

Lancaster High School

2020-2021 Tiger Tales

Changes at the Top of Lancaster ISD

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Ms. Eleanor Webb
Principal
Lancaster High School

Hello Parents,

Happy Holidays, I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

We are all looking forward to the Christmas break, a time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and family.

We have a lot to pack into the next two weeks before we can begin our celebrations!

EOC testing begins Tuesday, December 8, 2020 through Friday, December 11, 2020:

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On November ninth, the Lancaster ISD Board of Trustees voted to voluntarily separate from Superintendent of Schools Doctor Elijah Granger.

As soon as she was named Acting Superintendent of Schools for Lancaster ISD, Shameka Milliner Williams sought to calm nerves and build trust in a video statement released by the district.

"I'm know many are feeling concerned about the recent changes," Milliner Williams said in the video released by the district.

"However, the Lancaster ISD Board of Trustees, district leaders, campus principals, assistant principals, teachers and staff will continue to work tirelessly to make this unprecedented school year safe, meaningful and successful for our students."

She then outlined the district's continued priorities to the students and stakeholders in the community.

"Lancaster ISD's immediate priorities are:

- Ensuring student and staff safety by mitigating the spread of COVID-19.
- Providing outstanding teaching and learning to increase student performance and academic achievement.
- Delivering quality instruction for both virtual and face-to-face learners.
- Maintaining fiscal responsibility and financial stability.
- Supporting the social and emotional needs of our students.
- Collaborating and maintaining transparency with all stakeholders."

Ms. Milliner Williams then closed the video statement by reminding everyone that teamwork - especially in education - is vital.

Virtual or Face-to-Face Learning Preference Survey

<https://bit.ly/2ndsemestersurvey>

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English 1 EOC – **December 8th**
Algebra 1 EOC, Biology EOC, US History EOC – **December 9th**
English II EOC – **December 10th**
Make up EOC testing for all approved absences – **December 11th**

The fourth six weeks (Dec. 14th – Jan. 29th) survey is now open and will remain open until December 4, 2020.

As you know, the survey is communication to the school/district, your preference of face-to-face or virtual learning for your child.

Please use the link below to access the survey or you may go to www.lancasterisd.org and access the survey on the district's website.

https://lancasterisd.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3h2fRRDGBuz85Lf

Thank you parents for your support this year as we work through the challenges of this Pandemic.

Maya Angelou said, Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. I believe there are brighter days ahead!

From My Heart!

Eleanor Webb
Proud Principal

Around Campus

DECEMBER

Thursday, December 03	Football vs. Dallas WT White
Friday, December 04	Women's Basketball vs. Seagoville
Tuesday, December 8	EOC Make-up Exam (English 1) Men's Basketball vs. Dallas Adamson Women's Basketball at Dallas Adamson
Wednesday, December 9	EOC Exam (Biology, Social Studies, Algebra)
Thursday, December 10	EOC Exam (English 2)
Friday, December 11	EOC Exam (Make-up Date) End of 2nd 6 weeks Beginning of UIL Football playoff tournament
	Men's Basketball at Dallas Spruce Women's Basketball vs. Dallas Spruce
Saturday, December 12	Men's Basketball vs. SA Wagner
Friday, December 18	Men's Basketball vs. Dallas SOC Women's Basketball at Dallas SOC
Monday, December 21	Beginning of winter break Men's Basketball at Dallas Molina Women's Basketball vs. Dallas Molina
Monday, December 28	Men's Basketball at Mesquite Horn
Tuesday, December 29	Men's Basketball vs. Amarillo
Saturday, January 02	Men's Basketball vs. Dallas Samuel Women's Basketball at Dallas Samuel
Monday, January 04	Staff Development
Tuesday, January 05	Students return from winter break
Monday, January 18	MLK Holiday (No School)

LHS SCHOLARSHIP QR CODE



Counselor's Corner



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Traditional City Holiday Events Transforming Because of COVID-19

The city of Lancaster has a rich tradition of holding Holiday parades and community celebrations - something which will not be able to happen this year because of COVID-19.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, there will be no holiday parade or community-wide celebration in the City of Lancaster.

