

Lawrence High School Campus



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By Ryan Souliotis

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The panelists represented a variety of career paths available to students interested in politics. Kendrys Vasquez, a 2004 graduate of Lawrence High School, is currently the City Council President and has served on the City Council since 2011. He spoke to the students about the importance of being engaged and volunteering if they are passion-

ate about politics or their community. Jessica Valentin, a 2003 graduate, currently serves as the Special Assistant to the Mayor of Lawrence. In her role she works directly with citizens on issues of concern. Her message to students focused on politics not only including elected officials but also community activism. Ms. Valentin has started the Common Sage, a writing group for citizens from high school to senior citizens. She is making an impact without participating in an elected role. Jeovanny Rodriguez, a city councilor, spoke to students about his path to the United States from the Dominican Republic and how important it is to become a change agent in their community. Mr. Rodriguez first served as a member of the school committee prior to winning a seat on the city council. James Blatchford, class of 2005, has been politically active since his graduation from LHS. He has served as a school committee member and volunteered on several campaigns. He

currently serves as an elected member of the state Democratic committee and works in the state house. Mr. Blatchford really emphasized the importance of becoming registered voters to students. Ana Morales, class of 2010, serves in the press office for Senator Elizabeth Warren. She spoke to students about her role in examining media and the whirlwind experience it can be when your boss is at the center of a national story.

All of the panelists emphasized student involvement in their community and civic engagement. This is the second year this panel has run and each year it has been a tremendous success. Brenna Chalifour, a history teacher from HLD, commented that of the many panels she has seen run at LHS this was one of the best. PFA student Antar Jimenez said, "It was very informative. People think politics is running for president, but there's more that has impact on our lives."

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money. Teams were judged not only by how fast their cars raced, but by their business plan and presentation skills as well. Lawrence's Team Adrenaline finished a strong second in the competition. Team Adrenaline co-president Angelina Heredia said, "I think there is something for everyone – creative engineering, business, fundraising, 3-D printing." Co-president

Immani Grullon added, "I get invested in it. Hard work pays off. Looking back, we've learned so much about real world things – documenting engineering projects, making a business plan, and public speaking." Congratulations to Team Adrenaline and their coaches Lenny Provost and Mike Lynch of HHS!





A Union of Professionals

Lawrence Teachers' Union, LTU 1019

UNION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2016

TIME: 4:15 pm

Lawrence Teachers' Union

Reliefs In

1 Market Street Lawrence, MA

Refreshments will be served

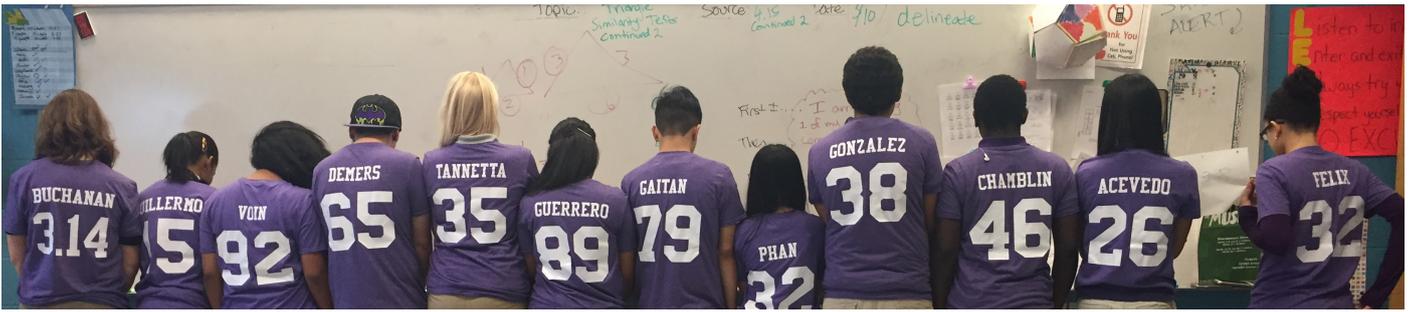
LPS PARTNERSHIP MEETING

There will be a LPS Partnership meeting on April 7th at 12:30 PM to discuss the changes at LHS. The LPS

Partnership is the joint union labor management team of the LPS. This meeting will be here at Lawrence

High. Members of the LPS Partnership Council as well as LTU Building Representatives will invited to attend. A report to the LTU membership will follow.

RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB



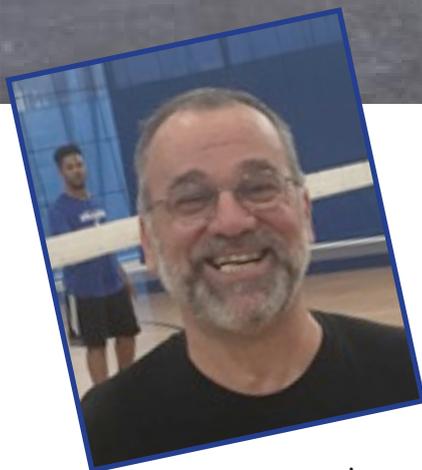
By Vivian Buchanan

The Rubik's Cube Club recently attended a competition, and won third place in our division! The competition was in Salisbury, on Thursday March 10th. We had a group of 8 students, who participated in the solo round, and group round. In the solo round, they solved the cube on stage by themselves with a timer, and in

the group round all 8 competed to solve 25 cubes together, faster than the other teams. Our group time was 6 minutes and 12 seconds, earning us third place in our division. The students who participated in the competition were Junior Chamblin, Stephanie Voin, Melany Felix, Yefri Gaitain, Juana Guerrero, Giannina Guillermo, Alenny Acevedo, and Minh Phan. Members of the

club who did not compete but helped us train this year are Jason Demers, Franchely Lopez, Lianette Lopez, and Esteban Gonzalez, and Scarlett Tannetta joined me as co-coach at the competition. Based off of Stephanie Voin's idea, our team shirts had numbers on the back which, when placed in order, list the first digits of Pi.





COACH HAJJAR VOLLEYBALL

The Lancers Boys Volleyball team is coming off of an impressive 16-6 season and looks to be a formidable contender in the Merrimack Valley Conference this year. Coach Tony Hajjar is returning to coach his 19th season and is excited about the prospects of this year's team. Though he projects this year's team to

be very "offensive minded" he notes that there are improvements that need to be made on defense. Coach Hajjar's coaching staff includes Marino Valdez, varsity assistant, Sisa Alcantara, JV-A head coach and Marino Rodriguez, JV-B head coach. The team opens the season at home against cross town rival Central Catholic on Wednesday, April 6th at 5:30pm. Admission is free to the public!

COACH NICEFORO WRESTLING

My philosophy on wrestling is simple: come to practice everyday, work hard and have fun. Attendance and demonstrating respect to one another is extremely important in my program. As coaches, we take pride in the kids representing themselves with class and integrity. We, as a team, are very proud to have received the 2015-16 Team Sportsmanship Award for the Merrimack Valley Conference Division One. Another goal every year

is to remain competitive with the best teams in the state.



WHY I ENJOY THE CHESS CLUB



By Marcus Tejada, HLD student

The Chess Club meets every Monday after school in the Health and Human Services building in room 302. The club is led by Mr. Bocchichio, who chose to lead the team because he loves the game. Mr. Bocchichio wanted to share his passion for the game with students of Lawrence High. Mr. Frank O' Connor (who works for the city of Lawrence) also shares the passion for the game and will often visit the club and play with the students. He donated several chess boards to the club, which was an important part with getting the club started.

Chess is a game of strategy; you need to think about each and every move you make before you physically make it. You also need to think about the moves your

opponent will make after your move.

I first thought of joining the chess club after I saw posters promoting the club in the building (Humanities and Leadership Development). I like chess because it's a game that makes the player think long and hard about their moves. Since I had a desire to build on my skills, I decided to join the club. Upon joining the club, I already knew the basics of chess. Thus I was comfortable because I knew I could handle myself in a match. However, on my first day I played against another club member who knew the game very well and beat me. Playing others with more experience helped develop my problem solving skills.

Learning from other club members is one of the best parts

of chess club. Since I already had a strong understanding of chess, Mr. Bocchichio asked me to teach other students the game, since they were curious about the game. I mentored the students, who ended up being strong players. Since then, I really enjoy watching the people I teach learn the game. The only "negative" thing about teaching the game to others is that each person finds a strategy to beat me.

Chess is not just a game or a simulation of a battle. The lessons learned in chess can be applied to everyday life. Chess teaches you how to think ahead and how not to rush your moves. Chess is a slow game, so it also teaches patience. Most importantly, chess teaches you how to solve problems.





EARTH DAY

LHS staff and students are encouraged to volunteer for Groundwork Lawrence's annual Earth Day Comcast Cares Day on Saturday, April 30th. Join other Lawrence teachers, students and community residents to clean the City and help make a difference in making Lawrence better! To sign up and/or for more information, see Melissa Melendez in 9GA or Rebecca Veilleux in HLD.

INTERIM ASSESSMENT #2

Interim Assessment #2 will take place the week of April 4th. An email will be sent out last week to all teachers and principals from department heads to outline test administration protocol.

SENIOR FINALS

Senior Finals will take place the week of May 23rd. There are no common assessments created for senior finals. It is up to teachers to create their own finals.

FINAL EXAMS

10th and 11th grade finals will take place the week of June 6th.

GEAR UP SPONSORS COLLEGE TOUR



Juniors and seniors from across the LHS Campus visited UMass Lowell, UMass Dartmouth and MCLA on March 22, 23 and 24th (during ELA MCAS testing). During the Math MCAS on May 17th and 18th students will visit Framingham State and NECC. The goals of these college visits are to expose



students to the college environment while affording them the opportunity to connect with college students and admissions officers.

