



## 2014 – 2015 Luella High School

### PRIDE NEWS #18: December 15 - 19 *The ½ way point in the school year*

We were honored on Thursday of last week to have Mr. Rodney Bowler, HCS Superintendent, to visit The Lion's Den and address our faculty. Mr. Bowler congratulated Luella for being a member of the first cohort for the district's Personalized Learning Initiative. He thanked us for the hard work we are doing and our commitment to the success of all of our students and assured us that he and the rest of the school system were behind our trailblazing work.

Last Monday evening was an amazing Lions' evening. The combined Fine Arts department presented a holiday celebration entitled *The Christmas Suite*. Over 125 students were involved from band, chorus, theatre and visual arts. It was great to see the stage of the Henry County Performing Arts Center overflowing with our performing arts students. We plan on this becoming a Luella tradition. What a way to welcome in the holiday season! Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Also last week, it was good to meet with those parents who attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Personalized Learning meeting on Tuesday evening. Current Luella parents were joined by parents of current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at Luella Middle School. We'll continue these meetings and others because, together, we'll continue to plan for our launch of Personalized Learning in August 2015 and beyond.

If you take a moment to go to our website, there you'll see a variety of reports on Lions' activities and successes, among them some community service projects that I would like to highlight:

- In this holiday time, it is wonderful that our Student Government Association is conducting a winter clothing drive.
- Also, several of our community service organizations are participating in food drives.
- The Luella High School Family & Consumer Science Classes and FCCLA in partnership with the Georgia United Credit Union are providing the Wish Tree list for 3 children from families in need.

These community service events are only a few of those being sponsored from Luella High School. These truly demonstrate the generous spirit of our Lions – the Pride reaches out to help our community.

Other postings on the website detail outstanding achievement by individual, current and alumna Lions, as well as successes for Luella organizations. All this to underscore that it is always a good day to be a Luella Lion.

This is the last week of school in 2014 and is the mid-point of this school year; thus, a few reminders are in order:

- There are no early release days this week; we'll operate on our normal bell schedule for an ODD week of classes.
- Students continue to take mid-terms. Assessments of these mid-terms will provide all of us with a look at where the students are with regard to mastery of standards at this halfway point, based on an expected student progression. Those results will allow you to know if your student is currently on track, ahead or behind in classes, given the yearlong grading policy.
- Grades from the first 18 weeks of school will be posted to the Parent/Student portal of Infinite Campus the first week we return to school.
- Henry County Schools and Luella High School will be closed from December 20 – January 4. We'll return for a teacher workday on Monday, January 5, and students return on Tuesday, January 6.

### **THIS WEEK'S CLASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 15:** (ODD Day: 1<sup>st</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup> periods)

- 5:30 PM – Media Center: LHS School Council meets.

**Tuesday, December 16:** (EVEN Day: 2<sup>nd</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> periods)

- 6:30 PM – Media Center: Junior Ring reception for those juniors who have paid in full for their rings.

**Wednesday, December 17:** (ODD Day: 1<sup>st</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup> periods)

**Thursday, December 18:** (EVEN Day: 2<sup>nd</sup>; 4<sup>th</sup>; 6<sup>th</sup>; 8<sup>th</sup> periods)

**Friday, December 19:** (ODD Day: 1<sup>st</sup>; 3<sup>rd</sup>; 5<sup>th</sup>; 7<sup>th</sup> periods)

### **Extra-Curricular Events Schedule**

**Congratulations** to the our basketball teams on impressive victories over Dutchtown High School this past week; to the Rifle Team who defeated Griffin High School on Thursday and to the Varsity Wrestling team who not only hosted the South Metro Wrestling Tournament this weekend, but also placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 31 teams. Go Lions!

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BASKETBALL</b>	<b>WRESTLING</b>	<b>SWIM</b>	<b>RIFLE TEAM</b>
Tuesday, December 16	JV: Girls & Boys @ Lithonia HS 5:00  Varsity: Girls & Boys v. Northgate HS Home 6:00/7:30			
Wednesday, December 17		JV & Varsity: @ Mundy's Mill HS 5:00		
Friday, December 19		Varsity: Wildcat Brawl @ Whitewater HS Tournament 5:00		
Saturday, December 20	9 <sup>th</sup> Boys JV: Boys & Girls v. Ola HS Home 11:00 AM 12:00/1:30	JV: Fernando Duals @ Dacula HS Tournament 9:00 AM  Varsity: Wildcat Brawl @ Whitewater HS Tournament 9:00 AM		

Note: Basketball and Wrestling have games and matches over the Break. Please check our website for those details.

**REMINDERS:**

Please continue to remember:

- Our mission statement states: Luella High School will graduate each student.
- Our vision statement: Working together, as a complete school community, Luella High School will provide each student and staff member the highest quality opportunities to grow, explore and own her/his growth and success.

Since I'll not be in touch with the Pride News for a few weeks, let me wish all of you and our greater Lion's community a safe, restful and family and friend-filled holiday season. The Lion's Den has had a good 2014, and we look forward to 2015.

Feel free to contact us if you have questions or need additional information on something.

Thank you again for your support which provides the true foundation for a successful Luella High School.

*As always, Go Lions!*

*Thank you,  
Jerry Smith*