“Out of an abundance of caution, we are looking to do an alternative that does not have a group of individuals gather, but still celebrates the holiday,” says Care Neal with the City of Lancaster.

“The event we are just about finished implementing is a scavenger hunt. We post it on-line and people are going about the city just looking for clues to the hints we placed - and they’re going to utilize social media to show us what they found. Individuals who finish the scavenger hunt completely, at the end will receive some type of reward.”

It’s traditional that Lancaster ISD students are a big part of the city’s celebrations. That also will not happen this year.

“They are always a part of the process - even down to when we have the dignitary reception the culinary students are coming to participate, the band students are coming to participate, the media students are coming to participate,” adds Neal.

“But, this year, because we are not planning on having a hug gathering or those intricate details we typically would have, we have not yet found a way we can incorporate Lancaster ISD.”

Even though the virtual event is not a big get-together, it is meant to celebrate the entire city and all of the citizens within.

“One of the biggest things I think the scavenger hunt will allow residents to do is draw them to areas of the city they might not have known,” says Neal.

“I think it’s strategic, in a way, that historically the parade has always brought community members to the historic town square but this year we’re going to be innovative and bring residents to other areas of the city they might not have known about.”

While the Christmas parade is definitely not happening because of COVID, there are still plans for the annual Martin Luther King, Junior, holiday parade in January.

“However, as we get closer to January and things get worse as they are projected to do, we will also think of alternative ways to figure out how to celebrate the MLK holiday,” Neal adds.

And - Neal says as soon as it is safe, Lancaster ISD students will be back and involved in city events.

“We look forward every year to ensuring we can do something with Lancaster ISD, so that we can continue to facilitate that positive and progressive relationship. As we work our way through COVID-19, I’m very interested in learning how we (the city as well as the district) can collaborate and continue how we operate historically.”

Despite Pandemic - College Still a Focus

Isaiah Perry (12)

Through this winter and spring, SMU's Upward Bound college readiness program is looking for determined and challenged ready students to join their SMU family.

"Upward Bound is a pre-collegiate program that helps students select the best fit college. So, we give them a number of resources, tools and skills in order to assist them in being successful. We don't just cover the content they will get when they're in school such as math, science, english, history, ect. But we actually go over the soft stuff that most students have troubles in while covering most of those other college skills that students can already be succeeded in when they go to college," says Associate Director of Upward Bound's Math and Science program at SMU, Jason Walker.

They wish to assist high school students on their journey to college with little to none stressful mishaps while also covering skills that they might be lacking.

"One of the biggest skills that colleges are saying that students are lacking are some of the communication skills. Things such as emails, social platforms, or even introductions not being clear enough are the things that the students are going to need in order to succeed at life. Those are the types of things that we help them with," adds Walker.

If students are interested, they can actually sign up for the program. However, there are certain

requirements that the student must have to be able to be a part of Upward Bound.

"The student must be a first generation college student or has to be considered "low income" by the department of education. However, if their GPA is below a 2.5, they can also be accepted in the program. They also have to be a 9th through 12th grader who attends one of our target schools. Which consist of North Dallas, Skyline, Lancaster, and Spruce," says Walker

Once a student has those requirements in set, there are various ways to begin the application process.

"Students can actually go to the college center in the high school and ask for me or Miss White and can request an application to join. In the meantime, we are currently doing everything online which means that students can actually finish their application online without any issues dealing with Covid. There are also students in the program that could assist them throughout the application process since they have already been through it before. The students must email us the google doc entrance application and once we receive it, we will send them the other requirements and things like that which will also need to be completed," says Walker

When the application is sent and accepted, the student will experience college life in many ways before the actual time approaches. The life of a college student will be ingrained in

the minds of the student. They will have access to all of the in and outs of the college process!

"They will have more knowledge and experience for ACT and SAT tests, create great habits of time management and goal planning, and will gain information from the program that a student wouldn't normally gain from highschool. Although Covid has temporarily halted us from taking tours, we normally take up to 3 or 4 college tours of various universities per semester to give the students a feel of the life that they will soon be entering," Walker adds.

