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HEADMASTER'S UPDATE

Yesterday I was in a meeting on campus with Brian Norris, an area leader in the area of the Advanced Collaborative, and other high school staff, to learn more about advanced manufacturing as a career option for students. Brian noted the workforce of today's advanced manufacturing field requires skill sets such as critical and design thinking, collaboration, punctuality, problem solving and teamwork – vastly different skill sets than those required

by the production line industrial model that fueled the American Industrial Revolution in places like Lawrence. What resonated with me in relation to our work at LHS is that in many classrooms we are seeing more and more instructional procedures and classrooms arrangements that have the potential to promote engaging classroom discussions and meaningful collaboration among our students. Across the campus, we have noted teachers implementing

turn and talks, Think-Write-Pair-Share, and Socratic Seminars. In some classes we have seen desks arranged in circles, pairs, or small groups that have the potential to build community, and promote collaborative activities. That is the good news. These types of classroom practices create opportunities to promote authentic collaboration that fosters true cognitive engagement and critical thinking, so our students can gain the experiences and skills that are a prerequisite

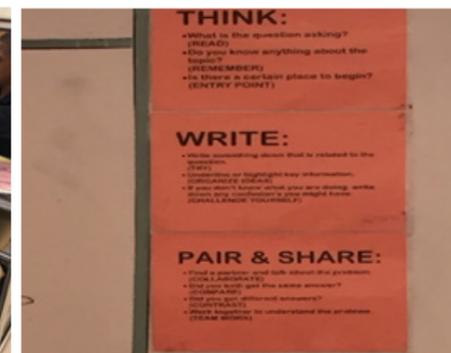
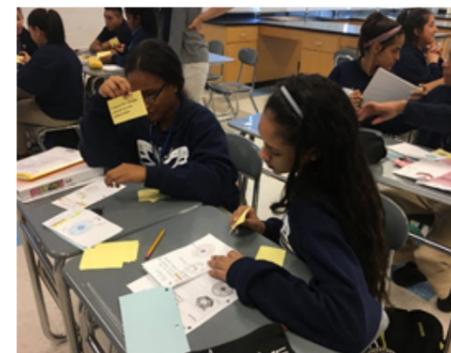
for the new economy, and are in alignment with our School Wide Goal to increase the level of cognitive engagement among all students. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you all to encourage, promote, and support each other to foster creative and productive ways to incorporate classroom discussions and higher levels of discourse

across the campus. Recently, I encountered this interesting and functional website <https://www.cultofpedagogy.com/speaking-listening-techniques/> featuring a segment on classroom discussions and dialogue which promote higher order thinking, collaboration and community building. I find it very

useful and user friendly. It features some tools, tips, and strategies with links to videos on strategy implementation.

