

Fall 2017 NEWSLETTER



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Guidance News

ASVAB - On Tuesday, September 26th, the ASVAB will be administered at Lynn English High School from 8:15 AM until 11:30 AM. The ASVAB Career Exploration Program is a **FREE** comprehensive career exploration and planning program that includes a multiple-aptitude test battery, an interest inventory, and various career planning tools designed to help students explore the world of work. It is administered by the Department of Defense, and student information and score results will be released to the military. Students may be contacted by the military based on their score results. Students will not be drafted or enlisted into any branches of the military. ASVAB representatives will return to Lynn English a few weeks after the test administration to assist students with interpreting their scores. The Guidance Department believes that the results of the ASVAB will benefit students as they begin their college searches and post-graduate planning. In order for a junior or senior to participate in this program, a parent's permission is **required**. Permission slips are available from Mr. Wilkins in the Guidance Department.

PSAT - The PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) will be administered at Lynn English High School on Wednesday, October 11th, from 7:45 AM until 12:00 PM. The PSAT is a practice test for the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). All sophomores and juniors will take the test for **FREE** and need to report to Homeroom at 7:45 AM. Freshmen and seniors will not take the test and need to report to school at 12:35 PM. Participating students will receive a PSAT Student Guide and Practice Test. Juniors can qualify for the NMSQT Scholarship based on their scores. If

students or parents have any questions, they can see Mr. Keefe in the English Department or contact him at 781-477-7366, x-3418 or keefej@lynnschools.org.

Website - The Guidance Department has a website for students and parents to access information about high school, college, academics, extracurricular activities, courses, financial aid, scholarships, jobs, and other educational opportunities. The website also includes tabs for each class: freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. These tabs provide a month-by-month breakdown of student/parent responsibilities during each year of high school. Please visit www.lehsguidance.org regularly as it is constantly updated, particularly in the Recent News section.

SAT & ACT - College-bound seniors should register for the November or December SAT. If seniors took the SAT last May or June, they should register again. If seniors did not take the SAT in May or June, they should definitely register. Those seniors applying to college also need to determine if their colleges require that they also take the SAT Subject Tests or ACT. Students may register for these tests at www.sat.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org. A limited amount of fee waivers is available from each child's guidance counselor.

Remind 101 - Remind101 is a service that provides a safe way for Lynn English to text message or email students and parents. Using Remind101, Lynn English can engage their students and parents more effectively without needing to know their phone number and without having to give their phone number out. To receive free text messages from Lynn English, text **@lynnen** to **978-266-1666**.

Stop & Shop - Starting October 6, 2017, through March 15, 2018, Lynn English High School will have the opportunity to earn cash through the Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program. All you have to do is log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online using your Stop & Shop Card (13-digit number). You may register as early as September 11th. The Lynn English I.D. # is 10132. Please share this **FREE** fundraising opportunity with family and friends.

Important Dates

October 5	School Council 5:15 p.m.
October 5	Title 1 5:45 p.m.
October 5	Parent/Teacher Open House
October 6	Interim Progress Report distributed
October 9	Columbus Day---No School
October 11	PSAT
October 17	Hall of Fame Induction 6:00 p. m.
November 4	SAT
November 7	In-service---No School
November 9	Last day of first quarter
November 10	Veterans Day---No School
November 10	Veterans Day Ceremony 6:30 p. m.
November 17	Report cards distributed
November 22	12:00 Dismissal
November 23&24	Thanksgiving vacation
November 30	School Council 5:15 p.m.
November 30	Parent/Teacher Open House
December 1&2	Drama Club performance
December 15	Interim Progress Report distributed
December 25 thru January 1	Christmas vacation
January 15	Martin Luther King Day---No School
January 19, 22, 23, and 24	Mid-term Exams
January 26	Last day of second quarter
February 8	School Council 5:15 p.m.

MCAS Updates

Students currently in grades 11 or 12 who have not passed both sections of the State examination must take a retest in November. Students repeating grade 10 who failed this examination will also be tested. ELA tests will be held on November 8, 9, and 14. Math tests will be held on November 15 and 16.

Members of the Classes of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 who failed last June's State examination in Biology must take the Biology Test on February 5 and 6.

PSAT Updates

All students currently enrolled in grade 10 and grade 11 are required to participate in the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11. Students must be seated in their homerooms by 7:45 a. m. The information provided by this test will be used to identify skill gaps and improve instruction.

Parent/Teacher Open House

The first Parent Teacher Open House will be held on Thursday, October 5, 2017. Teachers and guidance counselors will be in their rooms from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Fechas Importantes

Octubre 5	Consejo Escolar 5:15 p.m.
Octubre 5	Reunión de Title 1 5:45 p.m.
Octubre 5	Reunión de padres y profesores 6-8 p.m.
Octubre 6	Entrega de reporte del progreso del estudiante
Octubre 9	Día de Cristóbal Colón—No hay clases
Octubre 11	PSAT
Octubre 17	Introducción al Salón de la Fama
Noviembre 4	SAT
Noviembre 7	Reunión de profesores --- No hay clases
Noviembre 9	Ultimo día del Primer Período Académico
Noviembre 10	Día de los Veteranos--- No hay clases
Noviembre 10	Ceremonia del Día de los Veteranos
Noviembre 17	Entrega de notas
Noviembre 22	Medio día---Los alumnos serán despachados a las 12:00
Noviembre 23 & 24	Vacaciones del Día de Acción de Gracias
Noviembre 30	Consejo escolar 5:15 p.m.
Noviembre 30	Reunión de padres y profesores
Diciembre 1 & 2	Actuación del Club de Drama 7:00 p.m.
Diciembre 15	Entrega de reporte del progreso del estudiante
Diciembre 25 hasta Enero 1	Vacaciones de Navidad
Enero 15	Día de Martin Luther King Jr.--- No hay clases
Enero 19, 22, 23 & 24	Exámenes de Mediado de Año

Enero 26 Ultimo día del Segundo período académico

Febrero 8 Consejo Escolar 5:15 p.m.

