



Louisville Public Schools

Middle School/High School Newsletter



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Important Dates

September 7, 2015 Labor Day No School

Mission Statement

"Louisville Public Schools will meet the needs of each learner by providing instruction that results in problem solving, communication, and technology skills."

Vision statement

"Louisville Public Schools will be a progressive district that engages a community of learners in a collaboration towards excellence in academic, work, and social areas as productive members of our global society."

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The Schwartz Report – A note from Principal Schwartz

Focusing in class is vital to success in the learning environment. I have included some tips on things students can do to stay focused in class. In addition I have provided a snapshot of the AQUESTT system for district evaluation.

Tips on How to Focus In class

1. Get a good night's sleep
2. Eat breakfast
3. Ask for preferential seating – it is easier to look forward than backwards
4. Avoid sitting by peers who distract you
5. Rid yourself of other distractions (laptop lids down if not in use for class and cell phones off)
6. Make eye contact with your instructor
7. Know the learning target for the day
8. Take careful and accurate notes
9. Ask questions and participate in discussions
10. Give your best effort
11. Write down important dates and deadlines

Nebraska department of education moving to AQUESTT accountability system for measuring district effectiveness

AQUESTT focuses on every student, every day.

Keeping our focus where it matters most. That's where this innovative accountability system comes in. We believe that by integrating components of accountability, assessment, accreditation, career education, and data into a system of school improvement and support, we build a broader, bolder, and better education system for all Nebraska students.

Six Tenets of AQUESTT

1. Positive Partnerships, Relationships, and Student Success
2. Transitions (example: Middle School to High School)
3. Educational Opportunities and Access
4. College and Career Ready
5. Assessment
6. Educator Effectiveness

For more information on AQUESTT visit <http://aquestt.com/>

Online Calendar

Be sure to check the online calendar for schedules and upcoming events.
http://www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=455&school_id=5

Reminders & Important Dates

September 29, 2015 Picture Retake Day

ECNC Leadership Conference

Eight Louisville High School Students attended the first annual ECNC Leadership Conference on August 24, 2015 @ Conestoga. Students had the opportunity to attend 5 different breakout sessions and interact in a positive manner with students from all of the conference schools. Karen Haase and John Baylor delivered power keynote speeches. Daniel Stohlmann, Natalie Knott, Jake Zahn, Jamie Winkler, Spencer Warner, Julie Katz, Brady Geise, and Maia Johnson were selected by the Louisville High School and Middle School Staff to attend. They did an outstanding job of representing our community and school

Homecoming 2015

Homecoming is Friday, October 9th. The homecoming theme this year is "Mardi Gras". If anyone is interested in having a float in the parade, please contact James Stewart at jstewart@lpslions.org. The pep rally will be that day at approximately 3:10 p.m.

A Note From Middle School Team

Louisville Middle School is alive with activity and excitement. We kicked off the year with a super hero theme to inspire the students to do and be the best they can. In Pride Time we are working on multiple intelligences and applying that to study skills to help the students have success in school this year. Planners are an important aspect to organization and success in middle school.

Encourage your child to bring his or hers to class and bringing them home when they have homework so they know exactly what needs to be done. The Middle School Staff is sending out Reminds every Monday afternoon to inform parents of tests and quizzes for that week. This is a great way for parents to stay on top of assignments and to encourage your child to study. If you have not signed up for Remind or need help signing up please contact us.

The Cave (6th Grade)

The sixth grade social studies class is studying ancient history by investigating the past like social scientists and experts. The students are learning that people who study history like archeologists, geographers, and historians are a lot like detectives conducting an investigation. The cave, set up in the middle school library, has been a fun, hands on experience for the students to learn about the

Lascaux Cave in France which is filled with cave paintings made by prehistoric man. The students have been busy making observations and hypotheses about the cave paintings. The hypotheses the students have come up with for the cave paintings could certainly challenge archeological findings!

Middle School Quiz Bowl

| 7 th Grade | 8 th Grade |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Annika Covington | Amyra Moxey |
| Sarah Riha | Casey Mason |
| Jackson Marshall | Gracie Krejci-Hyde |
| Emma Hiatt | Louie Podrazo |
| Haleigh Diltz | Mike Rupp |
| Devin Sherman | Shelbi Starr |
| Caleb Hrabik | |
| Ashley Brock | |
| Zach Hillabrand | |
| Cordale Moxey | |

Practices will begin next week for **8th graders on Tuesday, September 1, 2015** and **7th graders on Wednesday, September 2, 2015**. Both begin at **7:40 A.M.** in Ms. Klimek's room.