Thanks for all you do, every day, for our students

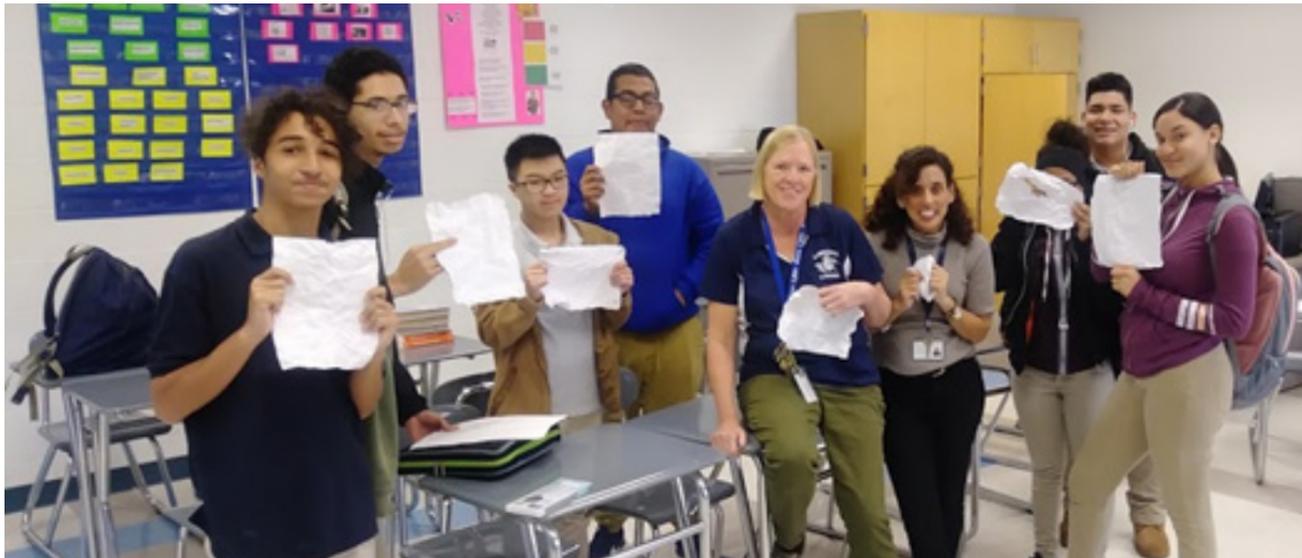
-Mike



SCHOOL WIDE GOALS, 2017-2018

- Goal 1: Increase the level of cognitive engagement among all students
- Goal 2: Develop a distributive leadership model across the campus
- Goal 3: Increase the use of targeted instruction and support for all learners
- Goal 4: Increase social and emotional supports across campus

SEMINAR COLLABORATION



Students in Karin Mottola's Upper School Seminar are pairing up with students in Mary Spellman's LIFE class to build

community. They gather every Friday in Ms. Mottola's Seminar room in D-building to engage in community building activi-

ties, starting with the Snowball exercise, to get to know one another

LANCER SPORTS UPDATE

Most LHS sports teams are wrapping up their fall schedules this week and next. Some highlights:

The Boy's Cross Country team defeated Central Catholic to win the River Cup and improved to 5-5 on the season under Head Coach Keith Sherman.

The football team plays on the road at Medford High School this Friday, October 27, followed by two more games yet to be announced, before

the season-ending clash with Central Catholic at 10am on Thanksgiving morning at home. The Girl's Volleyball team is having an outstanding season. LHS hosted the Merrimack Valley Conference Girls Volleyball Playdate on Thursday, October 25. All ten teams from around the MVC played their final league game of the year on the Lancer Court, followed by the MVC awards ceremony. Lawrence dropped a five-set match to Central Catholic in

front of 1,000 screaming fans. Their record stands at 14-5 with one regular season game to play. Alonda Davilla and Vielka Sanchez were named to the All Conference Team. Chantal Melgan and Jazmine Mejia were named MVC All Stars, and Abigail Heredia won the William Brouder Award for hard work, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. The team will compete in the State Playoffs starting next week.

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL DANCERS PERFORM at SALEM STATE



Some thirty member of the LHS Dance Company performed at the Hispanic Heritage Gala Dinner at Salem State University on Thursday October 12th. Thanks to dance teachers Quity Morgan and Audrey Martin!



Together We Rise

LAWRENCE HIGH

STUDENTS LEAD SCHOOL COMMITTEE PANEL



On Tuesday evening, October 24th, young people from the Lawrence Youth Council, including several LHS students, facilitated a panel discussion and questioned several candidates who are running for the

Lawrence School Committee in the upcoming city elections on November 7th. The event, hosted by the Lawrence Public Library, opened with an address by Lawrence Mayor Daniel A. Rivera '89, who chairs the School Commit-



tee, and brought together four of the eight candidates running for election: Adderly Gonzalez '09, Elissa Salas '16, Kemal Bozkurt, and Marilena Rivera, plus Stephany Infante, who is running for the Greater Lawrence Technical



School Committee. The moderators were LHS Senior Class President James Mora '18, ALA junior Daniella Cameron '19, and Daniel Carrero, a senior at Notre Dame Academy, a private parochial school in the city. The event was

attended by about 70 people, and over 90 minutes the students asked the candidates to explain their view on critical thinking, working with the state takeover, culturally relevant pedagogy, standardized testing, and more.

Check out the Eagle Tribune article at http://www.eagletribune.com/news/merrimack_valley/candidates-discuss-culture-testing-leadership-and-receivership/article_458335d8-306a-5e9c-9547-dc5ae35961f8.html

