

April 2025

THE NINTH GRADE NEWS

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

MESSAGE FROM MRS. LAWRENCE

As we begin thinking about closing out the school year, one event immediately comes to mind-- standardized testing. This year your student will need to take the Georgia Milestones Assessments in Algebra Concepts and Connections and Biology. No other 9th grade course requires a Milestone assessment, thus finals will be administered at the end of May for all other classes. The Georgia Milestones Assessments are administered annually at the high school level to students enrolled in Biology, Algebra, US History (11th grade) and American Literature (11th grade). This year the results of these assessments will help us monitor where our students are academically and how we need to help prepare them in the future. The test dates are:

Algebra Concepts & Connections - May 5-6

Biology - May 8

Each test is divided into two sections. For the Algebra EOC, students will take one section each day. For biology, they will take both sections in one sitting. The only supplies your students will need for testing are:

Algebra: a pencil and calculator

Biology: only a pencil is needed

Students who receive accommodations will start testing at 8:00 a.m. each testing day.

All students will be provided with the information they need for testing including when and where they will test, what they will need for testing, and what they should not have with them or on them during testing (no cell phones, Apple watches or other electronic devices).

It is very important that your student attend school on these testing dates. Please ensure they get a good night's rest and eat a good breakfast before they take these important assessments. The tests will be administered during their normal class periods each day. Please note the Georgia Milestone End-of-Course Assessments are not optional. These tests count as 20% of your student's final grade for each course. While opting out of testing has been an option in the past that is no longer allowed by the state. If a child does not complete the EOC assessment, a grade of "0" will go into IC to calculate your students final grade in the course. That final grade will be reported on the student's transcripts for GPA calculation. Thank you for helping us prepare your student for these important tests.



Upcoming Activities

April:

- 4/1 - Honoring the Military Child Day (Wear Purple)
- 4/7-11 - Spring Break
- 4/17 - Free Sport Physicals
- 4/19 & 4/26 - Saturday School
- 4/22 - Progress Reports
- 5/5-5/9 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/5-5/6 - Algebra EOC
- 5/6 - AP Human Geography Exam
- 5/8 - Biology EOC
- 5/13 - Honors Night @ LCHS 5:30 p.m.
- 5/19-5/22 - Final Exams
- 5/28-6/12 - Summer School - EOC 6/9-10

Free Physical Dates for 2025

GHSA forms can be picked up in the front office or found on the school's website.

Wednesday, April 2 - Lee County Middle East | 12:00pm - until
Thursday, April 3 - Lee County Middle West | 12:00pm - until
Thursday, April 17 - 9th Grade Campus | 12:00pm - until
Tuesday, April 22 - Lee County High School | all day
Thursday, April 24 - Lee County High school | 1 pm

Students must complete a sports physical form with pages 1 and 2 completed and signed by a parent to participate.

This physical will cover your student athlete for all sports for the entire 2025 - 2026 school year. There is no cost. The student must have a GHSA Sports Physical form completed with pages 1 and 2 and signed by a parent in order to be evaluated.

If you have any questions: Call Lee County High School's Student Services/ Athletics Department office at 903-2261.



LEE COUNTY
SCHOOL SYSTEM



LCHS9
PTO
HAS
TOTE
BAGS
FOR
SALE!



These 10 X 12 collapsible basket totes are great to carry everyday items. They come in black or red - with or without the LEE decal.

SO order some today! Only \$20 each!

Please send a check (made out to LCHS9 PTO) or cash with your student to LCHS9 FRONT OFFICE or come to the office and buy a tote during school hours.

*If you have any questions, please call LCHS9 front office (903-3590) or email Amy Duckworth at duckwortham@lee.k12.ga.us
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LCHS9 PTO!*

COMPETITION AND FOOTBALL CHEER TRYOUTS

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP FOR TRYOUTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARCH 31ST - APRIL 2ND
LCMS WEST GYM

UPCOMING 6TH-8TH GRADERS
SIGN UP BY 3/24



HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 14TH - APRIL 16TH
LCHS MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

UPCOMING 9TH-12TH GRADERS
SIGN UP BY 4/4



Lee County High School BASKETBALL CHEER TRYOUTS

☒ PHYSICAL ON FILE

☒ NO PREVIOUS CHEER FEES

☒ WHITE SHIRT
BLACK SHORTS

☒ WATER BOTTLE

☒ BE ON TIME



LEE COUNTY 9TH GRADE GYM

April 15th-17th until 5:00pm

Congratulations

**LCHS9 PBIS STUDENTS OF THE
MONTH FOR MARCH 2025**



Seated: Dalton Miller, Jonah Walsh, Laila Walker
Standing: Kathleen Woodcock, Rylee Taylor, Jaylee Angry

These students were chosen by their teachers for always showing Trojan PRIDE. PRIDE stands for Preparation, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Excellence.

**LCHS Ninth Grade Campus PBIS Teacher of
the Month for March**



**Congratulations to Mrs. Chancee Glover for being
selected by our students as the LCHS Ninth Grade
Campus PBIS Teacher of the Month for March. Mrs.
Glover teaches honors biology on our campus.
Congratulations, Mrs. Glover!**



**We are so very proud of and
excited for our very own LCHS
Ninth Grade Campus TOTY and
Lee Co System Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Tracey Woodcock! Mrs.
Woodcock had a surprise visit
today from State School
Superintendent Richard Woods
letting her know she is one of the
10 finalists for the 2026 Georgia
Teacher of the Year award!
Congratulations, Mrs. Woodcock!**

School Fees and Fines

Any and all LCHS Ninth Grade Campus fees and fines must be paid by the end of the school year. These fines include athletic fees, media fines, phone charges, holds, etc. If a student begins the 2025-2026 school year with outstanding fees or fines, they will not be in good standing at LCHS and will not be able to buy a parking pass or homecoming tickets.