The first quiz bowl event will be held at Conestoga High School on Monday, September 21, 2015. We will decide which 6 students from each grade will attend this event.

Activities Director Report ~ Mr. Geise

Activities are in high gear. The kids are busy and starting this week there will be activities almost every night of the week. We're excited for a great fall season! Please make note of the important items below.

- **1-Act Play:** The 1-Act Play has announced they will be performing The Addams Family – A Broadway Musical. ECNC is November 7th at the Loft Theatre and the Public Performance is Monday, November 16th at 7:00 PM in the Elementary Gym. There will be a fundraiser dinner prior to the public performance starting at 5:00 PM.
- **Football:** The varsity football team will have their second game vs. Concordia on September 4th at 7:00 PM at home. They then travel to Fort Calhoun on the 11th.
- **Volleyball:** The volleyball team opens their season September 3rd at home vs. Brownell-Talbot and Malcolm. First game begins at 5:00 PM. They then head to Malcolm on September

10th and 12th for the Malcolm Tourney.

- **Cross Country:** The cross country team has their first meet on September 4th at J.C.C. (Tecumseh Country Club). Middle School runs at 9:00 AM and varsity is set to begin at 9:30 AM.
- **Softball:** The Crush softball season is off and running. They've had multiple games already. They play Arlington on Thursday (at WW) and DC West on Saturday (at WW).
- **Middle School:** Middle School Football has their first game on Tuesday, September 8th at Malcolm. Middle School Volleyball has their first game on Thursday, September 10th against Ashland Greenwood at home.
- **Online Calendar:** Your best source for updated calendar information and schedules can be found at:
 - http://www.eastcentralnebraskaconf.org/g5-bin/client.cgi?G5genie=455&school_id=5

Seniors should also plan on the December ACT test as their last opportunity to take the ACT and have it count for scholarships. Juniors should consider starting to take the ACT, but may be ok waiting until no later than spring of this year or Summer at the latest! Visit www.actstudent.org to register online. Test dates below.

We appreciate the dedication by our students, parents, and coaches! Have an outstanding year!

Counseling Comments ~ Mr. Carlson

Welcome back to all students. We are into our routine now but that doesn't mean it's time to relax. This is just the start of the busyness for Seniors, while Juniors have plenty to do as well.

Seniors, now is the time to start applying to your colleges. It is good to apply to 3-5 schools so that you have options, but not so many that you confuse yourself with the choices!

Now is also the time for both Juniors and Seniors to meet with the college representatives and recruiters who will be visiting Louisville, mostly during Pride Time or at lunch. Check the Counseling Center website (<http://lpscarlson.weebly.com>) and the announcements for those days and times.

Juniors and Seniors also need to take visits to the campuses of the schools they are interested in. Students can take 3 excused visits to college campuses each year as Juniors and Seniors, take advantage of that! ***New this year, parents will notify the office of the visit but students will be marked as unexcused UNTIL the student returns from the visit with documentation showing they visited (info from the Admission office, campus newspaper, etc.)***

Other tasks to complete:

1. Begin/Continue searching for scholarships.
Lots of websites available for searches.
 - Two excellent resources are: EducationQuest and Nebraska Career Connections. Seniors search NOW as some deadlines are in the Fall!

<http://www.educationquest.org/scholarshipquest/>
<http://www.nebraskacareerconnections.org>
(may need to see Mr. Carlson for an activation code for Career Connections)
2. Upcoming ACT dates: Sept. 12th, Oct. 24th and Dec. 12th. (deadlines prior)
Register at www.actstudent.org.
High School Code: 281360
3. Upcoming College Visits:
 - Sept. 15th - Iowa Western (Pride)
 - Sept. 16th - Wayne State (Pride)
 - Sept. 22nd - Lincoln Tech (Pride)
 - Sept. 23rd - Midland U (Pride)
 - Oct. 26th - UNK (11:30-Noon)

Questions please call me at extension 210 or email me at rcarlson@lpslions.org.