SERGEANT MAJOR VELASQUEZ '88 RETURNS TO LHS

On Thursday, October 12th, LHS hosted Sergeant Major Jose Velasquez, Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army Public Affairs, as a special guest speaker. Sergeant Major Velasquez is an LHS alumni, class of '88, who spoke to our students about the importance of hard work, dedication and perseverance. During his presentation he inspired close to 200 of our JROTC cadets about his experience growing up in Lawrence and that his success wouldn't have been possible without the help he had along the way from LHS teachers and other car-

ing adults who influenced and guided him in making

ranking military member of Public Affairs at the Penta-



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positive choices. Sergeant Major Velasquez is the highest

gon, a Lawrence High graduate, who is an example that through a combination of positive support and determination anything is possible. Check out the Eagle Tribune article at http://www.eagletribune.com/news/merimack_valley/army-sergeant-major-returns-to-lawrence-to-inspire-young-people/article_4114da66-32a7-57f6-8128-d621bec7f3c5.html

GAME CHANGE



On Thursday, October 12, a group of LHS seniors traveled to Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Massachusetts for Game Change: The Patriots Anti-Violence Partnership conference. The goal of Game Change is to implement long-term anti-violence and

healthy relationship education in Massachusetts schools, with a focus on developing peer leaders at the high school level who can provide trainings to their middle school counterparts. Game Change brings together students, teachers, coaches, and sexual

assault and domestic violence service providers to create positive change in their schools and communities. Learn more at <http://www.mass.gov/ago/about-the-ago/ago-grants/game-change.html>



DR. LANE GLENN VISITS LHS



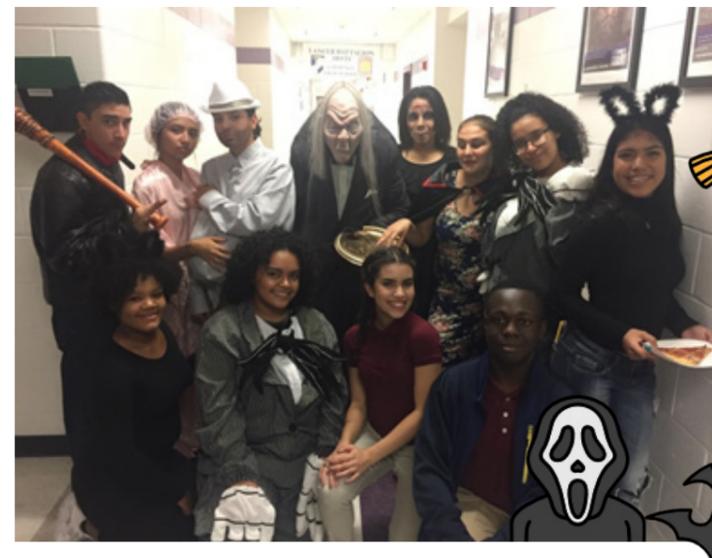
Dr. Lane Glenn, President of Northern Essex Community College, addressed the Upper School elective class, Critical Issues in Education, on Thursday, October 26. Dr. Glenn shared with students his experiences as a higher education administrator, and led discussion on questions such as, "Is college a public or a private good?" and "Should Massachusetts provide in-state tuition for undocumented students?" The students impressed Dr.

Glenn with their responses, their thinking, and their own questions. "What a great bunch of students! Bunch of bright minds and world changers there..." he wrote in an e-mail. Since assuming the Presidency of NECCO in 2011, Dr. Glenn has led numerous partnerships with Lawrence High School, including the Dual Enrollment program, and proven a great friend to the Lawrence Public Schools.



DR. LANE GLENN

JROTC HALLOWEEN PARTY



On Thursday, October 26th the LHS JROTC Battalion hosted a Halloween party. CSM Helbert and CMM Ronan served as the DJs while SM Caraballo judged the costume contest.

BIOGEN LABS FIELD TRIP



On Friday, October 27, twenty-one LHS students in the early college program visited the Biogen Laboratories in Cambridge, where they learned about hemophilia and the process to develop new drugs and medicines. These students are our future scientists, lab technicians, attorneys or IT gurus. Career exploration at its best

NEASC UPDATE



New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

On Thursday, October 19, LHS hosted George Edwards, director of the NEASC Commission on Public Secondary Schools (CPSS). He met with the Steering Committee and Chairs of the Standards Committees, and

addressed the entire faculty. This fall, LHS will ask all students, faculty, and parents to complete the Endicott Survey to provide us with meaningful data, as part of the accreditation process.

