



Ledyard High News

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PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I'd like to begin this letter and end this school year with a thank you. We speak often here at Ledyard High School about how lucky we feel to work in a community where parents are involved, supportive, and genuinely interested in what goes on each day in the classrooms and labs, on the stage, and on the playing fields of our Colonels. Of course there is a different level of independence in students at the high school level, but your investment in and belief in what we are trying to do here each day is important to us.

Thank you for showing up. This year's Open House, fall parent-teacher conference, and 8th Grade Information Night crowds were *huge*! Time and again, you maxed our auditorium capacity for choral concerts this year. You showed up in droves for the two plays, our winter band concert, and the Celebrate Singing festival. You stood on sunny soccer sidelines, cheered on cross country and track runners, filed into the gym for volleyball, basketball and wrestling, or sat bundled under blankets to watch spring sports in very un-springy temperatures. Dutifully, you line the curb each afternoon to collect your kiddos after games, practices, rehearsals, and extra help sessions. Thank you for being present.

Thank you for contributing. We appreciate our Music Boosters, our Athletic Boosters, and the small but mighty contingent who attend Parent Advisory Council each month. We are grateful for the parents who come in on the weekends to help feed the animals or tend the plants being grown for fundraisers or in our community garden. We thank the parents who chaperone trips, who coordinate athletic senior nights, who take pictures at events, who man concessions stands, who make donations, spearhead fundraisers, and help with banquets and picnics. Thank you for being helpful.

Thank you for parenting. As a parent myself, I fully understand how difficult the job is. Your diligent efforts in those challenging early years are paying off now as your children hold the door for one another, make eye contact and smile with adults, do their parts to fulfill their responsibilities, and represent Ledyard so beautifully in all sorts of contexts. Thank you for being our allies and partners, for working with us to get kids back on track when they slip, for reinforcing expectations about punctuality, attendance, and effort. Thank you for being consistent.

Thanks to you and to your children, we've had a great year, and we're not done yet! We'll be looking for you at all the upcoming events, and I hope you'll all keep your fingers crossed for a beautiful evening June 22 so we can celebrate this Class of 2018 in style!

Respectfully,

Amanda O. Fagan
Principal, Ledyard High School

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 24, 2018 to June 27, 2018

May 2017

24	NHS Coffee House	7 pm	LHS Cafeteria
24	Arts Night	6-8 pm	LHS
24	FFA Awards Night	6-8 pm	Gaucher Auditorium
28	NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)		

June 2017

1-2	Pops Concert	7 pm	Gaucher Auditorium
5	Awards Night	6:30 pm	Gaucher Auditorium
6	Board of Ed Mtg	7 pm	LHS Library
8	Spring Band Concert	7 pm	Gaucher Auditorium
14, 15, 18, 19	SENIOR EXAM DAYS (Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.)		
22	Graduation	6:00 pm	Mignault Field
21, 22, 25, 26	EXAM DAYS (Dismissal at 11:00 a.m.)		
27	Make-Up Day		



Final Exam Schedule June 2018

June 11 A Day Regular day for all four grades	June 12 B Day Regular day for all four grades	June 13 A Day Regular day for all four grades	June 14 B Day Regular day for 9-11 Senior Exams in Blocks 3B and 4B	June 15 A Day Regular day for 9-11 Senior Exams in Blocks 3A and 4A
June 18 B Day Regular day for 9-11 Senior Exams in Blocks 1B and 2B Senior dismissal at 10:37	June 19 A Day Regular day for 9-11 Senior Exams in Blocks 1A and 2A Senior dismissal at 10:37	June 20 B Day Regular day for 9-11 Graduation Rehearsal 8:00am to Noon	June 21 1A & 2A Exams Grades 9, 10, & 11 Graduation Rehearsal 8:00am to Noon	June 22 1B & 2B Exams Grades 9, 10, & 11 Graduation 5:30pm line up 6:00pm ceremony
June 25 3A & 4A Exams Grades 9, 10, & 11 No School Seniors	June 26 3B & 4B Exams Grades 9, 10, & 11 No School Seniors	June 27 Make-Up Exams Most students will have no school!	Bus Dismissal for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 on regularly scheduled exam days (6/21, 6/22, 6/25, 6/26) is at 11:00am.	