CLASS OF 2016

APRIL 12 & 26

CAP & GOWN MEASUREMENTS - \$16.50
@ 11:00 - 1:15 - MAIN CAFE

APRIL 25

SALUTE TO THE SENIORS PICTURES
RAIN DATE THURSDAY 4/28

MAY 19

L PIN & NHS CEREMONY
IN PAC @ 5 PM

MAY 6

LHS FROM
@ 8:30 PM - CASTLETON

MAY 23-27

SENIOR FINAL EXAMS

LHS ALUMNI NIGHT BANQUET
IN CAFE @ 6 PM

SENIOR WEEK MAY 31 - JUNE 3

MAY 31

SIX FLAGS TRIP
DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MAY 22

JUNE 1

LHS SPORTS
BANQUET @ 6 PM
INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL EVENT
(SEE YOUR SENIOR ADVISOR)

JUNE 2

SENIOR BREAKFAST @ 9 AM
SENIOR AWARDS @ 10 AM
GRADUATION PRACTICE @ 11:00 AM
LUAU - MAIN CAFE @ 4:30 PM

JUNE 3

GRADUATION @ 6 PM (REPORT TO FIELD HOUSE BY 4:45 PM)
RAIN DATE SATURDAY JUNE 4TH @ 6 PM

MUST PAY CLASS DUES IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE

COMING UP SOON!

Fri Apr 8: Last day of third quarter

Mon Apr 11: Fourth Quarter begins, “A” day

Fri Apr 15: College Fair For Juniors

Thur Apr 7-Sat Apr 16: Drama Guild production of “Shrek: The Musical”

Fri Apr 15: “Go-Higher”-College and Career Readiness Day - Guest Speakers/College Fair

Fri Apr 15: Last day of school before April vacation

Mon Apr 25: School resumes, “B” day, Data meeting after school

Fri May 6: LHS Prom at Castleton, 7pm

Tues May 17-Wed May 18: MCAS math for 10th graders

Thur May 19: L-Pin Awards and Alumni Night

Mon May 23 : Senior Exam Week

Mon May 30: No school, Memorial Day

Wed Jun 1-Thur Jun 2: MCAS STE

Mon Jun 6: Final Exam Week for grades 10th & 11th

Fri Jun 3: Graduation

Mon Jun 20: Last Day of School (assuming 5 snow days)

Do you know of other important upcoming events? Email Rich Gorham

(richard.gorham@lawrence.k12.ma.us) and they will be reflected in the next Newsletter

Lawrence High School Campus

Class Advisors 2015-2016



SOPHOMORE CLASS

BMF – Shakira Moreta
HHS – Meghan (Brielle) Leonard
HLD – Natalie Ryan
MST – Linette Heredia
PFA – Amanda Drugan
& Tracy Finn
INT – Katherine Montero

JUNIOR CLASS

BMF – Juan Cruz
HHS – James Galloway
HLD – Heath Churchill
MST – John Fichera
PFA – Molly McGravey
INT – Michelle Gilman-Verzi

SENIOR CLASS

BMF – Julia O'Donnell
HHS – Emily McDonald
HLD – Eric Allhouse
MST – Tracy Baillargeon
PFA – Jaclynn Brown &
Mary DeFelice-Notoris
INT – Whimpper Barahona

CAMPUS COLLEGE TOUR LEADERS

Cormac Callahan	X39206
Juan Cruz	X39167
Mary DeFelice	X39099
Brielle Leonard	X39351
David Toto	X39151

LHS CAMPUS CLUB

ADVISORS 2015-2016

Art Club

John Travlos, PFA
Room E306
Wednesday
3:00 - 4:00p.m.

Book Club

Stacy Sanzo, ALA
Learning Commons
Wednesday
3:00 - 4:00p.m.

Chess Club

Michael Bocchichio, HHS
Room G302
Monday
3:00 - 4:00p.m.

Dance Club

Maria Morgan, PFA
Room B115
Monday- Friday
2:45 - 5:00p.m.

Gay Straight Alliance

Kathleen Cetin, PFA
HHS Room G404
Thursdays 2:50p.m.

Lawrencian Newspaper

John Fichera, MST
BMF Room F305
Tuesday & Wednesday
3:00p.m.

Literary Magazine – The Bulletin

Richard Gorham,
Room B222

Mock Trial

Mary DeFelice, PFA
PFA Room E201
Wednesday /Thursday
3:00-5:00p.m.

National Honor Society/L-Pin

Richard Gorham,
Room B222

Recycling Club

Joanne Peters, PFA
Campus
Room A123
Mondays 3:00p.m.

Robotics Club

Linette Heredia, MST
Room F106
Wednesday
5:30 – 7:45p.m.

Student Leadership Council

Tracy Baillargeon, MST
Library
Thursdays 3:00p.m.

Writers' Club

Molly McGravey, PFA
Room E207
Thursdays 3:00p.m.

YTE Advisor

David Toto, MST
Room F200
Tuesday
2:45-3:45 p.m

Coding Club

Misty Anaya,
Library
Wednesday
3:00p.m.

Drumline Advisor

John Helbert, MST
JROTC
TBA

Rubik's Cube Club

Ms. Buchanan
Room G-409
Tuesdays 2:45 p.m.



SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
Submissions will be accepted each Wednesday



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