

HOG-EYE Headlines

**"Building a legacy of excellence
one student at a time"**



A Principal's Plea to Parents

Livingston Academy is in the midst of some major changes in our academic climate. During the times when our teachers at LA are trying to step up the rigor in the classroom to better prepare our students for life after high school, the State Department of Education also increased the expectations of our students. All high schools are dealing with tougher standards in almost all discipline areas. In particular, English, mathematics, and science are facing classroom expectations in each course that surpasses any previous mandates in those classes. The state is pleading with educators all across the state to better prepare our students for college, technical school, work, or whatever is in their future after graduation.

As the state asks for our help in educating our students, we ask for your help as a parent! Although the faculty and staff at LA

will do anything and everything we can to help your child succeed, we are with your child only seven hours per day. Each teacher deals with as many as 105 students each school day. When those students come home to you, please help us to help them! The topics and the depth of study of these topics that our students are encountering every day are much tougher and deeper than you and I had to encounter in high school. Our administrators, teachers, and you as parents must band together to push our students to succeed. No longer can students merely "show up" in these classes and make acceptable grades. We need to work as a team to encourage them to always do their homework, to read, to study, to prepare themselves for the rigor of our curriculum.

When the report cards were released for the first semester

of this school year, the challenges we faced as educators with new, more rigorous standards were obviously a stumbling block to many of our students. The number of failures in all four classes rose to 306 students failing a class. That is 10% of the classes taken in the fall semester at LA. I know the goal of all of our teachers is to help your child learn and to help them succeed. I feel confident this took place in every instance. On behalf of the faculty and staff at LA, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We want all of our students to graduate and be ready to make the next step. Only you as a parent can give that extra push these students need. Push them to succeed! Down the road, they will be so thankful that you stood firm in your expectations for their success!

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES—February 11, 2010

Livingston Academy will host its second round of parent teacher conferences on Thursday, February 11th, between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30p.m. We hope all parents can attend and follow up on your student's progress so far this semester. You can come meet his/her new teachers and learn more about the classes' expectations for this semester. We feel the more you know as parents, the more you can help to encourage your student to perform at his/her highest potential.

In addition to meeting teachers and administration during this event, at 5:30, senior parents and students will have the opportunity to participate in a financial aid meeting being held in the mini-theatre. Anything and everything you need to know to get your hands on money for college will be revealed in this meeting.

Please make plans to join us for these events on February 11th from 3:00—6:30 p.m.

FREE HINI Vaccinations

On the same date as parent teacher conferences, the Overton County Health Department is offering free HINI vaccination to students. From 2:00—5:30 p.m. on **February 11**, vaccinations will be administered to any student who desires the vaccination and whose parent is present. Come take advantage of this opportunity!

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Special points of interest:

National Merit FINALISTS—Robert York & David Franklin

Attendance remains high at 95.2%

Livingston Academy teachers achieve high scores on End of Course tests

English I achieved perfection with Algebra I earned 90% passing
English II achieved 95% passing
Biology earned 98% passing
American History achieved 97% passing

Modified Block is in the works for next year...

2010 Junior-Senior Prom
May 8, 7 pm-11pm at Livingston Academy



LA's Adopt-A-School Partner

SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Football to 2nd round of playoffs

Boys bowling advanced to region

Girls soccer advanced to region

Boys & Girls basketball successful

LA Band performed at US Census

LA Calendar of Events

ATTENDANCE CALLS

Beginning January 4th, any student who is absent from school at Livingston Academy will be placed on a call list. A message, making parents aware of the absence, will then go to each student's home. If there is ever a question or concern due to this or any other message, please feel free to call us. If you would like to update the number being called, contact Lorraine Whited, the attendance secretary at LA. We are simply trying to improve communication between our school and parents. Attendance is essential in a student's success.

February 8— Junior Writing Assessment

February 10—CTE Advisory Board Meeting
3:30 in Foods Lab

February 11—Parent Teacher Conferences
3:00—6:30

February 11 —H1N1 Vaccination Clinic @ LA
2:00—5:30

February 11—Senior Financial Aid Meeting in
Mini-Theatre at 5:30

February 9 —February 17: Junior Class
Krispy Kreme Donut Sales to raise money for
2010 Jr/Sr Prom

February 15—President's Day—No School

March 9—ACT test given to all juniors

March 12—End of 9 week grading period

March 15-19—Spring Break

March 24—Report Cards Issued

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LA Class Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

On January 22, 2010, all LA students were given the chance to be involved in choosing the courses offered to them for the following school year, 2010-2011.

On the following dates, students will be given the opportunity to begin actual pre-registration: April 7 and April 14 during their Advisor/Advisee period. However, so parents will be informed as well as understand arena scheduling and have an input into their student's course selection, LA Guidance will conduct Parent Meetings in the mini-theater with current students' parents as follows:

~April 6, 2010 @ 6 p.m.~

Class of 2013 Parent Meeting

~April 8, 2010 @ 6 p.m.~

Classes of 2012 and 2011

Parent Meetings

~April 14, 2010 @ 6 p.m.~

Class of 2014 Parent Meeting

Finally, on April 21 and April 22, all students will register for their 2010-2011 courses during arena scheduling. Please feel free to attend the scheduled parent meetings.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Graduation Location: Tennessee Tech
Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Local Scholarship Packet will be available late March

Fill out FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov (the sooner the better)

Oakley First National Foundation Scholarship Deadline
March 1

Senior Trip—April 24-29—Final Payment March 5

Coke fundraiser for senior trip begins February 10
Money due February 22
Pick-up February 27

Required items for graduation **HAVE BEEN ORDERED**: Cap, Gown, Tassel, Diploma, and Cover. The cost is \$40 and will be due in May. If your child is waived, this cost is covered.

Check out livingstonwildcats.com for more scholarship information as well as senior updates.