Just like that, a highschool student has now been transformed to a college student! Life will get a lot less stressful for them when it comes to the college process all because of SMU's Upward Bound Math and Science Program.



November 16, 2020

Greetings LHS Parents,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. You are receiving this message because your child needs to retake one or more sections of the STAAR EOC. The state has determined that the STAAR EOC is still required for graduation purposes. We have arranged a plan for virtual tutoring schedule to ensure your student gets support in the subject areas needed for retesting. It is crucial that your child accepts the Google Classroom invitation for the support. The students will be added to the Google Classroom of each EOC course they need to retake. We will begin STAAR EOC Boot Camps **this Wednesday, November 18, 2020**. Please see the schedule below for tutoring dates and times.

Boot Camp Schedule

English I	English 2	Alg. I	Biology	US History
(English teachers)		Ms. Murry/ Ms. Terrell	Ms. Butler & BAMO Bio teachers	Ms. Cooper
Nov. 19 12:00-3:20		<i>Wed only</i> <i>Nov. 18,</i> <i>Dec. 2</i> 1:00-3:00	<i>Wed only</i> <i>Nov. 18,</i> <i>Dec. 2</i> 7:45-9:45	Wed only Nov. 18, Dec. 2 10:30-12:30
Nov. 20 7:30-10:30				
Dec. 3 12:00-3:20				
Dec. 4 7:30-10:30				
Dec. 5 12:00-3:20				

We have provided more tutoring for English because there are two exams. Both tests cover different material, thus requiring more intervention time. For tutoring, students will be excused from their assignments and given credit for their **active participation** in tutorials. If your child fails to attend mandated tutorials, they will be required to follow their regular schedule. If they don't attend tutorials or their classes, they will be marked absent for the day.

As it stands now, the STAAR EOC retest will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020 to Friday, December 11, 2020. **For testing, the students will be required to report to the campus.** State testing will be done in person only. Students will not be able to test virtually per the state guidelines. There will be no more than 15 students assigned per classroom for testing to ensure

"A STEM School"

Eleanor Webb – Principal

the correct amount of spacing is needed per the CDC guidelines. Room assignments will be sent out when we return from the Thanksgiving holiday no later than Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The testing dates are as follows:

Date	Subject(s)
Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020	English I
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020	Algebra I Biology US History
Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020	English II
Friday, Dec. 11, 2020	Make up subjects

As always, we thank you for all that you do. Your assistance is greatly appreciated as we work together to ensure every child graduates from Lancaster High School. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

Eleanor Webb

Eleanor Webb, Principal
Lancaster High School

Buses Will Run
Dec. 7-11
including Wed. 12/9

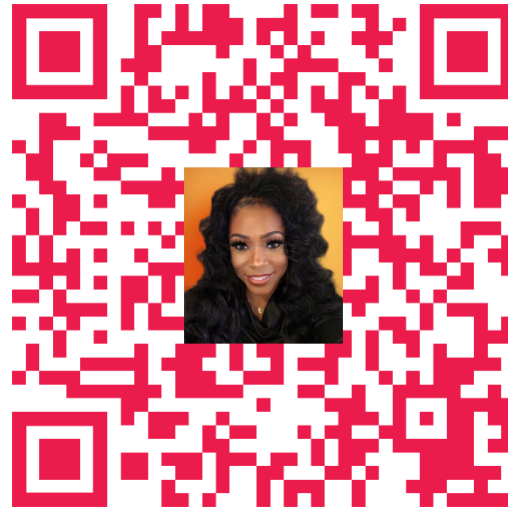
Request to see the Counselor

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2. Scan the QR code. (OPEN THE CAMERA ON YOUR PHONE. HOLD OVER QR CODE).
3. Answer questions completely so that your counselor can assist you.
4. Please give your counselor 48 hours to respond/send for you.
5. Please speak to a teacher/adult if you have an emergency (grief, suicide, cutting, bullying, domestic violence/abuse).



