



The Rocket Messenger

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Hello Rocket Families,

By the time you're reading this we'll be nearing the end of Quarter 2. Students will have a couple of quick weeks to complete projects, assignments, and prepare for finals. The end of first semester brings with it opportunities. Thank you for your continued support of our great Lincoln Northeast Community! Below you will find this month's building and district updates.

Important Dates to mark on your Calendar:

December 4-----N-ACTS Meeting @ 5:30 pm
December 6-----Madrigal Dinner @ 7:00 pm
December 9-----Winter Expression
Instrumental Concert @ 7:00 pm
December 12 -----Rocket Food Market @ 3:00 - 3:30 pm
December 12 -----Vocal Music Concert @ 7:00 pm
December 18 -----Finals - Periods 1, 2, 7
December 19 -----Finals - Periods 5, 6
December 20 -----Finals - Periods 3, 4
December 22 - 26--Moratorium
December 23 - January 6--No School - Winter break

Reminders about our Quarter 2 Focus:

Effective Instruction: A strong continued focus on instruction and learning to provide students the best opportunities to earn credits in their semester 1 classes.

Please know that if your student would like additional academic support, Rocket House is open Monday - Thursday after school until 6:00 p.m. and on Friday until 5:00 pm. Thank you to the amazing Rocket House staff who is there every day to support our students and their learning!

It's a wonderful opportunity for our students. I hope your scholar will take advantage of it!

Culture for Learning:

At Lincoln Northeast High school we are creating a safe, predictable, positive school climate by establishing clear expectations and we are dedicated to teaching both academics and behavior. Having clear expectations and explicitly teaching them means students know exactly what they are to do and the likelihood of appropriate behavior increases.

We want our students to know exactly how to behave in all areas of our school. We teach, model and give feedback on the positive behaviors that we want more of at Lincoln Northeast. This includes teaching in all common areas like the lunchroom and playground, as well as in the classroom. As you know, our school expectations are R.I.S.E. (Respectful, Inclusive, Safe, Engaged). Have you noticed these expectations posted around the school? Consider using this common language when you teach positive behavior outside of school too.

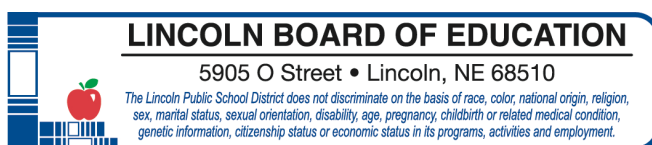
As the saying goes, "If you can predict it, you can prevent it." At Lincoln Northeast we focus on prevention in the following ways:

1. Clear expectations
2. Predictable routines and procedures
3. Active supervision
4. Intentional student engagement
5. Thoughtful room arrangement

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We will continue to work on:

- Decreasing hallway traffic
- Wearing ID's
 - Per district policy, students are required to wear an ID. This helps us ensure that proper identification is made and that ALL stakeholders know students we're seeing in the hallways do indeed belong at LNE.
- No blankets
 - Any students who bring blankets to school with them will be asked to keep them in their lockers or backpacks, during the school day, so as to not have them be a distraction to the learning environment.
- Students who use profanity.

We appreciate your continued support as we work to shift behaviors that are not school appropriate!

Safety and Security

Dismissal expectations:

Please know that students will be asked to exit the building by 3:45 UNLESS they are connected to an after-school activity. We're beginning to see some students who appear to be hanging out in the Commons area especially, just for the sake of hanging out. Thank you for working with your scholar to insure there's a transportation plan in place.

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District News:

A Parent Guide to Student Chromebook Use in LPS

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 - lps.org/go/o9bk
 - We recognize that being the parent of a "Chromebook student" can be mystifying at times. While few students would sit and do worksheets all evening just for fun, it may be that your student *does* want to work on their Chromebook all evening. When they are staring at a device screen, it may be hard to distinguish homework from entertainment. This resource offers some information and strategies that parents may find helpful.

The resource at the link above is broken into three helpful sections:

- About the Chromebook
- Learning with Chromebooks
- Other Important Considerations

LNE Mission Statement: Lincoln Northeast High School is dedicated to educating all students by emphasizing positive relationships, high academic expectation.



TEAMMATES Mentors Needed

Would you be willing to invest in one child's life? Become a mentor with the TEAMMATES Mentoring Program at Lincoln Northeast High School. Meet with a student (grades 9-12) at school during school hours once a week for 30-60 minutes. Build a caring relationship while playing games and sharing interests. Focus on the student's strengths and foster their hopes and vision for their future.

Take the next step. All it takes is an application, which can be filled out online (say that you saw this in the LNE newsletter) at lincolnteammates.org; a background check and a training session are required. For more information, contact Mrs. Kristin Skorupa at kskorup@lps.org or 436-1303, option 2.

The Rocket Food Market is Open on Thursday, December 12!

