



# February

## LIS Family Newsletter 2023

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### Calendar of Events

- Jan 31st-Awards Assembly LIS
- Feb 3rd-Candy Gram Sale Ends (PTO)
- Feb 10th- Pizza Pie Party LIS (after school)
- Feb 13th-PTO 6:00
- Feb 16th-PT Conference Night
- Feb 17th & 20th- No School
- Feb 22nd-Spelling Bee Hubbard High School
- Feb 24th-Progress Home
- Feb 27th-ReStart Exams Begin
- March 2nd-Spring Portraits

### LIS 5th Grade Band Section of the Month

The 5th grade band student sectionals are recognized each month by Band directors, Mrs. Ott and Ms. Gerchak.

This month, the percussion section was recognized and received Viking Vouchers. See the picture below.

Viking Vouchers can be redeemed at the Viking Store, which is open each Friday at LIS!



# Parent Teacher Conference Sign up

Scan the QR Code with your phone or click on the checkmark to  
activate the link. February 16th 2:00-9:00

Special Teachers (Art, Music, PE, Computer)



Homeroom 301 & 302 ( DeCesare, Meeks & Mackey)



Homeroom 303 & 304 (Rowe, Jones & Mackey)



Homeroom 401 & 402 ( Balzer, DeProfio)



Homeroom 403 & 404 (Cornder, Alflen)



Homeroom 501 & 504 (Cimmento, Sabo & Huffman)



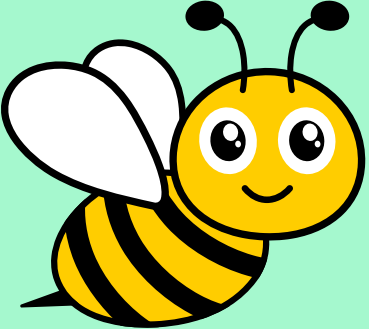
Homeroom 502 & 503 (Shanower, Crish & Huffman)



Gifted (Morgan)