					
Monday, May 14	Tuesday, May 15	Wednesday, May 16	Thursday, May 17	Friday, May 18	Saturday, May 19
					 Mystic Marriott 7-11pm
Monday, May 21	Tuesday, May 22	Wednesday, May 23	Thursday, May 24	Friday, May 25	Saturday, May 26
		 AIM Exit Surveys	 Arts Night 5:00-7:00pm  Ag-Sci Awards 7:00pm  Coffee House 7:00pm		
Monday, May 28	Tuesday, May 29	Wednesday, May 30	Thursday, May 31	Friday, June 1	Saturday, June 2
 Memorial Day No School				 Pops Concert 7:00pm	 Pops Concert 7:00pm
Monday, June 4	Tuesday, June 5	Wednesday, June 6	Thursday, June 7	Friday, June 9	Saturday, June 9
 Senior Class Trip	 Blue & White Awards Night 6:30pm			 Band Concert 7:00pm	
Monday, June 11	Tuesday, June 12	Wednesday, June 13	Thursday, June 14	Friday, June 15	Saturday, June 16
			 Block 3B Block 4B	 Block 3A Block 4A	
Monday, June 18	Tuesday, June 19	Wednesday, June 20	Thursday, June 21	Friday, June 22	Saturday, June 23
 Block 1B Block 2B	 Block 1A Block 2A Senior Picnic 5:00-7:00pm @ Blenders	 Rehearsal 8:00am - Noon 6/20 & 6/21 Breakfast on Tuesday, 6/21	 Rehearsal 8:00am - Noon 6/20 & 6/21 Breakfast on Tuesday, 6/21	 6:00pm start	



LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Ceremony - June 22, 2018

GRADUATES LINE UP AT 5:30PM

GRADUATION BEGINS AT 6:00PM



Families looking for extra tickets (in addition to the five given to each senior) or handicapped seating tickets may have their student sign up on the waiting lists in the Main Office. A limited number of extra tickets and special seating tickets are available and will be distributed in pairs on a first come basis after rehearsal 6/21.



Vehicles with handicapped parking tags may park by the varsity baseball field and concession stand. To access that parking, please proceed to the rear entrance of the school, on Gallup Hill Road, and drive up through the gate at the top of the hill. There will be attendants to direct you to a space.



Guests with limited mobility may be dropped at the Ag Circle, which is to the far right as you face the front of the school. From there, guests will be transported by golf cart to the back of the school. Golf carts are running in a perpetual loop, so do not be alarmed if you do not see a cart present when you arrive.



There is ample parking around the campus:

- Front parking lot (lined spaces *and* grassy expanses)
- Lower football practice field (accessible off Gallup Hill Road; parking attendant)
- Lower baseball field (accessible from the rear entrance; parking attendant)
- Grass embankments of Gallup Hill Road along the side & rear

(If you park in the grass anywhere on or around campus, please pull in perpendicular to the road, as though into a parking space, to maximize room.)



Please **do not park** on the actual street of Gallup Hill Road. Pull fully onto the grass to maintain an entirely clear roadway for local traffic and emergency vehicles.

Please **do not park** on Greystone Court, located directly behind the school. They are good neighbors, not a parking lot!

Please **do not park** behind the AgriScience wing. That creates an unsafe setting for our graduates because they line up back there.

Commencement 🌿 Flowers



Flowers
for Your Graduate



A variety of floral arrangements will be available for purchase at our stand, located conveniently at the graduation ceremony. Flowers can also be pre-ordered online (link below), to guarantee your choice of color.

