

RAM REPORT

February 7, 2021

REYNOLDS RAP PARENT EDITION

In a typical year, the Spring season brings many traditional activities for our senior students. These activities and ceremonies give staff and families an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of our seniors, and they also offer senior students the chance to celebrate their upcoming graduation with peers.

The COVID pandemic has changed many aspects of schooling and extra-curricular activities, and even though we have held out hope to hold the same Senior events that our students have anticipated for years, based on the current status of COVID in our community, we must make some concessions. I trust that our students and families will understand the need to conduct all activities in a manner that prioritizes safety, not just for our students, but also for the families of our students. To learn more about how LMHS will conduct senior activities in a safe way, please read the letter on the last page of this newsletter.

To be certain, our priority for both seniors and underclassmen lies in our efforts to facilitate the academic progress of all students. We work hard to ensure that all students meet the academic requirements to earn a diploma, and we ask that families assist us in meeting this goal by tracking the progress of your children and reaching out to teachers and counselors if you have concerns. If you have a child accessing instruction over Connect, and your child is struggling to succeed, please know that we will welcome him/her back to school for face-to-face instruction at any point during this semester. You need only contact your child's counselor (listed on the LMHS webpage) to let her know your intent.

If you have questions for administrations, feel free to email at mickey_reynolds@scps.us or call my office at 407-320-9502, or you can contact our Assistant Principal over guidance, Tom Oliver, at 407-320-9505 or thomas_oliver@scps.us.

-Dr. Reynolds

Girl Power: LMHS Girl Weightlifters Make it to States!



LMHS is very proud of Katy Garcia (pictured on the left) and Alexa Mandujano (pictured on right) for placing in the Regional Girls Weightlifting Tournament and earning a spot in the state tournament. Good Luck Girls!

Signing Day: LMHS Athletes Sign their Letter of Intent to Play at the College Level



Pictured from Left to Right: Rocco Underwood, football (Univ of Florida), Keagan Perez, baseball (Embry Riddle), Sydney Martin, volleyball (College of Coastal Georgia), Mya Bodrato, track (Jacksonville University), Liz Bened, diving (Univ of West Florida), Alex Dorenkott, lacrosse (Univ of Alabama Huntsville), Jayla Woods, basketball (Covenant College), Brandon Perkins, lacrosse (Limestone University)

THIS WEEK IN ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball

Thursday: Regional Quarterfinals @ Oak Leaf (Jacksonville) 7:00pm

Boys Basketball

7A District 2 District Tournament hosted by Lake Mary High School

Tuesday Quarterfinals:

5:30pm: #4 DeLand vs. #5 Ocala West Port

7:00pm: #3 Lake Mary vs. #6 University

Wednesday Semi-Finals:

5:30pm: Spruce Creek vs. Winner of 3/6

7:00pm: Seminole vs. Winner of 4/5

Friday Finals at 7:00 pm

Boys Soccer

Tuesday: District Finals @LMHS vs Spruce Creek, 7:30 pm

Girls Soccer

Tuesday: District Finals @LMHS vs Spruce Creek, 5:30 pm

Wrestling

Friday: District Tournament @ Hagerty High School

Girls Weightlifting

Saturday: State Championship @ Arnold High School

Baseball

Preseason Tournament @ Lake Mary

Tuesday: 4:00: Hagerty vs. DeLand

7:00: Lake Mary vs. Orangewood

Thursday: 4:00: Orangewood vs. Hagerty

7:00: Lake Mary vs. DeLand

Softball

Preseason Tournament @ Winter Springs

Friday @7:00 and Saturday @3:00

Track & Field

Saturday: Lake Mary Preseason Meet @ Lake Mary: 8:00am

Congratulations!

Special congratulations to our female weightlifters, Katy *** and Alexa *** for earning the right to compete in the state weightlifting tournament. Good luck to these powerful young women at this Saturday's state meet!

Congratulations to the LMHS wrestling team for winning 3rd place in Saturday's SAC tournament. Placing 1st in their weight classes were Jeremy Goldman & Alex Vazquez. Placing 2nd were Dominic Rubino & Ben Eppl. Good luck this week!

Reminders

*By order of SCPS, we require all spectators to wear masks for the duration of all of our sporting events.

Soccer Teams Continue to Win! LMHS Girls and Boys Soccer Teams in District Finals on Tuesday!