No School  
Friday,  
February 17th  
& Monday  
February 20th



**2023 LIS**

**Spelling Bee Winners**

**1st Place: Johnny Bustard**

**2nd Place: Isaiah Johnson**

**3rd Place: Jaxson Carter**



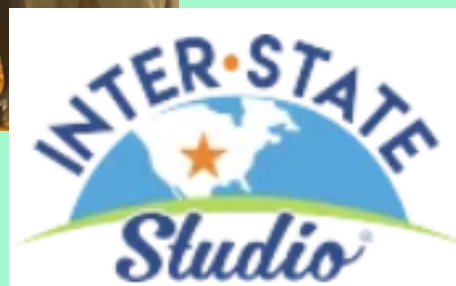
## LIS Spelling Bee Participants



**TCESC  
Practice  
Spelling Bee  
at Hubbard  
High School  
on February  
22nd at  
5:30.**

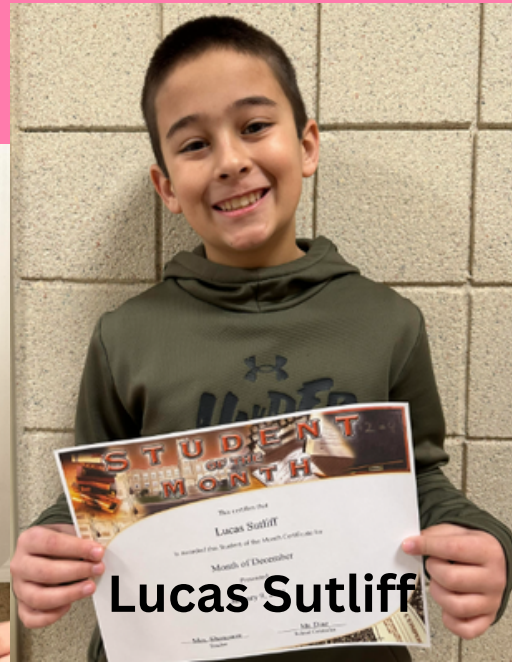
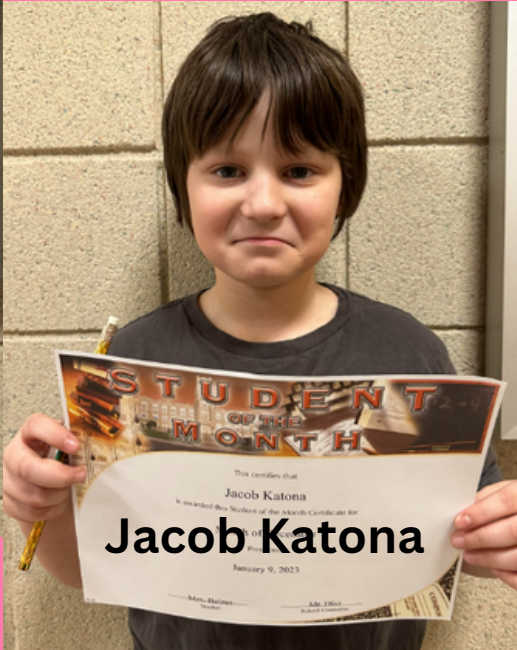
### LIS Yearbooks for 2022-2023

- Cash & Check Yearbook Orders are due by Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Make check or money order payable to: Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co.
- Online Ordering Available also until Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- Softcover Yearbook is \$19.50
- On line visit: [inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order) and use the code 74852P
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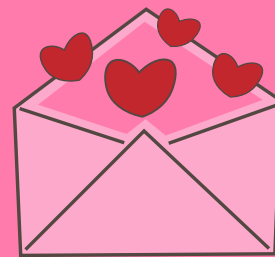
# January Students of the Month



## PTO Happenings



- **Candy Grams:** PTO sponsors a program where you can send your child or special friend a gourmet sucker & special message for \$1. Forms are due by *February 3rd* and were send home with students. They are also available in the office.
- LIS pizza party for the Pie Sale is on February 10th beginning right after school. Students who earned this party were given a permission slip that must be signed for them to attend.
- PTO Meeting, Monday, Feb 13, 6:00 at LIS



January 17-January 31st

**STUDENT  
COUNCIL**

Clothing & Blanket Drive



Please donate new or gently used winter clothing or blankets for the Warren Family Mission. The homeroom with the most donations wins Hot Chocolate & Cookie Party!  
Due: Tues Jan 31st



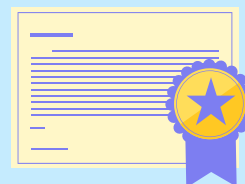
## Report Cards & Retention Letters

- Report cards were sent home on January 27th-please sign the envelope to indicate you saw the report card. You do not need to return the report card. If you have outstanding fees, you would have received a statement so you can address payment to receive report cards on time.
- Retention letters are included with report cards. This is the first notification of the possibility of retention based on many different criteria. We have a process for retention, not every student that receives a letter is retained. There are many many factors to consider and the final determination is made by a team in consultation with the parent or guardian. If you received a retention notice, your first step is to attend parent teacher conferences on February 16th.
- Third Grade Fall Testing Reports are also included in the report cards for 3rd grade students that took the ELA test in the Fall. If your student did not pass the Fall Testing, please *schedule a conference on February 16th*. There are other options for meeting the 3rd Grade Guarantee that you can review with your student's ELA instructor.

**LIS Awards Assembly: January 31st in the Complex Auditorium**



9:00- Grade 4  
9:45- Grade 5  
10:30- Grade 3



**Park in the Event Entrance and enter in the doors by the cafeteria.**



# Spring Portraits

## March 2nd

### Spring Testing



At the end of February, teachers will be administering the Benchmark Tests based on the Ohio Test Questions. These were administered at the beginning of the year. We will be reviewing the results to plan for intervention and groupings to address areas identified as needing support before the Spring Testing cycle begins.



