



NEWSFLASH

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The LHS
Counseling &
Social Work
Department is
committed to
fostering the
academic,
personal, and post-
secondary growth
of every student!

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Let's Talk College & Career Fairs

A college and career fair is a great opportunity to meet with college admission representatives, military recruiters and industry employers all in one location to explore future education and job options!!

WHAT TO EXPECT

Booths and Tables: Each college or company sets up a small station with information & fun!

Tip: Bring a bag to collect your goodies.

Direct Conversations: Students can ask questions face-to-face about degree programs, campus life, internships, or job openings.

WHO'S INVITED?

YOU. The whole Bluejay community!

HOW TO PREPARE

Make a game plan: Fairs are awesome in that so many vendors are all in one spot, but the time is limited, so plan out the 5-10 you want to see and then if time allows explore more!

Professionalism Matters: Remember, when you are talking to college admissions reps, military reps or applying for a job, you need to be professional. Think eye contact, "please and thank you", wear appropriate clothing including your smile.

Sample Questions to Ask at a College & Career Fair

COLLEGE

- What programs and majors are offered?
- **What are the admissions requirements?**
- What are average class sizes?
- What does campus life have to offer?
- What support services are in place?
- What's the cost of tuition and any additional costs?
- What options for financial aid are available?
- Are there any internship opportunities available?
- What are the housing options?
- What are the career placement prospects for graduates?

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/help-center/what-questions-should-i-ask-college-fair>

CAREER

- What does a typical day or week look like in this role?
- What are the most challenging and most rewarding parts of this job?
- Is this work mostly hands-on, behind a desk, or a mix of both?
- Do I need a college degree for this field, or do you hire straight out of high school?
- **What high school classes or extracurriculars would help me prepare for this work?**
- Does your company offer paid internships or apprenticeships for younger students?

MILITARY

- Can I guarantee my specific job choice before I sign up?
- What does daily life look like when you are not deployed or in basic training?
- What are the physical fitness requirements, and **how can I prepare?**
- How exactly does the GI Bill work if I want to go to college later?
- Are there options to do community college or university while serving active duty?
- What civilian careers do people usually transition into upon completion?
- What is the difference in time commitment between Active Duty and the Reserves/National Guard?



Liberty
PUBLIC SCHOOLS™

College & Career Fair

DATE: MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 21ST
TIME: 5:30 - 7PM
LOCATION: LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Come explore colleges, technical/trade schools, military and work force options!

Open to all high school students and their families!



FALL 2026

NACAC National College Fair – Kansas City

Tuesday, October 6

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 5 p.m. – 7p.m.

Hy-Vee Arena

Kansas City, MO



REGISTER NOW!
nacacattend.org/fairs

NACAC
National College Fairs



In the Know!



ACT TEST PREP

Planning for college entrance exams? Physical test prep packets are no longer stocked in our office, but you can find all the digital resources you need by clicking [here](#) for the **Free ACT Practice Tests & Test Prep page**.

→ **Ready to take a National ACT Test? Register on the ACT Website.**

REGISTER FOR THE ACT



TRANSCRIPTS

Parents! Do you need a copy of your students grades for good driver, insurance or other purposes? Your student can access their unofficial transcript in Schoolinks by following these directions.

1. Have your student log into their Schoolinks account (select log in with google).
2. Select the Student tab followed by Record Requests.
3. Select Unofficial Transcript and print.



TUTORING CLUB

The **Tutoring Club** is led and run by students who want to help their peers succeed. Student tutors volunteer their time and knowledge to assist other students in a variety of academic areas. Whether a student needs help understanding a challenging concept, preparing for an upcoming assessment, organizing assignments, or developing stronger study habits, our tutors are here to help!

Tutoring support may include:

- Assistance in a variety of subject areas
- Homework and assignment support
- Studying and test preparation
- Time management and organization
- Basic study skills and strategies
- Encouragement and accountability

Tutoring availability will depend on the tutor's schedule and the student's area of need. Students interested in receiving tutoring can fill out [THIS](#) form to see what support is currently available.



COLLEGE REP VISITS

College Representatives come to LHS throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about a specific college, simply [RSVP in Schoolinks](#)! Log into **SchoolLinks**, head to the **Engage** tab on the left, click **Events**, and register for the sessions you'd like to attend. All visits are located in the Counseling Office.

College	Date	Time
Kansas State University	09/17/2026	10:00 AM
MIZZOU	09/17/2026	2:00 PM
Rockhurst University	09/24/2026	10:00 AM
University of Kansas	09/24/2026	2:00 PM
Wichita State	09/29/2026	10:00 AM
Pittsburg State	10/1/2026	10:00 AM
University of Arkansas	10/1/2026	2:00 PM



PARENTS! Keeping You Connected.

Throughout the year we push out a lot of information, whether that is in person or in print.

IN PERSON - The Counseling Department hosts **6 Parent Night Presentations** in the Fall Semester. (Bolded Events listed on our flyer below). If you miss the event, we will post the presentation (or other useful information from the event) on our **Parent Presentation** page of our website!

