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Work For Waves Program Tracks Student Progress

During the summer, several Lytle High School administrators, Campus Learning Leaders, and Campus Learning Facilitators met to discuss the needs of the campus. During this time, the team decided that they would put an incentive program in place that worked to improve student behavior, academic grades, and attendance. Because the group wanted everyone to earn an opportunity to attend a trip, different tiers were implemented. These tiers will help students reach a trip even if they fall short in one area.

The program is titled, Work for Waves, due to the possibility of the students earning a school trip to either the beach, the river, or other water attraction nearby. Work for Waves was rolled out to high school staff in early August and then to students during the class meetings at the end of August. Students were excited about the program and their ability to earn a spot on one of the three trips simply by doing what they knew was the right thing to do.

Work For Waves

Students Must meet each of criteria in a single Tier to be eligible for that trip:

Tier I

- 0 Unexcused absences
- 0 Office referrals
- 85 or higher working final average for EACH class

Tier II

- 97% attendance
- No ISS placements
- 80-84 working final average for EACH class

Tier III

- 95% attendance
- 4 Office referrals or less
- 75-83 working final average for EACH class.

Student will only be eligible to attend one trip.

Support and enthusiasm for the program has been fueled by teacher door decorating contests, a change in décor at the front entry of the school, and small incentives along the way.

The team is hopeful that a significant change is seen in grades, absences and discipline referrals, so the program can continue in the coming years.

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Dates to Remember

- December 15 LHS Bingo Night
- December 16 Early Release—1:39 pm
- January 16 MLK Holiday
- Spring Break March 13-17
- April 10 LISD Student Showcase
- April 14 Good Friday Holiday
- April 17 Easter Monday Holiday

Four students Named NASA High school Aerospace Scholars

Four Lytle High School Juniors, Devin Diver, Matthew Swinney, Joshua Gamboa, and Patrick Garcia have been named as NASA High School Aerospace Scholars.

As part of their program, these young men will train for their mission by learning about the past, present and future of space exploration. Through interactive lessons on Space Exploration, Earth Science, Technology,

and Aeronautics the students will have opportunities to design 3D CAD modules, and create videos and interactive posters.

Students with the highest scores will then be invited to attend an all expenses, week-long visit to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. While at NASA, they will receive guidance from scientists and engineers while working with other students across the state to complete hands-on design challenges and plan a mission to Mars.



Adopt-a-Senior for CHRISTMAS

LHS implements Adopt-A- Senior Program with local nursing home for Christmas.

In an effort to promote LHS student involvement in our community and with local projects, a partnership with the Lytle Nursing home has been forged and the Adopt- A- Senior program is being implemented this year.

As part of the program, the school has received a list of seniors needing some extra Christmas cheer this Holiday season. Additionally, the nursing home provided us with a list of items needed for each senior.

Pink and blue angels were then placed on a Christmas tree in the high school, signifying each of the seniors in need of adoption.

Teachers, students, district employees, and community members were encouraged to stop by the high school and select an angel off the tree.

Once an angel was selected, participants took the angel to the high school front office staff and they were given an information sheet detailing what should occur from that point.

During the first four hours that the angels were up, just over half of the seniors had been adopted by several Lytle High School students. In two short days, the tree was completely emptied and all of the seniors were adopted by students and LISD staff.

In addition to promoting student involvement, we hope to bring additional joy to the life of the seniors in our community, during this Christmas season.

A group of students with school staff will sing Christmas carols, deliver the gifts and visit with the seniors on December 16.

It is our hope to continue the program throughout the spring semester, returning to the nursing home with small gifts during the Valentines Day and Easter seasons.



TUTOR ME

Tutoring Available for Students

Tutoring for all content areas has been available to students during lunchtime since early in the semester.

Tutoring is offered during the students' lunch period to help accommodate for those students that rely on bus service and would not be able to attend traditional afterschool tutoring. Every teacher offers lunchtime tutoring three times per week, either during the first or second half of the lunch period. Stu-

dents interested in attending lunch time tutoring should speak with their teacher to verify the date and times of their tutoring, as the times they tutor could vary by the day.

In addition to the lunchtime tutoring, afterschool tutoring has recently begun to be offered. Students that would prefer to stay afterschool for tutoring should report to room 123, with

Ms. Wolf immediately after the dismissal bell rings.

Afterschool tutoring is held from 4:30—5:30pm Monday through Friday.

LHS to host Bingo Night for their students and parents

Building stronger partnerships between ourselves and student's parents is always a goal at Lytle High School. As such, what better way to work on those partnerships, but to invite our students and their parents to school for a night of fun. In this case, a Bingo Night.

Lytle High School is inviting their parents to a Bingo Night on December 15. The bingo games will start at 6:00 pm and run through approximately 7:30 pm.

Each parent or student that attends will receive one free bingo card. If a canned good is brought and donated, then each

person donating a canned good will be given an additional card for each item donated.