Mark  
YOUR  
Calendar

Thursday, March 2nd, LaBrae is hosting Keeth Matheny, also known as "Coach Rudy" who is published author and motivational speaker for teachers and parents in Social Emotional Learning. Mark your calendars-you don't want to miss him!



**STUCO Sponsored**  
**Spirit Week for the Pantry Collection!**  
**Week of February 6th-10th**



LET'S SEE THAT LABRAE SPIRIT THIS WEEK! JOIN IN ON THE FUN AND HELP STUDENT COUNCIL COLLECT ITEMS FOR OUR LIS FOOD PANTRY! EVERYDAY TELLS YOU WHAT ITEMS TO BRING. YOU MUST BRING AT LEAST 1 ITEM PER DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPIRIT WEEK!

MON

**MONDAY - FEB. 6**

**WEAR THE CRAZIEST SOCKS YOU HAVE!**

FOOD ITEMS TO BRING: PANCAKE MIX, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, OR MAC AND CHEESE

TUE

**TUESDAY - FEB. 7**

**WEAR A CRAZY HAT!**

FOOD ITEMS TO BRING: OATMEAL, CANNED TUNA, RICE, OR CANNED VEGETABLES

WED

**WEDNESDAY - FEB. 8**

**DRESS UP LIKE YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO!**

FOOD TO BRING: CANNED SOUP, PASTA, CEREAL, OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS

THURS

**THURSDAY - FEB. 9**

**WEAR YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM JERSEY!**

FOOD TO BRING: PASTA SAUCE, CRACKERS, CAKE MIX, OR POP TARTS

FRI

**FRIDAY - FEB. 10**

**WEAR LABRAE GEAR OR COLORS!**

FOOD TO BRING: JUICE, CANNED FRUIT, APPLE SAUCE, OR JELLO

# Note from the Principal



Does it seem possible that we are halfway through the school year and already beginning the second semester? Maybe it is my age, but it just seems that the year is passing in the blink of an eye.

I'm a little more reflective about my journey, particularly this year, as I recently made the decision to retire at the end of this school year. After 43 years in education, I am grateful to close my last chapter professionally here at LaBrae. I am choosing to devote more of my time to my family and church. I can say this was not my original plan and intention; I was planning on a few more years, but I am grateful to be leaving while I still love my job. The remaining months are a time for me to treasure each day.

There have been many challenges over the last 3 years. In spite of those challenges, we have made significant progress in many areas. Are we 100% back where we were? Definitely not; however, we have learned to narrow our perspective a bit and celebrate the small steps.

Recently, I surveyed the staff to see what topics we needed to address for the second semester. In other words, what areas need a reboot for a successful and positive end of the school year. While there are some differences by grade level and some traditional topics you might expect, many of the responses were centered around the following areas: understanding and respecting boundaries; social interactions that are appropriate and positive; taking pride in yourself and your work; and coping with difficulty with resilience and fortitude. As you can see, we are still working on the student's adjustments back into regular school.

I wanted to address the topic of correction. As you might expect, there are many many corrections and redirections throughout the day. It's just a part of managing large groups. It is very different from the home setting, even if you have multiple children. Children do behave differently in a school setting than they do at home. That's just part of the social and educational environment, which is far more complex than home. Sometimes, students do interpret corrections as "yelling." There is a distinct difference. As a parent or guardian, I'm sure that you've experienced reactions from your children who respond to corrections by thinking you are "mean" or "don't like them". The same thing happens here. If your child has that response when coming home from school, I would just like you to be aware of that perspective. We do everything we can to positively redirect and place boundaries but corrections are necessary to manage larger groups of students, because a primary goal for all students is to have a class environment where all students can learn without continual distractions. I have been doing observations the last few weeks and we are getting there.

Final note about Valentine's Day celebrations- they are organized by each grade level. Our holiday activities will be on Thursday, February 16th, which is an early release day for Parent Teacher Conferences. You should be getting information from the homeroom teacher via your student or on Remind. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you for conference night on Thursday, February 16th. KAS

