

### **8th Grade Newsletter**

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Thank you all for helping make Outsiders Day a huge success. I hope that your students enjoyed it as much as I did! To end our narrative unit, students will be crafting a short story about a moment in their own life. We have moved into our poetry and drama unit. This week, we have been analyzing and comparing poems. Next week, we will connect the poems to our novel. As part of our poetry unit, we are focusing on figurative language and literary devices. Students are working on creating their own Literary Devices Mixed Tape.



Math: Courtney Ferrari <u>cferrari@LPSFrisco.com</u>
Math 8 - Begin Unit 5: Proportional and Non-Proportional
Functions. Algebra I - Begin Unit 4: Applications of Linear
Functions. These Units will conclude when we are released for Thanksgiving break.

### SS: Christyn Gossett <a href="mailto:cgossett@LPSFrisco.com">cgossett@LPSFrisco.com</a>

Students will be looking into how the founding fathers gathered together to come up with a government that would capture the truth of democracy. They will be comparing and contrasting the plans and creating a "Snapchat" conversation on how the federalists and anti-federalists would have argued their points.

Science: Stephanie Catalan <a href="mailto:scatalan@LPSFrisco.com">scatalan@LPSFrisco.com</a>

Students will investigate and describe how Newton's three laws of motion act simultaneously within systems by creating an amusement park ride by building a roller coaster in the science classroom. Student objectives are: I can recognize forces that affect the motion of matter. I can compare balanced and unbalanced forces. I can determine the net force on an object.

Please save and send your student to school with any materials that will aid in the build of this project, such as duct tape, washable paint, straws, paper plates, plastic cups, etc. No glitter!

STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS on its edge: Sir Isaac Newton

# Electives

PE: Alex Percival apercival@LPSFrisco.com

For Health and PE, students will be participating in a fitness unit. We will begin preparing for the fitness gram tests of push ups, curl ups, and the PACER test, while learning about the 5 components of fitness.

Band: Michael Stone <a href="mailto:mstone@LPSFrisco.com">mstone@LPSFrisco.com</a>

The LPS Annual Veteran's Day Celebration will take place in the Secondary Gym, Thursday, November 7, 2024, with two shows: 2:16-3:16, and 3:20-4:20pm. The entire Fine Arts Department (Art, Band, and Theatre will be the hosts for this wonderful celebration. If you, or a family member, was/is a Veteran, please come and be recognized. We will have plenty of room and refreshments will be served. See you all there!

**AAVTC:** Please email me if you have any questions about what we are doing in class **Fundamentals of Computer Science:** Please email me if you have any questions about what we are doing in class

Theatre: Brianna Lewallen <u>blewallen@LPSFrisco.com</u>

Theatre students will be focusing on their character study and monologues, which are essential for developing strong characterization and improving memorization skills. It's important that students stay on top of their assignments and continue working on memorizing their monologues.

Comm. Serv: William Downing wdowning@lpsfrisco.com

We are writing goals and creating plans on how to achieve them. We are also organizing our Leadership portfolios and exploring Xello.

Art: Brooklyn Houston <a href="mailto:bhouston@LPSFrisco.com">bhouston@LPSFrisco.com</a>

To wrap up the theme of October, the students will learn about the Goosebumps Illustrator, Jim Theson. These students will be creating their own interpretation of Goosebump book covers!

## Reminders/Important Info

- Stay up to date with LPS Activities by checking out their Calendar that is on the LPS Website! <u>Linked here.</u>
- Please check the Big Rocks Calendar for due dates and school events! This is in your child's Google Calendar.
- Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.
- If your child has not finished any MAP test or class quizzes/tests please have your child attend tutoring!
- Please check your child's chromebook. They should NOT be taking the case off. Nothing should be touching the computer except for the case. Any stickers need to be ON the case. No wrappers, sticky notes, or pictures should be under the case.
- Student Ascender Portal Linked Here (To See Grades!)
- Parent Ascender Portal Linked Here (To See Grades!)

