

# La Center High School

## November 20, 2014

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## Curriculum -

As a new program, the **Linx Pathway** is proving to be successful for many students and others are still finding their way. Students in the Linx Pathway are working on the 20 credit requirement for the Washington State Diploma. Students work independently on the courses they need to complete in order to meet all requirements. We are finding that few students are able to work on 6 classes at once, so we have reduced the number of courses they are working on at any given time, yet many are completing those classes and then moving onto the next class. Keeping their focus on the few classes has helped them feel that they are accomplishing the goal, just in a different way. We are also putting into place a reward system that recognizes student successes, helps with organizational skills and achievements.

I also would like to thank John Schroder, basketball coach, and Josh Soske, volunteer, for their many hours each week that they are working side by side with a couple of our students. The one-to-one relationship that is forming has helped the students make gains in their work. This mentoring idea is working and we hope to expand upon it in the coming weeks.

### School Improvement Goals

The Building Council and staff have been working thoughtful throughout the year during after school meetings, RSLSA time on Wednesday mornings and in our Professional Development meetings. Below are the goals we have set for the school year which will continually be the focal point of our decisions. The SMART goals clearly show timelines in our work, which I will be able to report to you throughout the school year. So far we have recognized a plagiarism program that is free to those teachers wanting to use it. Also the lunch program has been set into place and working very well. No child will go hungry at LCHS! Many other items are in place and will be shared as we complete the data and/or apply to our work.

La Center High School 2014-2015 Goal #1
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SMART Goal: Students will develop and practice academic integrity and pride.

Measurement: 75% of students will demonstrate academic integrity by adhering to building and classroom expectations.

<b>Activity/Action</b>	<b>Action Plan/Steps</b>	<b>Who to lead</b>	<b>Timeline/By what date</b>	<b>Data to be collected &amp; reflected upon.</b>
Plagiarism Program	Review programs and costs	Bob Hill, Brian Clegg	End of 1st Semester	June - discipline stats
	Workshops and trainings	Carol Patton	Oct. 10	Baseline year - end of year
	Training and information to students and parents	Bob Hill and Brian Clegg	First of February	End of the year.
Common Instructional Plans/Activities	Building a Baseline Data Base - School-wide	Carol Patton/Pete Rosenkranz	Throughout the year	End of year.
Specific set of lessons to address plagiarism	(Staff shares with departments)	Staff - Departments		
Level of Integrity	Common language about plagiarism	Departments w/ assignments	Ongoing	End of year.
Phoenix	Build individual confidence	Pete Rosenkranz	twice a year	Culture and climate, lower discipline, verbal reflection, % of students involved per year
Beyond Phoenix - class	Leadership - Community Pride	Shawn Link / Pete Rosenkranz	Course throughout year	Attendance of events, HYS surveys, lower discipline, culture and climate, % of students involved per year
Leadership - ASB	Community Involvement	Kate Stevens/Matt Cooke/ Carol Patton	Course through year	Culture and climate, attendance of events, lower discipline,% of students involved per year
Progressive Achievement League (PAL)	.25 improvement during semester	Carol, Pete, Valerie, Timm, Kristin	End of semesters	% of participants, growth numbers - from baseline data.

Honor Roll - 3.25	Bulletin Board acknowledgement	Carol, Peter, Valerie, Timm, Kristin	End of semesters	Overall GPA
	Morning Announcements			
	Food/ Treats reward			
Focus Class	Academic growth	Heather Grotte	End of semesters	Student growth from end of 8th gr to end of 1st sem.

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Goal #2

SMART Goal: Identify and construct strategies to remove barriers to student learning.

Measurement: 80% of freshman students will complete 6 credits at the end of the year.

85% of sophomore students will complete 12 credits at the end of the year.

90% of junior students will complete 18 credits at the end of the year.

95% of the senior students will complete 24 credits at the end of the year.

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Professional Development	continue poverty training, book study	Staff and Admin.	Throughout year	End of June
	Additional PD - Mark Church and learning model	Staff and Admin.	April 24th	End of June
After school transportation	Build connections and resources for transportation options for students	Administration and counselors	ASAP	Gather data of # of students taking advantage of this
LSI - Freshman boys passing goals	Interventions, Focus, Algebra Part 1,	Staff	End of year	# of freshman boys earning 6 credits

Free Lunch Program	Feed the Children!	La Center Church, HS Kitchen Staff	Throughout year	# of students using program
Summit	Study group for all students after school in library	Honor Society Students	2 nights a week after school	# of students participating
		Alumni students	2 nights a week after school	# of students participating

# A

## Athletics & Activities

The Fall Sports Season has come to an end. It was a great season full of success. I think the most important success was being able to host HS games at the High School on their own field. I heard numerous compliments from LC students, athletes, parents, community members, coaches, visiting coaches and visiting administration from other schools. They were impressed with the way La Center came together to provide something that will be cherished for generations to come. We still have a few items that need to be addressed by this March so that the Boys Soccer and the Track team can use this facility.

