

LIS March Family Newsletter

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Principal's Message

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I reflected a few weeks ago with our staff on the season we are all experiencing personally and professionally. During this extended time of navigating uncharted waters, we are all experiencing the weariness of our daily walk. Amongst that daily stressful walk, many in our school family, both staff and students have faced some extremely hard and unexpected family crises. This added burden and stress feels like at times that it could break us, but it also can make us stronger, more resilient, more focused on the things in this life that really have value and truly matter.

There is no denying the extremely hard places which many of us have been struggling to walk through. Now as the light dawns on decreased numbers of Covid cases, hopeful vaccination options and a glimpse of the return to some normalcy, can we finally just breathe?

My hope is that the coming months, although we are still adjusting and moving back towards the school life as we have

always defined it, that we move forward in ways that demonstrate an attitude that overcomes and advances with new visions for the future. In other words, we continue to move and improve, taking the lessons of this time to become better. Nothing is wasted.

We may not see the growth we had hoped for in our test scores and we may have some adjustments socially and emotionally as we regather our students as one unit. We may also see as time passes, that we have learned something about our inner strength, our indomitable spirit to find and nurture the positive, our relentless belief and hope that in this life, we can and do make a difference in the lives of others. When the challenges of life come, we can walk through them together and come out better on the other side.

I am thankful and grateful everyday for the staff and community here at LaBrae and our valiant walk together. KAS

Dear Parents

Just a quick note to specifically say thank you to our parents and guardians who have balanced and rebalanced schedules, provided support at home and most notably have been an example to their children of how to walk through adversity.

We know that we all have had snags throughout this time, but we also recognize that these times bring reactions that are often shadowed by other things. We have all had those times when we react to the stress

and strains we were all experiencing daily. I think that we all recognize these times, occurring both at school and at home, and allow grace for those moments when we reacted out of frustration and because we just simply were overwhelmed.

It has been a balancing act, hasn't it? Both as parents and teacher, we have struggled with how much to hold students accountable, levels of discipline and clear routines in the middle of a worldwide crisis. As long as our heart is to do the best we can for kids-we've truly done our best.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Quiz Bowl Tournament March 6th
- ◆ Spring Pictures March 16th & 17th
- ◆ March 19th NO School
- ◆ March 29th-4th Quarter Begins

Yearbook Orders due **March 5th!**

Order Now

Get your yearbook now!

Online ordering ends on **03/05/2021!**

Visit

inter-state.com/flyerentry/55376S

to order online.



Spring Picture Day March 16th & 17th



Spring Picture Day is coming up on
03/16/2021 & 03/17/2021!

Order online at

inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/57830CF

You can pre-order!

Picture Day event's Order Code is **57830CF**.

Coming Up! Prep Bowl Tournament at Lordstown



The PREP Bowl Tournament has been rescheduled and moved several times because of COVID restrictions.

This Saturday, March 6th, our Scarlet and Gray Prep Bowl teams will finally have their chance to compete at Lordstown High

School. We wish all our team members good luck.

Thank you to our coaches, Mrs. Deborah Morgan and Mrs. Lori Cusimano, for the time and efforts in preparing our teams for this competition. Please know that there are restrictions on the number of spectators permitted.

**Vaccination Staff Day 2 is scheduled
for March 19th**

**School will not be in session for students.
Remote Learning Day**

AIR Testing Upcoming Dates

AIR Testing is scheduled to move forward for the state of Ohio as directed from the Ohio Dep't. of Education. There are extensions in the testing windows because of COVID restrictions.

The dates to the right are the LIS dates for testing.

It is important that students are in attendance on these scheduled days of testing and are well-rested and ready for the testing sessions.

Grades 3 & 4 have 4 days of scheduled testing dates for ELA and Math. Grade 5 has an additional two days for Science test administration.

Remote students will be tested as well in the school building. Here are the dates as scheduled.

April 12th LaBrae Testing Window Opens.

ELA Testing

April 13th & 14th Grade 3

April 14th & 15th- Grade 4

April 20th & 21st- Grade 5

'Math Testing

April 27th & 28th- Grade 5

April 28th & 29th - Grade 3

May 4th & 5th- Grade 4

Science Testing

May 5th & 6th

Remote Testing Days

April 27th, 28th & 29th

for ELA, Math & Science

Other Important Dates

March 26th

3rd Quarter End

Early Release Day! 1:00

**Easter Break Dates
April 2nd to April 5th**

March 29th-

4th Quarter Begins

All Students-Attend Daily

4th Grade Band Testing

Coming April 1st



Student Council Update Celebrate Reading Week!

We are planning a weekly celebration of Reading. It will be the second week in March, **March 8th to March 12th**. Each day will have a different dress up theme. All clothing and accessories should be school appropriate and comfortable to wear throughout the school day. There is no make-up or colored hair permitted as a part of the dress up theme.

Monday: **Mystery Monday-dress like a detective or Mysterious Character**

Tuesday: **Tourist Tuesday-dress up for a place you would like to visit.**

Wednesday: **Wacky Wednesday-dress up wearing wacky clothing.**

Thursday: **Throwback Thursday-dress up from another decade or time.**

Friday: **Fantasy Friday-dress up like your favorite Sci-Fi or Fantasy character.**

The students will dress up according to the theme for their gray or scarlet cohort.

Pennies for Patients

Student Council will be sponsoring a collection of pennies called “Pennies for Patients”, to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The money collected goes towards life-saving research and to support for patients & families. Collection will begin in each homeroom on March 15th and end on March 27th. Bring your spare change.

A special and very entertaining incentive is being planned for students who participate involving pies and a staff member.



Attention Remote Students on Fuel Ed:

Pictured to the left are materials still awaiting your pick up at LIS. These are materials your student needs to supplement your Fuel Ed Lessons! Please stop in to get your materials ASAP. They have been here since January.

Be on the alert for an email with a Google Form for you to return to school concerning AIR testing for your student based on Ohio Department of Education Guidelines. Testing must be conducted on site here at school.

Message from Mrs. Balzer

Hello Everyone!

I want to thank all of you for the kind words of encouragement, cards and prayerful thoughts while recovering from my accident. That is so extremely nice of you!

I am beginning out-patient therapy, working on trying to bend my leg gradually. I still cannot put any weight on my leg for at least 7 more weeks.

Then the real work begins by slowly putting weight back on it and retraining it to walk again. I miss you all! Mrs. Balzer

