



# LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

Pride News #27: March 2 – 5

Thank you to all the parents who attended last Monday's Parent/Teacher Conference night. At anytime, feel free to contact your student's teacher or counselor via email or contact the counseling department to set up a parent/teacher conference.

We were fortunate on Friday of last week to have a visiting team of HCS educators to complete a Personalized Learning site visit. The purpose of the visit was to give us some input on our progress with our Personalized Learning initiative. All PL schools are receiving site visits. We'll use the results and commentary to help shape our future plans and work.

There are 54 school days before Graduation – 49 class days before senior grades are finalized.

## **SCHOOL SECURITY AND RELATED TOPICS:**

We had a good week in The Lion's Den. As Pride News last week indicated, we were going to engage in conversations about school security and related topics. I did have good conversations with our faculty, School Council and our students from the Principal Council. And, received input about both how to secure the safety of our building and how to continue to improve building effective relationships to make sure that all students feel that they have a place in our school.

This was the first phase in our work. We'll be making some initial changes to some of our procedures this week, then continue talking and working on how to make progress on our 2 initiatives. We know that the security and safety of everyone at Luella High School is our most important priority. I will certainly keep you updated as our work continues.

**Let me ask for your help** by reminding you that all school visitors, including: parents, former students, or any visitor, should enter only through the main school entrance and report only to either the front office or attendance office.

## **PRIDE OF THE PRIDE:**

Congratulations to our Math Team who did well in the College of Charleston and Augusta College math tournaments:

- College of Charleston results:
  - Angelica Rodriguez finished 13th out of 162 students in Division 1
  - Level 1 team of Tristine Hui, Angelica, Alex Mackey, and Gary Balderas finished 4th out of 27 schools
  - Meet Patel and Tristine Hui each won a sprint round (1st out of 50 participants)
- Augusta College
  - Meet Patel places 6th out of 220 students
  - Team placed 8th out of 24 schools

**COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ABOUT SAFETY AND SECURITY:**

On Wednesday, March 7 please join Board of Education Members, Superintendent Davis and Sheriff Keith McBrayer for a conversation regarding safety and security of schools and a community partnership to foster safe learning environments. The meeting will be 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Henry County Performing Arts Center.

**CAREER DAY:**

Our annual Career Day will be Friday, March 9. During the day, our students will have the opportunity to hear from representatives from several careers and career-related fields. As a school, this important partnership aligns directly with our commitment to prepare our students for their next steps after high school, as stated in our mission statement: Luella High School will graduate each student: college, career and life ready.

Look for pictures from the event in our Twitter feed and on our website. Remember to follow us on Twitter: @LHS\_HCS.

**COMPLETION OF 3<sup>RD</sup> NINE WEEKS:**

We are quickly approaching the completion of three quarters of the school year. Grades will close for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks on Friday, March 16 with grade reports being posted on the Parent/Student IC portal on Monday, March 22.

**SENIOR AND GRADUATION INFORMATION:**

Senior and Graduation information is posted on our website. Please review it in order to understand the details and fee structure.

Fees can be paid in cash or money order in the front office or through PayPal (debit or credit cards) using the link on our website.

Please remember there is an incentive of 2 additional graduation tickets for students who have all obligations satisfied by May 4.

- From Graduation information: 2 additional graduation tickets may be earned if all fines/fees/uniform obligations are satisfied by May 4.

**SCHOOL RENOVATIONS AND NEW CONSTRUCTION:**

Renovation and construction activities continue. With Phase 3 beginning, teachers on the 400 Hall have been re-located so that the hall and classrooms can be renovated. The football field now awaits warmer temperatures so that the new rubber track can be installed. New construction on the auxiliary gym and additional fine arts spaces continues in the rear of the school.

Thank you for your support of our work, our students and staff members. Let's continue to work together to make the best possible school year.

Let us know if you have questions or need additional information.

And, as always,

GO Lions!

*Jerry Smith, Jr.*