

February 2012

Dear LRCH Family,

February is short in days but filled with exciting activities at LRCH. Please follow with me as I highlight the information you need to know and the activities you will want to attend –

- **Important ~ The LRSD does not build in snow days to our school calendar.** Therefore, any school days missed will result in days added at the end of the school year. Our last day of school is currently scheduled for Thursday, May 31.
- We celebrate our school's diversity all year but particularly during the month of February. Your child's teachers will be engaging students in special activities that **focus on African American History and multi-cultural awareness.** We are proud of our students' sensitivity to our differences and continue to strive to learn all we can about each other.
- **Our award winning Science Fair** is scheduled for judging of the projects on **Friday, February 3.** The fair will be open to the public on Saturday, February 4, from Noon – 4:00 pm. The award ceremony will be held on Monday, February 6 at 12:30 pm in the gym. We want as many students as possible to enter and participate in the Regional Science Fair, Junior Academy, Junior Science and Humanities Symposium, and NAACP ACT-SO events. Very special thanks to the many parents, led by Rachel Harpool, who have been involved in all aspects of our science fair – registration, cooking, donating food, and serving as judges. If you want to be a hostess or send some food, call/email Ms. Harpool at 224-0106 or leslie.harpool@comcast.net We are proud to showcase our Tigers' talents and achievements in the sciences and mathematics. Additionally, there will be a Humanities Fair held at the same time. Photography, Art, Stagecraft and other student work will be on display.
- **Parent Conference Day is scheduled for Friday, February 10.** Teachers will be in their classrooms from 8:30 to Noon and from 12:45 to 3:45 to meet with parents. Please feel free to call/email teachers for an appointment. Teacher email addresses/phone numbers can be found at www.lrcentralhigh.org
- **Monday, February 13 is a Staff Development Day ~ students will not attend school that day.**
- **Parents of Seniors ~ College Goal Sunday** is a one-day event to help students and families complete the application for financial aid for education beyond high school. The application is called the FAFSA. It will be held **Sunday, February 19** at 2:00 pm at five locations—Philander Smith College--Donald W. Reynolds Building, J.A. Fair High School—South Hall Room 151, McClellan High School – Library, Joe T. Robinson High School, and Pulaski Tech (NLR)—Ottenheimer Library. **What Should I Bring?** The PIN number you receive by going to www.pin.ed.gov at least one week before College Goal Sunday. A PIN is needed for both the student and at least one parent and bring the latest tax information (2011 Tax Returns) for both the student and parent and Social Security numbers. If you don't have your 2011 tax forms yet, come to College Goal Sunday anyway. More information can be found at <http://arcollegegoalsunday.org/>

- **PTSA Meeting, February 21, 2012**, 5:30 pm in the Library. Our speaker will be Cathy Hagemeyer, M.Ed., Trainer at MidSOUTH Training Academy, UALR, who will be discussing *Inside the Teenage Brain*.
- **The Math Department will hold a Parent Workshop (Algebra I and Geometry) on Tuesday, February 21, 2012** from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Library.
- **Metropolitan Career Technical Center Open House is Tuesday, February 21** from 8:45 am to 7:00 pm.
- **In honor of Black History month**, Central High Gospel Choir Club will present a program on **February 22, 2012** to our student body.
- Our **master schedule** is designed **according to the needs of our students**. The LRCH Guidance Department is busy helping students make their course selections for the next school year. Counselors are meeting with rising seniors now through January 27, rising juniors from February 3 – February 17, and rising sophomores from February 24 – March 8. Students will bring home a copy of their course selection form, so please be on the lookout for them. Signed forms are to be returned to your child's counselor. **Please call your child's counselor if you have ANY questions concerning your child's schedule for next year.** Do get involved **NOW** because we will **NOT** be making schedule changes unless a mistake has been made by the computer, or a course has been omitted. All students must be placed in the appropriate courses and levels. Next year's seniors must take a full load according to the Arkansas Department of Education. Students who leave early will be those who are attending Metropolitan or those enrolled in one of our work/study programs. Seniors whose schedules have a 1st block or 4th block study hall will be permitted to come late or leave early with principal and parental permission. Schedules will **not** be manipulated for this to occur. It is impossible to create a credible master schedule any other way so **it is important that we make the appropriate decisions now.** We do have **one** study hall per block. Please note that students are permitted to take only one study hall or monitoring assignment per semester.
- **For students who dropped AP courses: No weighted credit** will be given for the semester grade. All students must take the AP exam for their corresponding course in order to receive the weighted grades. No cut-off score is required. The Arkansas Department of Education is paying for AP exams again this year.
- Seniors who are applying for ANY **Arkansas Department of Higher Education Lottery Scholarship**, including the Arkansas Challenge and the Arkansas GO Grant, **MUST** apply on-line at www.adhe.edu There is no longer a financial piece associated with the Challenge Scholarship; so many more students will qualify. In addition, ADHE has informed us that the responsibility is with the student to access his/her account to insure that all information is accurate. Please have your students go to the website and apply. We don't want anyone to miss out on these scholarship opportunities.

Please continue to work with us to insure that your child is successful at LRCH. Feel free to call me at 447-1432 or email me at nancy.rousseau@lrsd.org with any questions/concerns.