### Chess Team

The team has started their league play 2 weeks ago. We are part of the Portland Chess League, as there is no HS League in our area. This league has the top teams in the state of Oregon. The team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 9 Portland Schools in the Clackamas Open Tournament. They have had single matches the last 2 weeks against Clackamas (lost all 5 varsity matches) and then against Pacific Crest (won all 5 varsity matches). The team heads to Lake Oswego on Wed, Nov 19.

### Boys Golf

The team finished 3rd in the District Tournament. Individual award winners: Dustin Ell (5th place), Austin Rider (6th place), and Chase Davison (9th place). Dustin is guaranteed to golf at state in May. We will see in March if Austin and Chase qualify. It depends on how many schools offer boys golf and the number of athletes that turn out. Some 1A schools opt to golf in the spring instead of the fall. First year coach was Michael Parker and assisted by first year coach Aaron Hether.

### Cross Country

Boys team placed 4th at Districts and Girls team placed 2nd at Districts. Both qualified for state in Pasco. The boys team finished 14<sup>th</sup> and the girls team finished 10<sup>th</sup> at the State Meet in Pasco, WA. Representing La Center at the state meet for the Boys: Nate Beed, Jake Morris, Mathew Sheldon, Dean Soder, Jared Cox, Siage Keep, Nathan Harris, and Alex Tistov... The Girls team: Jenna Melanson, Katie Whitten, Bethany Whitten, Josie Elston, Sophia Reyes, Alicen Smith, Andrea Griffiee, and Lindsey Schnelle. First year head coach was Andrew Helm and assisted by volunteer coach John Dunkle.

## **Volleyball**

VB finished 4th in our league and 4<sup>th</sup> in the District Tournament. The team went to the state tournament in Yakima for the second year in a row. Unfortunately, they lost their first 2 games and were eliminated. First year head coach was Cymany O'Brien and was assisted by Julie Wilson, Jamie Achziger, and Tom Eastwood (also the head MS coach). VB Players that represented La Center at the state tournament: Taylor Entenman, Maddie Stimmel, Heather McIntyre, Hannah Breault, Lindsay Peterkin, Kaela Carnes, Hannah McNeal, Abby England, Jessy Marinetti, Sierra Block, Emily Muffett, and Haley Wilson.

## **Girls Soccer**

They had an incredible season...going undefeated in league play for the first time in school history. They finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the District Tournament with 2 losses that were very close. The team played Seattle Academy in Tukwilla at the Starfire facility in 1<sup>st</sup> round play of the State Tournament. They lost that game, which ended their season. Here are the players that represented La Center in the State Tournament: Katlyn Bigley, Kate Burgess, Lexi Darienzo, Hailey Davidson, Ashley Denney, Megan Edwards, Kaylie Faul, Mackenzie Haverlack, Ellie Johnson, Danielle Luiz, Jenna Monson, Amanda Moudy, Cassie Osborn, Lauryn Powers, Shannon Schaaf, Josie Testerman, Morgan Tolbert, Shelby Vermeulen, Madii Villines, and Caroline Wade. The girls were coached by 2<sup>nd</sup> year coach Cecilia Hagemier and assisted by Marissa Coffey and volunteer Matt Newman.

## **Football**

We started out with a very difficult non-league schedule that included 3 of the top 2A schools in the state. But, we did go undefeated in league and captured the league title for the 4th year in a row. We are also District IV champions and received a bye in the District crossover game. We lost to King's HS in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the State Tournament on November 15, which ended the season.

## **Trico All-League Awards**

We had quite a few athletes receive awards for the all-league selection. I will separate them out by MVP's, 1<sup>st</sup> Team, 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and Honorable Mentions.

