

THE CONNECTION

High School Newsletter

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Stadium Fundraiser

The stadium fundraising committee continues to be in awe of the support that the stadium project has received in our community. The Board of Education will be making a decision on whether to move forward with this



project on Monday night, March 2. This has allowed the administration to do background checks on the different bidders to ensure they have a good track record and are able to deliver what they have promised. It has also given the fundraising committee time to make one last push to reach our fundraising goals. If you are interested in giving to this project or have questions about this fundraising effort please check out the district website or contact me at the high school. Every little bit helps us reach our goal of *every Lodi High School soccer player, football player, band member, & cheerleader getting to safely play or perform in the stadium for all scheduled home games in front of his or her friends & family.*



Lodi High School will be proctoring the ACT for all of our juniors on Tuesday, March 3. This is a statewide assessment for all juniors. The great thing about this assessment is that the ACT is the college entrance assessment that most schools in the Midwest use as part of their enrollment process (including technical schools). So rather than paying for this test, juniors have the opportunity to take this assessment for free.

In addition to the juniors taking the ACT on this date, we will also proctor a practice ACT for all of our sophomore students that day. This is a great opportunity for our sophomores to learn what it feels

like to take this assessment and to get some feedback on how they would fare on the ACT. It gives them a year to work on these areas before they take the ACT their junior year.

To create a quiet test environment, freshmen and seniors are excused from school this day.

Weather Contingencies for the ACT

The ACT exam comes with very specific timelines from DPI of when the test can be proctored. Inclement weather could force us to change the plans for the day. Therefore, this is the plan in regards to any weather related closures or delays on March 3:

- If school is not impacted by weather, sophomores and juniors report at the normal start time for the practice ACT and ACT. Freshmen and seniors do not have to attend school.
- If there is a two hour delay due to weather, sophomores and juniors report at 10 am to start the assessment. ACT will allow us to assess this day as long as we begin the test by 10:30 am. The ACT does not allow us to take a break during regular assessment for lunch, so students will only get the normal 15 minute break with snacks during the ACT. However, for the juniors taking the ACT we are allowed to take a lunch break between the core assessment and the writing portion of the assessment.
- If school is canceled because of weather, no one has school and the ACT is rescheduled for March 17. If this occurs, only sophomores and juniors will have school on March 17, as freshmen and seniors will not have to attend.

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Student of the Month

Lodi High School has announced their students of the month for December and January. 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 December/January are, left to right: Erick Mendoza- PE, Jack Hansen - CTE, Max Persike - Office/Custodial/LMC, Kade Parsons - Food Service, Zhu Lan Ness - Math, Ella Puls - Social Studies, Elise Purtell - English, Jack Kaiser - Spanish, Amelia Heider - Music, Natalie Anderson - Art, and Skyleigh Disrud - STEAM. Missing from the photo is Griffin Wiessing - Science.



Upcoming dates

February 29 – Conference Solo/Ensemble

March 3 – ACT & Practice ACT

March 5-8 – Play

March 16 – Combined MS/HS PAC meeting

March 17 – Concert, 7pm

March 23-27 – Spring Break

National Letter of Intent Signings

Congratulations to Lodi High School senior Dustyn Paulson who signed his national letter of intent to play football for Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell, South Dakota. Joining Dustyn at the signing were his father Perry, stepmother Teresa, his grandparents, and teammates.



Congratulations to Lodi High School senior Riley Petrick who signed her national letter of intent to swim for Frostburg State University in Maryland. Joining Riley at the signing were her parents Gary and Nancy Petrick, sister Raina, coaches, & teammates.



Visual Arts Classic

The Visual Arts Classic Team will be competing in the regional competition at Mauston High School on March 10, 2020. Sam Klann, Rachel Flickinger, Thea Collins, Chloe Errthum, Emily Alcantara, Michelle McMahon, Jakob Krey, Morgan McNeill, Julia Wiessing, Emma Heller, Anna Hoffman and Caitlin Skellenger will be joining forces to create both a long-term and onsite project based on a prompt given for 12 different art method categories such as: drawing, personal adornment, ceramics, etc. Those that place in the first category will go on to the state level in April at UW-Madison.

Youth Art Month

The Youth Art Month Art Show regional reception took place on February 16 at the Baldwin Gallery in Madison. Three Lodi students, Lauren Wolf, Caitlin Skellenger, and Julia Wiessing, were chosen to present their work at the State Capitol on March 6.

Order Your Student's Yearbook Today!

Now is the perfect time to pre-order your student's 2019-2020 yearbook. The cost is \$50. You can go [online](#) to place your order and pay with a debit/credit card. Or you can send payment to school with your student in the form of cash or a check made out to LHS. Students should bring payment to Mrs. Kerska in room 1102, or by asking the office staff to put it in Mrs. Kerska's mailbox. Not sure if you have already ordered a yearbook? Email Carrie Kerska at kerskca@lodischoolswi.org to find out.

Mock Trial

Lodi Mock Trial is heading to STATE! This is the 14th year in a row as Regional Champs. They now have about a month to prepare for the State Tournament to be held in Madison at the Dane County Courthouse on Friday and Saturday, March 13-14.

Ms. Potter and the team thank you for all of your support!



Host A Foreign Exchange Student...

Change Your Life!

The Lodi Rotary Club is looking for one more host family for a 17-year old male exchange student from Thailand. Hosting can be from 3 - 5 months. Rotary provides school lunches, \$75 monthly allowance, a cell phone and local counselors. You do not need to have children in the home to host. You would need to provide supervision, room and board.

For more information contact Steve Hoerig at (608) 212-5117 or Margo Zeman at (608) 643-8129. If you would prefer to host a girl, a new student will be arriving for the 2020-2021 school year in mid-August. We are taking applications for hosting her now. Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time.

