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February Newsletter

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Important Dates:

UPCOMING School Events-
2/1- Q2&S1 grades updated
2/3 10:30am Science Speaker
2/6-2/7 Bio Re-test
2/8-½ PD Day
2/9 GSA Paint Night
2/20-2/24 Feb Break

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Core Values designed by sophomore Emily Moughan

SAVE THE DATES

Re-test for ELA MCAS March 1st-3rd

Wizard of Oz -School Play March 7th & 8th and 10th & 11th

Science Fair March 8th

Spring Parents' Night March 16th 6-8

No School for students March 17th -Full Professional Development Day for staff

MEFA Night March 23rd

Freshman/Sophomore Semi-Formal March 24th

Evening with the Arts March 28th 5:30-8:30pm - [Evening with the Arts Schedule](#)

3rd Annual Wellness Fair is running in conjunction with the Evening of the Arts from 5 to 7pm at Primary School

High School Curriculum Corner

What is the connection between curriculum, instruction, and assessment? What is assessment's place in this trio? In reality, curriculum includes instruction and assessment. If you look up the word curriculum you will get some narrow definitions which talk about the courses or subjects taught at a school, but curriculum without instruction and assessment only tells us *what* students will learn. Instruction brings curriculum to life and assessment informs instructional decisions.

The role of assessment is more important than just reporting on a student's learning. What educators do with assessment results is vital. Assessment results give teachers information to help them plan. When results are good, we celebrate. Nothing feels better for an educator than to see student success. But when those results aren't so good, we look harder so we can adapt instruction, adjust course, and provide additional supports so all students continue to grow and progress. With the older students at the high school level assessment results also help students reflect on their learning, and we encourage students to become active partners in their learning. At Leicester High School teachers are connecting assessments to curriculum standards to ensure that instruction matches assessments and both are standards-based.

Message from Food Service

It's never too late to apply for our Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch Program. We accept applications at anytime during the school year. The application can be sent home with your student or can be found on the Food Service [webpage](#). Income guidelines and FAQ can be found on our [webpage](#) as well.

If your family has already been approved for the Free & Reduced Breakfast & Lunch program, we invite your student to take advantage of Free or Reduced (\$.30) price breakfast. We have many families who have been approved and are not participating in the breakfast program (the most important meal of the day!) Breakfast is available at all schools, we have many grab and go options, as well as, fresh fruit which can be saved for a snack later. Any questions please email or call Mrs. Cascione at cascionel@lpsma.net or 508-892-7030 x1190.

Message from School Nurse

Please read the following article which was forwarded by District Attorney Joseph Early in regards to the Opioid Crisis.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2017/01/11/ive-seen-the-opioid-epidemic-as-a-cop-living-it-as-a-patient-has-been-even-worse/?utm_term=.68ed4e3f44bf

Kudos to our district nurses!



NURSE SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Are you a parent or community member who has time to work on call in our schools and is an RN? Leicester Public Schools needs you to become a substitute nurse. Choose your days to work. Training provided. It's a great way to give back to your community. Please go online to apply. [Nurse Application](#)

Library Corner

Thank you to Judi Le for creating a wonderful "School Libraries Beyond the Binding" book mark. This was a book mark entered to Massachusetts School Library Association state contest. If she wins then she get an award at the State House in Boston in March. (See image on twitter @LHS_LIB)
Book marks have been made and are available for student to take one in the library.

Message from Mr. Case:

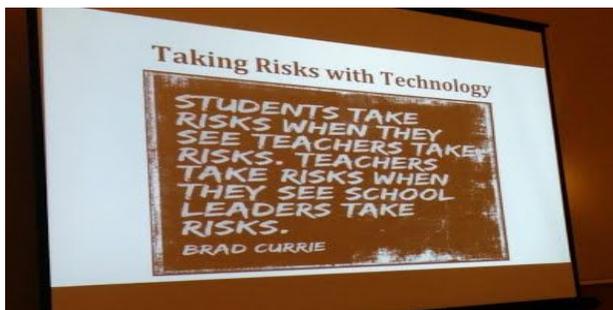
The vaping phenomenon has taken root and many students are under the mistaken impression that vaping is a healthier alternative to cigarette smoking. The following article references a study done at Harvard University which outlines just how harmful vaping can be. In 2014, the number of self reporting students who admit to vaping tripled from the previous year. The information in this article is important for students to see and for parents to be aware.

<http://archive.jsonline.com/watchdog/watchdogreports/harvard-study-confirms-dangers-of-vaping-b99631238z1-361343541.html>

Tech Update

A Vision of Digital Learning

Learning must extend beyond the walls of Leicester High School for our students to compete on the global stage. To prepare students for college and career we must provide them with anytime, anywhere access to the curriculum and the necessary tools to personalize their education.



Google added a new feature to Classroom! Teachers are now able to assign items to specific students or address specific students in posts to differentiate instruction. Click on "all students" and select the students to whom you would like to assign information.

Class of 2017 John and Abigail Adams Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following members of the Class of 2017! Please click [HERE](#) to view the updated list of recipients. Adams Scholarships are presented to high school seniors whose MCAS performance puts them at the top 25% of their district. The scholarships provide a tuition waiver for four years at Massachusetts state colleges and universities.

LHS State Report Card Letter

Please click [HERE](#) to read my State Report Card cover letter and to view the State Report Card for LHS.

Message from Becker College:

My name is Beth Greenberg. I am a licensed clinical psychologist and the Program Coordinator for the **Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling** program at **Becker College**. I am writing to inform you about the availability of counseling services for the community right here on our Leicester campus.

Approximately one year ago, the **Counselor Training Clinic at Becker College** opened on our **Leicester campus**. This small clinic provides **low-cost counseling services to children, adolescents and adults** living in the greater Leicester area. The clinic is a training site for students enrolled in our Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling program, an accredited program that leads to licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts. All services are administered by advanced graduate students, under the direct supervision of licensed mental health professionals. These licensed clinicians provide supervision by participating directly in the counseling sessions and by observing student-facilitated sessions through one-way observation windows. The cost for services is **\$15 per 45-minute session**. As with any counseling facility, we adhere to all state and professional guidelines regarding confidentiality and maintenance of clinical documentation.

We are currently **accepting referrals** for new clients and have **no waiting list for appointments** in the clinic. Appointments are available most weekdays and on some Saturday mornings. Prospective clients and referrals sources can facilitate referrals to the clinic by calling me directly at [508-373-9752](tel:508-373-9752) or by calling the clinic phone at [508-373-9751](tel:508-373-9751).

I have attached a flyer with information about the Counselor Training Clinic. You may also visit our website: <http://mhccclinic.becker.edu>. Please share this information with others in your school and local community.

Please also feel free to contact me with any questions or to obtain additional information. I can be reached by email (beth.greenberg@becker.edu) or by phone ([508-373-9752](tel:508-373-9752)). If you prefer to meet face-to-face, I'd also be happy to schedule a time to meet with you at your school.

file:///C:/Users/hipperrt/Downloads/CounselorClinic_flyer_CHILD.pdf