RAM REPORT

A WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 · WEEK 8 · 2020-21



REYNOLDS RAP PARENT EDITION

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and serves as an opportunity to increase awareness of and support for the disease that impacts so many friends and family members. To highlight Ram support for breast cancer awareness, this Friday's home football game vs. Oviedo High School will be a Pink-Out. Students are encouraged to wear pink to school on Friday, and all fans can join the Pink-Out by wearing pink to Friday night's game. Tickets to the football game will be available on the GoFan app at 6:30 pm on Monday.

This week marks the end of the first quarter and brings with it nine weeks assessments that count as 20% of students' first quarter grades. Please talk with your children about their grades and how they are preparing for their nine weeks exams. You will find the exam schedule attached to this email.

Finally, please know that all SCPS schools are maintaining the same safety protocols that were put in place at the start of the school year. Students safety is our #1 priority, and these protocols are working! If we stick to the plan, we can continue to offer face-to-face instruction and extra-curricular activities. Go Rams!

-Dr. Reynolds

STUDENTS TAKE 9-WEEKS EXAMS THIS WED - FRI

For all students, nine weeks exams are given in all subjects this week, beginning with 5th and 7th period exams on Wed., continuing with exams in periods 2, 4, & 6 on Thursday, and concluding with exams in periods 1 & 3 on Friday. A .pdf of the bell schedule is attached to this email. It is important to realize that all students, in all courses, will be given some type of nine weeks assessment that will be counted as 20% of their nine weeks grades. However, only students in subjects that are part of high-stakes assessments at the end of the school year will be taking a C9A, which counts as both a progress monitoring instrument and 20% of students' grades.

Who takes a C9A? Students enrolled in 9th and 10th grade English, Algebra I, Geometry, and U.S. History. Student participation in these C9As is mandatory, and these assessments must be taken without the help of another person or use of notes or other materials. You may be asking, how will the C9A tests look different for face-to-face students vs. Seminole Connect students?

Face-to-Face: Students will complete the exam(s) through EdInsight (computer based) and students will receive their testing ticket(s) from their teacher on the exam day in class.

Seminole Connect: Students will complete the exam(s) through EdInsight (computer based) and will receive their testing ticket through their SCPS email on the exam day. Students will log in to Clever and then EdInsight and will use their log in information on the testing ticket to access the exam. Students will take their exam(s) during their scheduled exam period and the use of a camera during the test administration is required to maintain security and to ensure valid data is reported to the State. Students will receive more specific information through their teachers before the exam day.

Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, US History EOC

Any students who are pursuing a Scholars Diploma and were not able to take an EOC in the Spring can fill out the EOC application to sign up. This testing will take place in November, and the application is attached to this email.

UPDATE FROM ATHLETICS

Girls Volleyball

10/5 @ Home vs. Spruce Creek 5:30/6:30

10/7 @ Boone 5:30/6:30

10/8 @ Seminole 4:30/5:30/7:00

10/3 @ Home Tri-Match vs. Olympia 1:00 pm

and vs. Winter Park 2:30 pm

Football

10/7 Freshman @ Oviedo 6:00 pm

10/8 JV @ Oviedo 6:00 pm

10/9 Varsity @ Home vs. Oviedo 7:00 pm

Cross Country

No meets this week

Slow-Pitch Softball

10/7 @ Seminole vs. Lake Howell 5:30pm & Oviedo 6:30pm

Bowling

10/5 vs. Crooms @ Airport Lanes 3pm

10/7 vs. Winter Springs @ Oviedo Lanes 3pm

Swimming

10/7 SAC Championship @ Lake Howell 2pm

Boys Golf

10/5 SAC Championship @ Mayfair GC 1:00 pm 10/7 Tri-Match vs. Lake Brantley & Lake Howell

@ Wekiva GC 3:00 pm

10/10 Qdoba Windermere Invitational @ Orange Lake

Girls Golf

10/6 SAC Championship @ Wekiva GC 8:00 am 10/7 vs. Lake Howell @ Legacy GC 3:00 pm 10/10 Central Florida Tournament of Champions @ Debary CC 3:30 pm

ATHLETIC REMINDERS

Tickets to Friday night's varsity football game vs. Oviedo will be available on the GoFan app Monday night at 6:30pm. Since we are playing an in-county opponent we will likely sell out quicker than the last two weeks so get them right away.

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 you part. At Lake Mary, **We Stand Together!!**

RAM OF THE WEEK

Briana Gallon

Briana is senior at Lake Mary High School with a 3.76 GPA. She is actively involved in community service, basketball, and music. She has been a Girls Varsity Basketball player since 9th grade and plays travel basketball for Central Florida Elite.

