

WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

Welcome Back Newsletter 2017

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Celebrations in Professional Development

We have already engaged in more than 30 hours of professional development! Please find some of the topics below:

- Assistive Technologies
- Executive Functioning in the Classroom
- Differentiated Instruction
- Reading and Writing Strategies
- Positive Behavior Supports
- Collaborative Problem Solving
- Mindfulness
- STEAM in the Classroom
- Design Loop
- Building Positive Relationships
- Questioning Strategies
- Enhancing Student Engagement

Welcome!

Dear Parents,

The Departments of Special Education and School Counseling are happy to welcome you and your children back to school. We have grown our work in many meaningful ways this year. First, we have expanded our staffing by adding another Student Assistance Counselor to be shared at Heritage Middle School and Livingston High School. Mrs. Kate Romeo will be available to students in both buildings while working very closely with our other Student Assistance Counselors, administrators, and teachers. At LHS, Mr. Amro Mohammed, introduced his new role as Dean of Students at LHS this past week to our staff. Mr. Mohammed will serve to coordinate our student assistance programming, while working as the high school's Anti-Bullying Specialist among other roles. Mr. Mohammed will work directly with students to build their skills in collaborative problem solving.

As you may already know, Mrs. Sinead Crews will be appointed as our District Director of Guidance at the September 11, 2017 Board of Education meeting. Mrs. Crews will work directly with all school counselors, school nurses, and other faculty members to ensure the social and emotional well-being of our students is at the heart of every conversation.

We are especially excited about our newest addition to the special education continuum of services ~ our transition program for students with special needs who will continue to remain at LHS until they turn 21. This program is an expansion of our already very successful Career Internship Program. It is supported by job coaches, special educators, and supportive community organizations, businesses, and individuals who work collaboratively with the District to create community based, employment opportunities for our students.



Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

Reminder...
Please refer to your child's school calendar for building-based SEPAC meetings!



Parent Programs for this School Year:

We are VERY excited to share with you a growing calendar of parent programming for this school year. Please see page two for the events that our staff and leadership team will be offering throughout the year.

SEPTEMBER 2017

September 8th and 11th

LHS Senior Toolkit Large Group Meetings – Class of 2018
Livingston High School

OCTOBER 2017

October 9th

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Supporting Executive Functioning Needs
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

October 12th

Transition to Post-Secondary Education for
Parents of Students with a Disability
6:00—6:50 p.m.
Livingston High School Media Center

October 12th

Overview of the College Process for
All Parents
7:00—8:30 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium

October 25th

Book Club—*Smart but Scattered Teens*
Registration required—Additional information to follow
6:00—7:30 p.m.
Location TBD

NOVEMBER 2017

November 1st

Financial Aid Presentation
with Kimber Decker for All Parents
7:00—8:30 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium

November 2nd

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Improving Social Skills
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

November 16th

Introduction to Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for
Parents of Students with a Disability, ages 16-21
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Media Center



JANUARY 2018

January 18th

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Mindfulness Strategies for your Child
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

January 18th

8th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Media Center

January 18th

8th to 9th Grade Orientation Program for
All Parents
7:00—9:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium and Breakout Classes

January 24th

Book Club—*Smart but Scattered Teens*
Registration required—Additional information to follow
6:00—7:30 p.m.
Location TBD

FEBRUARY 2018

February 8th

PRIDE Parent Workshop
Sensory Strategies
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

February 26th

PRIDE Open House for Lottery Accepted Integrated Students
2:00—3:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

MARCH 2018

March 22nd

College Admissions Panel for
All Parents
Livingston High School Media Center, 5:45 p.m. Reception
Livingston High School Auditorium, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

March 22nd

Penn College of Technology Presentation for
All Parents
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Cafeteria

Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

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child's school calendar for
building-based SEPAC meetings!

APRIL 2018

April 11th

Book Club—*Smart but Scattered Teens*
Registration required—Additional information to follow
6:00—7:30 p.m.
Location TBD

April 17th

Understanding Behaviors for
Parents of Students with a Disability
7:00—8:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

April 26th

Livingston High School College Fair
LHS Fitness & Wellness Center/Auxiliary Gym
7:00—8:30 p.m.

April 29th

Abilities Expo
Livingston High School Cafeteria

MAY 2018

May 10th

Post Secondary Support Programs Presentation for
Parents of Students with a Disability, ages 16-21
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Media Center

May 10th

Applying to College for
All Parents
7:00—9:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium

May 15th

PRIDE Parent Workshop
From PRIDE to Kindergarten: The Transition Process
7:00—8:00 p.m.
Burnet Hill Elementary School

JUNE 2018**June 7th**

Senior Awards and Scholarship Program
7:00—10:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium

June 13th

Managing Expectation of the Junior Year for
Parents of Students with a Disability
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Media Center

June 13th

Overview of the Junior Year for
All Parents
“Getting Started... Where do we begin?”
7:00 p.m.
Livingston High School Auditorium

June—Date to be Determined

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
6:15—7:00 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Middle School

June—Date to be Determined

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents
7:00 p.m.
Mount Pleasant Middle School

June—Date to be Determined

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
Parents of Students with a Disability
6:00—7:00 p.m.
Heritage Middle School

June—Date to be Determined

6th to 7th Grade Transition Night for
All Parents
7:00 p.m.
Heritage Middle School