



LA FOLLETTE HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2026

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL THOMPSON

Welcome back from Spring Break. An exciting time of year is upon us, especially for our upperclassmen. Prom is just around the corner, and then we will be in the final leg of the school year. Our Class of 2026 has just over two months left of their high school career. How time flies!

Whether your Lancer is getting ready to finish their first year of high school or their last, encourage them to take time to savor these last few months of the school year. We hope they enjoy time with their peers and our Lancer staff, learn something new, and have fun doing it!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Saturday, April 4th
 - MSCR Saturday Academy: 9:30am-noon
- Monday, April 6th
 - **No School** - Staff Development Day
- Wednesday, April 15th
 - preACT (9th & 10th grade only)
 - No school Grades 11 & 12 - **virtual attendance taken**
- Thursday, April 16th
 - Semester 2 Lockdown Drill @ 8:30am
 - 3rd Multicultural Family Night @ 6:00 pm MSC
- Thursday, April 23rd
 - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony for Juniors and Seniors @ 7:00 pm in the Auditorium
- Saturday, April 25th
 - Prom @ Monona Terrace: 7:30-10:30pm
- Friday, May 8th
 - **No School** - Staff Development Day

STRENGTH

SENIOR GRADUATION REMINDERS/ UPDATES

We are quickly approaching graduation and are excited to celebrate the **STRENGTH** of the Class of 2026. Below you will find more information on graduation, current tasks students should be completing, and essential dates to keep on your calendar. More information will be sent specifically to families of seniors as graduation approaches!

Resources:

- The [webpage](#) with all the updated graduation information
- [Link](#) for cap and gown purchasing

Tasks:

- Purchase your cap and gown through link above or connect with Mr. Lee (hptran@madison.k12.wi.us) to borrow a cap and gown

Dates:

- April 23rd- National Honor Society Ceremony
- May 19th- Senior Exit Fair- Cap and Gown pick up, senior exit interviews, and other graduation tasks (completed during the school day)
- May 29th- Senior Cap and Gown Parade through middle and elementary Schools
- June 11th- Graduation Rehearsal (time TBD) **REQUIRED**
- June 12th- Graduation (students report at 6:30/ Ceremony at 7:30)

OPPORTUNITY

MSCR

- **Saturday Academy**– April 4th, May 2nd, & May 30th
 - 9:30am - 12:00pm
 - 1351 Music Alley-- use Art District entrance
 - Free tutoring from LHS teachers & a quiet study space to get assignments done
 - Snacks are provided
 - This is a drop-in service-- students can come & leave when it works best for them
- High school summer clubs
 - a) [Open to all MMSD](#) (some clubs require registration)
 - b) [La Follette specific summer clubs](#) (hyper-linked clubs require registration)
- MSCR is hiring for the summer! Check out MSCR's [job board](#) for open positions. There's also spots still available in some elementary & middle school summer camps! Check out [MSCR's website](#) for more info

3RD MULTICULTURAL FAMILY NIGHT

Join us for our third meeting of the year! We want to create a group of engaged parents and families who would like to

positively impact every aspect of our school. From 6 pm to 7:30 pm in the Multicultural Center.

Questions? Contact Ms. Bravo, Mr. Pan, or Mr. Milton.

1ST BILINGUAL CONFERENCE EMPOWERING LATINO AND AFRO LATINO PATHWAYS

On April 30th, 25/30 students will be participating in this first-of-its-kind conference, which has been put together by our Lancer staff and Union Latina students, serving all 4 MMSD high schools. Students will have the opportunity to connect with prominent Latino leaders and to engage in hands-on workshops around the topic of art, business, and networking. The ultimate goal is for students to expand their visions of the future and gain a deeper understanding of how Latinos are transforming the landscape of the US.

UNITY

PROM 2026 - "NIGHT AT THE BAYOU"

- Saturday, April 25th from 7:30 - 10:30 PM @ Monona Terrace
- Please see our Prom [web page](#) or this [doc](#) for all the important details.
- Tickets on sale for \$25 each via [GOFAN](#) from April 13 - April 24 until 4:00pm.
 - Your "access code" to purchase a ticket is your Junior/Senior ID number, limited to one ticket each.
 - Lancers may host one approved guest, and must arrive together.
 - [Guest forms](#) Guests (non-La Follette students) must be registered with their Neighborhood office by 4:00pm, Thursday April 23rd. Guests must be a current high school student or have exited high school within one year or less. No middle school students.
 - Lancer Freshmen and Sophomores may attend if they are invited by and attending with an upperclassman. No guest form needed. Stop in your neighborhood office to register for guest code.
 - Guest code for ticket purchase provided once the guest registered and approved.
- If you are interested in volunteering for this event or have any questions, please email [Madi Estkowski](#) or [Alissa Nelsen](#).

LEADERSHIP

PREACT & FORWARD

preACT (9th & 10th) and Forward (10th grade only) is on Wednesday, April 15th. 11th and 12th graders do not attend, but asynchronous attendance is taken. All grade levels (and their guardians) received detailed information about this date on April 1st.

9th and 10th graders - show your leadership and show UP for these tests. The preACT is a good gauge on how your progress towards the ACT, and the Forward test is included in our state report card.

WIABE ART CONTEST WINNER

Alin Rios Galmiche, a junior, submitted an artwork that represents what it means to live a Multilingual Life in

Wisconsin. As the High School level winner, he will be featured this April 18th at the Luncheon of the 46th Wisconsin Association of Bilingual Education Conference, representing our DLI program. Join us in celebrating his accomplishment!

ECO LATINOS DAY OF EARTH

Union Latina students will be representing our Lancer community in this upcoming event. Students will be showing their leadership by presenting a dance, a music show, and a table to explain their mission.