

THE CONNECTION

High School Newsletter

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Fabrication Lab

We have been fortunate to increase STEAM education (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) in our curriculum at the high school over the past few years. Even with the addition of the Discovery Center helping prepare our students for the future we felt we needed more opportunities for our students to learn digital design and fabrication.

Our students had an established technology education program at Lodi High School that focused on traditional skills; such as woodworking, metals, and small engines. However, our students needed more. As a direct result of the Board of Education support through the use of referendum funds, we have been able to develop courses in our technology education department where students use state of the art equipment to engineer and fabricate projects. Students develop problem-solving and labor skills that are very valuable to future employers. In our Introduction to FabLab course, which will run for the first time next year, students will complete projects directly related to computer controlled fabrication technologies such as: 3D printing, laser engraving/cutting, CNC Milling, CNC Plasma cutting, robot programming, CAD 3D Modeling, electronic circuit building, plastic fabrication, and vinyl cutting - all skills that are in high demand in today's job market.

This would not have been possible without the leadership of Tyler Potter our district technology integrator, Jamie Licht our technology education teacher, and the Board of Education. Working in unison, we were able to develop a plan to make this dream a reality for many of our students at the high school. During a recent parent tour of the FabLab and the Discovery Center parents shared that they wished they could have had courses and tools like this when they were in high school. The great thing about this addition is that this type of classwork not only engages our students, it gives them a competitive edge upon graduation.

Exchange News

We are currently hosting 19 students and four staff members from our sister school in Suphan Buri,

Thailand. In addition to this student exchange, our students in both schools continue to have the opportunity to take a class taught by a teacher in the other school each year.

We also had a group of 13 students and three staff members travel to Germany from September 13 through October 4. Students learned a lot about German education, culture, and history while staying in the homes of their host families.

The high school is looking for host families as part of our Costa Rican Exchange program. Students will be arriving in January and staying for three weeks. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Michelle Edwards at edwarmi@lodischoolswi.org.

It is amazing to look back and see the relationships built, the lives changed, and the overall impact of these exchanges on our students, our families, and our community.



Get Involved!

Besides Athletics and Co-Curriculars, Lodi High School has many different clubs to get involved in.

Art Club
Book Club
Class Officer
Creative Writing Club
Environmental Club
Gay-Straight Alliance
Leadership Council

Link Crew
Manga and Anime
Math Team
Robotics Club
Science Club
Spanish Club
Unified Sports



Student of the Month

Lodi High School has announced their students of the month for September. Characteristics for selection include displaying leadership, working well with others, being helpful to other students and teachers, taking initiative, displaying enthusiasm and a positive attitude, and having a great work ethic.

The students representing nine curriculum areas and three non-curriculum areas for September are: Front row, left to right: Carson Schmudlach – CTE, Kody Sellner – Office/Custodial/LMC, Emily Alcantara – Social Studies, Adia Bonafield – Spanish, and Lexi Mitchell – Music. Back row, left to right: Zach Dolson – PE, Matthew Kearney – Math, Emma VanderKooi – English, Lauryn Milne – Science, Wyatt Ripp – Food Service, and Carter Nelson – STEAM. Missing from the photo is Will Dean – Art.



College Admission Counselors & Military Recruiters

Marian University	Oct. 29	2:15 PM
UW-Eau Claire	Oct. 30	8:15 AM
Michigan Tech Univ	Nov. 5	12:30 PM

Stop by the Counseling Office (CRC = Career Resouce Center) and take a look at our job bulletin board. New postings weekly!

Day of Service

It is our tradition at the High School to celebrate the culmination of Homecoming Week with giving back to our school district and community.

As educators, we know that providing opportunities for our students to do meaningful work is as much about teaching our teenage kids to be contributing community members, as it is about the work done.



