



# LUELLA HIGH SCHOOL

Pride News #6: September 5 - 8

It was nice to see such a large crowd at Friday night's game and to be reminded of the success that our teams and athletes had last year. We'll be placing those on our website soon. Also, go to our Twitter and see pictures from throughout the evening and follow us: @LHS\_HCS.

I hope everyone had a good Labor Day holiday. Amazingly, in 2 weeks (9 class days), we will have Fall Break.

And, now off to week #6.

## **Empower HCS, the 1-to-1 student device initiative -**

Our Lions will receive their new Chromebook laptops on Tuesday, if the required paperwork has been completed.

Let me encourage any family who has not yet completed the appropriate paperwork to do so as soon as possible so that we can assure that every student receives a Chromebook. Full information remains posted on our website.

If you send the Acknowledgement form with your student on Tuesday, we'll do our best to see that your student receives her/his Chromebook. In the coming days, we will continue to work with families as Acknowledgment forms are turned in.

For those parents who designated that their student not bring their Chromebooks home, we are working on the system to secure those. It will require the students taking time each day for the student to pick up her/his computer from the Media Center and to turn it in before the end of the day. Let me encourage all families to allow your students to bring their Chromebooks home so that students will have them to use for homework and for completing assignments.

Now that students will have their Chromebooks, we will begin an intentional process to teach our students appropriate use of their laptops; we'll begin with lessons on digital citizenship. Please know that the laptops come with a strong filter to prevent students from accessing inappropriate materials, but beyond that safeguard, we want our students to learn the full range of use for these new computers.

## **9<sup>th</sup> Grade and AP Parent/Teacher Conference Night: Tuesday, September 5 -**

We look forward to 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and AP Parent/Teacher Conference night on tomorrow after school. Prior appointments are required in order to conference with teachers. **The appointment link will close this evening at midnight.** Please be on time for your appointment(s) so that no one else's time will be disrupted.

Ms. Kenner, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade counselor, will be offering repeating parent information sessions in the Media Center throughout the evening.

We look forward to conferencing with you.

## **School renovations and new construction -**

As you can see in the front of the school, there are 18 mobile classroom units. They will house specific classes as our renovations occur throughout this school year. The renovations will occur in stages. Currently, we plan during Fall Break for all classrooms on the 100 hall (principally English and Social

Studies teachers) to be relocated into the mobile classrooms. Each teacher on the 100 hall will have a mobile classroom unit. We plan to move the 100 hall teacher back into their newly renovated classrooms during either Thanksgiving or Holiday Break. The next hallway to undergo renovations would then be the 200 hall (principally Math and Spanish teachers).

Also, in the back of the building, new construction will begin on the auxiliary gym and the fine arts classroom and storage areas. Additional work will occur during the school year in converting the former auto mechanics lab into classrooms for 2 additional CTAE pathways: Law and Justice and Broadcast Video.

As you can see, even more than usual will be going on in The Lion's Den, but for great reasons. In 18 months or so, the school will be fully renovated and new classroom spaces will be opened. All of this work is a part SPLOST 5 funding. I will keep you updated on our progress and on our timelines, which could change based on a variety of factors.

Students will receive information about where their displaced classes will be located after Fall Break both before we leave for Break and the morning that we return.

#### **Additional Lions' News -**

- Senior and Graduation information for the Class of 2018 is posted on our website. It provides details and schedules, as they are available currently. Parents, please remind your senior about the incentives for extra graduation tickets based upon positive attendance and behavior. We'll continue to update the information throughout the year.
- Our second home football game is Friday, September 8 against McIntosh High School. It begins at 7:30. At halftime, the Marching Lions will perform part of this year's marching show: Winter is Coming. Come on out and support our Lions!
- September 18 – 22: Fall Break – Student and Staff holiday week

Thank you for your support of Luella High School, our Lions and staff members. I appreciate your continuing to work with us in a patient, understanding way.

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

And, as always,

GO Lions!

*Jerry Smith, Jr.*