Northeast High School serves as an official distribution site for Northeast students and their families to pick up food items once a month during the school year. The Rocket Food Market will be open on Thursday, December 12 from 3:00 – 3:30 pm in the school cafeteria; enter through door 35. All students and their families are welcome to pick up *free* food.

The Rocket Market will also be open on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

**Tell your Friends and
Neighbors!
ALL Future Rockets!**

Wednesday
January 29, 2020
LNE 8th Grade Orientation
6:30 - 8:30 pm



Become part of the Rocket tradition!

NATIONAL BUSINESS HONOR SOCIETY:

Lincoln Northeast's National Business Honor Society (NBHS) chapter recently inducted the following new members into its Semester 1, 2019-20 chapter:

Fanar Al Sloo	Makenna Bonneau
Kali Burnham	Alicia Carmona Ponce
Gracie Dailey	Humoom Darweesh
Medrick Meskimen	Hannah Schilz

The 2019-20 initiates join these members initiated in the 2018-19 school year:

Marysa Barnhill	Luke Buettner
Estefani Echeverria Quinteros	Logan Gronewold
Sierra Tunks	Alexi Williams

Members selected the following members to officer positions for the current school year:

President	Luke Buettner
Vice President	Logan Gronewold
Secretary	Hannah Schilz
Treasurer	Alexi Williams

2019-20 NBHS Advisers:

Brett Davis	Jeff Fagler
Abigail Plihal	Mary Schropfer
	Deb Wolken

To qualify for invitation to apply for membership, students must meet the following criteria:

- Junior/Senior
- 3 business classes taught by teachers who are NBEA members
- 3.5 business GPA (minimum)
- 3.0 GPA (minimum)

This is the third year for the National Business Honor Society at Lincoln Northeast with members looking forward to several projects for the 2019-20 school year.

From LNE Counseling

LNE Career Fair - December 3rd

LNE Center Gym | 2:00 - 3:00 PM

All LNE students are invited to attend the FREE LNE Career Fair featuring over 40 different careers! Where do you want to be? What career path do you want to take? Take the first step to answer these questions by attending. Visit the LNE Counselor Webpage to see a list of careers that will be represented at the fair!

Scholarship Information

Don't ever pay for scholarship searches! Use free resources such as [ScholarshipQuest](https://www.scholarshipquest.org) at EducationQuest.org with over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarship, or free national sites like [Cappex](https://www.cappex.com), [GoodCall](https://www.goodcall.com), and [Chegg](https://www.chegg.com).

Susan Buffett Scholarship – <https://buffettscholarships.org/>

Application Deadline: February 1, 2020, 5 PM

Susan Buffett Scholarship Workshop: Wednesday, December 4, 2019, Period 2 OR 7 in Rm. 150. LNE Counselor Marilyn Peaslee will explain the application and process. English Department Chair Tony Reda will help students understand how to "write their story" and share strategies to write the required application essay. To receive a pass to attend, students need to sign up in the LNE Counseling Center by December 3rd.

Southeast Community College General <https://www.southeast.edu/scholarships/>

Application Deadline: February 28, 2020

A Scholarship Application Workshop for SCC Scholarships will be offered Thursday, December 5, 2019, Period 2,3,5, or 6. During this workshop, students will apply on-line for all SCC Scholarships. Sign up to attend in the LNE Counseling Center.

Ken Jones Engineering Scholarship – Application Due January 15, 2020 to LNE Counseling Center. This scholarship is for LNE Seniors who have been accepted in an Engineering Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln or University of Nebraska - Omaha. This scholarship will pay the cost of tuition based on enrollment in 32 credit hours per year and can be renewed upon maintenance of a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or above and participation in at least one University-sponsored extracurricular activity outside of the College of Engineering. Applications are available in Google Classroom 2020, the LNE Counseling Website under "Scholarships," or EducationQuest's [ScholarshipQuest](https://www.scholarshipquest.org) website.

Foundation for Lincoln Public Schools Scholarships - <https://www.southeast.edu/scholarships/>

Will open December 2 and will close February 24, 2020.

Lincoln Community Foundation Scholarships – Will open December 16th and close March 15, 2020.

<https://www.lcf.org/impacting-community/student-scholarships>

FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (fafsa.gov)

Do you need help completing the FAFSA?

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a critical part of the college-planning process! Many scholarships are based on your FAFSA results and this is how you find out if you are eligible for Grants and Loans.

Cecilia Hernandez-Chavez, a College Planning Specialist from EducationQuest, has office hours at Lincoln Northeast EVERY THURSDAY to help students and parents with completing the FAFSA. See the "[FAFSA Checklist](#)" to know what documents are needed to complete the FAFSA.

Appointments can be made by calling the LNE Counseling Center.