Breakfast Meal Deal

Beginning this year, a breakfast "meal deal" will be served daily between first and second blocks. The menu is available on the district website and may be viewed on the monitor located by the entrance to the serving area. To receive the special deal, and to qualify for the free/reduced meal program pricing, you must select at least ONE serving of fruit (or juice) with your meal items. It is a great value at a cost of only \$1.70 (\$.30 reduced) and will help jump start your mornings! Students may also purchase ala carte items during this time.



WSMA Accreditation Award

Congratulations to the music department and students for being recognized by the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) for outstanding participation in WSMA programming and valuable music education opportunities for students.



Teacher-Leader Network

Congratulations to Mr. Pertzborn who was selected to participate in the Department of Public Instruction's inaugural Wisconsin Teacher-Leader Network.



In this inaugural year, the focus will be on ensuring that all students have access to high-quality, standards-aligned instructional materials in literacy and math. We are proud to announce that Mr. Pertzborn has been selected to represent teachers through this process.

Lodi High School Presents "The Pajama Game"

Saturday, November 16 at 7:00pm

Sunday, November 17 at 2:00pm

Friday, November 22 at 7:00pm

Saturday, November 23 at 7:00pm

(Thursday, November 14 at 1:00 pm – Free Show for area seniors)

All performances will be held at the Lodi High School Performing Arts Center.

Ticket Prices: \$10.00 for Adults, \$8.00 for students and Seniors.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased in advance at the Lodi High School Office. You can also reserve tickets by calling 608-592-3853 ext. 4486 or online at <http://bit.ly/LHSPJGAME>. Tickets will be available at the door while supplies last.

Based on Richard Bissell's novel, "7 ½ Cents." THE PAJAMA GAME tells the story of sparks flying between the new superintendent of Sleep Tite Pajama Company, Sid Sorokin, and the leader of the union grievance committee, Babe Williams. Their rocky relationship comes to a head when the workers strike for a 7 ½ cent pay increase, causing a conflict between labor and management. Jealousy, intrigue, knife-throwing and romance combine to impress and entertain audiences of all ages.

THE PAJAMA GAME originally opened in 1954 and was revived on Broadway in 1973, and in 2006. This bright, funny, fast-paced, timeless show features songs such as "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Steam Heat." With a book by George Abbott and Richard Bissell, and music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross, THE PAJAMA GAME is a feel good musical comedy the whole family can enjoy!



New and Improved Greenhouse

The School District of Lodi is building a new greenhouse for students in grades preK-12. Teachers and FFA Alumni members have been completing grants to help pay for the greenhouse structure and needed materials.

Lodi Utilities awarded a \$1000 grant to the greenhouse to help purchase the watering and fertilizer system. Pictured receiving the check from Lodi Utilities are Michelle Howe, LMS Science and Agriculture teacher, Connor Anderson LHS Agriculture teacher and FFA Advisor, and Kindergarten student, Adalyn Howe.



We also received a \$2000 grant from LACE (Lodi Area Community Endowment) to help pay for internal greenhouse supplies such as benches and a watering and fertilizer system.



And finally, \$5000 from Lodi Utilities and Energy Efficiency Education Funds. The grant helps to pay for the Greenhouse Curtain that will help conserve energy in the greenhouse. This will also help us to teach our students about energy conservation.



Lodi FFA Log

The school year has gotten off to an exciting start for Lodi FFA. We have already planned and hosted several activities as well as attended many great leadership and agricultural skill building events. Some of the highlights have been:

Attending FFA Day at World Dairy Expo with ten FFA members on October 1. This event was a great opportunity for students to engage with industry professionals and learn about the cutting edge technology in the dairy industry. We were also able to see some of the best dairy animals in the world!

Lodi FFA's Day on the Farm took place on Thursday, October 3rd with over 40 members participating in leading and teaching area third grade students through twelve stations that highlighted animals, equipment, and other aspects of farming. The weather may have been cold, but the smiles were warm as the third grade students learned about rabbits, goats, veterinarians, and of course dairy animals and their care. A favorite station this year was the parlor where students were able to take a peek inside the bulk tank and actually see where cows get milked.