Commencement 🌿 Flowers

<https://www.thecommencementgroup.com/ledyardhs/>

LEDYARD ATHLETICS

Ledyard Athletics

Ledyard High School Athletics is winding down on another successful school year. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and coaches for their success this spring season. You can stay updated with post-season play for all of our spring teams by logging onto casciac.org or by following our twitter feed @ledyardsports. Get out and support our outstanding student-athletes as state competition begins. We are very proud of all 416 students who participated in athletics this year. It was another great year to be a Colonel! Congratulations to our CAS-CIAC scholar-athletes Megan Larmann and Nathan McCracken. Your success in the classroom and on the playing fields is greatly admired. Also, congratulations to the SE CT Chapter of the NFF/HOF scholar-athlete Max Ebdon. Our fall sports season is right around the corner. All students who are interested in playing a sport in the fall should update their medical records with Mrs. Sheltry in the Nurse's office before the end of the school year. Fall Sports Night will take place Thursday August 16 at 7:00pm in the school auditorium. All students who are participating in a fall sport should attend the meeting with a parent or guardian. Football will officially start practice on Monday August 13. Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Girls Swimming, and Cheerleading will start on Thursday August 23. You can find all of the athletic forms at Ledyard.net on the Ledyard High School page under athletics. If you have any questions pertaining to our athletic department or need information on summer training programs for our fall sports teams, please contact LHS Athletic Director and Assistant Principal Jim Buonocore at 860-464-9600 ext. 6119 or at jbuonocore@ledyard.net. GO COLONELS!





School Nurse

INFORMATION REGARDING FALL 2018 SPORTS

Every sports season necessitates some up-to-date medical form be submitted to participate. All athletes are required to have a complete physical annually. The period of time between last year's physical and the next year's physical should be no more than 13 months. We allow the extra month to accommodate insurance as well as scheduling issues.

PLEASE NOTE: We will not have a copy of the blue Health Assessment Record (Blue Form) if a copy has not been turned into the LHS nurse's office. The physician's office does not send this to us.

*If your athlete has a current, complete physical done within the 13 month time frame, he/she will need a parent/guardian to complete an **INTERIM SPORTS** form to be eligible to play a sport in the **Fall of 2018. This needs to be turned into the nurse's office BEFORE tryouts begin.**

* If your athlete does not have a current, complete Health Assessment on file here at the LHS nursing office, he/she will need to either:

1. Get a copy of the Blue physical form from your doctor's office. Make sure the physical is within the 13 month time period and not outdated. Make sure the parent section (page 1) is completed and signed and current.
2. Schedule a physical examination appointment with the child's physician **BEFORE** tryouts begin. Turn this Health Assessment form into the LHS nurse's office along with the completed parent section and signature.

FOOTBALL and CHEERLEADING- begin Monday, August 13, 2018

ALL OTHER SPORTS- begin Thursday, August 23, 2018

Where can I get the forms?

Go to www.ledyard.net. Click on the LHS tab, and then click the section "Athletics". You can find both the Health Assessment record and the Interim Sports form under this section.

* Pick up the forms in the Nurse's office at LHS. Forms may also be found in the Main Office if we are out.

* Your physician's office may have copies of the Blue Health Assessment record. You will need to get these to us.

* The Return to Play is situation specific and may be required after an injury or illness. Contact the Nurse for info.

How do I get these forms to you so my child can be medically cleared to participate?

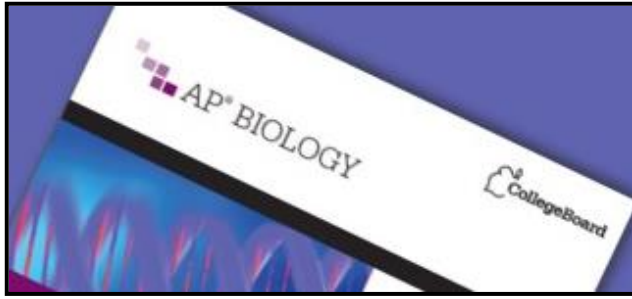
Mail completed forms to LHS , Attn: Nurse @ 24 Gallup Hill Rd, Ledyard, CT 06339

FAX to LHS Nursing office at 860 464-2081 or scan and send to Lsheltry@ledyard.net

Drop off in Nursing Office or our mailbox in the Main Office

FALL SPORTS NIGHT is Thursday, August 16, 2018

Please call 860 464-8940 if you have any questions. We have a list of local clinics available that do physicals.



The **AP Biology** Exam is now in the rearview mirror! Congratulations and thank you for all of your hard work. For the first time ever ...we had **100% of the class take the exam**. I sincerely hope that all of the prep work and study time that many students put in pays off with a favorable score.

On June 1st, **AP Biology** students will spend a day researching the impact of cormorants on species diversity of other nesting species that they compete with on South Dumpling Island and Sandy Point. We last did this study in 2017 and it will be interesting to see the changes on both islands since.