Dual Credit Courses – Registration for Second Semester Dual Credit Courses will begin during the first weeks of the semester in January. Students will be given information from Southeast Community College (SCC) and Nebraska Wesleyan University (NWU) to bring home. Additional information will be available on the LNE Counseling Website. Students with financial need can use the Learn To Dream or ACE Scholarship to help with tuition costs. Learn To Dream Scholarship applications are available in the LNE Counseling Center.

ACE Scholarship deadlines: For **Fall term classes** - Deadline December 15, 2019.

For **Spring term classes** - Applications can be submitted now through May 15, 2020.

<https://ecmp.nebraska.gov/CCPE-ACE/Account/Login>

. Funds are limited; DO NOT wait to apply!

Need a Library Book NOW?

Borrow and read one of thousands of high interests, popular books in Sora.

- Go to portal.lps.org
- Log in with your LPS credentials.
- Search **Library Website**
- From the TABS at the top of the page - choose **eBooks** - select **SORA**
- **Sign into your School** (with LPS credentials - ii necessary)
- Choose EXPLORE from the 4 icons at the bottom of the page.
- Browse and check out a book.
- You can also download the Sora App on your devices.
- You can also add a public/city library using the menu in the upper right-hand corner (have your city library card number ready). Adding another library will double your chances of finding the right book!



Digital Citizenship Tips

LPS teachers instruct students about their digital identity and help them learn how the use of digital tools can have both positive and negative effects on personal well-being. Families might want to work together to create a plan that balances time spent online and offline.

*****ParentVUE*****

Synergy ParentVUE is a component of the Lincoln Public Schools Student Information portal that allows parents/guardians secure access to student grades (secondary), assignments, attendance information, report cards and much more. ParentVUE is now the avenue for parents/guardians to verify student enrollment in LPS every summer, and has replaced the paper Census Form formerly used by schools. Parents can use a web browser or mobile phone to access ParentVUE.

The district has a goal of ensuring at least one parent/guardian per household has activated their ParentVUE account. If you haven't yet activated yours, please contact the school office for an activation key: Ashley McBride in the Attendance Office 402-436-1303, option 1. More information about ParentVUE can be found on our school home page under Essentials.

From World Language

Do you know the many benefits of learning another language? There are numerous advantages for students who want to learn another language. Learning another language sets you up for more career opportunities as a bilingual individual. Knowing another language also improves cognitive ability. In fact, learning another language can help improve your memory, problem-solving skills and overall critical thinking. The Lincoln Northeast World Language Department offers classes in French, German, Spanish and español para hispanohablantes. If you are interested or have any questions please reach out, we would be happy to speak with you.

Our next **N-ACTS** meeting will be on **Wednesday, December 4 at 5:30 pm.** in the Media Center. Come help us brainstorm ideas to support our students and to recruit more parents to join us. Hope to see you there!
Keri Applebee

Dear LNE Parents/Guardians:

Once again, we have been authorized to prepare a final examination schedule that allows students to concentrate their attention on two or three instructional areas each day. Students will be required to attend all classes in which they are enrolled. Each class will meet for the entire time scheduled. Students will not attend study centers. When they do not have an exam, they should follow the expectations for leaving the building, campus and area.

Breakfast will be served each morning from 7:30 - 7:50 a.m. in the Commons/Cafeteria area. Students wishing to eat breakfast should enter through the Commons/Cafeteria doors and arrive no earlier than 7:30 a.m. Students not wishing to eat breakfast should arrive no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their first exam. The halls will open accordingly at 7:50, 9:30 and 11:10 a.m.

Lunch will be served at the conclusion of the first two days (Wednesday and Thursday) for those students who choose to stay. However, this is not required. On Wednesday lunch will be served in the Commons/Cafeteria area from 11:10 - 11:40 a.m. and again from 12:50 - 1:20 p.m. On Thursday lunch will be served from 11:10 to 11:30 a.m. A sack lunch will be provided.

All students must make a clear choice. If they choose not to eat lunch, we ask that they leave the building, campus and area 10 minutes following their last exam. If they choose to eat, we ask that they leave the building, campus and area at the conclusion of the designated lunchtime.

If you have any questions regarding the final examination schedule, please call the school office at 436-1303.

Thank you,
Keri Applebee
Principal

LINCOLN NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL 2019-20 – FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 18

EXAM SCHEDULE

Period 1

8:00 - 9:30

9:30 – 9:40 Break

Period 2

9:40 - 11:10

11:10 – 11:20 Break

Period 7

11:20 - 12:50

Dismissal – 12:50

Thursday, December 19

EXAM SCHEDULE

Period 5

8:00 - 9:30

9:30 – 9:40 Break

Period 6

9:40 - 11:10

Dismissal – 11:10

Friday, December 20

EXAM SCHEDULE

Period 3

8:00 - 9:30

9:30 – 9:40 Break

Period 4

9:40 - 11:10

Dismissal - 11:10

First semester ends – Friday, December 20, 2019