IN PRINT - Due to the unique role we have and schedule constraints we send a lot of information out digitally to our students. You can help them be in the know by reminding them to **check their emails often!** Once a month we send out **Student Newsletters** meant to help guide them and give them relevant information to their current situation. We will be posting those on our Parent Presentation page as well so you can see what we are communicating to your students! We hope this helps you feel a little more connected to your students high school journey.

Parent Presentations Page

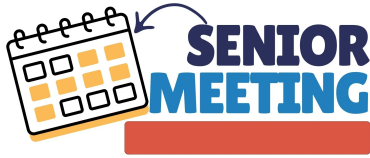
Schoolinks & Real World Learning

New school year, new updates!

Joined a club, started a fall sport, picked up a part-time job? Add it to your [SchoolLinks](#) profile now while it's fresh. Seniors, an updated profile makes application season way easier. Check out the [Real World Learning website](#) for a tutorial.



Senior News!



Individual Senior Meetings have begun!!!

Students, don't miss this opportunity to sit down one on one with your counselor to discuss graduation requirements and your plans for after high school. You should have received an email from Mrs. Ward with directions on how to sign up! Sign up today!

TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION

IMPORTANT!

Parents: Before your student can request their transcript, you **MUST** complete the [Digital FERPA Authorization Form](#). This allows us to send transcripts to colleges!

Students: The College Application Manager (under the College Tab) in [Schoolinks](#) is your next step. Login to Schoolinks with your LPS Google account. Click on '**College**' and then '**College Applications**'. Once you **add an 'application'**, your transcript is automatically requested. Don't forget to waive your FERPA rights the first time you send an application.

Need help?

We've got you covered! *Step by step instructions can be found on the [LHS Counseling Website](#)* or swing by for assistance.

Remember: You will use Schoolinks to:

- Complete your FERPA - REQUIRED
- Request transcripts
- Request letters of recommendation
- Connect with the Common Application. **You MUST link Schoolinks to your Common Application.**

Questions? Reach out to Lois Magnuson, Registrar. lois.magnuson@lps53.org

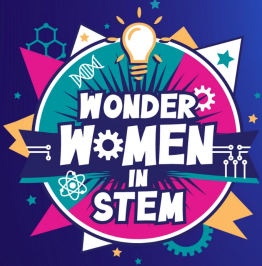
FALL 2026

LHS COUNSELING EVENTS



August	19th	<i>Freshmen Parent Night</i> 6pm - PAC
	31st	Seniors - Individual Meetings Begin Sign up with your counselor for a time that works for you!
September	1st	<i>Senior Parent Night</i> 6pm during Back to School Night - Blackbox
	2nd	High School 101 - Freshmen Counselors present during FLEX
	21st	LPS COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR 5:30-7:00 pm @ LHS
	1st /2nd	Sophomore ICAP Presentations World History Classes + EDGE Oct 7
October	7th/9th	Junior ICAP Presentations Government Classes + EDGE Oct 7
	10th	Individual Student Meetings Begin Sign up with your counselor for a time that works for you!
	20th	<i>Financial Aid Night</i> During Parent Teacher Conferences - 6pm Blackbox
	21st	<i>College Planning Workshop</i> During Parent Teacher Conference - 6pm Blackbox
November	1st	Community Scholarship Program Application Opens TODAY!
	6th/7th	Freshmen ICAP Presentations American History Classes
December	3rd	<i>Off Campus Opportunities Night</i> 6pm - LHS -Parents & Students

Local Opportunities!



CONNECT • INSPIRE • EMPOWER

Join us for a powerful morning of inspiration, connection, & opportunity

This special event brings together LPS students interested in STEM to:

- Connect with other passionate young women
- Learn about STEM clubs
- Hear from college students & industry pros about their journeys
- Share ideas & build your future network in STEM

LIGHT BREAKFAST INCLUDED

DATE
September 24th

TIME
9:30-11:00AM

LOCATION
LHS Black Box

Celebrate the power of women in STEM!

When women lead, innovation follows!

SCAN TO REGISTER



Hosted By:



Discover Nursing at Children's Mercy



Friday, October 2, 2026

Children's Mercy
Adele Hall Campus
2401 Gillham Rd
Kansas City, MO 64114

Junior year of high school to senior year of nursing school welcome!

- 10:30am-11:00am
 - Check-in
- 11:00am-12:15pm
 - Why choose CM
 - Staff panel
- 12:15pm-12:40pm
 - Talent acquisition
 - Application process
 - Pay & benefits
 - Q & A
- 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - Unit booths
 - Unit tours

Registration required to attend

Last day to register: 9/30

Attendance for the full event encouraged



Summer 2027 nursing graduates – submit to be considered for a shadow opportunity!





[Contact Us](#)

[High School Planning](#)

Graduation Requirements, Diploma Types, Course Selection, MVAs & more!

[Post Secondary Planning](#)

College, Career, Military, Scholarships & more!

[Transcript Requests](#)

[Emergency Food Resources](#)

Follow Us on SportsYou to stay connected with class specific updates!

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