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LIS FAMILY NEWS 2021

Important October Dates

- PTO Pie Sale Orders due Thursday, October 28th
- No School for Students on Friday, October 29th
- LIS Fall Fundraiser Pick Up 3-5 on October 29th MS Gym
- NO SHORTS allowed after October 31st
- Picture Retakes on November 15th

FALL FUNDRAISER THANK YOU!

A huge shoutout to the students from LIS that participated in the Fall Fundraiser. We have already purchased over \$500.00 in playground equipment for our students from this fundraiser!

Delivery of products is scheduled for **October 29th**, which was originally an early release day. The day was rescheduled as a **NO SCHOOL DAY** for students. We will still maintain the original delivery date and time. Pick up will be at the LIS/Middle School Gym from **3:00-5:00**. Please drive around the school building and enter the school through the Middle School Gym Door, which is the last door on the back side of the school- past the high school gym door. Park behind the school near the girl's softball field.

High Seller for the LIS Fall Fundraiser was 3rd grader Kira Long selling 50 items! Congratulations to Kira and her family for winning the Fall Fundraising Grand Prize!



3rd Grade State Testing

The testing window for the 3rd grade ELA testing closes on Friday, November 5th. All 3rd grade students completed the required 2 parts of the ELA test. Part of the 3rd grade reading guarantee requirement is to score in a proficient range on the ODE state test. This test was the first opportunity to meet that criteria.

Dress Code Update

Just a reminder that with the weather turning cold, our dress code specifies October 31st as the last day students are permitted to wear shorts to school.



LIS Veteran's Day November 11th

LIS has traditionally done a Veteran's Day assembly to honor our local veterans. While we would love to host an in person assembly, we have decided to pre-record our tributes and post them for our community. Mrs. Helmick and our staff have been working on that program. We are still asking all our families to send in pictures of veteran's from your families that we can feature in a video. You can email or send the pictures in so that we can scan them. Include the name, branch of service and relationship to LIS student or staff.

Student Council Elections

Student Council Elections will be held on November 2, 2021. 5th grade students can run for student council offices by filling out an application that requires teacher approval and signatures from other students by 10/28. Students will be permitted to plan a campaign, make posters, develop slogans and post in the hallways from 10/27-11/2. They will prepare a campaign speech to deliver on November 2nd to the rest of the 5th grade class. Voting will take place on November 2nd and winners will be announced on November 3rd. The student council is limited to 5th grade students. **Mrs. Lori Cusimano** is the Student Council advisor. We encourage all students to run a very fair and positive campaign. As always, we want students to be kind and supportive of all students that choose to participate in the student council campaign. Students who have multiple behavior violations will not be permitted to run for student council.



2nd Quarter Specials Change

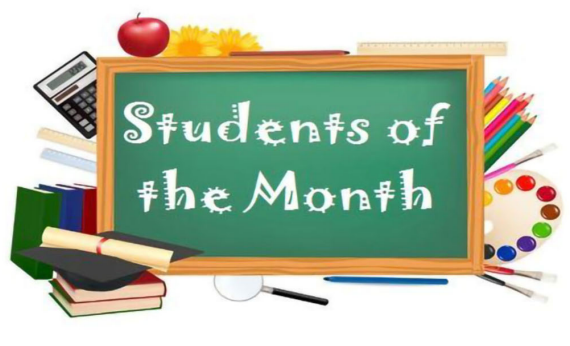
Students in Grades 3 through 5 will switch specials for the second quarter. In 3rd and 4th grade, if students have music and gym, the days they have the special will switch from Tuesday and Thursday to Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If students had Art this quarter, they will be switching to technology. 5th grade specials will switch every quarter to a new special. The 5th grade specials schedule is different because of band.

Second Quarter Report Cards & Honors Assembly

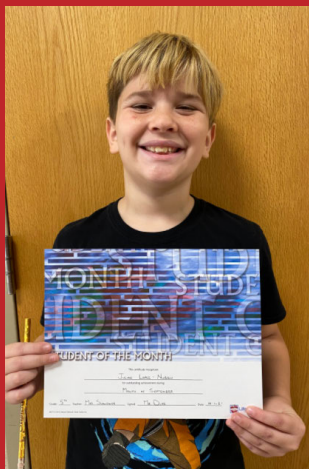
Report cards for the first quarter will be sent home on Friday, November 5th. We will have a first quarter honors assembly for each grade level on that day as well for homeroom teachers to present certificates and awards.

New Gifted Programming

This year we have been transitioning to a new model for gifted services. Students are scheduled in the classroom for part of the class period and then go to the gifted classroom for extension activities. We are hoping to begin gifted services for math beginning this year with our 4th grade gifted students. This should begin in the early part of the second quarter. With this new model, we can service more areas and more students with our gifted instructor. The classroom teacher presents the grade level material and uses current data analysis of individual students to address any areas of weakness or learning gaps.



LIS Students of the Month
Julian Lopez-Nubani
Alli Perigo
Hazelle Billock



**Updated
Quarantine
Guidelines**



**New Quarantine
Guidelines**

Mr. Calderone sent out new quarantine guidelines effective October 26th. These new guidelines are for exposure ONLY in a school setting. The purpose is to keep students in school and avoid quarantines by allowing students to remain in school if they are both asymptomatic and masked. Use the QR Code which will take you to the LaBrae website on the posting on the homepage.