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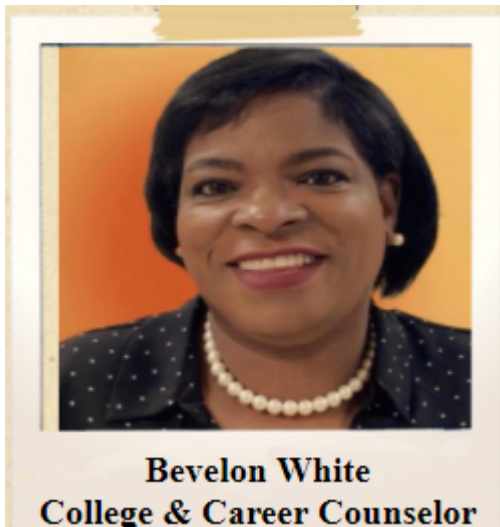
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REQUEST TO SEE THE LHS COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELORS

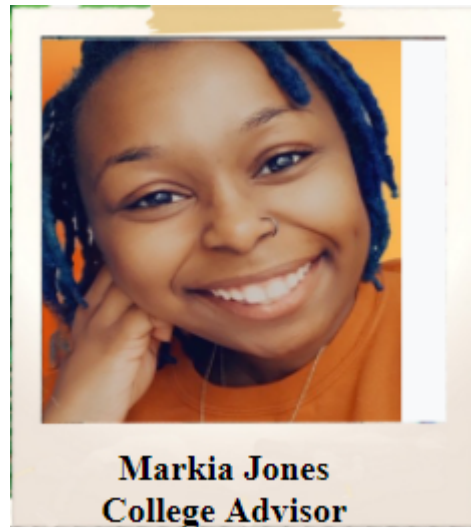
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4. Please give us 48 hours to respond/send for you.
5. **Please speak to a teacher/adult if you have an emergency (grief, suicide, cutting, bullying, domestic violence/abuse).**



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DISTRICT CALENDAR

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

School Start Times

Elementary.....8:00 AM - 3:50 PM
 Secondary.....7:30 AM - 3:20 PM

August 10-13 Trade Days
 August 10-12 New Teacher Academy
 August 18-20 & Aug. 24-Sept.4 Staff Development
 September 7 Labor Day/District Holiday
 September 8 / June 4 First/Last Day of School
 October 19-22 Staff Development/ Student Holiday
 October 23 District Holiday
 November 3 District Holiday
 November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break
 December 21-January 1 Winter Break
 January 4 Staff Development/Student Holiday
 January 18 MLK Holiday Staff/Student Holiday
 February 15 Staff Development/Student Holiday
 March 15-19 Spring Break-No School
 April 2 Bad Weather Make Up Day or Holiday
 May 31 Memorial Day/District Holiday
 June 7 Staff Development

First Day of School September 8
 Last Day of School June 4

GRADING PERIODS

1st six weeks September 8 - October 16
 2nd six weeks October 26 - December 11
 3rd six weeks December 14 - January 29
 4th six weeks February 1 - March 12
 5th six weeks March 22 - April 23
 6th six weeks April 26 - June 4

CALENDAR LEGEND

- [] Beginning/Ending of Grading Period
- ◇ New Employee Orientation
- Holiday/Campuses & District Offices Closed
- ▲ Bad Weather Make-up Day or Holiday
- ★ State Testing Day
- Staff Development/Student Holiday
- ⬡ Trade Days

STAAR TESTING DATES

STAAR EOC- December 8th- 11th
 (Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History, English I, English II)

STAAR Testing April 6th- April 9th
 (Grades 4/7 Writing, English I, Mathematics, Reading Grades 5/8, English II)

STAAR EOC May 4th-7th
 (Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History)
 (8th Grade Science, Social Studies)

STAAR Testing May 11th-14th
 (Mathematics and Reading Retest: Grades 5/8)
 (Mathematics, Reading: Grades 3, 4, 6, and 7)
 (Grades 5 Science), (English III, Algebra II)

STAAR Testing June 22nd-June 25th
 (Algebra I, English I, Biology, U.S. History,
 Mathematics and Reading Retest: Grades 5/8)
 English II

Report Card Dates:
 Oct. 29, Dec. 17, Feb. 4, March 25, April 29, June 4

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