Upcoming events for the Lodi FFA include FIRE Conference for 7-9th grade members, National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, and our Parent/Member Meeting on November 18. We have also just started our annual Fruit Sale fundraiser. Hopefully you will be contacted by an FFA member shortly to get your fruit order. Hurry, fruit sale forms are due back to the Ag Room by November 8.

Yearbook Orders

It's a great idea to place yearbook orders earlier in the year, before holiday shopping and long before the end-of-year scramble. You have two options for placing a yearbook order.

1. Send cash or a check made out to LHS to school, to the attention of Mrs. Carrie Kerska, and we will place your order.
2. Go online to the High School Homepage>Student Life>Yearbook Orders, to order and pay online using a credit or debit card. Or simply follow this [link](#).

The cost of a basic book is \$50, and you can have the student's name engraved on the front cover for an extra \$5. Additional personalization options are available online, for an additional cost. If your student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, they are also eligible for a yearbook for free or at a reduced rate. Please communicate this need to Mrs. Kerska when you place your order. Not sure if you already placed an order? Email Carrie Kerska to find out - see below.

Senior Yearbook Submissions

Senior pictures should have been turned in to Mrs. Kerska by Friday, October 11, but if you missed the deadline, please get in touch with her right away. Email is fastest at kerskca@lodischoolswi.org. Click [here](#) for information on senior pictures. It's not necessary to work with a professional photographer, especially if this is financially burdensome. One of our very talented art teachers, Mrs. Whitney Robarge, has offered to help any student who needs it, and will not only take an artful senior portrait but edit it for use in the yearbook or grad announcements, etc. She simply asks that students make an appointment with her so that she can plan ahead. She can be reached at robarwh@lodischoolswi.org. You should have received, or will receive shortly, additional information about the Optional Senior Submissions in the mail.

Optional Senior Submissions include:

- Parent Ads, which cost \$25 and include a picture and a special message to the grad;
- Little Faces, free of charge, you can send in a baby or toddler picture of your grad;
- Remember When, free of charge, and you can submit up to 3 favorite pictures from the years spanning Kindergarten through 8th grade.

For your convenience, here is a [link](#) to information on this year's optional Senior Submissions, which can be printed and returned to school. These are due Nov. 8.

Share your Photos - ReplayIt App

The class that creates the yearbook is small and has limited resources. You can help us to make the best yearbook ever by sharing the photos you take of your student (and their group/team/club) as they participate in events and activities through the school.



You can email pictures directly to Carrie Kerska at kerskca@lodischoolswi.org or you can download the ReplayIt App to your phone. This is the Josten's photo-sharing app that feeds directly into our yearbook design program. Simply download it from wherever you get your apps, create a log-in for yourself, find Lodi High School, and start sharing!

You can also access ReplayIt from a computer at this [link](#). All photos are subject to a filter that checks for school appropriateness, and they go to a folder only accessible by the teacher first before we sort them accordingly by theme.

Student Representative to the School Board

Elizabeth TenBarge, a senior, was selected during a school wide election as a non-voting advisory Board member of the School District of Lodi Board of Education for the 2019-20 school year. Thank you to all the students who expressed interest in providing their voice to the School District.



AP Scholar Award Recipients

The AP Scholar Awards recognize individual students for their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement (AP) exams. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on the AP exams. Forty-one students have been recognized individually by the College Board.

To be a **National AP Scholar**, a student must score at least a 4 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams. Taylor Hatley was only the second Lodi student to ever earn a National AP Scholar Award.