On June 13th, ten **AP Biology** students will travel to Yale New Haven Hospital, Smilow Cancer Center, for our yearly field trip. The ten students are selected based on their interest in a career in medicine. While on the trip, we meet with Dr. Gary Kupfer, the head of pediatric oncology & hematology.



Tours of labs and possibly patient clinics as well as the healing garden are other highlights of the day. I am so very grateful to Dr. Kupfer for his continued generosity for our **AP Biology** students.



LHS Library 2017-2018

Access to online resources 24/7
Our Amazing LIBGUIDE: <http://ledyard.libguides.com>

Find @colonelslibrary



Find @kouriesmith



2018
Summer Reading



Raffle Prizes Include:

- 5 passes to 2018-19 LHS Home Athletic Events
- 3 season passes to LHS Music Events
- 2019 LHS Yearbook
- LHS Homecoming tickets

For more information go to bit.ly/colonelsread
or email library@ledyard.net

SUMMER READING IS FOR FUN!

- It is our hope that all students read at least one book of their choosing.
- Students are invited to complete the Google Form linked below to report the books they read over the summer.
- Students may submit a form for each book they read (or partially read)--no limit! Audiobooks count too!
- Each form entry will count as an entry in our school-wide Summer Reading Raffle!
- **For more information: bit.ly/colonelsread**

Please remember to return any library materials that you checked out during the school year! Thank you!

LEAF GRANT

The LHS Library received a LEAF grant to encourage

Active Learning in the Library.

The grant will fund:

- 2 FitDesks
- 2 360 cameras
- 2 Breakout Edu kits!

THANK YOU LEAF!



Mrs. Lamothe tries out a new Fitdesk before we put them in the library for student use.

Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday 7:30am-3:00pm

(closed after school first Thursday of each month & on half days for district mtgs)

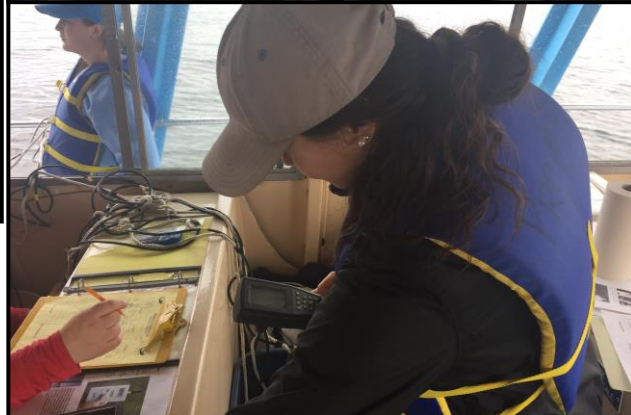
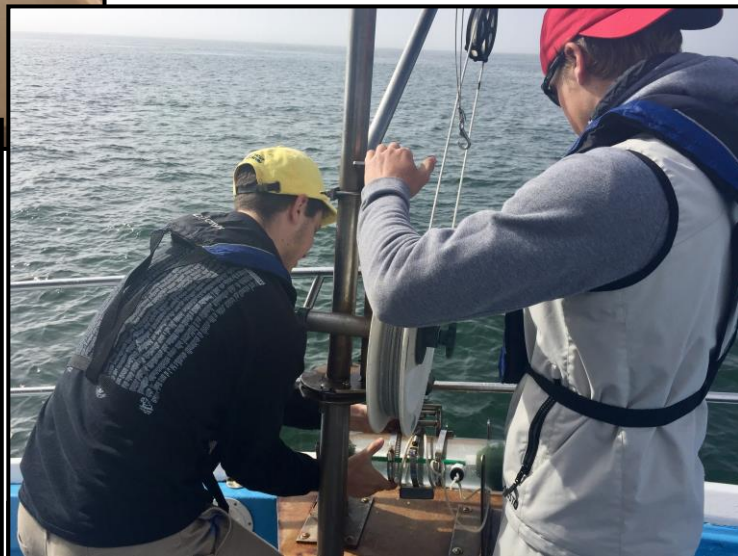
Friday 7:30am-2:15pm

At home with nothing to read? Don't forget our great ebook collection!!
Tutorial to access ebooks can be found on the LibGuide at bit.ly/ebookslhs.
Please email library@ledyard.net if you have any questions.

