



September 2019 Rocket Messenger

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Message from the Principal: Welcome

The 2019-2020 school year is off and running. Students are transitioning well to the new school year. This fall we welcome approximately 395 new Freshmen to our Rocket Family. The energy in these early weeks has been invigorating and I look forward to the coming months and the opportunities that lie before us as we continue to be: Respectful, Inclusive, Safe and Engaged.
#Rockets R.I.S.E.

Important Dates to mark on your Calendar:

- September 2-----Labor Day - no school
- September 6-----STUCO Blood Drive @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- September 12 ----LNE Honors by Invitation @ 8:15 am
- September 18 ---- 10th Grade Health Screening
- September 19 ---- Homecoming Game @ 7:00 pm
- September 20 ---- Homecoming Dance @ 8:00 pm
- September 25 ---- Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00 - 7:00 pm
- September 26 ---- Rocket Food Market @ 3:00 - 3:30 pm
- September 26 ---- LNE Symphony Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 pm
- September 28 ---- Marching Band Competition at K-State
- October 17 - 18 -- Fall Break - no school

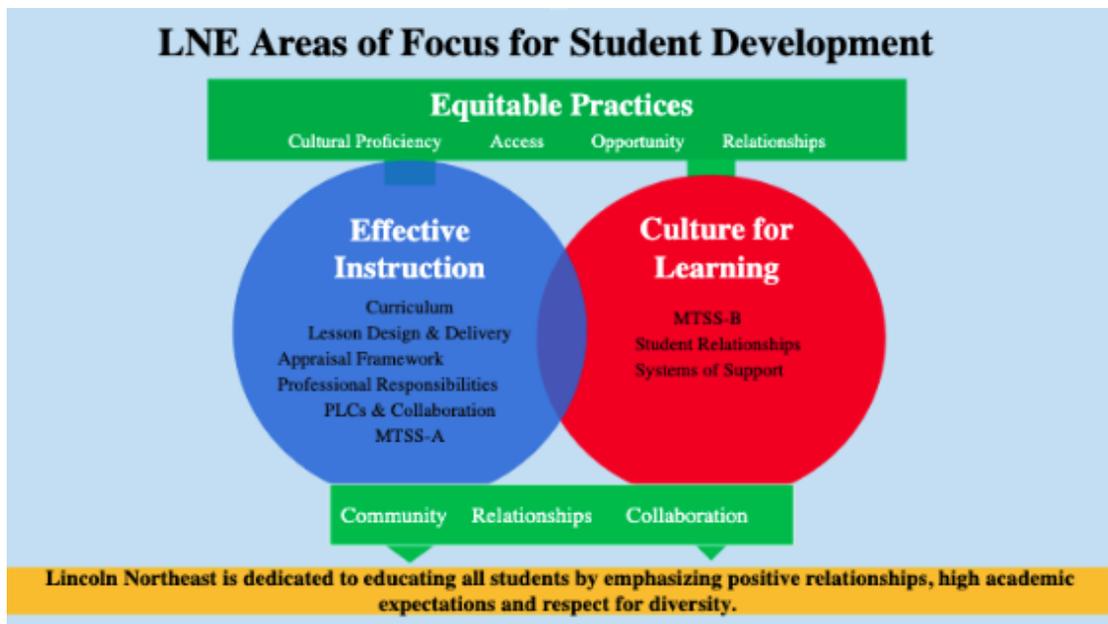
In addition to a new Freshmen class, we are welcoming 20 new teachers and staff members this year. Additionally, I would like to introduce you to three new administrators:

- Mr. Joe DiCostanzo, Associate Principal
- Mrs. Joanna Davis-Yoakum (returning from a year's leave), Instructional Coordinator/MTSS Coordinator
- Ms. Steph Antholz, Assistant Special Educational Coordinator

Mr. DiCostanzo, Mrs. Davis-Yoakum and Ms. Antholz are great additions to an administrative team with whom I am very lucky to work with each day.

Framework

We will continue to frame our work around the following:



Effective Instruction is the framework for all things instructional. When we talk with staff and students, we discuss opportunities for academic progress and growth via strategies such as engagement, routines and procedures, instruction and feedback. These are just some of the ways that we work to build effective instruction.

Multi-tiered System of Supports for Behavior (MTSS-B) is a research-based framework for teaching and supporting positive behaviors for ALL students. This school-wide approach to behavior focuses on building a safe and positive environment in which all students can learn. Our goal is to consistently teach and reteach building wide expectations. The benefits of implementing MTSS-B include:

- fewer behavior issues
- more instructional time
- increased attendance for student success.

The foundation of MTSS-B in Lincoln Public Schools lies in the fundamental expectations developed by each of our schools and ultimately supports our instruction.

Community Learning Center (CLC) update:

In the Spring I mentioned LNE had been selected to have a CLC. In August we launched our partnership with Civic Nebraska. Civic Nebraska and I are excited to announce our new School Community Coordinator, Erin Voichoski.