Sixteen students qualified to be named **AP Scholars with Distinction**. To be an AP Scholar with Distinction, students must average a score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and score a 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The following students qualified as AP Scholars with Distinction:

Brandon Grover	Jenna Hamre
Taylor Hatley	Owen Jelinek
Alison Klann	Kyle Mayberry
Zachery O'Connor	Emily Popp
Zachary Potter	Ian Seidler
Benjamin Simplot	Ian Vanderkooi
Jared Volk	Rhianna Walzer
Julie Wiessing	Blaise Zander

To be an **AP Scholar with Honor**, students must average a score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and score a 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Nine students earned the AP Scholar with Honors distinction:

Amanda Crowder	Helen Dean
Hannah Heider	Mackenzie Heyroth
Samantha Mori	Jack Sagers
Payton Sullivan	Elizabeth TenBarge
Akagoanye Tori	

The following sixteen students qualified to be named **AP scholars**. To be an AP scholar, students must earn scores of 3 or higher on three different AP exams:

Gloria Bilse	Melissa Burmeister
Isabelle Clarey	Austin Davis
Slater Fitzgerald	Alana Gilles
Ashley Gray	Joye Hellenbrand
Megan Karls	Jessica Keller
Kaelyn Kruchten	Allyson McGettigan
Molly McMahon	Jordan Meffert
Emily Oetzman	Timothy Prosek.

This is not an honor easily achieved and we are proud of all our past and present students who have earned this recognition and for all the work that it has taken to achieve this honor.

Advanced Placement Exam Info

The College Board, which sponsors the AP Program, has changed the timeline for making AP decisions beginning this year. Students will need to indicate their decisions through their College Board accounts for each AP course that they are taking. The deadline for this decision is **November 1**. Payment for AP exams will be due to the counseling office by **November 15**. The fee is \$94 for each AP exam taken. You may pay with cash or with a check made out to Lodi High School. Any student who participates in the free and reduced lunch program should talk with Mr. Lembcke about exam payments.

If you have any questions regarding these changes, please contact Grant Lembcke by email (lembcgr@lodischoolswi.org) or by phone (608-592-3853 x4413).



Heisman Scholarship Nominees

Congratulations to Morgan McNeill and Logan Richards for being Lodi High School's nominees to the 2020 Heisman High School Scholarship. Nominees must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, be proven leaders and role models within their school and community, and participate in at least one school-sponsored sport recognized by the National Federation of State High School Associations or by the International Olympic Committee. Congratulations Morgan and Logan!

Presidential Scholars Program Nominees

Lodi High School has nominated Rachel Karls and Ashley Gray for the 2020 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established by President Lyndon Johnson in 1964, and since that time has honored more than 7,000 outstanding high school seniors. The mission of the program is to recognize and honor outstanding high school seniors, and thereby to encourage high attainment among all students. Congratulations to Rachel and Ashley!

Take your writing to the next level

Drafting a personal statement for a college admissions application?

Need a resume for job hunting?

Assigned your first DBQ?

Working on that big essay for English class?

Need help with the discussion section of a lab report?

Finished with your great American novel?

These are all projects that students can bring to the LHS Writing Center for one-on-one conferences. Writing is a craft that requires practice, revision, and teamwork. That's why we offer this important service to all students. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in the library during Intervention Period students can reserve an appointment in Flexisched with the scheduled teacher to read, discuss, and improve writing projects. Our Writing Center is modeled after those at MATC, UW system schools, and other institutions of higher education. As teachers, we know that writing can be a challenge, but we also believe that anyone can be a "good writer" when he or she seeks a helpful coach. Students of every ability and age can benefit from a writing conference. So, if you see your teenager typing furiously on the Chromebook, ask him or her, "Have you visited the Writing Center?"



Interact Club

The Lodi Interact club gives the student body a chance to connect with something bigger than our small town. We strive to bring Lodi together through community projects, volunteering, and much more. We also work on a much larger scale, providing for projects that help people around the world. Interact offers opportunities for NHS service hours and our club also looks great on college applications! Meetings take place in the LGI on Wednesdays during intervention.

Lodi C.R.E.W. and Pool

Ever consider a pool membership? We offer very affordable pool memberships with several open/lap and family swim times available.