UConn ECE Marine Science

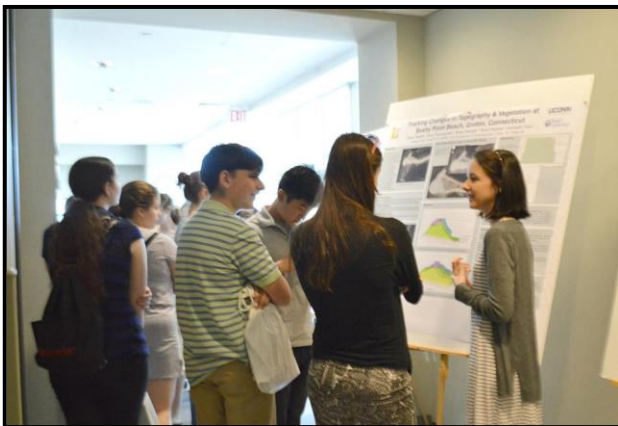


The **UConn ECE Marine** class spent a full day on the water in April as part of our physical oceanography unit. Students studied sediments, currents, light & turbidity as well as other physical parameters important to life.





Students will construct large posters, which will be professionally printed at UCONN and will be displayed at the annual ECE Marine Science Symposium on May 31st at Avery Point. Selected group(s) will have the opportunity to orally present their project to the entire symposium that day.



The **UConn ECE Marine Science** class will go on their final Project Oceanology trip, in late May, to Pine Island. They will use the trip as part of our environmental issues & concerns chapter. Students will collect and sort floatable debris, analysis to follow at school.





After winning the CT/RI regional **Quahog Bowl** competition, the Ledyard High School **Ocean Science Bowl Team** competed at the national level in April. Though we did not place, I am extremely impressed with the performance of the team. Four of the five members had never competed competitively before! Not bad for a “walk on team”. The team placed middle of the pack out of 23 total teams from around the country in their Science Expert Briefing. This part of the competition assessed their position papers they had to submit prior to the competition and their performance on a timed oral presentation with “on the spot” question/answer sessions! A VERY stressful situation for all involved- great work you guys!





School Picture Dates

Underclassman Portrait Sessions

Wednesday, August 22

New Student Orientation

All incoming freshmen who attend orientation on August 22 will get their school picture taken that day.

Plan accordingly!

Thursday, September 13

This day will be for sophomores and any seniors new to LHS. Times are assigned based upon each student's advisory teacher.

Friday, September 14

This day will be for juniors and any freshmen who missed the first round. Times are assigned based upon each student's advisory teacher.

Monday, October 22

Make-Up Picture Day

This portrait session will be for students in grades 9, 10, and 11 who either missed their original picture appointment or are sitting for re-takes.



Senior Portrait Sessions

June 27, 28 & 29

8:00am - 2:00pm

Agri-Science library

July 2, 16, 17 & 18

8:00am - 2:00pm

Agri-Science library

August 15 & 16

8:00am - 2:00pm

Agri-Science library

Sept. 26, 27 & 28

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Agri-Science library

October 24

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Agri-Science library

November 16

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Agri-Science library

December 14

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Agri-Science library

All seniors receive appointment notices from Lifetouch Portrait Studios (or Prestige Portraits) in the mail to their homes. Those handouts provide the time of the appointment as well as information about packages *and* rescheduling. If a student misses his/her appointment, they are added to the next session. There are fifteen senior portrait sessions. If seniors don't sit at one of them, they will not appear in the yearbook.



We are proud to announce the formation of an official SAVE Promise Club here at LHS. Our mission is *to actively promote an environment at Ledyard High School in which all students feel safe, respected and welcome through programs that teach and encourage tolerance, empathy, and goodwill and educate students about their role in creating a safe school for all.*

Our officers for the 2018-2019 school year are:

President: Emma Terry

Vice President: Gailynn Merrill

Secretary: Isabelle Jensen

Treasurer: Katey Truncale

Advisor: Kirsten Montgomery

Visit our Facebook page: Ledyard SAVE Promise Club or find us on twitter: @lhssave

Our first “event” will be the sale of Kindness grams with tootsie pops, which students can purchase to send to anyone within the school for only \$1 per gram. If parents or staff are interested, e-mail kmontgomery@ledyard.net to have one sent to whomever you wish to share your kindness with.

