



RAM REPORT

WEEK ONE OF SECOND SEMESTER

JANUARY 10, 2021

REYNOLDS RAP PARENT EDITION

The first week of 2021 brought over 350 LMHS students back to campus for face-to-face instruction, and our staff was excited to welcome back students we had not seen in nine months. Because we made changes to our course offerings to accommodate hundreds of returning students, as well as consolidate classes to create sections of Connect-only students, many students had their schedules changed. I sincerely appreciate the patience, flexibility, and understanding of our students as we continue to make changes to schedules to prioritize the best, possible learning environment and meet the needs of all students. Over the next week, more student schedules may be changed in order to level classes so that we can minimize the number of classes with high numbers of face-to-face students.

According to the SCPS educational plan for this semester that was submitted to and approved by the Florida Department of Education, families of Connect students may choose to return to face-to-face instruction at any point during second semester. However, face-to-face students cannot make the change to Seminole Connect. Students who are required to quarantine at home due to COVID exposure or testing positive for COVID-19 may attend classes over Connect where applicable, and in classes where Connect is not an option, students should access eCampus and do their best to keep up with assignments. Please know that quarantined students will have as many days as they were absent to make up lessons, assignments, and tests given during their absence.

Speaking of COVID, we are anticipating an increase in the number of positive cases over the next two weeks due to exposure over the holiday break, and we rely on our families to communicate with us when your child is either exposed or tests positive. If your child is either exposed or tests positive, please call one of our COVID administrators to let them know. You can call Tom Oliver at 407-320-9505 or Michael Hennessy at 407-320-9510. Also, I appreciate all parents and guardians talking with your children to emphasize the importance of following safety protocols both on and off the campus of LMHS. We require all students to wear masks properly while on campus, except when they are eating breakfast or lunch. Additionally, we ask that students make every effort to socially distance and wash their hands regularly. We need everyone on campus working together to keep both students and staff members safe until we are able to get this virus under control.

In academic news, the second semester brings many opportunities and requirements for students to engage in high-stakes testing. For starters, the PSAT will be given to all students in grades 9-11 on January 26th during the school day. Please read information included in this newsletter to learn specifics about the test, including expectations for seniors who will not be required to attend classes in person on that day.

Finally, I would like to state how proud I am of our students and staff members who have persevered in prioritizing both academic and social/emotional development during the most challenging year in our lifetimes. And for the students and families who are struggling, please reach out to us, because we are here to help! Happy New Year, and as always, Go Rams!

-Dr. Reynolds

THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball

Monday: Away vs. Hagerty. JV @ 5:30, Varsity @ 7:00

Tuesday: Home vs. Lake Howell. JV @ 5:30, Varsity @ 7:00

Friday: Home vs. Seminole. JV @ 5:30, Varsity @ 7:00

Saturday: Away vs. Masters. Varsity Only. Time TBA

Boys Basketball

Wednesday: Home vs. Lake Brantley. Freshman @ 4:30, JV @ 6:00, Varsity @ 7:30

Friday: Away vs. Seminole. Freshman @ 4:30, JV @ 6:00, Varsity @ 7:30

Boys Soccer

Monday: Home vs. West Orange. JV @ 5:00, Varsity @ 7:00

Wednesday: Away vs. Winter Springs. JV @ 5:00, Varsity @ 7:00.

Friday: Away vs. Seminole. JV @ 5:00, Varsity @ 7:00

Girls Soccer

Tuesday: Away vs. Seminole. JV @ 5:00, Varsity @ 7:00

Wednesday: Home vs. Monteverde. JV @ 5:00, Varsity @ 7:00.

Wrestling

Friday and Saturday: Milton Memorial @ St. Cloud.

Spring Sports Tryout Information

Boys Weightlifting: Tuesday, Jan 12 @ 2:30 pm in the weight room

Softball Interest Meeting: Tues., Jan. 12 @ 2:45 pm in the cafeteria

Football Interest Meeting: Thurs., Jan 21 @ 2:30 in the Media Center.

Reminders

*By order of SCPS, we require all spectators to wear masks for the duration of all of our sporting events. Lake Mary High School is enforcing this measure to ensure the health and safety of our school community and guests. We also hope our efforts will allow such sporting events to continue, well into the future. There is no option here, wear your mask and take pride in doing your part. At Lake Mary, We Stand Together!

REASONS TO CELEBRATE our LMHS athletes!



In this weekend's Regional Cheer Competition, our varsity cheerleaders took first place and earned a pass into the finals of state competition. At the Hagerty Husky Cheer Challenge, our JV team won first place in Game Day Cheer. Congrats to both teams!



The LMHS wrestling program, led by Head Coach Juan Arroyave, hosted its annual Tournament of Champions on Saturday. Congrats to seniors Diego Solorzano and Alex Vazquez for winning first place in their weight classes. Congrats also to Dominic Rubino for winning 2nd place and to Dylan Cobb, Ben Eppl, and Aidan Rubino for placing third.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

PLEASE READ!

PSAT Testing on Jan. 26th

Seniors will not be sitting for the PSAT, so we are asking that **seniors do not show up for in-person classes on that date**. Instead, seniors should be engaging in any one of the following activities:

- Finish any processes related to college admissions that you have not yet completed, including the FAFSA.
- Search for and complete scholarship applications.
- If you are still unsure about applying for college or entering a career, visit this website: <https://www.floridashines.org/> to take a career interest inventory, take virtual campus tours, or review the steps for applying to college.
- Visit a local recruiting office to get information if you are interested in joining the Armed Services after graduation.
- Apply for a local job to gain work experience and save money for upcoming senior activities and/or college.

Seniors, we are eager to celebrate your college admissions!

If you have been accepted to a college or university, please email the name of the institution to which you were accepted, along with a picture, to mickey_reynolds@scps.us

National SAT/ACT Testing Dates
Students can register through College Board (www.collegeboard.com) and ACT (www.act.org) to take these tests on a Saturday National Testing Date.

SAT – March 13, May 8, June 5

ACT – February 6, April 17, June 12, July 17

TESTING UPDATE

PSAT NMSQT

The PSAT will be given to all 9th-11th grade students on Tuesday, January 26 from 7:20am until approximately 11:10am. All Face to Face students will be scheduled to take this. Save My Seat and Connect students were sent a link on Friday to sign up to come and take it (<https://tinyurl.com/LMHS-PSAT-Jan-2021-Sign-Up>).

Students and parents will receive an email on Monday, January 11 letting them know if their student is signed up to take it. All students who have signed up will receive their testing room assignment through their SCPS email by Friday, January 22nd. The PSAT is a College Board test that is a practice version of the SAT. This test is not a requirement for graduation but it is highly recommended that students take it. The PSAT should be taken for the following reasons:

- For Juniors, it is the only avenue to the National Merit Scholarship Program
- It is a practice for the SAT which 11th and 12th grade students take as a part of the college admissions process
- A score of 430 on the Math PSAT meets the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement

Students will take the PSAT free of charge and there will not be any make-ups. There will be no make-ups for the PSAT. Email kathleen_aslin@scps.us if you have any questions.

Save the Date

The ACT will be offered to all Juniors on Tuesday, March 2 during the school day and it will be free of charge. Students will automatically be signed up for this and Save My Seat and Connect students will be invited to come and take it.

More information will be sent out closer to the testing date. The SAT will be offered to all Juniors on Tuesday, April 13 during the school day and it will be free of charge. Students can set up a College Board account at www.collegeboard.org and can link their account to Khan Academy where they have access to official SAT practice items.