Both our girls and boys soccer team competed in district semi-final matchups on Thursday and Friday. The girls defeated Seminole High 2-0, and the boys defeated the bulldogs from Deland High in overtime 3-2. Both teams advance to the district finals, and they will have the home field advantage. The girls play Tuesday at 5:30 pm at the Don T. Reynolds, and the boys follow, starting their game at 7:30. Come on out to support our outstanding soccer teams!



The LMHS boys basketball team celebrated its seniors Thursday night at Senior Night. LMHS hosts the district tournament this week, and the boys battle University Orange City Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our girls basketball team lost a heartbreaker in the district finals Friday night against Seminole, but in the 3@ spot will move on to the regional tournament.

FSA RETAKES

The FSA/ELA Writing/Reading Retakes will be offered again beginning on Monday, February 8th. Testing will be scheduled as follows:

- Week of February 8:** 11th and 12th graders who are currently in reading
- Week of February 16:** 11th grade students in English 3 (not in reading)
- Week of March 1:** Save My Seat and Hybrid students

Face to Face students will be scheduled to test and Connect, Save My Seat, and Hybrid students have been sent out a link to sign up to come on campus and take it. The week before they are scheduled to test, students will be sent an email which will include their testing date, testing time, and testing location. These assessments must be taken on campus.

Email kathleen_aslin@scps.us if you have any questions.

The FSA ELA assessment consists of three sessions - Writing (120 minutes or longer), Reading Session 1 (90 minutes or longer), and Reading Session 2 (90 minutes or longer). (This is for current 11th grade students.)

Passing the FSA/ELA is a graduation requirement. Students may also utilize any of the following options to meet the FSA ELA high school graduation requirement:

- Earn a level 3 on the FSA ELA retake during ANY future administration (offered twice a year October/November or February/March)
- Earn/use a concordant score on one of the following assessments:
 1. SAT ERW Score of 480+ (grade 9-11 students - 11th Grade will take SAT on April 13)
 2. ACT an average score of 18 on English and Reading Subtests (11th Grade will take ACT on March 2)

TESTING UPDATE

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. A link will be sent to Save My Seat and Connect students this week.

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. More information will be sent out closer to the testing date

Algebra 1 EOC Retakes

Algebra 1 EOC Retakes will be offered again March 22-26. This will be for any students who have taken Algebra 1 and not yet met the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement (passing score = 497). FDOE requires that all state assessments take place face to face on school campuses.

Students may utilize any of the following options to meet the Math high school graduation requirement:

- Earn a level 3 on the Algebra 1 EOC during ANY future administration (offered four times a year - September, December, March, May) or
- Earn a level 3 on the Geometry EOC score (students currently in Geometry will take in May) or
- Earn/use a comparative score on one of the following assessments:
 1. PSAT/NMSQT Math Score of 430+ (was administered January 26, 2021)
 2. SAT Math Score of 420+
 3. ACT Math Score of 16+

Update from Student Services

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Registration

Students will receive their 2021-2022 registration information by their modality starting this week. Face to Face and Seminole Connect students will participate in the registration process through English 3/AP Language Composition, World History and English 1 classes. Save My Seat Virtual students can visit the All LMHS eCampus page to access the registration information starting Tuesday, February 9.

Counselors will meet with Face- to- Face students and Seminole Connect students by grade level to review and discuss next year's course selections Feb 18 -Feb 26 through English class. Be sure to have your registration card completed for your meeting. Counselors will be available to meet with Save My Seat Virtual students by appointment on March 3rd and 4th. Students can go online to schedule an appointment with their counselor.

How to Schedule an Appointment with Your Counselor

Students can schedule an appointment with their counselor by clicking on the student services page and selecting counselors and appointments. As always please remember to check your school email as important information always gets sent to this email. This is applicable for all grade levels.

Seniors: Do you need help Completing College Applications?

Seminole State College Admissions Department will host a "Virtual Application Day" on March 2nd at 4pm. More details to come. Seminole State College will have a representative from TRIO Connection of Central Florida on Feb 10th, 17th and 24th from 8am-2pm in the College and Careers room. Any Save My Seat/Seminole Connect students that wish to participate can register at: <https://forms.gle/Ytp8C8ftDrqZ2v6D8> Parents are welcome and encouraged to register and participate.

TRIO Connections from SSC will hold a FAFSA LAB on Thursday, February 11th from 4pm-6pm.

Any Save My Seat/Seminole Connect students that wish to participate can register at: <https://www.seminolestate.edu/trio/appointments>

Scholarship and Financial Aid Assistance for Seniors

Questions about scholarships? Schedule your informational scholarship meeting <https://forms.gle/vlqxp9itPLXbjSr5> For any additional questions please contact Student Services and make sure you continue to check your school email.

