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Lake Arthur High School Parent Newsletter

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LAKE ARTHUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The Lake Arthur High Student Council is off to a busy start this year. Our year began with selection of class representatives for student council. Those delegates then participated in the elections for Student Council Officers. The elected officers were: President- Trent Hargrave, Vice-President- Cassie Bertrand, Secretary- Olivia Shaw, and Reporter- Kaitlyn Trahan. On October 4, 2011, we attended the Pathways Leadership Seminar in Lake Charles.



Sunday, October 30th, we participated in the Boo on the Avenue Halloween Festival. We sold cold drinks as a fundraiser for our club. We also participated in the Scarecrow Contest and won 1st place. Our scarecrow was "Evil Eva" who longs to be a teacher and practices by teaching her baby dolls and goblins. On November 8th, we will be holding our inauguration ceremony to officially induct our officers. We are also currently working out details to volunteer at the Zoo of Acadiana and look forward to providing two local families with Thanksgiving Care Packages in November. We have nothing more officially planned beyond this, but we can assure you that there will be more to come.

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LAHS Student Council Secretary

Counselor's Corner

Q & A Know your guidance counselor

Q What's the best way to develop a relationship with my high schooler's guidance counselor?

A You can introduce yourself to the guidance counselor with a phone call (774-5152), an email (tiffany.bonin@jdpsbk12.org), or an in-person meeting. Let her know your main concerns for your child, whether they involve course planning, career testing, or learning and behavioral issues. Ask what resources the office has to help your teen and what you can do at home.

Then, encourage your teen to visit the guidance office regularly. He/She can get help with current problems, as well as advice for the future.

Also, if you and your high schooler have established a connection with the counselor, she'll be more likely to remember him when opportunities arise for a new program, a leadership position, or a support group.





Sportsmanship

Sportsmanship must be learned. We are not born with polished sportsmanship qualities. Therefore, sportsmanship must be taught! We are the teachers of sportsmanship to our athletes.

Questioning officials; using insulting, offensive or abusive language or gestures; fighting with opponents; blatant cheating; jeopardizing an opponent's health; gloating in victory; or complaining in defeat are just a few examples of negative sportsmanship and compromise the purpose of athletic competition.

We should teach our athletes to play with fairness, with courteousness, and gracefully accept the results at the end of the game. We need to display these same characteristics so the athlete can demonstrate them properly and know that we mean business about good sportsmanship.

The ability to be a good sport and display good sportsmanship is dependent on whether we possess the human values of self-discipline, responsibility, integrity, respect, and courage.

Good sportsmanship begins and ends with us.

(Louisiana High School Coaches Association)

YOUNG ADOLESCENTS ARE GROWING UP FAST

—and yearning to be “grown up” even faster. It's important to give youth the direction that they need while they still look to you for guidance. Help support them by teaching them how to say “Yes” to a healthy lifestyle and “No” to underage drinking.



Preventing cyberbullying

With a large part of teens' social lives taking place online, cyberbullying—through texting, instant messaging, and social media—is more of a problem than ever. Share these tips with your child:

- Make sure your teen understands that it's never okay to post or send threats, hurtful comments, or inappropriate messages or pictures—or for others to do that to him. In fact, it can be illegal.
- Tell him not to respond to cyberbullying. As with other types of bullying, responding only spurs the bully on. Instead, he should block the person on his online accounts and cell phone. Encourage him to tell you if there's a problem. You can report a bully to your Internet or phone service provider, who will investigate the incident.



Source: Chris Kasurak

LAHS Mission Statement

To involve family, community, and school personnel in a team effort to maximize learning for all students.

JDPSE Mission Statement

Jefferson Davis Parish School System will provide all students with educational opportunities to achieve success in a multicultural, global society.