Her second passion is music, and she takes pride in the fact that she writes her own music for the songs she performs. "The songs that I usually write are energetic, fun, motivating, and upbeat songs that give listeners the drive to fight through any adversity or negativity to achieve their dreams. I truly embrace our school motto "Be the Change," by working extremely hard to be the absolute best "Me" that I can be, while encouraging others to strive for their dreams" (Gallon). A few years ago, she became a hip-hop artist, Breezy BRG. "About 6 months ago, I heard one of my songs that I wrote back in December, playing on an Atlanta, Georgia radio station, and it was absolutely incredible. Currently, my songs are playing on several radio stations across the US" (Gallon).

Most recently, one of her songs "Steppin," which is a nice, uptempo dance song that she wrote, was chosen to be a part of a hiphop compilation album "Predicted Platinum." The album made it to #1 on the iTunes Charts, and as high as #12 on the Billboard Charts.

You can view the Steppin' video here: https://youtu.be/ODmV]yGfB E





MENTAL HEALTH LESSONS OCTOBER 12 - NOVEMBER 10

The attached flyer was emailed to all families a few weeks ago regarding Mental Health Lessons. These lessons include awareness on several important topics including coping skills, mental health, bullying, substance abuse, and more. To ensure as much value for students as possible, lessons are being thoughtfully and deliberately embedded into classroom instruction (with counseling support available). For questions or concerns, contact Andrea Fuhrer at andrea fuhrer@scps.kl2.fl.us

Congrats to Richard Colon LMHS Teacher of the Year!



UPDATE FROM STUDENT SERVICES

Students have you started planning for your future after high school graduation? Do you know what career you want to pursue? Get ready for College and Career Week at Lake Mary High, October 26th -30th. More information coming soon.

The Student Services Department, in conjunction with the English Department, have been introducing students to a free resource for planning for college and career titled <u>Florida Shines</u>. Click the link to review this amazing, free resource.

SAVE THE DATE:

- ASVAB Test October 12th @ LMHS
- 2020 Virtual College Fair October 19th - 24th (SHS flyer) Lake Mary Virtual Financial Aid Night- Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 pm.
- Junior Credit Checks November 9th-13th
- Bright Futures Registrations -December 7th -11th



SAT SCHOOL DAY FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, October 14

All 12th grade students will have the opportunity totake the SAT on Wednesday, October 14. Face-to face students will be scheduled to take the SAT and all Connect and Save my Seat students who registered will be scheduled to test. Student testing locations will be posted outside Media this week. Connect and Save my Seat students should arrive on the testing day by 7:20am and the student testing locations list will be posted outside Student Services. All students should bring pencils and a calculator for the testing. If you have any questions, please email kathleen_aslin@scps.k12.fl.us The SAT School Day Student Guide (test-taking advice and tips and practice questions) can be found at https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/s at-school-day-student-guide.pdf

FSA/ELA READING/WRITING RETAKES

Due to COVID-19, 10th grade students during the 2019-2020 school year did not have the opportunity to participate in the spring administration of this assessment. Students are required to meet reading high school graduation requirements through this assessment. 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:

- SAT ERW Score of 430+ (grade 12 students will take SAT on Wednesday, October 14)
- SAT ERW Score of 480+ (grade 9-11 students
 11th Grade will take SAT in April)
- ACT an average score of 18 on English and Reading Subtests

Students who are face-to-face and still need to meet this requirement will be scheduled during 2nd quarter to take the FSA ELA.

Connect and Save My Seat students can sign up at https://tinyurl.com/LMHS-FSA-ELA to take the FSA ELA on campus, if they so choose.

Innovative Teachers Create Engaging Lessons!

Lake Mary High School is proud of its talented faculty, and this year, more than ever, teachers have faced significant challenges. Even so, our teachers find innovative ways to engage their students.

Teachers Joel Ortiz and Curtis Smith instruct students in our Young Men of Excellence program. This program teaches leadership skills and addresses college and career prep for minority males who show tremendous promise. Mr. Ortiz and Mr. Smith have planned a curriculum that develops these young men into great men. They explicitly teach the following characteristics: brotherhood, leadership, wisdom, chivalry, and strength. Please see their Argonauts newsletter attached to this email to learn more.

Nick Zambri, an expeienced ESE teacher who is new to LMHS found an explosive way to introduce his students to a unit on force. A Tae Kwon Do master, Mr. Zambri demonstrated how the human body can apply enough force to break through boards and cement blocks.



