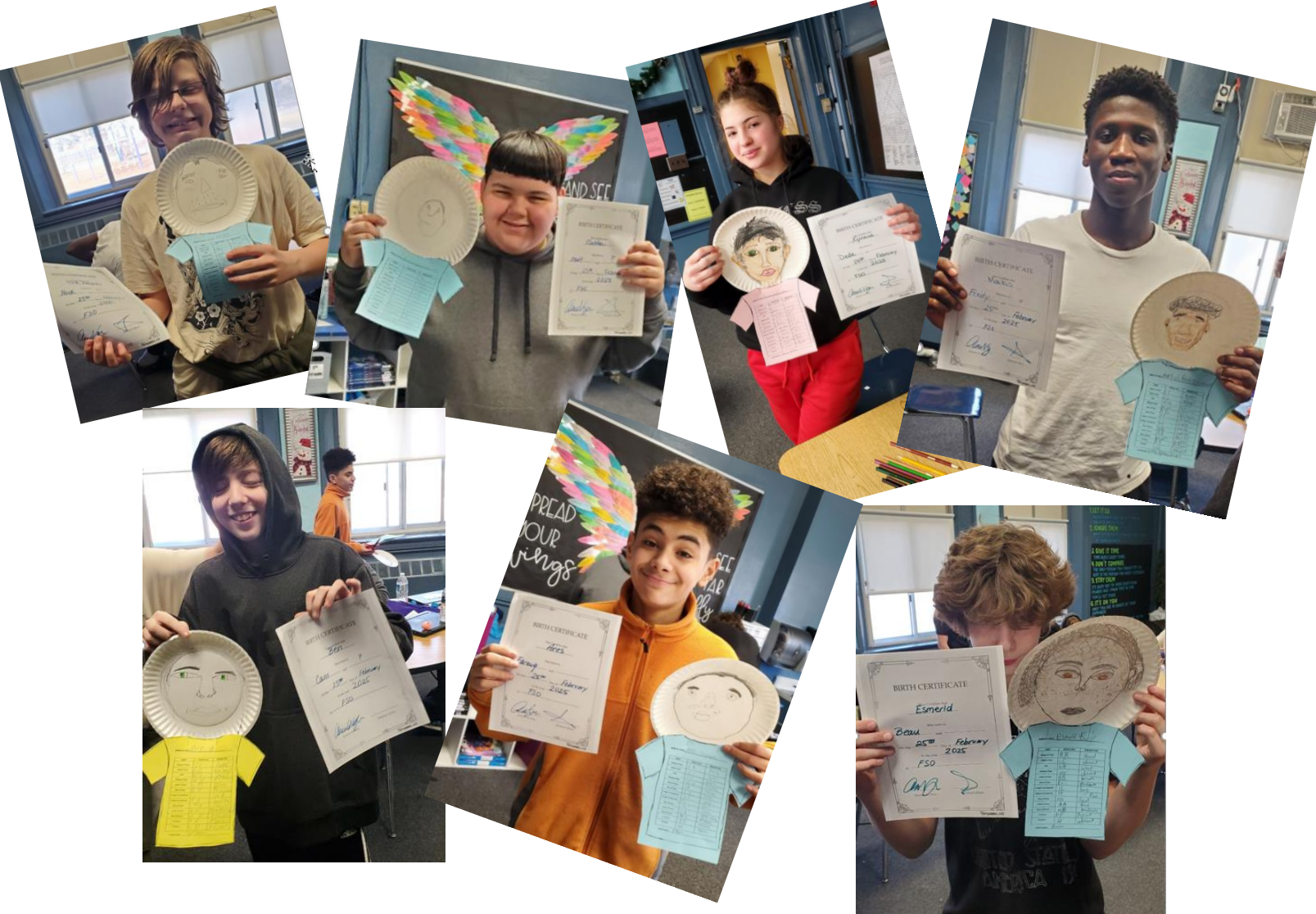
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Ms. Varga!



As a concluding activity in 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science, students learned how different genotypes decide what a person looks like. The students made babies by combining the alleles from a mother and father.

"Look at all the cute babies!"