### **MVP:**

Katelyn Bigley (Senior) – Offensive MVP for Soccer

Wyatt Aguirre (Senior) – MVP for Football

Cole Judd (Senior) – Offensive Player of the Year for Football

Max Hiller (Senior) – Defensive Player of the Year for Football

Jenna Melanson (Junior) – MVP for Cross Country

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Dustin Ell (Senior) – Golf

Kaela Carnes (Senior) – Volleyball

Kate Burgess (Sophomore) – Soccer

Ellie Johnson (Sophomore) – Soccer

Ashley Denney (Junior) – Soccer

Shelby Vermeulen (Junior) - Soccer

Nate Beed (Sophomore) – Cross Country

Katie Whitten (Senior) – Cross Country

Bethany Whitten (Freshman) – Cross Country

Wyatt Aguirre (Senior) – Football

Cole Judd (Junior) – Football

Cirilo Romero (Senior) – Football  
Zach McRobert (Senior) – Football  
Sergio Sandoval (Senior) – Football  
Dalton Morgan (Junior) – Football  
Max Hiller (Senior) – Football

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Chase Davison (Senior) – Golf  
Austin Rider (Sophomore) – Golf  
Abby England (Sophomore) – Volleyball  
Maddie Stimmel (Sophomore) – Volleyball  
Cassie Osborn (Junior) – Soccer  
Dean Soder (Freshman) – Cross Country  
Jake Morris (Junior) – Cross Country  
Jared Cox (Freshman) – Cross Country  
Alicen Smith (Junior) – Cross Country  
Andrea Griffie (Junior) – Cross Country  
Sophia Reyes (Junior) – Cross Country  
Jake Wise (Sophomore) – Football  
Jack Hiller (Freshman) – Football  
Kellen Sullivan (Junior) – Football  
Brett Judd (Sophomore) – Football

**Honorable Mention**

Jessi Marinetti (Junior) – Volleyball  
Caroline Wade (Junior) – Soccer  
Isaac Kulla (Senior) – Football  
Paul O’Neil (Senior) - Football

**Winter Season:** The activities that will be competing during the winter season, which began on Nov 17, are: Boys and Girls Basketball, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Unified Basketball Team, Equestrian Team, Dance Team, and Knowledge Bowl Team. All have the ability and potential to qualify for the state tournaments in February and March.

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**Teachers-** Teri Newman, science teacher, has applied for another M.J. Murdock Partners in Science Supplemental Award Program

titled *Inquiry into Water Quality in a Section of the East Fork of the Lewis River. Investigations into the Invertebrate Communities of the East Fork of the Lewis River* has been received by the Trust. A review committee will look at it in January with the results forwarded to the Murdock Trustees in late February. We will have the final outcome in March. Teri has just completed the last grant she received which provided wonderful opportunity for our students and her own studies. This upcoming grant will focus on the research our students will do in the wetlands below the Elementary School. The grant comes with a \$5,000 fund for supplies such as microscopes and other tools, and LCHS will contribute \$2,000 to enhance the work our students will have the opportunity to learn from her work. This is a great opportunity and we are looking forward to the results in March.

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**Students** – I'm putting this information in this category because it is a wonderful service that will benefit our students. Joyce London,

the Director of Child and Family Services from the Cowlitz County Guidance Association has notified us that we have been approved to have a therapist on board that will provide therapy one day a week to those students and families that qualify for the services, at school. Her name is Tina Fish and she will be working with about 10 – 12 students each week. This opportunity for mental health counseling is wonderful. The program will begin December 4<sup>th</sup>. This has come to us with the hard work out counselors have done this year. Bravo!

**College Fair** on November 6<sup>th</sup> was hit! Over 200 hundred people attended the event, bringing families with students in grades 6-12. The first 45 minutes, students and parents met with college representative from 12 different schools. Also we had 25 schools represented from the students that had done their research from the College Prep class, as part of their work they are doing on colleges. I was very pleased with the work and depth of knowledge our students had about the universities they represented. Students and parents then had an opportunity to attend three different workshops which gave everyone a better understanding of what to expect as a student get closer to their graduation date. A big 'thank you' to our students from the College Prep class, the College and Career Specialist, Aften Pankiewicz-Waldram, and our counselors Timm DiStefano and Kristin Krem .

The **Veteran's Day Assembly**, organized by the freshman class officers with the help of Mrs. Karen Gozart, did a fantastic job. Guest speakers were Tod Surdam and Tony Davis. Debbie Kreiger from the Ladies Auxiliary Yacolt VFW presented Kellan Sullivan and Jacob Granneman with first place awards in their Veterans Day writing contest. We had more veterans than we ever had before, showing students the importance of supporting our nation through recognition of our local veterans from the various types of military branches.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Patton  
Principal