



News from the Principal

Once a Slicer, Always a Slicer

February 2019

February is scheduling time here at school where students begin the process of planning their schedule of study for the next school year. It can be an exciting process for students, especially with many student choices. Today's choices influence tomorrow's plans. By making great choices today students can put themselves in a good position for tomorrow. Here are some great reminders about making great choices today:

“Learn Today to Excel Tomorrow” *LPCSC Mission Statement*

“Failing to prepare is preparing to fail.” *unknown*

“I will prepare and someday my chance will come.” *A. Lincoln*

“The best preparation for tomorrow is preparation today.” *unknown*

LPHS offers an extensive offering of career pathways in the Program of Studies (PoS) to help students prepare for tomorrow. Career development and exploration, sequenced courses within the pathways, employer/business connections, dual credit courses, and Advanced Placement courses line the PoS and are delivered by a committed staff using today's technology and digital resources. We are trying to create the conditions so that our students succeed!

It always amazes me how quickly one school year goes and another approaches. Although plans are being made for next school year let us remember to make great choices today so that we are prepared for tomorrow.

We Are LP,

Ben Tonagel

2019-2020 Program of Studies and Scheduling

The process for scheduling for the 2019-2020 school year is underway. Even with the delays and school cancelations we are making adjustments in order to prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. Students and parents can find updated information on our school website here:

<http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/guidance/>

Scheduling activities are conducted through Slicer Resource Time and by cohort. This process helps counselors and programs better meet individual student needs and learning preferences. Cohort specific instructions, including a scheduling packet and corresponding videos, will be shared with students during SRT. SRT is a very important resource the school is using to help students develop their high school and career plan.

LPHS is proud to offer a variety of college and career clusters and pathways in order to help our students develop their high school college and career readiness plan. New for 2019-2020 are offerings in Health Science, Agriculture, Advanced Placement, Computer Science, Dance, Theatre, and more!

LPHS FFA

The FFA is celebrating National FFA Week February 18-22 with a variety of fun activities. Some activities include a visit from the FFA state officers, popcorn at lunch, teacher appreciation breakfast, and the beloved “petting zoo!” Each day of the week there is also a spirit wear theme followed by an activity to engage staff and students in agriculture.

- Monday- Camo Day
- Tuesday- America Day

- Wednesday- Hat Day (*students bring a canned food to donate to the PAX center and get a stamp from Ms. Furness in the morning)
- Thursday- Blue & Gold Day
- Friday- Farmer Flannel Friday

Performing Arts Center

A new link to information on the new Performing Arts Center can be found below. Information and documents will be added as they become available.

<https://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/pac/>

Students IDs

Beginning April 8 students will use their IDs to scan in the cafeteria for their lunches. In an effort to increase safety and be prepared for emergencies students are required to display their IDs during the school day. We want IDs to become the norm including making them practical for everyday tasks such as a hallway pass, discounted tickets for events, and access to field trips. We are working on a plan to implement tardy kiosks in the building in which students will need to scan their ID, if tardy to class.

Slicer Support Services

Wednesday, March 20 is #Kick Butts Day. Great strides have been made in the fight against tobacco. But every day, more than 3,000 kids under 18 try smoking for the first time and 700 kids become new regular, daily smokers. Tobacco use is still the leading cause of preventable death in the U.S., killing more than 480,000 people every year.

By getting involved in Kick Butts Day and other activities, America's youth can raise awareness about the tobacco problem, encourage peers to be tobacco-free and support effective solutions to reduce tobacco use.

Slicer Support Services and LPHS are working with La Porte County Tobacco Program Coordinator Sarah Noll to coordinate lunch time activities for this day to help reinforce the message to our students dangers of juuling, e-cigarettes, etc.

Ivy Tech Assistance

We can help you apply for grants, scholarships, loans, and other financial aid. Ivy Tech Community College offers an excellent education, and charges

the lowest tuition rates in the state while doing so. But for many, financial aid remains the key to funding that education, by helping you pay for everything from tuition to books to supplies.

You might be eligible for a lot more assistance than you'd expect-including scholarships that don't need to be paid back. But before you can get the money you may be eligible to receive, you'll need to know the steps you need to follow (and the dates you need to follow them by).

We know this process can be a little confusing, especially for first time students. But we will do everything we can to get you all the help you need. Stop by the Michigan City Campus for assistance today! Simply walk-in to speak with our financial aid representative to get started on the next steps!

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Athletic Department

New inductees into the Norman J. Hubner Hall of Fame will be recognized on Friday, February 22 during the home basketball game. Jack Bunce, Chris Yelich, Mike Benjamin, and Bill Shuta are being inducted for their noteworthy contributions to Slicer athletics.