Canned good items will be donated to the local food pantry, as we continue our efforts to support our community projects in anyway possible.

Short intermissions will be held, during which students and/or parents will be welcomed to sing a karaoke song to add to the evenings entertainment.

We expect a night of great fun with prizes donated by our

Family Consumer Sciences, Floral Design, and Ag Mechanics classes. Be sure to stick around to the end, as the evening's final grand prize will be a \$50 giftcard.

We hope to see you there!



Important Testing/ Dual Credit Dates to Remember

Students interested in taking ACT, SAT or PSAT exams need to make note of these Testing Dates:

- ACT Dates : 2/11/17, 4/08/17, and 6/10/17
- SAT Dates: 1/21/17, 3/11/17, 5/6/17, & 6/03/17

- If you are on free or reduced lunch, see Ms. Hoffman for a SAT/ACT fee waiver.
- Fees for the ACT and SAT test must be paid online.
- PSAT fees will be paid to Ms. Hoffman
- Free test prep for ACT/ SAT available upon request.

Dual Credit Applications are now being accepted for Fall 2017 participation. Please note: There will be a \$100 per class fee charged for dual credit beginning with the Fall 2017 semester.

More information will be made available after the first of the year.

**Payment Deadline:
April 1, 2017**

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Counselor's Corner

Attendance Recovery Hours

In order for your child to receive credit for their classes, they must be present 90% of the 1st semester. If your child was assigned attendance recovery hours for the first semester and fails to complete those hours, they will lose credit for their classes.

Recovery hours can be made up before school from 7:40– 8:40am and afterschool from 4:30– 5:30pm. Attendance recovery

hours are due no later than December 16, 2016.

Schedule Changes

- Schedule change requests need to be sent to Mrs. Criswell via Remind101. All requests will be reviewed and options will be discussed with each student/parent.
- Students that did not maintain an 85 average in their

honors courses will be removed and enrolled in a level course.

- Students enrolled in the US History, Biology, and Algebra I remediation courses for the End-of-Course exam will have a schedule change at the end of the 1st semester. Your child's schedule will be adjusted and they will be enrolled in an elective course. Remediation, via tutoring, will be available during lunch and after school.



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Cassie's College & Career Readiness Corner

Seniors: Parents, your child has applied for their FSA identification name and password that they must use to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. It is now your turn!!! The seniors have been asked to assist you in applying for your own FSA identification as one parent or court appointed guardian will also have to electronically sign the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). <https://fsaid.ed.gov> I will be happy to assist if you need help!

Palo Alto College On-Campus Events

Dec 10: Parent College- Learn everything you wanted to know about how to be successful in College and how you can support your future college student. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. location: Ozuna Library

Financial Aid Saturdays: Receive assistance with completing scholarship applications and the FAFSA form for Financial Aid such as grants, loans, and work study positions. **Feb 4, Feb 22, March 4, April 1**

Juniors: It is time to register to take an SAT or ACT exam. Students will apply online, but help doing so is available in Rm 112 with Mrs. Aguinaga. Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch are able to pickup fee waiver cards from my office.

Freshmen and Sophomores: Explore what you want to eventually study. Get involved and stay involved in extra-curricular activities. Keep a list of them for your resume! Start your resume. Take challenging courses. Keep up your grades and develop good study habits.

Principal's Message

As we get set to bring the first semester to a close, I would like to reflect on what felt like a whirlwind of a couple of months. I knew that the time would "fly" but that was never more accurate than it was this year. After hours events were plentiful and made the time pass quickly. It felt like I blinked and it was gone. We have had the opportunity to view and cheer on our students in the traditional volleyball, football, and basketball games, as well as halftime performances for the band and dance team. However, we have also had opportunities for parents and community members to come up to see some of the other things we have worked on when the Lytle High School Drama Club presented it's fall show entitled Rumors.

This was the first time in many years, the Drama club has prepared a show for public viewing other than their annual One Act

Play. The play ran on two nights and was well attended and enjoyed by not only the audience but the cast and crew, which included several new members to the acting arena.

The first semester also saw an opportunity for parents to come in and listen to poetry created and recited by their children at the Poetry Café. The poems were the culmination of integrated lessons across a variety of courses.

In it's second year, the Poetry café featured more participants than it did in it's inaugural year in the fall of 2015.

Most recently, the annual Band Christmas concert was held on December 6 and was an opportunity for parents of band students grades 5-12 to view their progress.

The spring semester will likely go as fast as the fall one did, so don't miss out on your oppor-

tunity to come see what we are doing.

Here is a list of a few things you may be interested in attending:

- High school One Act Play
- Pirateland Music Festival
- Band Spring Concert
- Texas Public School's Week Activities
- Family Health Night
- Student Showcase
- Additional Parent activities

Dates and times will be posted on the district website and on social media.

We encourage you to stay involved with children and our school and hope to see you at these events.

