

Good afternoon parents, this is Mr. Rice, Principal of Lyman High School and this is your Weekly Principal's Update!

***Happy Holiday's, you did it! Congratulations, Semester 1 is complete!*** I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a smooth first semester. Throughout the course of our time together, I have observed students that are focused and committed to their education all while maintaining a spirited environment where all students are valued and respected! We have a special thing going on at Lyman High School and I couldn't be more proud of the efforts of our students and our staff!

I hope that you take the next two weeks to unwind, relax, rejuvenate, and prepare for a fast-paced, second half of the 2017-2018 School Year. Thank you for being a great community and for trusting us to educate and lead your child to become life-long learners in an ever-changing global society. Happy Holidays to you and your family!

**Holiday Break Hours:** Lyman High School will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 4<sup>th</sup>. Our doors will be open for regular business (without students) on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup> from 7am-1pm with limited staffing.

**Report Cards:** As an FYI, teachers will have until January 4<sup>th</sup> to submit grades. We will then print report cards and distribute them to students during their 1<sup>st</sup> period class on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Keep in mind that while we provide a paper copy at the semester, grades are always available for viewing on Skyward Family Access.

**Excessive Absences/Credit Denial:** Parents, please note that Credit Denial Letters went in the mail today. Credit Denial is given to any student who has more than 9 absences in a given class. While a student may have passed the class, credit cannot be received until the criteria contained in the letter has been met. Letters will only be sent to those that have been denied credit in at least one class. If you have any questions, please contact our Attendance Office.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Classes:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will begin on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Some students will have a new class second semester, but in order to distribute schedules, all students will be required to report to their first semester, first period class. Once the new schedules are distributed, we will release students via intercom to their new class. Please have your student take note of their 7<sup>th</sup> period and 4<sup>th</sup> period classes as their lunch may have changed. If these periods have an "A" at the end of the period (4A or 7A), they go to first lunch. If these periods have a "B" at the end (4B or 7B), they go to second lunch.

**Scholarship Opportunity:** Click [HERE](#) for more information regarding a scholarship opportunity brought to you by the Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts. We will also be updating the Scholarship Page of our website which can be found at <http://lyman.scps.k12.fl.us/Guidance/Scholarships-List.aspx>.

**IMPORTANT 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER DATES** (Visit the Lyman Activity Calendar for more information)

- **Winter Break** – Students are off December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 7<sup>th</sup>
  - Lyman HS Office be open Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am-1:00pm.
  - Click [HERE](#) for the SCPS Student Calendar
- **Advanced Placement & FAFSA Night** – January 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm-7:30pm <http://bit.ly/2BxLs5m>

- **NCAA Athletic Information Night** – February 8<sup>th</sup> – Lyman HS Auditorium – 7:00pm – [Flyer Link](#)
- **Lyman Athletic Booster Golf Tournament** – February 17<sup>th</sup> – visit the [Booster Website](#) for more information as it becomes available.
- **Prom** – April 14<sup>th</sup>, Hilton Buena Vista Palace Resort
- **Greyhound Scholars Awards Night** – April 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm
- **AP Testing** – May 7-18 (Speak to your AP Teacher for specific exam dates)
- **Last Day for Seniors** – May 18, 2018
- **Graduation** – May 25, 2018 – 9:00am - CFE Arena at UCF

Congratulations to the following students and teacher who were awarded this week's Student & Teacher of the Week! You can view pictures of these students on our [Lyman Website](#) as well as on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter Pages](#).

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grader: Julian Martinez
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grader: Bryana Colon
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grader: Kaley Taylor
- Teacher of the Week – Faith Bell

**INTERESTED IN NOMINATING A TEACHER OF THE WEEK?** Submit your nomination by clicking the following link. <https://tinyurl.com/yb5nstat>

Our upcoming Bell Schedule:

- NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 7 – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
- WEEK OF JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>
  - **Monday & Thursday** are **Blue Days** (1,3,7,5)
  - **Tuesday & Friday** are **Gold Days** (2,4,7,6)
  - **Wednesday** is a **Red Day** (1-6)

Here is a look at events for this week:

- NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 7 – HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Remember, you matter, we matter, *Everyone Matters* at Lyman High School. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help your child succeed!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Rice

Principal

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