Dual Enrollment Options

Academic Dual Enrollment: A general education dual enrollment course requires an unweighted 3.0 GPA and college ready placement scores. Students can use their SAT or ACT scores or may take the PERT at Seminole State College for free.

Career Dual Enrollment: Elective courses are available for enrollment and requires an unweighted 2.5 GPA.

Additional dual enrollment information is available on the LMHS website under Student Services. Be sure to speak with your counselor about dual enrollment at your registration meeting.

Career Assessments

Students if you are not sure of what electives to register for next year, sign into Kuder-Mycareershines and complete the career interest assessments. The Kuder tile is located on your eCampus page

Bright Futures Scholarships

All seniors were encouraged to complete the online Bright Futures Scholarship application, Florida Financial Aid Form. Completion of the Florida Financial Aid Form assures that each senior will be evaluated for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program and other scholarships awarded by the state. Please note this is not the FAFSA, which students and parents need to complete to be eligible for any need based financial assistance. First round of transcripts have been sent to the Office of Student Financial Assistance in Tallahassee.

Make sure you complete your Bright Futures application before Spring Break. Transcripts will be sent after graduation for a final scholarship evaluation. Students who need to complete their 75 or 100 hours for the Bright Futures Scholarship must have this completed and turned into the Student Services Office BEFORE graduation. Seniors who need to improve SAT or ACT test scores can take these tests in May or June.

LMHS Presents: Senior Spring Activities

Dear Ram Seniors and Families,
As you know, Lake Mary High School is committed to holding as many traditional senior activities as possible within parameters that keep students and staff safe from COVID. In collaboration with other high school principals, SCPS has agreed upon guidelines that will allow us to hold the following senior events:

A Royal Garden Formal for the Class of 2021:

Seniors will have the opportunity to attend a formal event at the Omni Orlando Resort ChampionsGate on Saturday, April 17th from 7:00 - 11:00 pm. This event will include a formal, plated dinner, a program that features senior speakers and videos, the presentation of the Royal Court, and the crowning of King and Queen. Masks will be required except when students are seated and eating, and temperature checks will be conducted upon entrance to ensure the safest possible environment for our seniors to enjoy a formal event together, as the Class of 2021. Please know that this is a Senior-only event, and outside guests will not be allowed to attend. Seniors will receive more details this week.

Senior Week:

During the week leading up to our Royal Garden Formal, seniors will enjoy a variety of activities including Dress-Up Days, an Honor Grad Ceremony, the Donnies, and a Senior Picnic.

Grad Bash:

Seniors will have the opportunity to attend Grad Bash at Universal Studios on Saturday, April 24th. Universal has reduced the number of attendees allowed and will communicate their expectations for safety protocols, but we are very excited that seniors will be able to enjoy this traditional event!

Graduation:

Due to the uncertainty of being able to schedule graduation safely at UCF, we are moving forward with planning graduation in our own auditorium on Thursday, May 27th. This way, graduates will be allowed to have more than two family members attend the ceremony; further, we will ask graduates to sign up for a specific time and will livestream the event so that extended family and friends can view their graduate receiving a diploma from the comfort of their own homes. (cont'd at right)

Seniors and their families can expect to receive details

Chess: The Game of Life

Did you know that LMHS has a chess team? We do, and in fact, we recently competed against chess players from Seminole High. Freshmen Success and Young Men of Excellence teacher, Joel Ortiz, started our chess program as a way to teach his students about life. Joined by his fellow YMOE teacher, Curtis Smith, Mr. Ortiz schedules contests with other schools, and this Thursday, LMHS will host YMOE students from other SCPS high schools for a tournament. For more information about our chess program, read the Argonaut newsletter attached to this email.



A pink poster for 'Candy Grams'. At the top right is a ram logo. The text reads: 'BE THE CHANGE SPREAD THE LOVE Candy Grams'. Below that, it says 'Candy - \$3' and 'Flowers - \$5'. At the bottom, it says 'SOLD DURING ALL LUNCHES ON FEBRUARY 11th & 12th' and 'Help spread positivity across the campus by sending an uplifting note or treat to your friends!'. The background is decorated with various heart-shaped candies.

Seniors and their families can expect to receive details about all of these events in upcoming weeks, but for now, please know how excited I am to move forward with engaging our seniors in the events they have looked forward to for many years. Some of these events will look a bit different, but most importantly, they give our seniors the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments together in a safe environment. Congratulations to the Class of 2021! Let's make these final weeks something you will remember for the rest of your lives! -Dr. Reynolds