La Center High School
September 20, 2011

Curriculum - Welcome Back! We are pleased to start the school year off with a BIG positive . . . . we made AYP! ! ! The HSPE results for last year's 10th graders are listed below and compared to the state scores.

District / State
Reading 84.4% / 78.9% (09-10)
91.5% / 82.3% (10-11)

Writing 91.7% / 86.0% (09-10)
85.5% / 86.0% (10-11)

Science 44.2 % / 44.8% (09-10)
60.5% / 49.7% (10-11)

EOC Math 1 73.3% / 62.4% (10-11)
EOC Math 2 84.7% / 72.9% (10-11)

Good work to all our students and staff!

Wildcat College Tours 2011-2012

To give student's insight in a variety of careers, Amy Fernandes is arranging and taking small groups of students to tour programs at colleges, universities and vocational/technical programs in the area this fall. The mission is to help students clarify their career pathways and strengthen their interests in post secondary education.

Washington State University, Vancouver, September 30th,
Digital Technology & Culture MOVE Lab

The Digital Technology & Culture Program at WSUV teaches students to look critically at the relationship between technology and humanity. They learn to use technology creatively for the betterment of society. After a quick overview and tour of WSUV with student ambassadors (some of them are LCHS alumni) and admissions reps, we will experience a research project in "The MOVE Lab" (Motion Tracking Virtual Environment Lab) with Dr. Dene Griger.

University of Western States, Portland, OR, October 18th

At the University of Western States students will be introduced to graduate degrees and careers in chiropractic, massage therapy, exercise and sports science and human biology. After an overview and campus tour we are going to view an adjustment lab with some of the chiropractic graduate students.

NW Renewable Energy Institute, Vancouver, October 27th At NW

Renewable Energy Institute, students will learn how to become technicians in the wind energy industry. We'll take a campus tour, have a brief overview from admissions reps and then we'll watch some of their students climb a 75 foot climbing tower.

University of Portland, November 10th

At the University of Portland we will have breakfast, a general overview, a tour, lunch, and then students will have the opportunity to go to one presentation of their choice in an academic area. The choices are; the colleges of engineering, business, education, nursing, science, social science or humanities.

Athletics & Activities- The startup this year has been great with the number of students involved in our sports program.

Football:

- Had a tough run versus Hockinson this week. The C Team lost 0-40, JV came up short 0-20, and Varsity lost a heartbreaker 34-43 against a well trained team. Wildcats bounced back from their first game jitters to beat Rochester on Friday.
- JV had an unfortunate run-in with Rochester on Monday resulting in a loss. Varsity also played a formidable opponent in Toledo who is predicted to be the TRICO champs.

Volleyball:

- Looked good in their Blue/White scrimmage. C Team played Washougal and dominated all three of their games. Varsity traveled to Yakima to play in the Sun Dome Invitational and came out victorious! The team won their tournament bracket. C Team did not fare so well in their first tournament of the year but had the opportunity to see some great competition. JV will get their first action next week.
- JV and Varsity made quick work the Toledo Indians on Tuesday winning all 6 games. Ridgefield presented more of a challenge. We lost all 6 games but saw many bright spots in our play. Our next meeting should be a lot more promising.

Soccer:

- Competed against Castle Rock and varsity won their opener with a 4-0 decision. JV lost 3-2. Second game of the season was against Ridgefield who proved to be a little more than we were ready for…Varsity lost 5-0 and jv lost 4-1.
- Our Varsity team only had one opponent (Kalama) this week which resulted in a 5-0 victory. The jv team had a tougher week losing to Kalama 2-1 (we missed 3 penalty kicks) and Fort Vancouver 4-0.

Golf:

- Played their first match at Lewis River Golf Course against Woodland. Varsity had some highlights but eventually lost 169-181 (scoring only 4 golfers). The JV started their season with a win by beating the Beavers 206-226. The second match of the season was a little tougher. Our top 5 golfers played against the two teams that are expected to play for the title.
- Won their match Tuesday at Hoquiam 225-229 with Keaton Wilbanks leading all golfers. Our head-to-head match on Thursday with Ridgefield was a chance for our golfers to measure up against some of the best golfers in the league. We had a little trouble finding the green and eventually lost 204-233.

Cross Country:

- Both the boys and girls teams have seemed to find their stride early on. They both won their first league meet of the year and ran well at the inaugural Bruce Flanagan Invite held at the Holland America Bulb Farm in Woodland.

Activities:

- Science Club and FBLA held their first meetings and both were well attended. We are looking forward to a productive 2011/2012 school year.

Teachers – A new team of teachers, Rebecca Morris, Amy Neiman, Teri Newman and Jim Neiman, are working on a "Green LCP" this year. Their goal is to collaboratively design lessons for students that focus on actions listed in the Washington Association of Green Schools certification process. LCP Team is being part of a greater LCHS Green Team striving for La Center High School to become a certified Washington Green School with Level 1 status by the end of the first semester and Level 2 status by the end of the 2011/2012 school year.

Their 'Problem of Practice' is a need to find out about more cohesion across the disciplines with regard to sustainability such as socio-environmental consciousness as a common thread of understanding and practice. The members of the team will work with students in their various classes and plan cross-curricular lessons. The project began last year with the Project Study Class, taught by Rebecca Morris who started the process towards becoming a certified WA Green School. The students completed half of the work during the school year, including:

- Continuing weekly recycling rounds and analyzing methods for improvement.
- A school-wide promotional campaign to advertise the Save Organic Scraps in the cafeterias.
- Implementing the SOS Program 1st on the LCHS Campus, then the K-8 Campus.
- Working with Clark County's Environmental service Dept. and Waste Management to conduct two waste audits, one on each campus. The Summer Projects Class took over where the PSC left off and completed the "Recycling and Waste Reduction Assessment."

During the Summer Institute and Lab Classroom 'Kick-Off' the LCHS Green Team was formed. They have met once to review the WA Association of Green Schools certification process, review what took place last year and devised a plan for completing the steps necessary to obtain Level 1 certification for LCHS, by the end of November. The next undertaking for the team is a second waste audit and assessment of the impact of SOS upon LCHS as a method for waste reduction. Then the team will spend the remainder of the school year designing classroom lessons that will lead to the awareness and completion of Level 2 of the program.

Students- Our new ASB officers and Leadership class planned and implemented a successful Fall Assembly. Recognitions of all the athletes participating in their sport took place including a challenge of skill and agility in a fun competition. The Casino Foundation presented a check to the school to help complete the grant for equipment in the weight room. Yoga mats and benches will be purchased. Also, Lacey Dykgraaf and Eden Walker were presented a 'Certificate of Recognition and Achievement' from Western Washington University and the American Association of University Woman recognizing their achievement in Science, Technology and Math as part of the STEM program This is a wonderful honor for our students and school.

The Phoenix Program is just around the corner, October 21-23. 26 students and 4 teachers will be selected for this leadership program which includes 5 workshops that follow, taking them into November. This is a fantastic leadership opportunity for students that help break down barriers and increase confidence within one's self. This is the first of two groups going this school year.

Respectfully submitted,

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