

8th Grade Newsletter

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We are SO close to finishing The Outsiders. As we read, students are analyzing the text through reader's response. They have written letters from Ponyboy's point of view and are currently writing a news article based on events in the novel. Over the next few weeks, we will have deep class discussions and create large character analysis charts. On Thursday, October 3rd, we will celebrate Outsiders Day! A separate email with more information will be sent out at the end of the month. Need a conversation starter? Consider asking your child to tell you one of their current Membean words!

Outsiders Day will be Thursday, October 3. More information will be sent out.



Math: Courtney Ferrari <u>cferrari@LPSFrisco.com</u>
In Math we will be working on...
8th Grade Math: Unit 3 - One-Variable Equations, Inequalities, and their Applications.

Algebra 1: Unit 2 - Investigation of Linear Functions and Inequalities (two variables).

SS: Christyn Gossett cgossett@LPSFrisco.com

We will be presenting projects Monday and then studying for our Unit 2 test. Your student will then be starting Unit 3 by mid week and ending it on the 9th of October. During this unit, students analyze how British policies contributed to the cause for American independence, the issuing of the Declaration of Independence, and the contributions made by significant individuals during the revolutionary era, including the creation of the Articles of Confederation. Students should evaluate the varying points of view the colonists held about declaring independence, as well as analyzing the Declaration of Independence and studying the course of the revolutionary war.



Science: Stephanie Catalan scatalan@LPSFrisco.com

Unit 2: Students will address chemical equations and chemical reactions. They will investigate how properties of matter change when substances are chemically combined, separated or rearranged and verify that the mass of the substances involved in a chemical reaction can be accounted for before and after the reaction.

"All Experiments are learning experiments, even when they don't go as planned." - Paige Hudson

Electives

PE: Alex Percival apercival@LPSFrisco.com

Students will be competing in the Lion games! They will be in small groups competing in various active challenges. Points from each event will be tallied up throughout the games and the winning group will be receiving a fun prize! The lion games will be emphasizing teamwork and building a strong sense of community and sportsmanship.

Band: Michael Stone mstone@LPSFrisco.com

Veterans Day Celebration: November 7, 2024 from 2:16 - 4:20, LPS Gym! If you or a member of your family was in the US Military, please come so that we can honor their service!

AAVTC: Raymond Jaksa rjaksa@LPSFrisco.com

In this unit, students can demonstrate, analyze, and apply their knowledge of the pathways within the AAVTC cluster. They will critique their own work and the work of others and use those critiques to improve their work in the various strands.

Fundamentals of Computer Science: Raymond Jaksa <u>rjaksa@LPSFrisco.com</u>
The student develops products and generates new knowledge, understanding, and skills.
They use generally accepted design standards for spacing, fonts, and color schemes to create functional user interfaces, including static and interactive screens.

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

We will be continuing our study of stage directions and blocking. This will lead us into learning how to act using monologues and acting in a scene.

Art: Brooklyn Houston bhouston@LPSFrisco.com
Please email me for details on what we will be doing in class!



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 info@helperhelper.com with a temporary password.
- Questions? Please email helperhelper@lpsfrisco.net

LPS Calendar of the next 2 weeks

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
22	23 5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Home) 5:00p - 6:00p + MS A VB Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:30p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Home) 6:00p - 7:00p + LPS School Board Meeting 6:00p - 7:00p + JV VB Game (Away) 7:30p - 9:00p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Away)	24 5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Home) 6:00p - 7:00p + MS A FF Game (Home) 6:00p - 7:30p + Varsity Sirls VB Game (Home) 7:00p - 8:00p + JV FF Game (Home)	7:10a - 7:40a + See You at the Pole 6:30p - 8:00p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Away)	26 5:00p - 6:00p + M5 C VB Game (Away) 5:00p - 6:00p + JV FF Game (Home) 5:30p - 6:30p + M5 B VB Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:00p + Varsity FF Game (Home)	27 Staff + Development - No School 5:30p - 6:30p + JV VB Game (Home)	28 6:30a - 12:30p+ HS VB Community Outreach
29	New Student + Orientation 5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Away) 5:00p - 6:00p + MS A VB Game (Away) 5:30p - 7:00p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:00p + JV VB Game (Away) 7:30p - 9:00p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Away)	Tentative + Homecoming Pep Rally 5:00p - 6:00p + MS B FF Game (Home) 5:30p - 6:30p + JV FF Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:00p + MS A FF Game (Home) 7:00p - 8:00p + Varsity FF Game (Home)	PSAT/NMSQT + (10th/11th Grade) Custodian + Appreciation Day 5:00p - 6:00p + MS C VB Game (Home) 5:00p - 6:00p + MS B VB Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:30p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Home) 6:00p - 7:30p + Varsity Girls VB Game (Away)	Bring Your + Bible to School Fall Picture + Day (5th-11th) 5:00p - 6:00p + MS A FF Game (Away) 5:30p - 6:30p + JV VB Game (Away) 6:00p - 7:00p + Varsity FF Game (Away) 7:00p - 8:00p + JV FF Game (Away)	8:00p - 9:30p + Varsity Boys VB Game (Away)	Homecoming + Dance

LPS Calendar Linked here.

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.