Febrero 8 Reunión de padres y profesores 6-8 p.m.

Información sobre los exámenes MCASS

Los estudiantes que están en los grados 11 y 12 que no han pasado ambas secciones de los exámenes del Estado deben tomar un examen de reposición en noviembre. Los estudiantes que están repitiendo el grado 10 que no pasaron este examen también tendrán que tomarlo. Los exámenes de Lengua Inglesa (ELA) serán los días 8, 9 y 14 de noviembre. Los exámenes de Matemática serán el 15 y el 16 de noviembre.

Los miembros de las clases del 2017, 2018, 2019 y 2020 que no pasaron el examen de Biología del Estado en Junio pasado, deben tomar el examen de Biología los días 5 y 6 de febrero.

Informe acerca del examen PSAT

A todos los estudiantes de los grados 10 y 11 se les requiere que participen en el PSAT el miércoles 11 de octubre. Los estudiantes deben estar sentados en su salón hogar a las 7:45 a.m. La información provista por este examen se usará para identificar las debilidades del estudiante y mejorar la enseñanza.

Reunión de padres y profesores

La primera reunión de padres y profesores será el jueves 5 de octubre del 2017. Los profesores y los consejeros estarán en sus salones desde las 6:00 p.m. hasta las 8:00 p.m.

LIVING IN TWO WORLDS

The Cummings Foundation/One World Boston recently approved another 5 year grant for the Living in Two Worlds program. The LEHS group, consisting of 18 students from all over the world, has enthusiastically kicked off the new school year.

The Living in Two Worlds program provides students with the opportunity to examine the challenges and rewards of life as bicultural teens. Through weekly meetings, group members explore issues surrounding their biculturalism, share their traditions, and discuss strategies for the blending of their home culture with their more Americanized school culture. The highlight of the program will be completion of individual films or photo exhibits that highlight their unique experiences as first generation Americans.

Films and photography projects will be shown at our own Living in Two Worlds film festival in April. This event gives students an opportunity to showcase their individual films, and also offers an opportunity for our community to learn about the varied cultures and traditions of our diverse student body.

Operated by Solutions for Living and funded by OneWorld Boston, a Cummings Foundation affiliate.

Erin Gruwell, the inspirational teacher behind the movie *Freedom Writers*, addressed LEHS students.



In 1994, Erin Gruwell began teaching at Woodrow Wilson High School in Long Beach, California. Like many first year teachers, she was assigned the unmotivated, unnoticed, and “unteachable” students. Erin strongly believed that education could overcome even the worst kinds of adversity and was determined that her 150 “at-risk” students should receive the same opportunities as everyone else. Her teaching method, that values and promotes acceptance and diversity, helped her students re-chart their futures. Four years later all 150 students graduated from high school. Gruwell and her students shared their compelling stories in the New York Times bestseller, *“The Freedom Writers Diary,”* which then became a major motion picture.

Gruwell founded the Freedom Writers Foundation where she teaches educators from around the country how to implement her lessons in their classrooms. She and her students have speaking engagements all over the world and make appearances on numerous television shows. Gruwell has earned many awards including the prestigious Spirit of Anne Frank Award.

Leading up to Gruwell’s September 26th LEHS visit, students viewed and discussed the movie in their English classes. Her inspirational presentation encouraged students to re-think rigid beliefs about themselves and others, reconsider their daily decisions, and encouraged them to view their futures with optimism.

For more information visit www.freedomwritersfoundation.org.

ACT college admissions exam at LEHS, Sat. Oct. 22, 2017

The ACT is offered at LEHS in October, February, and April. The next exam date is Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 (745am). The deadline to register for the October ACT is 1159pm on Sep. 22nd and late registration ends at 1159pm Oct. 6th.

The October ACT test date is an opportunity for seniors to add a score to their college application, whether or not they’ve taken the SAT. The ACT exam tests 4 areas: English, Reading, Science and Math (plus an optional Writing section); it also provides a “Composite” score that is similar to an average.

Students who want to take the ACT must create an account online and register for a specific test date by visiting the ACT website (www.actstudent.org). Students must upload a photo and print the admission ticket (they will NOT be admitted to the exam without it).

All LEHS students must enter LEHS School Code 221265 to indicate that they attend LEHS. The fee for the ACT (\$46, or \$62.50 for ACT with Writing) may be paid by credit card or by an **ACT Fee Waiver**.^{*} Any questions about the ACT should be directed to the student's *Guidance Counselor*.

**A note on Fee Waivers: Students who are eligible may receive up to 2 fee waivers from their LEHS Guidance Counselor. The waiver covers the cost of the optional writing section. Waivers can be used to register LATE, but the waiver only covers the standard test fee [not the late fee]. Late fee must be paid with a credit card.*