

Leesville Road High School Bimonthly Bulletin

September 2, 2016

Week One

Thank you for your help and patience as we settle into routines for the 2016-17 school year. The school year is off to a good start, and we couldn't have done it without your help. We look forward to working with your students this year.

LRHS Student Handbook

Our LRHS Student Handbook is available on our website under Quick Links. Please access this document for important information on school expectations, policies and procedures.

Start-on-Time

Our Start-on-Time process will begin this Tuesday morning. Students who are not in their classrooms by the bell each period will be issued a pass to class and assigned a lunch detention the following day. The only excused tardies are those specifically stated by WCPSS policy. Examples include illness or injury and appointment with a health care provider. Oversleeping or car trouble are not reasons for an excused tardy or absence. Students accumulate more tardies to 1st period than any other period in the day. Please help us by ensuring your student gets on the bus or arrives in carpool in enough time to report to 1st period by 7:25. For more information about Start-on-Time, see pages 22-23 of our LRHS Student Handbook.

End-of-Course Exams (EOCs) Weight Change

We just received word that beginning with this school year, End-of-Course Exams (EOCs) will count for 20% of a student's final semester grade (instead of the previous 25%). Biology, English II, and NC Math IB/NC Math I are the only courses impacted. Since this is a late change, you may see documents such as handbooks and syllabi that have incorrect information.

Early Release

We will have our first early release for students this Friday, September 9. Students will be dismissed at 11:48. Bag lunches will be provided for purchase in the cafeteria at dismissal. The bell schedule is listed below:

Period 1: 7:25-8:26

Period 2: 8:32-9:34

Period 3: 9:40-10:41

Period 4: 10:47-11:48

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

LRHS will administer the PSAT to interested students on Saturday, October 15 at 8:00 a.m. Students will be best prepared for this test if they have successfully completed Math I. Due to National Merit Scholarship opportunities, students with a GPA of 4.5625 or higher will have their registration fee waived. Any student who wishes to take the test (even those who will have their fee waived) must register in Student Services before school or during lunch by September 16. Please see the attached letter for additional information.

Senior Parent Night and Graduation Orders

In conjunction with the PTSA, we have worked to consolidate meetings for parents of seniors in an effort to provide meaningful information and avoid repetition. Our first meeting for parents of seniors will take place on Thursday, September 15. Jostens will be on site from 5:30-7:00 p.m. with opportunities to order graduation and other senior products. At 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium we will host a program to provide important information related to senior year, graduation, and applying to colleges. We hope you can attend this informative evening.

Grades in PowerSchool

Grades will be updated in PowerSchool for the first time by September 15, although many teachers are already posting grades to PowerSchool.

President's Volunteer Service Award

All 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students who performed 25 hours or more of volunteer community service during the past school year, 8/1/15 – 7/31/16 are encouraged to apply for the *President's Volunteer Service Award* or the *Leesville Service Award*. Be recognized for your dedication and contributions to your school and community!

The application is now available [here](#), or on our website under Parents/PTSA/PTSA Forms, and is due by September 23, 2016. The awards ceremony will be held in November; an evite will be sent out closer to the date. All applicants with qualifying service hours will receive an award certificate.

If you have applied in the past, please note there are changes to this program. All participants must establish an account at www.presidentialserviceawards.gov and log their service hours. Please carefully review the PVSA Service Hours Guidelines included in the application to be certain your activities qualify. The application form contains complete instructions, so get started now!

Volunteer Service Awards

	Leesville's Service Award	President's Bronze Award	President's Silver Award	President's Gold Award
Teens (15 or younger as of 7/31/16)	25-49 hours	50-74 hours	75-99 hours	100+ hours
Young Adults (16 years or older)	25-99 hours	100-174 hours	175-249 hours	250 + hours

Award period: August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2016.

Calendar Highlights

- Monday, September 5: Holiday for Students and Staff
- Tuesday, September 6: (2:30) Fall Play Auditions Begin
- Wednesday, September 7: (12:00) Powderpuff Interest Meeting in Middle/High School Breezeway
- Thursday, September 8: Underclassmen Picture Day
- Thursday, September 8: (9:00 a.m.) Senior Class Picture and Meeting
- Tuesday, September 13 & Wednesday, September 14: PrideWear Sales during lunch
- Thursday, September 15: (5:30-7:00 p.m.) Senior Ring and Product Orders
- Thursday, September 15: (7:00 p.m.) Senior Parent Night Information Session in Auditorium
- Friday, September 16: (12:00 p.m.) Jostens on Site for Senior Product Orders

Attachments:
PSAT Letter

Si necesita servicios de traducción gratuitos para comprender los procesos escolares, llame al (919) 852-3303

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Students and Parents:

Leesville Road High School will offer the PSAT on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 a.m. Any student may register to take the PSAT.

The PSAT is a standardized, multiple-choice test that includes three sections: critical reading, mathematics and writing. The test provides practice for the SAT and offers insight for advising and counseling students. Students will be best prepared for this test if they have successfully completed Math I.

The deadline to register for the PSAT test is Friday, September 16. Students must register by the deadline to be allowed to take the PSAT (no exceptions). Your child must register in Student Services *before school or during lunch only*. There is an administration fee of \$15 that is due upon registration (exact change or check to LRHS).

The PSAT allows 11th grade students the opportunity to potentially qualify for a National Merit scholarship if they receive a very high score (generally the top 1%). For this reason, WCPSS is offering the test free of charge to 11th grade students with a 4.5625 GPA or higher, as we do not want to deny any student who might be competitive for that program the opportunity to take the test due to the inability to pay. Student Services can tell your student whether or not he or she qualifies. Fee waivers are also available for students based on financial need. Juniors who will be able to take the PSAT without cost due to their GPA must also register by September 16.

Please feel free to contact our school counselors with any questions you might have concerning the administration of the PSAT test.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Muttillio