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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.

Saturday School

Saturday School is available once a month at LCHS main campus from 9:00-12:00 for students that need help in algebra, civics, biology, or literature classes. 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.

After School Tutoring

Teachers are available daily for tutoring after school until 3:30. Please contact the individual teacher to set up remediation as needed.

Upcoming Activities

October

1st- CTAE 9-weeks test
2nd- Health and Civics 9-weeks test
3rd - Saturday school
5th - Math 9-weeks test
6th - Biology 9-weeks test
7th - Flexible learning day
8th-12th - Student holiday
15th - 1st 9-week report cards go home
20th - PSAT for students who pre-registered
21st - Student flu shots for students who returned permission forms by 9/28
24th - Saturday school
26th - 30th - Red Ribbon Week
29th- CTAE Career Fair

November - (looking ahead)

2nd-6th - HOCO Dress-up days
5th - Homecoming Parade at 5:30
6th - Homecoming Game KO at 7:30
7th - Homecoming Dance 8-10:30 pm- no tickets will be sold at the door

 **Order Yearbook**
Check off Your List Today



Order your yearbook by October 17th for only \$85. Orders can be placed online at jostens.com or scan the QR code. LCHS yearbook includes grades 9-12.



FALL BREAK
OCTOBER 8th - 12th

Congratulations

LCHS NINTH GRADE PBIS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER



Left to Right: Kaylin Fabiani, Ava Mays, Ryleigh Cromer, Sloan Thomas, Jordan Cleare, Khan Mahum
Not pictured: Samuel Karrick

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



GaTutor Now Open for Georgia's Public High School Students. GaTutor is now open and ready to support student success across Georgia. This free tutoring program is available to students enrolled in Georgia public high schools and provides access to one-on-one academic support in 22 core subject area courses. Students work with Georgia-certified teachers who are content area experts and can receive personalized assistance with course content, skill development, and assessment preparation. Help ensure eligible students are aware of this opportunity and encourage them to take advantage of the personalized support available through GaTutor. For eligibility information and step-by-step instructions, visit the [GaTutor Registration Guide](#).

LCHS Ninth Grade Campus PBIS
Teacher of the Month for
August/ September



Congratulations to Mr. Chapel Douglas for being selected by the LCHS Ninth Grade Campus students as the PBIS Teacher of the Month for August/September. Mr. Douglas teaches marketing principles and examining teaching as a profession on the campus. Congratulations, Mr. Douglas!

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 2025-2026 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.



October is Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

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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Red Ribbon Week

BE A HERO. STAY DRUG FREE.

Monday- October 26
HEROES SAY NO TO DRUGS! Wear a superhero shirt.
Tuesday- October 27
BE DIFFERENT. BE BOLD. BE DRUG FREE! Wear mismatched clothes or patterns.
Wednesday- October 28
BRIGHT COLORS, SUPER CHOICES, DRUG-FREE HEROES! Wear bright or neon clothes.
Thursday- October 29
SHOW YOUR COURAGE, STAY DRUG FREE! Dress in as much red as possible to show that you are drug free!
Friday- October 30
SHOW YOUR SUPERPOWER—CHOOSE TO BE DRUG FREE! Wear orange and/or black.



2026 Homecoming Information

Homecoming Events

Nov 2-6: Dress-up week

Nov 5: Parade

Nov 6: Game vs Houston County

Nov 7: Dance



HOLLYWOOD PRESENTS: HOMECOMING DANCE ALERT!
GET READY TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY!
HOMECOMING TICKETS GO ON SALE ON GOFAN STARTING SEPTEMBER 30TH!

STUDENTS MUST SET UP A GOFAN ACCOUNT. (USE PERSONAL EMAIL, NOT SCHOOL EMAIL). YOUR STUDENT ID IS THE PROMO CODE. MUST ACCESS TICKET IN ACCOUNT FOR ENTRY; SCREENSHOTS NOT ACCEPTED.

GRAB YOUR TICKETS FOR JUST \$25! (UNTIL OCT 23RD AT NOON). PRICES JUMP TO \$50 AFTER THAT! (TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL NOV 4TH AT NOON).

ENSURE YOU ARE IN GOOD STANDING.
(SETTLE OUTSTANDING FEES ON PARENT PORTAL OR AT THE FRONT OFFICE).

BRINGING A DATE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL? DANCE DATE APPROVAL FORMS IN THE FRONT OFFICE. <https://gofan.co/event/69170367?schoolid=GA13729>

REMEMBER, NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR, SO PLAN AHEAD AND MAKE THIS HOMECOMING UNFORGETTABLE!

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.

Classroom Connect



As we wrap up September and our first unit, literature students and teachers look toward homecoming festivities and a new focus for Unit 2: rhetoric. As if teenagers 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, podcasts! In addition, honors students will discover poetic language even in a piece of prose and will begin reading excerpts of *The Book Thief*. They are sure to "find" poetic language within its pages during this next 9 week grading period. Honors literature students will also put their word part knowledge to the test on Halloween when we conduct our famous Phobias Anonymous Support Group.

More on this to come!



Spotlight: Introduction to Healthcare

Introduction to Healthcare has had a busy start to the school year! We started out learning about employability skills. Students wrote resumes, cover letters, and completed applications to become a Student Health and Wellness Ambassador to promote healthy habits on campus. Once the completed applications were turned in, the top 10 submissions were interviewed by a panel interview team to decide on the final winner. This was a great activity to gain real world experience on applying for and obtaining a desired job. We are currently exploring some of the many career options in healthcare where students will complete a Career Project that explains a career they may be interested in pursuing in the future. HOSA members have also been active so far this year. Members have volunteered at the Lee County Cross Country Invitational and at Lee County Pre-K, where we cleaned out their flower beds. Our Fall fundraiser is also in full swing. Soon, HOSA members will begin selecting and working on their competitive events for the State Leadership Conference. We had a successful first meeting at the end of September and are looking forward to many more meetings and community service opportunities in the future!



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 review content related to 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 begin our cultural unit by exploring how the ethnic compositions of various groups have led to diverse cultural landscapes.



In October, students will focus on retail in the community. They will learn how to locate items in stores and determine their prices. Students will visit the ReStore, Shoe Station, TJ Maxx, and Michael's on their Community-Based Instruction.

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Algebra: Concepts & Connections - Students in Algebra are learning how to perform radical operations and work with rational and irrational numbers. At the end of October, we will begin working on our Quadratics Unit.

Geometry - Students are currently learning the angle relationships in triangles. They are learning how to justify their steps in solving problems for geometric proofs. In the upcoming unit, we will focus on transformations of shapes on the coordinate plane, congruent triangles, and proofs with congruent triangles.

Algebra Block - We are currently modeling and analyzing Quadratic functions and their characteristics. Students are converting quadratic functions into equivalent forms to reveal key properties about their graphs to help them solve real-world problems. Next up, students will identify the real solutions of a quadratic equation as the zeros of a related quadratic function and use different techniques to solve quadratic equations, including taking square roots, factoring, completing the square, and using the quadratic formula.

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.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.



Students will be starting the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program or ADAP in October after fall break.

They must pass the ADAP test to get their driver's license at 16. This program raises awareness around the dangers of drinking and driving, teaches traffic laws and safe driving practices, and discusses the dangers of distracted driving. This is a mandatory four hour course for Georgia teens under 18 to be able to receive their

Class D driver's license. You can access more information concerning the ADAP course through the Georgia Department of Driver Services.