The mission of Community Learning Centers is: Smart Kids, Thriving Families, Strong Neighborhoods. As part of Erin's responsibilities at Northeast, she will be overseeing the after-school program, coordinating academic and enrichment clubs for all students at Northeast, connecting with the community, planning community and family events, supporting our PTA and working during the school day with our staff and students. We are so excited to have Erin join our team.

Prior to coming to Northeast, Erin was an AmeriCorps member in Omaha at College Possible, where she served as a College Coach. Based out of Omaha Benson High School, she was responsible for preparing and supporting high school students as they readied themselves for college. Her work at the intersection of education and community development was a great foundation for taking on the leadership of Northeast's Community Learning Center. She is looking forward to getting to know all of you and our Rockets. We welcome Erin to our Northeast community!

Reminders:

All: We will continue to focus on:

- * Wearing student ID's on a lanyard around the neck (not attached to the back packs).
- *Electronic devices (phones) being put away during instructional time.
- *On-time arrival to classes so that learning can begin promptly.

9th Grade

Just a reminder that you have an early out every Tuesday.

10th Grade

Remember, 10th graders are not allowed to park in the parking lot due to a minimum number of spaces (Only for upperclassmen). Please be sure and follow this so you don't receive a ticket. (New rule: ticket, ticket, tow. This was communicated in the summer mailing).

11th-12th Grades

Just a reminder to follow the parking signs in the lot. Avoid parking in staff parking so you don't receive a ticket. New rule: ticket, ticket, tow. This was communicated in the summer mailing. If you still need a parking pass please stop by the office.

Reminders from District

Marketing CAP (Chromebook Assurance Program)

- CAP Slogans:
 - Drops happen. Chromebook fines don't have to. Protect your student's Chromebook by signing up for CAP by Sept 1st. Find out more at lps.org/go/cap.
 - Is your student covered? Chromebook Assurance covers accidental damage up to the cost of a replacement device. The CAP window closes Sept. 1st. Find out more at lps.org/go/cap.
 - Chromebook Assurance Program: Protecting your student's Chromebook from... your student. The CAP window closes Sept. 1st. Find out more at lps.org/go/cap
 - Did you know? Chromebook Assurance Program covers your student's device for up to the replacement cost of a Chromebook. The CAP window closes **Sept. 1st**. Find out more at lps.org/go/cap

A Parent Guide to Student Chromebook Use in LPS

Being the parent of a "Chromebook student" can be frustrating 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. It may be hard to distinguish homework from entertainment when they are staring at a device screen. Check out this resource [lps.org/go/o9bk] for information and strategies that may be helpful when making these nightly decisions.

ParentVUE

We're working hard to make Synergy ParentVUE more of a "one-stop shop" for information about your student's teachers and classes. ParentVUE provides parents/guardians secure access to student grades (secondary), assignments, attendance information, and much more. ParentVUE is also the avenue for parents/guardians to verify student enrollment in LPS. Our school has also worked hard to increase the information that you can find on the Class Websites tab inside of ParentVUE, so check it out!

The District has a goal of ensuring at least one parent/guardian per household has activated and use their ParentVUE account. If you haven't yet activated yours, please contact the school office for an activation key.

More information about ParentVUE can be found on our school home page under Essentials.

Thank you Rockets

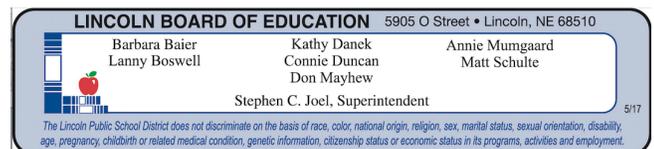
I sense a lot of positive energy and I am excited to watch and help support students as they continue to set goals for themselves and then work to achieve those goals. For some, this year will represent a successful path much like previous years. For others, this year will be an opportunity for new beginnings. Regardless of where students are when they enter through our doors each day, our dedicated staff is committed to building relationships and helping students succeed. It's going to be a great year! #Rockets R.I.S.E.

LNE Mission Statement: Lincoln Northeast High School is dedicated to educating all students by emphasizing positive relationships, high academic expectations and respect for diversity.

Graciously,
Keri Applebee
LNE Principal



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LNE Drama Present
the Fall Play
The Mother of Us All
by
Gertrude Stein

October 8-11 @ 7:30 pm

Falls Honors Convocation – September 12th, 2019 8:15 am.

Each semester, Lincoln Northeast takes a few moments out of the school year to honor our highest achieving, most academically dedicated students. Every Fall and Spring we will hold our Northeast Honors Convocation recognizing academic honor students from the previous semester of the school year. This includes honor roll students, students with a 4.0 (or better) GPA, top 3% (for current 12th grade students only), students who earned academic letters and students who had perfect attendance.

Students being recognized will receive a letter in the mail with more details about the event. We look forward to honoring our LNE students.