Did you know that we are open 7 days a week for your swimming and fitness needs? The pool is a great way to get in your exercise or rehab needs. If you are struggling with an injury the pool is a wonderful and effective way to recovery with no or low impact. Oh, we also have an awesome hot tub! Join the Youth Blue Wave CREW Swim Team. Open to kids 6 years on up. This program runs November-February.

Here are some of the offerings at the Pool:

- Swim Lessons as well as private lessons
- Aqua Fitness classes
- Open lap and family swims
- Pool rental opportunities
- Pool memberships
- Youth swim team
- Red Cross Certifications

Here is a list of some of CREW programs:

- Boot Camp
- No school days
- My First Sport
- Zumba
- Tots in Motion
- Youth Girls Basketball
- Yoga for kids
- Walking Clubs
- Older Active Adult Programs
- Wrestling
- S.T.E.A.M.
- Little Explorers
- Tots open gym
- Crocheting

Letter of Intent Signing

Congratulations to Lodi High School senior Katie Stoltenberg, who signed her National Letter of Intent to play softball for Wisconsin Lutheran College next year. Joining Katie at the signing were her parents Scott and Sara, her brother Ryan, and friends.



A NOTE FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:



THE DANGERS OF VAPING, JUULING AND E-CIGARETTES:

More information is out about the dangers of teens using vaping, Juuling and E-Cigarettes. You may have already heard about the recent cases of lung injuries and even deaths that have occurred because of the use of these products. On Oct. 3, 2019, UW Health held a press conference where they provided information about the incidence of vaping lung injuries that have occurred right here in southern Wisconsin. They report that they have treated at least 10 cases in the past two months in which patients were admitted for lung injuries after vaping, Juuling, or using e-cigarettes. In these cases the products have contained at least one of the following: nicotine, THC or CBD and was not restricted to just those containing THC.

Click on link to hear the press conference:

[Link to UW Health Press Conference](#)

RESOURCES TO HELP TEENS QUIT SMOKING/VAPING

- **WI Tobacco Quit Line:** 800-Quit-Now (800-784-8669). Telephone coaching available to Wisconsin vapers or smokers who want to quit.
- **This is Quitting:** text “DITCHJUUL” to 88709. This is a texting program designed specifically for teenagers to help them quit.
- **E-Cigarettes and Youth: What Parents Need to Know:** Fact sheet from the CDC

The use of vaping, JUUL and E-cigarettes is also a concern here in Lodi. In the Lodi High School between 10-17% of students report using a vaping product in the past 30 days. As many as 48% of students have tried vaping. These numbers show that this is a problem right here in Lodi.

The products are dangerous for several reasons:

1. The adolescent brain is very susceptible to nicotine addiction. Teen brains continue to develop until the age of 25. Nicotine use during this time of growth and development can lead to permanent harm to the developing brain.
2. Companies have targeted teens and have misled them regarding the safety of their products. The amount of nicotine within the products is often much more than teens realize.
 - a. As an example one pack of cigarettes contains 20 mg of nicotine. A Juul is advertised to be equivalent to one pack of cigarettes, but contains 41.3 mg of nicotine.
3. Aerosolized vape products when heated, turn into multiple dangerous and even carcinogenic chemicals.

Dr. Vivek Balasubramaniam, a pediatric pulmonologist, along with a 16 year old teen from Fort Atkinson who says he almost died from a vape related lung injury, are urging children and teens to never vape. They also encouraged all Wisconsin residents to seek help quitting all nicotine containing products that are smoked, vaped or chewed. There are several resources for teens listed to help quit.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like more information regarding this topic,
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Upcoming dates

November 1 – End of Term
November 3 – National Honor Society Induction
November 27-29 – NO SCHOOL
December 5 – FFA/Red Cross Blood Drive
December 5 – Teacher Conferences, 4-8pm
December 6 - NO SCHOOL
December 17 – Music Concert, 7pm
December 24-Jan 1 – Winter Break