Any faculty member interested in serving on a NEAC visiting team to another school should contact Mike Fiato or Richard Gorham

UPCOMING ACCREDITATION EVENTS

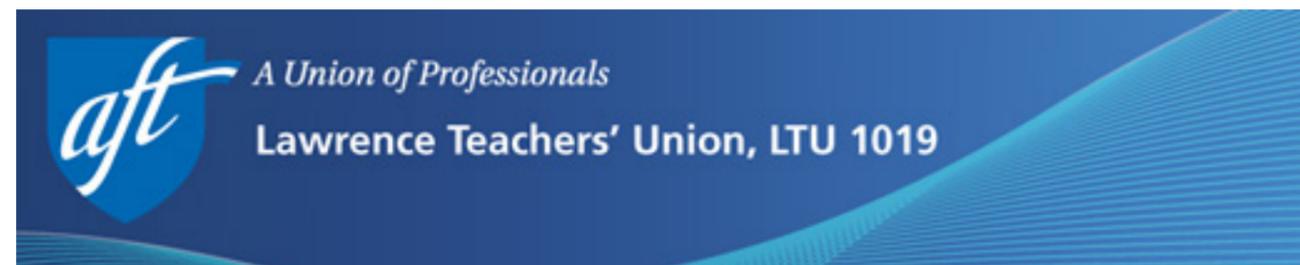
- Friday January 12, 1:00-3:00pm
- Thursday February 15, 3:00-4:30pm
- Thursday March 22, 3:00-4:30pm
- Thursday May 24, 3:00-4:30pm
- April 7-10, 2019: NEASC team visit

THE SEVEN STANDARDS FOR ACCREDITATION

Core Values
Curriculum
Instruction

School Culture and Leadership
School Resources for Learning
Community Resources for Learning Assessment

LEARN MORE AT : <https://www.neasc.org/>



WELCOME FROM THE LAWRENCE TEACHER'S UNION!



NEXT UNION MEETING

WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 1ST

TIME: 4:15PM

Relief's In, 15 Market Street, Lawrence Public Schools
Check out the Lawrence Teacher's Union webpage at

<http://010190.ma.aft.org/>

LHS REMEMBERS ITS OWN



Ronald J. Rudnicki, 1956-2017



Artie Halloran, 1967-2017

Over the last few months, the LHS community has lost two of its own. Arthur F. "Artie" Halloran, a 1985 graduate of Lawrence High School, longtime custodian, and coach with the baseball team, passed away unexpectedly on September 13 at the age of 50. He is survived by his wife, Mary, two children, and two grandchildren. Ronald J. Rudnicki passed away on October 22 at the age of 61. Ron worked as a custodian at Lawrence High School for many years and was a close friend to many of us. He is survived by two children and four grandchildren. Both Artie and Ron were dedicated to serving the children of Lawrence High School. They will be remembered, and they will be missed.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI OCT 27: END OF TERM 1

- Tue Nov 7: No School, City Election Day, All-Day Professional Learning
- Wed Nov. 8, Thu Nov. 9, Tue Nov 14: MCAS ELA Re-Test
- Fri Nov 10: No School, Veteran's Day
- Wed Nov. 15-Thu Nov. 16: MCAS Math Re-Test
- Wed Nov. 22: Half Day, start of Thanksgiving break
- Sat Nov. 4: S.A.T. test at LHS for some students
- Thu. Nov 30-Fri Dec. 1: Dance Performance, PAC, 6pm
- Thu Dec 7: Holiday Concert, 6pm
- Thu-Sun Apr 5-8: The Wizard of Oz, PAC
- Fri May 18, 2018: Prom at Castleton, Windham, NH
- Fri Jun 1, 2018: Graduation!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always looking for articles that highlight the good things going on at Lawrence High School. A picture and a paragraph – that's all we ask. Submit articles to Richard Gorham at LPS e-mail. The deadline for the next issue is Tuesday November 14.

THE BERNSTEIN CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL

WEST SIDE STORY

IN THE HEIGHTS

BERNSTEIN CENTENNIAL PERFORMANCES

THE LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE LAWRENCE CULTURAL COUNCIL ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE OPEN AUDITIONS FOR WEST SIDE STORY AND IN THE HEIGHTS AS PART OF THE LEONARD BERNSTEIN CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL AUGUST 16-25, 2018.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, STUDENT AND ADULT ACTORS, TECHNICIANS AND STAFF FOR OUR FESTIVAL PRODUCTIONS OF IN THE HEIGHTS AND WEST SIDE STORY. WE ARE HOSTING AN OPEN MEETING FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2018 @ 6:00PM
LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL
ROOM B142: BLACKBOX THEATER

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP TO HELP PLEASE EMAIL MATT EVANGELISTA AT MATTHEWREVANGELISTA@GMAIL.COM



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