P/T Conferences

The second semester P/T conference event is scheduled for March 14, 5-8 p.m. at LPHS. As a reminder parents can sign up for conferences through their Skyward accounts. A special parent presentation on electronic cigarettes and JUULs is being planned. LPHS invites all parents to participate in the informational session to learn more about the harmful effects of these products.

LPCSC Career Fair

Plans are underway for a career fair on May 17 at LaPorte High School. If parents would like to participate, please contact Matt Presley, College and Career Readiness Coordinator. More information

will be shared as it becomes available. Please keep reading the parent/community newsletters!

Parent Pick Up at Dismissal

Students are asked to utilize Door 13 at dismissal. The PAC doors are a better option at dismissal due to the ample space of the “U” drive in front of the Performing Arts Center. By utilizing this area high school parents can avoid the pre-school traffic and efficiently pick up students and exit campus.

Prom 2019

The second semester of the 2018-2019 school year is underway and we are preparing for spring events. Although the weather does not feel like it, springtime is not that far away and that means prom! Many students are looking forward to the 2019 LPHS Prom. It is always an extraordinary event! It is planned for May 11, 2019 and we want all prom-going students to start planning. It is our hope that students are eligible and ready for a very fun and safe evening. We understand that many students begin planning for prom way in advance by arranging their dinner plans, coordinating with friends, ordering flowers, shopping for prom attire, spending too much money and more! That’s why we are communicating expectations in advance.

The purpose of this letter is to remind students and parents the importance of being in “**Good Standing**” in order to get a prom ticket and attend the dance with classmates. Page 102 of the LPHS Handbook outlines this requirement and it is every student’s responsibility to be in **Good Standing** and be working productively toward a high school diploma. If a student is not in “**Good Standing**,” the result will be non-approval to participate in the prom.

South LaPorte County Special Education Cooperative

“Let’s Learn and Grow Together” is scheduled for February 28 or March 25 5:00 pm -7:00 pm in the LPHS cafeteria. Pizza, chips, and drinks will be available prior to a presentation from INSOURCE and breakout sessions on sensory, Medicaid, self-

regulation, early language and intervention, and fast forward.

“I Am Not My Disability” is a special presentation on April 11, 6:00 pm -7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center by a national speaker, Marc Elliot. Marc lived the majority of his life with Tourette’s syndrome and experienced the prejudice, bias, and hate from people who didn’t understand him. He was his disability in their eyes...and his own. Come hear his story of his journey to healing.

Graduation Pathways

Forms and documents related to the new graduation pathways can be found on the school website on the guidance page:

<http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/guidance/>

Students who have attempted to pass the graduation qualifying exam (ISTEP), but have not passed have additional opportunities to meet graduation requirements with the state’s new graduation pathways. The new graduation pathways provide additional options beyond a single test to qualify for a diploma. Parents and students can contact the counseling office or Matt Presley, College and Career Readiness Coordinator for information about meeting the three “boxes” of the new pathways.

Slicer Network

Did you know that the students in the Digital and Visual Communications program are streaming Slicer events on the Slicer Network YouTube Channel? Athletic games, concerts, community events, and more are happening right from your computer. And there is more to come!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa-iSv0gKsCUE3p0ZI4QHgA>

Calendar and Weather Make-Up

Please be advised that the current plan for make-up days involves adding days to the end of the school year. With the number of inclement weather days that we have experienced, our calendar now reflects the last student day as June 5 and the last teacher day as June 6.

In addition to days added to the end of the school year, the following have been scheduled as make up days:

February 15 – student and teacher regular day

February 18 – student and teacher regular day

We are considering the following alternatives to the plan above:

1. Filing for a waiver with the state to reduce the total number of days we must "make up"
2. eLearning eMake up days in combination with regular school days at the end of the school year.
3. eLearning eMake up day(s) on Saturday
4. eLearning eMake up day on Good Friday.

Be sure to check the district website for current information on the school calendar and weather make-up days. www.lpcsc.k12.in.us

eLearning

The eLearning plan is underway and this winter's extreme weather is challenging us to further plan. As with any new initiative there are bound to be learning opportunities and adjustments from experience and feedback. This is true for "eLearning" at LPHS. After the first eLearning day in January our eLearning committee and administration has been productively engaged in discussion and reflection in order to improve eLearning. We need to continue making technology integration a normal part of education, not just an occurrence when the weather interrupts the school day. The purpose of eLearning, Canvas, technology integration, etc. is to give students learning opportunities that include digital and electronic delivery methods and interaction. "Elearning" days are just one component of the overall technology goals that we have for students to prepare for college and careers. We are aspiring to immerse a digital learning environment regularly into students' learning experiences.