Library books and Textbooks

School issued textbooks (biology, math, AP human geography, and English) and library books will need to be turned in at the end of the school year. Teachers in each subject area will inform the students the date for returns. If a student fails to return a textbook or a library book, a hold for the replacement cost of the book will be placed on the student's account. Until the book is returned or the fee is paid, the student will not be in good standing and will not be able to buy a parking pass or homecoming tickets at LCHS for the 2025-2026 school year. Textbook prices are:

9th grade Literature - \$22.00

Biology - \$134.00

Algebra - \$62.00

Geometry - \$62.00

Classroom Connect



Civics - During the month of April, students will study the United States legal system, the origins of political parties, and political propaganda techniques.

AP Human Geography - Students will begin reviewing all seven units in preparation for their AP Exam on May 6th.

World Geography - World Geography will continue to explore the political, economic, and geographic issues in the United States.



This month's units will focus on History and Economics. We will learn about leaders for peace and equality, as well as spending and budgeting exercises. Current issues for the month are about Women's History Month, the EPCOT International Flower & Garden Festival, and National Library Week. Our CBI visits will include a visit to Colony Bank, Hog-n-Bones, the Albany Library, Turtle Park, the Lee County Transition Fair, Mark's Melon patch, Philema Animal Clinic, WALB, and Lee County Auto Service. April is also Autism Awareness Month, so students will complete activities to raise awareness about Autism, and ways to advocate.



The focus this month will be on nutrition and making healthy choices. Students will research their favorite fast food items to find how much fat, sugar, and calories they are consuming. Next, they will look for healthier options they could substitute for the next time they dine out. Students will also have a lab experiment with their favorite cereals. Students will use bowls to measure out what they would normally eat at one sitting. Then using the food label on the box, they will measure out how many servings they have in their bowl and calculate the amount of sugar they are consuming. Lastly, they will pour that same amount of sugar into a baggy to get a better understanding of how much sugar is hidden in cereal.



This semester in Introduction to Healthcare Science students have learned how to break the chain of infection with methods of infection control and practiced donning (putting on) and doffing (taking off) personal protective equipment (PPE). Most recently, students have learned American Heart Association Basic Life Support skills. Students who passed their certification test and skills assessment were CPR certified through the American Heart Association. HOSA members have been busy this semester working on projects and then competing in the HOSA State Leadership Conference. Twenty five ninth grade students attended the leadership conference this year, where one of the groups earned 5th place in the state in their Public Health event. We will be partnering with the Phoebe Foundation to sell Children's Miracle Network balloons for \$1 to raise money for our local NICU and pediatric units.

Classroom Connect



Algebra Concepts and Connections: The Algebra Milestones EOC is quickly approaching. This is a cumulative exam which will be given during class time May 5th and 6th. Students will have access to DESMOS within the testing program; however, they may also use a handheld calculator. Students will need to provide their own if they wish to use one. The calculator that we recommend and use in class is the TI-36X Pro. This is the most advanced calculator they may use and runs about \$20 on AMAZON and Walmart. They are generally hot items this time of year so purchase early.

Algebra Concepts and Connections Support Classes: As we continue to support the Algebra classroom work, please encourage students to complete their IXL work.

Geometry: Honors Geometry students are in the middle of Unit 6 “Making Sense of Circles”. This unit is an extensive study of the relationship between arcs, angles, and intersecting segments in circles. They have learned lots of new vocabulary and have even learned a new unit of measure called a radian! Upon finishing the circle unit, they will move to their final geometric unit which involves a study of surface area and volume of 3 dimensional objects. Students will study prisms, pyramids, spheres, and cones.



In biology, students are currently finishing up with ecology and the classification of organisms. The next several weeks, students will be reviewing and preparing for the Georgia Milestones End of Course test they will take on May 8th. Students will have access to study guides, review questions, and review games they will play in class through Google Classroom. Biology teachers are also planning a few dissection labs and a hands-on project after the EOC to finish out the school year with some engaging activities.



It's no April Fool's joke when we say we have lots going on in lit classes right up until the very end of this school year! In these final weeks of the year, we will be moving from the classic Romeo and Juliet to a more modern work, *The Glass Castle*, a memoir by Jeannette Walls. Through *The Glass Castle*, we will build on and apply prior knowledge of vocabulary, context clues, character analysis, selection of relevant textual evidence, understanding conflict, symbolism, and much more. *The Glass Castle* also helps readers become more compassionate concerning the struggles some people face in day-to-day life and serves as an encouraging reminder that anyone can be successful, no matter their troubled background. If you have never read *The Glass Castle*, we invite you to join your student on this literary journey; it is sure to inspire some great conversations! Honors literature students will be connecting *The Glass Castle* to their choice of paired text: either another nonfiction piece (Tara Westover's *Educated*) or a popular work of fiction (Delia Owens's *Where the Crawdads Sing*) and should be on the lookout for increased formal writing assignments. Honors students are encouraged to adopt the mantra “Make NEW mistakes!” While none of us are perfect writers, we will strive during this final nine weeks to at least not make the same mistakes we made on previous assignments and accelerate our writing, pushing ourselves to develop style and voice!