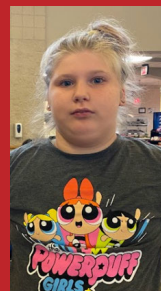


Prep Bowl:

- Invitations (based on teacher recommendations) will be sent home on Thurs. Oct 28
- Tryout/testing will be Wednesday, Nov 3rd after school from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Regular Prep bowl meetings will be Wednesday after school from 3:30 - 4:30 pm
- Prep bowl competition: Saturday, Jan. 29th

An email was sent out via final forms to survey LIS families to see if there was enough interest in an extended learning opportunity for the 2nd and 3rd Quarters. We have had very limited response, so I am including another opportunity to respond. Survey will close on November 5th

**Extended Learning
Opportunity Survey
QR Code**





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November PTO Meeting on
November 9th
at 6:00 at Bascom

PTO Meeting



Pie Pick Up at Bascom 11/19

Pick up is from 4PM-6PM in front of Bascom.

We are doing a drive thru pick up so we are asking everyone to form a line in front of the building at the side walk and orders will be brought out. Then park in the Bascom parking lot to double check your order. Once you leave the PTO is not responsible for missing items.



Coming Soon in December

The PTO will be sponsoring Santa's Workshop for our students from (December 6th-10th) and also Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11th. These are NOT fund raising events. The PTO sponsors these just for the students and community. We appreciate it so much. More information to come!



Viking Pantry Referral Form for food or clothing needs! is available on the LaBrae Website under Quick Links at the very bottom of the dropdown or use the QR Code to the left.



Viking Pantry Hours for Clothing Pick Up

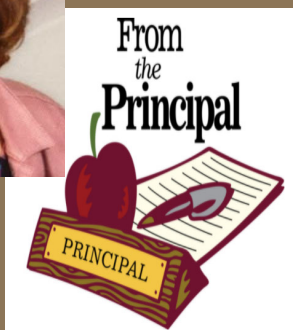
We will have the pantry open here at LIS with some parent volunteers the 2nd and 4th Monday's of each month from 9-11 to come get clothes if needed. With the weather changing I know kids are going to need pants, coats and warm stuff.



Popcorn Friday Return to LIS

\$.50 a bag thanks to our PTO volunteers!

Thank you to the PTO for voting to pay for the Charlotte's Web Live Stream!!



Principal's Page

Can you believe that we are already at the end of the first quarter of school? We certainly have faced many challenges as we transition back into in person learning on a daily basis. We anticipated that there would be many adjustments and difficulties as students become once again familiar with structure, routines, discipline and required focused activities and school assignments. We also expected that the social adjustments could also be an issue as students once again adapt to being socially present with one another.

We anticipated our greatest challenges would be educationally to meet the academic needs of students who might well be very far behind with learning gaps that would need to be addressed for students to be ready for on grade level instruction. All of those things have certainly been true and we continue each day to focus on those things and just take a step at a time. Keeping our focus on taking small steps and doing the next thing helps us, I think, to keep what could be an overwhelming task when we think of where students are compared to where they need to be. All of us need to take a breath and realize that this is a journey. With all of the interruptions and uncertainty, which is still part of our everyday reality, we need to accept that recovery is going to take time, patience and resilience.

With all that in mind, I do want to address with our families that many of our students are really struggling in their social-emotional development as it relates to their relationships with others. In the past, our most frequently addressed behavior issue was the misuse of technology. During this season, it is positive and appropriate interactions between students. They are learning and relearning how to play together, share, express their feelings and needs in the midst of building connections to others that are safe, appropriate and positive. *I mention these things because as a staff this focus of our intervention is at times exhausting. We need your help and understanding.*

We have spent the last month focusing on anti-bullying, how to handle conflict, and being a good friend. We've done the instruction, redirection and intervention. Students who have been unresponsive to these steps, while we understand that this is a relearning of social conventions, will be facing disciplinary consequences for poor choices that hurt others. We have extra supervision at recess, lunch and in the hallways to monitor student interaction. I have warned students that we may have to narrow the possibilities of what they play, where they play and if they play - if we continue to have issues of unkindness at recess. We are doing all we can to help students adjust and make more positive choices. *Please help us by monitoring your child's interactions, especially on cell phones and social media.*

Finally, during this month where we focus our attention on slowing down, taking deep breaths and preparing for the coming of winter, *I want to express how very much we appreciate the support of all our families evidenced in so many ways.* We are all doing the very best we can.

Please take time doing our Thanksgiving Break (November 24-26) to gather your loved ones close, express to them your gratitude and how much they are an integral part of your life. I am so grateful to be here at LaBrae, surrounded and supported by administration and staff that rolls up their sleeves and works together for the good of our school community and the benefit of our students simply because they care. *May you be showered with blessings during this season of thankfulness and gratitude.*

Kay A. Suzelis



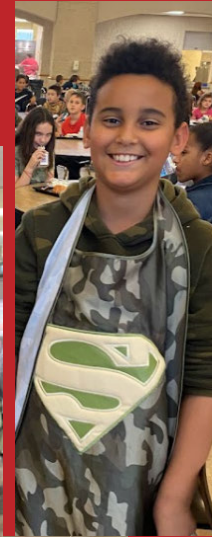
Red Ribbon Week

Drug-Free America



Hocus Pocus-Drug aren't my focus
Wearing Black & Orange

You have the power to be drug free
Be a superhero!



Put a Lid on Drugs
Wear a Hat

Make Drugs Disappear
Camo Day

Senior Football Players Giving T-shirts to a teacher that impacted their life!



More Snapshots of RRW Hat Day!