Information on national SAVE Promise Clubs can be found at www.sandyhookpromise.org/savepromisecub Below is a summary from their webpage.

“SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Clubs are a place for young people across the country to show their leadership, creativity and passion for protecting their friends, schools and communities from violence *BEFORE* it happens.”

“SAVE Promise Clubs are established and led by students, and are a powerful approach to preventing gun violence (and other forms of violence and victimization) because they recognize the unique role that young people play in making their schools and communities safer.”

School Counseling and Guidance News

Attention Seniors- yellow forms named "final grade report for college" were distributed during advisory. Please complete the form and include information on where you want your final transcript sent. Please be sure to return this completed form to guidance no later than June 8th and include a stamped business sized envelope addressed to your college. **Your final transcript cannot be sent unless this process is completed.**

Current Juniors (rising seniors) –SAVE THE DATE- Senior year prep day is set for August 21st at LHS. Begin the College application process: create a common application account, revise and complete your brag sheet, update your resume, initiate the necessary steps in Naviance plus more.

Summer School- Information for programs in our area is available in the school counseling office. Please be sure to see your counselor if you feel you will be attending summer school.

2018-2019 Schedule Update- The School Counseling Department will make every effort to have 2018-2019 schedules completed and mailed by the end of June.

Attention Juniors regarding the April 24th In-School SAT administration- Your SAT scores are now available! You can access scores via your college board account.

Khan Academy- Offers free SAT prep! Khan Academy has partnered with the College Board to create a free SAT test prep program full of actual sample items from the SAT. All juniors and sophomores who took the PSAT, can access a personalized SAT prep program that focuses on any areas of weakness that were demonstrated during the PSAT. Simply link your College Board account to Khan Academy and you are off and running!

SAT's and ACT's- Next year seniors please be sure to visit www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org to register for the October and November test dates. This will ensure you meet the early fall registration deadlines.

Career Center News

Career Day 2018



On the morning of April 5th the hallways of LHS were busy with students in search for the first of three speakers they would be listening to for Career Day. Career Day is a portion of the school day devoted to career exploration where each student participates in 3 distinct classroom presentations. Students completed a survey in January to determine what types of professions interest them most. The Career Center then factors in where the labor demands are and recruit willing professionals that relate to the majority of students' interests. Students are then assigned to hear three speakers, each presentation lasts 25 minutes. Presenters provide information such as: how they came into their jobs; how high school academics relate; what higher education or training is required; what are the pros and cons of their professions; and what a typical day involves. Over 72 professionals joined us this year. Speakers included a veterinarian, landscape designer, marine biologist, medical professionals, law enforcement, video game designer, graphic designer, social workers, a variety of engineers, middle school teacher, physical therapist, fitness instructor, pilot, attorney, welder, paramedic, firefighter, registered nurse, cosmetologist, construction project manager and many more.



Construction Rodeo Day 2018



On May 2nd some Ledyard Students and several teachers attended the Construction Rodeo Career Days at NLC (formerly Mountain Resort) in Wallingford, CT. After a safety brief each student received a backpack, safety goggles and a hardhat to keep. Students were given the opportunity to operate a skid steer, excavator and crane simulator; climb a United Illuminating utility pole; build a masonry wall; cut tile; solder; weld and use a variety of power tools and more! Representatives from several trade schools and apprenticeship programs were there giving information to students who were interested. This event is great for students who are interested in working with their hands and exposes them to tomorrow's careers in construction.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT and VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Students who are looking for part-time and summer employment opportunities are encouraged to be proactive and approach businesses and ask them if they are hiring. I urge them to dress professionally, ask if they are hiring and to speak to a manager, give a strong handshake, make eye contact, fill out an application and follow up in a week or two. Don't wait for them to call you. By being assertive it shows enthusiasm. A brief resume is also a professional touch and it will make them stand out from other applicants. Naviance has a simple resume for students to use. If anyone would like help with a resume they are welcome to come to the Career Center for assistance. Volunteer opportunities are also available in the Career Center.