### **Helper Helper**

- Please read the Helper Helper guidelines in the Parent Student Handbook (pp.87-90).
- If your student is new to LPS this year, then please have them send their full name and grade from their school email address to helperhelper@lpsfrisco.net. When the student's Helper Helper account is set up then they will receive an email to their school email account from <a href="mailto:info@helperhelper.com">info@helperhelper.com</a> with a temporary password.
- Questions? Please email helperhelper@lpsfrisco.net

#### LPS Calendar of the next 2 weeks SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY** SATURDAY 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 Boosterthon + Kick Off Awards Ceremony (5th - 7th Grade) Secondary - Fall GT Testing 1st - 11th grades Awards Ceremony (8th - 12th grades) NAEP Testing + Class Shirt & + Fall Carnival + (7th/8th Grade) Staff + Development 6:00p - 7:30p + 5th-10th Grade Student Led Softball No School (Tentative) Football & Volleyball State Conferences 27 28 29 30 31 + Red Ribbon Week - High School Deans List - + Casual Dress Day First Day of + Native Habit Award - + Casual Dress + Student Picture 4:45p - 6:00p + Girls Soccer Day Retakes American (Grades 5th-11th) Heritage Month Tryouts Boosterthon + 6:00p - 7:00p + LPS School Color Run -(5th - 8th Grade) Picture Retakes 5th -Board Meeting 11th Grades 4:45p - 6:00p + Girls Soccer Tryouts

LPS Calendar <u>Linked here.</u>

### Dresscode

- Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook.

Shirts 5th-12th	Short and long sleeve shirts must be white, navy or forest green collared shirts. High school students may also choose a black collared shirt. Shirts must be solid in color with no insignia or logos except for the LPS logo. If a long sleeve undershirt is worn under a short sleeve shirt, it must be solid white, navy or forest green.
Pants	Pants and shorts for all students (and capris for girls) are to be khaki-colored or navy and made of cotton twill material (no yoga, cargo, joggers, or athletic-type pants). A solid black or brown belt must be worn if there are belt loops. Shorts may be no more than 2 inches above the knee. Pants are to be worn at the natural waistline and hems of pants must not touch the floor. No pajamas or pajama bottoms are allowed.
Skirts/Skorts/ Jumpers	Girls may also wear khaki or navy skirts/skorts, and girls in K-4 may wear khaki or navy jumpers as well.  The length must be no shorter than four inches above the floor when kneeling, and solid navy modesty shorts are to be worn underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers at all times.

Any jackets, sweatshirts, etc are NOT allowed to have hoodies attached.

Any outerwear is also NOT allowed to have any logos.

If your child is wearing a skirt please make sure it is no shorter than 4 inches above their knees.

# **Dresscode (continued)**

Socks/Tights	If socks are worn, only solid white, black, or navy socks may be worn. Girls may also wear solid white or navy tights or leggings underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers. Tights must be from toes to waist. Leggings can go the ankle if worn underneath skirts/skorts/jumpers.
Shoes	Shoes must be worn at all times. Only closed-toed, closed-heel shoes with non-marking soles are allowed. Shoes must be predominantly white, black, brown, grey-or navy (can be athletic, loafer style, or dress shoes). Shoes with shoelace holes must have shoelaces. Shoelace color must be white, navy or neutral and in good repair. No flip-flops, sandals, slippers, clogs, crocs, wheelies, light up shoes, platform shoes, wedges, or boots of any kind are allowed. Tennis shoes must be worn in PE. Heel height shall not be more than 1 inch.
Outerwear	Sweaters, sweatshirts or jackets worn indoors must be in keeping with the school's color scheme (solid white, navy or khaki [or forest green in grades 5 and up]) or black or gray. They must not have any lettering or logos other than the LPS logo. No outerwear with hoods will be allowed to be worn indoors (Hoodies are not allowed). Spirit crew neck sweatshirts may be worn with uniform shirt collar visibly worn outside of the sweatshirt.

## **Dresscode (continued)**

#### Jean Day Guidelines

The Principal may occasionally designate casual clothing days (uniform free). Casual clothing or jean day dress must meet the requirements of the LPS dress code.

- · Pants must be worn at the natural waist.
- · Shorts must be the same length as uniform shorts.
- · Clothing must not be worn too tightly or oversized.
- · No midriffs or short skirts.
- No shirts with logos or words as specified under Uniform Guidelines.
- · No tank tops or spaghetti straps.
- No flip-flop sandals, no open-toed/open heel shoes, no heel height of more than 1 inch
- No puffy jackets/vest.
- · Rules from handbook regarding jewelry, makeup, and hair apply.
- · Students should wear only blue denim jeans, shorts or skirts. There should not be any printed logos or emblems on jeans.
- Torn jeans or jeans with holes are not acceptable.
- Leggings may only be worn under uniform skirts.