Costa Rica Exchange

Lodi High School teacher Michelle Edwards worked very diligently to develop an exchange program for the Spanish Department. The fruits of this labor paid off when Lodi High School hosted 19 students and two staff from Costa Rica from January 17- 29.

Thank you to our 18 host families and host staff members for opening their homes to our Costa Rican friends!

What a great opportunity for our students not only to practice their Spanish language skills, but also to learn about Costa Rican culture and make more international friendships.



HARVEY

BY MARY CHASE

The spring play “Harvey” is fast approaching. This is a fun comedy in three acts written by Mary Chase. This play was made famous by James Stewart in the 1940’s. Come and follow Elwood P Dowd through a day with his big white rabbit. The cast has been working really hard to bring this fun classic to life.

The Cast

Myrtle Mae – Caitie Seidler

Veta – Ashley Gray

Elwood P Dowd – Jonah Jette

Miss Johnson & EJ Lofgren – Anna Hoffman

Mrs Chauvenet – Medora Richards

Ruth Kelly RN – Rayne Sinclair

Duane Wilson – Kyle Green

Lyman Sanderson MD – John Schilling

William Chumley MD – Keith Ludlum

Betty Chumley – Elizabeth TenBarge

Judge Omar Gaffney – Ryan Winters

Student Director: Kira Ludlum

Director: Irene “Beanie” Ludlum

March 5 – senior show at 1pm

March 6 & 7 at 7pm

March 8 at 1pm

Adults, \$10

Students/Seniors, \$8

Performing Arts Center

Tickets available at the door or high school office

Solo/Ensemble

Each year our music students impress us with their skills and abilities at the different concerts throughout the year and Jazz Dinner Theater in the spring. One of the other big events and performances that happens each year is solo/ensemble which unfortunately most of us don’t get to see. However, this year is the exception as Lodi High School will host conference solo/ensemble. This event is free to the public and starts at 8 am and runs throughout the day. Parents and members of the public can sit in any session and watch students from across the conference perform both vocally and instrumentally. Please come out and check out this outstanding event which only happens in our community once every six years.

News from the Nurse

You’ve had the talk about the birds and the bees. So now your job is done...Right...? Not quite. Parenting a teen is not easy but you still have a significant role to play in your student’s life. Parents talking with their teens about sex does make a difference, according to The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy. In fact, teens report that their parents have the greatest influence on them even more than friends, siblings and media. Most teens report that they share their parent’s values regarding sex and that it makes their decisions about delaying sex easier if they can talk openly with their parents about these issues.



First be informed. Know the current health concerns with teen sex, STD, health relationships, prevention of AIDs, and other topics. What information has your teen heard? Do they have any questions? Work through topics together to help separate fact from fiction.

Here are some link to help with the facts:

[Columbia County Public Health Department](#)

[Sexually Transmitted disease and teens, CDC](#)

[Health relationships](#)

Then find a time when your teen may be open to talking. Sometimes it will be a car ride with just the two of you, or after a movie/TV show that may have a relevant topic. Talk to them frequently, bring up pieces of the conversation over a period of time. Having multiple conversations can have more of an impact than just one big talk. It is not always comfortable to talk about Health relationships, STD, HIV, and pregnancy, but you can ask if your teen has a specific question that he/she may wonder if what they heard is true. It is OK to not have all the answers; just be authentic and look for the answers together or ask your health care provider. It is also important to let your teen know that they can have a different option from yours and would like to continue the conversation.

Forensics

Lodi High School Forensics earned the title of Capitol Conference Champions 2020 in the small team division!

Individual All Conference Winners:

- Julia Wiessing: 1st place Impromptu Speaking
- Leah Beyer & Hannah Heider: 2nd place Group Interpretation
- Nathan Schilling: 2nd place Impromptu Speaking
- Rachel Zajicek: 2nd place Poetry
- Medora Richards: 2nd place Solo Acting Humorous
- Ashley Gray, Tori Falk, Lacey Brooks, & Elizabeth TenBarge: 2nd place Group Interpretation
- Amelia Heider: 2nd place Prose



CREW and Indoor Community Pool

CREW is thrilled to have these fabulous ladies as staff members of the pool! They are great additions to our staff. Please welcome our new Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors:

- Gazmin Burke
- Mariah Clark
- Rachel Flickinger
- Samantha Klann
- Ella Puls



STEAM Opportunities!

Elementary Students are enjoying STEAM Classes offered by high school students. Melissa Burmeister shares her excitement with the students with Minecraft Challenges. Melissa also offers these challenges through our summer school program. Mira Potter offers hands-on STEAM classes.

Current students are enjoying Structures and Machines. Mira will also be offering additional STEAM classes during summer school.



Hola! Learn Spanish!

Mrs. Crane and several students are offering a fun filled class to the Elementary students to expose them to Spanish Cultures through learning through games, crafts and more! CREW is very excited to be offering this class for the first time.

Upcoming Offerings!

Check them out on the Website: www.lodi.k12.wi.us under Community Information.

For Adults: H₂O Morning Water Fitness, Zumba, Bootcamp, Pickleball, Movement/Strength Training and Canvas Painting.

For Students: Baseball Fundamentals Camp, No School CREW Days, Freestyle Wrestling, Hola! Learn Spanish, Spring Break Adventures, Little Explorers, Swim Lessons, Private Lessons, and Parent/Tot Orientation to the Water.

NEW - Lunch time Open Swim

11:30 am -12:30 pm

Dates vary based on pool needs for PE Classes, but generally Tuesdays and Thursdays. Watch the website and lobby for postings and available dates.