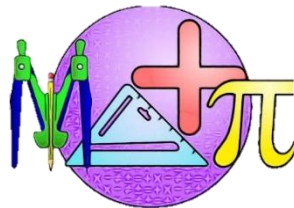


**Is your child in grade 9th, 10th, 11th or 12<sup>th</sup> grade?**  
**Do you have questions and/or concerns?**  
**Please feel free to reach out to our HIGH SCHOOL teachers!**



# Mr. O'Connor

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# Mrs. McCarthy

**[Melissa.McCarthy@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Melissa.McCarthy@lakewoodcityschools.org)**



# Mr. Beach

**[Brandon.Beach@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Brandon.Beach@lakewoodcityschools.org)**



# Mr. Malames

**[Joshua.Malames@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:Joshua.Malames@lakewoodcityschools.org)**



Snacks are now available for purchase for students during lunch!

**Snack cost ranges from \$.75 - \$2.00**

Cafeteria staff does not accept cash so please be sure to add money to your student's lunch account online through [PaySchools](https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1543).

Cash payments can be made through the FSO office **BEFORE** lunch starts at 11:30 a.m.



# LUNCH MENUS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

(Please see the below links below!)

**FSO BREAKFAST MENU**

**FSO LUNCH MENU**

<https://myschoolmenus.com/organizations/1543>

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# **DRESS CODE**

## **PreK-12**

### **A. SAFETY**

Safety and security require that, at the middle school and high school levels, IDs are part of the student dress code. At these levels IDs must be worn and visible at all times. Students may not conceal their identity. Violations will be dealt with in a serious manner.

Masking under board policy 8450.01 is not applicable to this section.

### **B. ACCEPTABILITY**

Final decision as to acceptability of attire rests with the school administration. We acknowledge there are specialized programs within the district and those programs may require attire outside of the designated dress code. All exceptions must be approved by school administration.

### **C. PHILOSOPHY**

Student dress codes need to support equitable educational access and not reinforce gender stereotypes. Student dress codes and administrative enforcement should not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, household income, gender identity or cultural observance. Our LCS Dress Code is designed to address recent controversy and conversation both across the nation and locally about overreaching and detrimental dress codes for some PreK-12 school students.

### **D. VALUES & BELIEFS**

Our values and beliefs are:

- All students should be able to dress comfortably for school without fear of or actual unnecessary discipline or body shaming.
- All students and staff must understand that they are responsible for managing their own personal "distractions" without regulating individual students' clothing/self-expression.
- Teachers should be able to focus on teaching without the additional and often uncomfortable burden of dress code enforcement.
- Students should not face unnecessary barriers to school attendance.
- Reasons for conflict and inconsistent discipline must be minimized whenever possible.
- Staff should refer all disciplinary concerns to the building administration and should not approach students directly regarding concerns/violations

### **E. GOALS OF OUR STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Our student dress code aims to accomplish several goals:

- Maintain a safe learning environment in classes where protective or supportive clothing is needed, such as chemistry/biology (eye or body) or PE (athletic attire/shoes).
- Allow students to wear clothing of their choice that is comfortable.
- Allow students to wear clothing that expresses the gender with which they identify
- Allow students to wear religious attire without fear of discipline or discrimination.
- Prevent students from wearing clothing with offensive images or language, including profanity, hate speech, and pornography.

- Prevent students from wearing clothing with images or language depicting or advocating violence or the use of alcohol or drugs.
- Ensure that all students are treated equitably regardless of gender/gender identification, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, body type/size, religion, and personal style.

## F. DRESS CODE BASICS

The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents/guardians. The district and each school within are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. Students should be given the most choice possible in how they dress for school. Restrictions are necessary to support the overall educational goals of the district.

1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, and nipples are covered with opaque material.

### 2. Students Must Wear:

- Shirt
- Bottom: pants/sweatpants/shorts/skirt/dress/leggings
- Shoes: activity-specific shoe requirements are permitted (for example for sports)

High-school courses with curricular attire (professionalism, public speaking, job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering of the body or promoting culturally-specific attire.

### 3. Students May Not Wear:

- Violent language or images. Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity) or the use of the same.
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Language or images that create a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class.
- Visible underwear. Visible waistbands or straps on undergarments worn under other clothing are not a violation.
- Sunglasses inside of the building
- Crop Tops, Halter Tops, Spaghetti straps or bathing suits (except for aquatics)
- Hats/Headwear that conceal the student's identity
- Hoods inside of the building

With thanks to *Oregon NOW Model Dress Code*, 2016