



Luella High School Pride News

Week #34

Issued: April 29, 2019

We have completed 157 school days and have 20 school days remaining. Seniors have only 14 school days remaining.

PRIDE OF THE PRIDE

I hope you got a chance to see the spring musical, *The Addams Family*, last week. It was a great success. Congratulations to the cast, crew and directors.

Congratulations to our Boys' Soccer team on their victory in the first round of the Class AAAA state playoffs over Cairo High School on Saturday. They now move on to the Sweet Sixteen round against Spaulding High School on Thursday, May 2 at Spaulding.

Join me in wishing them good luck against Spaulding!

And, speaking of good luck, let's wish our track and field athletes good luck in the upcoming sectionals. Those athletes are: Jada Blanton, Jailan Logan, Kamorah Castro, Jaeva Ridley, Kailah Melson, Kameron Noble and JaBresha Palmer.

Go Lions!

END-OF-THE-YEAR TESTING

End-of-Course tests: End-of-Course tests begin in one week! Teachers and students have been working diligently preparing for EOCs. This next week, we'll be posting specific information for students so that they are fully prepared for testing to begin on Monday, May 6. We will be administering two different exams each day: one in the morning and one in the afternoon:

Monday, May 6

- Morning – 9th grade Literature and Composition, part 1; Afternoon – American Literature and Composition, part 1

Tuesday, May 7

- Morning – 9th grade Literature and Composition, parts 2 & 3; Afternoon – American Literature and Composition, parts 2 & 3

Wednesday, May 8

- Morning – Algebra 1; Afternoon – Geometry

Thursday, May 9

- Morning – Economics; Afternoon – United States History

Monday, May 13

- Morning – Biology; Afternoon – Physical Science

Our Mission:

Luella High School will graduate each student: college, career and life ready.

Since the testing schedule requires two tests each day, we will not run a normal daily schedule on those days. Students who are not testing will be in study halls and tutoring sessions. Attendance will be taken in all testing rooms. Normal rules about checking in and checking out will apply.

This approach will allow us to focus on the testing environment and make it the best possible environment for our students who are taking these state tests, which count twenty percent of their final grades; however, it will be a different schedule. I hope this will allow students to focus on their tests and have all the other time in the week to complete assignments and prepare to finish the year strongly instead of meeting regular classes and having to work on daily class assignments.

[Additional information from the Georgia Department of Education is linked on our website.](#)

Advanced Placement exams will also begin on Monday, May 6 and will continue through Thursday, May 16. AP students have had a chance to complete at least one full practice exam over the last few weeks. I hope that will assure that they are as well prepared for the actual AP exam as possible. AP exams are difficult, but our students are most capable. Please encourage them and help us all build their confidence for these important exams.

SENIOR FAMILIES UPDATES

Seniors will receive an updated outstanding obligations' letter in homeroom/Advisory this week. As a reminder, 2 additional graduation tickets may be earned if all fines/fees/uniform obligations are satisfied by Friday, May 10.

The link to make reservations for the Grandparent Breakfast to be held on Wednesday, May 22 will be live on our website under the Graduation and Senior Information tab from Friday, May 3 – Friday, May 10.

For any seniors who ordered a graduation yard sign and have not yet picked it up, they will be available after school only.

Please encourage every senior you know to finish strong. Remember it is our full community's goal to "graduate each student."

SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATES

As a reminder, all visitors to the school will enter through the four front doors into the entry lobby and enter the front office. If a visitor needs to go to some other place in the school, she/he must provide picture identification, be checked in through the secure Checkmate system and then be issued an official visitor badge before being allowed to a location beyond the front office.

REMINDERS:

- The school opens at 6:45 AM each school day and closes at 4:45 PM. The front office is open, and telephones answered from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM.

Thank you for your support and understanding of our work; our school is strengthened with our collective commitment to the success of every Luella Lion!

And, as always.
Go Lions!
Jerry Smith

Our Mission:

Luella High School will graduate each student: college, career and life ready.