Students under 18 are reminded that they cannot start any job without first securing working papers (statement of age) from the school. In order to provide work permits, students must bring in a *Promise of Employment* from their potential employer. This Promise of Employment should be on company letterhead and should contain the job description, wage and be signed by a manager. Working Papers are available in the Career Center (or Main Office from Mrs. Campo when school is not in session) along with a legal document with their birthdate. CT driver's license, drivers permit, military identification card, passport or birth certificate is acceptable. It is a good idea for students seeking working papers during the summer to call the main office in advance to make sure someone will be able to assist them.

There are also restrictions on hours and locations governing the employment of minors. This information is available in the Career Center or by visiting the Connecticut Department of Labor's web site: <http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us> and clicking on <Youth Employment>.

Students who are 14 and 15 years old should not be too discouraged when they are unable to secure work. They should be encouraged to pursue volunteer opportunities that will prepare them for future employment opportunities. Community service is a compliment to a young student's resume for work and for college. It is also a great way to give back to their community.

Employers often comment about the casual attitudes of youth in the workplace, specifically concerning attire, socializing and attitudes. Students are reminded that the workplace is the "adult world" and their behaviors should conform to the environment. Remember, all employers become references for future potential employers to contact. The Career Center is happy to assist students with job search skills, proper work application process, creation of resumes and interviewing skills.



SAVE THE DATE

LHS COLLEGE FAIR

WED. OCTOBER 3, 2018



NAMI ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

As part of "May is Mental Health Month" the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) recently honored Ledyard High School essay contest winners at a ceremony. The award winning students read their essays at this festive event open to the public at the Southeast Mental Health Authority. **The contest is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southeastern Connecticut.** For more information about NAMI's efforts to provide support, education, and advocacy for people with mental illness call 860-859-4658

2018 "Breaking The Silence About Mental Illness" essay contest winners.

3rd place Lilia Burdo, 2nd place Salena McCloud, 1st place Gabrielle Terrapin, Mr. Jim Sorensen Essay Organizer



Youth Alive Bible Club

The Youth Alive Bible Club is ending the year with its 2nd "Fill-a-Backpack" drive for the school year during Spirit Week where each Grade can earn points for their donations. The points will be added to other events that are going on throughout the week, culminating with the winning Class announced at the Spring Pep Rally on Friday, May 18th. The "Fill-a-Backpack" drive is partnered with United Way of SECT and is done in the fall during Homecoming Spirit Week & spring during the Spring Spirit Week. Items like packages of pens, pencils, eraser caps, lined paper, highlighters, new or gently used binders, etc., are greatly appreciated.

We will be saying goodbye to our seniors; Tara Opalenik, club President, Madison Jackson, club Vice President, and Amber Dubreuil, club Treasurer. We appreciated their leadership and wish them best in their future endeavors.

Our new President & Vice President for the 2018-2019 school year are rising senior, Mhret Wondmagege, and rising sophomore, Genesis Gilbert. Congratulations to them both. We are looking for more students to participate in the Youth Alive Bible Club and for more ideas for community & global outreach.

Our latest Bake Sale Fundraiser at Village Market in April was a great success raising \$131! We thank the Village Market and the community for its continued support. One of our goals is to "bless" some of the other clubs financially as well.

Our first YABC event for 2018-2019 will be "See You At The Pole" on Wednesday, September 26th, at the LHS flagpole from 7:00am-7:25am. Please join us in this national & global event to pray for our students, faculty & staff, community, nation & world.

Thank you all for a great year!
Mrs. Heather Yano
YABC Sponsor

Arts Night

The annual Arts Night is coming soon! Over 300 pieces of artwork created by the 2017-18 art students will be on display!

Thursday, May 24

5:00-7:00 pm

At Ledyard High School in the main lobby,
200's, and 600's hallways

Show your support of the growing visual arts department by attending this very special event. There are many things to see and do throughout the night:

- Resident artists will be in studios 212 and 214 working on their current art projects ranging from drawing to clay including potter's wheel throwing demonstrations
- Independent Study students as well as Nationals Art Honor Society students have created their own special exhibitions
- Free art giveaways created by National Art Honor Society
- Purchase a bee & spring-themed artwork, canvas bags and more to help fundraise for LHS's Bee Keeping Club
- Free food and beverages
- Same night as the spring LHS Coffee House- join us in celebrating the creativity and talent of LHS students!

Writer of Note: Bella Langlois



Senior Bella Langlois finished in the top ten percent of nearly two thousand entries in this year's "Profiles in Courage" national essay contest sponsored by the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Boston. The annual essay contest asks students to "describe and analyze an act of political courage by a U.S. elected official who served during or after 1917, the year John F. Kennedy was born."



Bella's essay focuses on the career of Jeanette Rankin, the first woman to hold federal office in the United States as a member of the House of Representatives representing Montana. Rankin was a crusading pacifist and women's rights advocate.



CULINARY



Ledyard High School's Team for Cupcake Wars at Haddam Killingworth High School with their entry.

SAFE GRAD PARTY



SAFE GRAD PARTY is still accepting forms and payment for the post-graduation party. Forms are available in the Main Office. Contact Tia Dudda to make alternate payment arrangements. tdudda@ledyard.net

Class of 2018 Graduation Yard Signs- orders are now being accepted! Forms are available in the main office. Contact Stacey Greeley for more information. stacey_greeley@yahoo.com

Buy your

YEARBOOK

Horizons 2017-2018

\$65

*Yearbooks will be available for sale
the week of June 4.*

Cash or Check. Make checks payable to:

Ledyard High School

Memo: Student Name + Yearbook

National Honor Society



The month of May is known for being a time of both frenzy and excitement. Students take AP exams, study for finals, and plan for graduation and/or summer vacations. Despite its hectic nature, May and the months that had led up to it were extremely productive. Students ran and volunteered in a variety of different activities.

At the end of March, NHS participated in the annual Easter Egg hunt held at the Ledyard Fairgrounds, spending their day frolicking with children of all ages as they searched for eggs. In April, members traveled to Ledyard Center School as a continuation of our reading days, participated in Earth Day Cleanup and volunteered at the Proud to "DU" It Youth Duathlon, and ushered for Career Day.

May will be even busier. At the beginning of the month, NHS sold handmade cards and carnations for Mother's Day. On May 17th, members of the organization volunteered at 8th grade orientation, handing out informational pamphlets and showing rising freshmen and their families around the school. The rest of May is dedicated to helping out with the Garden Plant Sale, held annually at the Ledyard Congregational Church; and planning for the Coffee House, on May 24th. Junior members will also attend the National Honor Society Summit, rescheduled from earlier due to inclement weather, to plan the future of the Connecticut branch of NHS.

Upcoming projects in June include field days at the elementary schools and Aerospace and Science Night at Ledyard Center School.

As always, NHS is accepting tutoring requests. Contact Rachel Kane at rnkane99@gmail.com for more information.

Lastly, congratulations to the NHS officers elected for the 2018-19 school year!

Savannah Houdeshell.....President
Mikayla Fors..... Vice President
Olivia Strelevitz..... Recording Secretary
Sara Tomis..... Corresponding Secretary
Virginia York..... Treasurer



Key Club



Although the school year is coming to an end, Ledyard Key Club has remained relatively active in the community and within the school.

Several of the small volunteering events took place in late April. On April 27th, members of Key Club (and other leadership clubs) volunteered to help Principal Fagan assemble pins for the annual Colonel Classic, which was dedicated to Connor Irwin this year. On April 29th, members had the opportunity to volunteer for the Mystic Muddy Mayhem 5K, a family-friendly muddy obstacle course, at Fields of Fire Adventure Park. Ledyard Key Club also helped with a Duathlon in New London, where kids of all ages raced by foot and on bikes.

On May 13th, Key Club members volunteered for the annual food drive at Ledyard Congregational Church. On this occasion, students spent the afternoon transporting boxes of food donations into the church.

Other than these local events, officer elections kept Key Club busy. Ledyard's Key Club officers for next school year are Trevor Hutchins (president), Avery Samokar (vice president), Mason Barnett (treasurer), Julia Paul (secretary), Cara Tran (editor), Lauryn Lu (12th grade director), Elise Derusha (11th grade director), and Anna Leandri (10th grade director). In addition to this, current president, Jacob Money, will be lieutenant governor for Key Clubs in the division. Although the Key Club is wrapping up and reflecting on the progress from this year, members and officers looking forward to lending a hand in the community for the upcoming year.



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