Rocket Academic Clubs

Northeast High School offers a variety of clubs and activities designed to stimulate the minds of students. The following clubs and activities are sponsored by Steve Eckman, and they can be joined at any time before or during the school year.

Math Club exists so students can discover new topics in mathematics. We take part in competitions both in-school and out-of-school, some of which are at colleges and universities. Students can participate in contests, win scholarships and awards at contests and even earn a letter in Mathematics. Math Club definitely looks good on a college application.

Academic Decathlon is the premier academic competition in the United States. Students compete against others at their academic level. The contests include mathematics, language and literature, science, art, music, economics and social science. Materials are provided to students and learning is primarily independent study. Academic Decathlon can be taken for class credit; five credit hours are given to those who participate for the season. Scholarships are available and this club greatly enhances a college application.

Quiz Bowl is a club where students answer questions from all academic topics by using a buzzer system. Speed and accuracy are critical here, and students really enjoy the competitive spirit. Northeast has won several quiz bowls over the years resulting in scholarship opportunities, awards and a trip to a national competition in Chicago over the summer.

Students may join any or all of these academic clubs at any time. For further information, please contact Steve Eckman, seckman@lps.org. We hope you will consider joining our successful academic clubs.



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 this Year!

Northeast High School will serve 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 one Thursday each month from 3:00 – 3:30 pm in the school commons; enter through door 35. All students and their families are welcome to pick up *free* food.

The Rocket Food Market is sponsored by the Lincoln Food Bank of Lincoln and volunteers from Southwood Lutheran Church. You do not need an ID or proof of income to use this service. We hope to see you Thursday, September 26 at the Rocket Food Market!

Future dates for first semester are October 24, November 14 and December 12. If you have questions, please contact Special Education Assistant Coordinator Susan Lowe or Mandy Berlin-Coyle, LNE School Social Worker.

Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, September 25

Each semester Northeast High School hosts two parent/teacher conferences. The first conference will take place on Wednesday, September 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm in the West Gym. You are welcome to come at any time between 4:00 and 7:00 pm, no appointment is necessary. We hope you take this opportunity to visit with your student's teachers and help your child succeed at Northeast High School.



*Strengthening the Lincoln Northeast Community
by supporting safe, healthy, alcohol and drug free choices for youth.*

This committee works to help the teens in the area make smart and safe choices when it comes to drugs and alcohol. We developed a campaign where students from Northeast advertise to be Always In Uniform members to promote being Drug and Alcohol free while supporting your school in your activities.

We engage and support students as they make decisions to be substance free as they influence their peers. We provide drug and alcohol free activities and educational events for adults and young people at LNE.

Our first meeting will be Monday, October 7 @ 5:30 pm in the LNE Media Center.



How to Find your Library Website

Did you know that parents as well as students can access our school library catalog and online resources from home?

- Begin at portal.lps.org
 - Enter your student's ID and password (If you don't have this information, the school office can provide it for you).
 - Select "Library Website" from the alphabetical listing in the portal.
 - Once you arrive at the library website, select Destiny Discover for the online catalog or choose the Home Access tab or Home Access button to explore other resources.

**From LNE Counseling:
Seniors - It's time to prepare!**

ACT Testing

Seniors planning to attend a 4-year college or university have the opportunity to take the ACT Test for college admission this fall:

October 26 (Registration Deadline September 20)

December 14 (Registration Deadline November 8)

ACT Registration instructions are posted on the LNE Website→Counseling→College Entrance Exams→ACT→How to Register For the ACT

Go to www.actstudent.org to register. Fee waivers are available for students who have financial need; see your LNE Counselor. Test preparation booklets are available in the Counseling Center. LPS also offers ACT Prep classes. Go to <http://wp.lps.org/testprep> for more information, or see your friendly LNE counselor.

SAT Testing

Seniors planning to take the October 5th SAT Test - the registration Deadline is September 6th. Fee waivers are available for students with financial need in the LNE Counseling Center.

Go to <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat> to register.

College Fair - Find the Right Fit!

The Lincoln Area College Fair, Sunday, September 22, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Southeast Community College. Over 125 colleges will be represented (see the list of colleges at EducationQuest.org). Before you attend, visit NebraskaCollegeFairs.org to register for a barcode. Print the barcode and take it to the fair so that college reps can scan it and be able to share information about their school, financial aid, and scholarships with you!

FAFSA - It is time to prepare early!

Beginning October 1, seniors can apply for federal, state and college-based financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Go to EducationQuest.org for more information about financial aid, the FAFSA, and scholarships. This is an essential step for college access and planning for education beyond high school.

SAVE THE DATE:

Senior Parent College Planning Meeting

Wednesday, September 25 during Parent-Teacher Conferences, 5:00 PM

LNE Financial Aid Night, October 8 with a light dinner beginning at 6 PM in the Media Center. A Financial Aid presentation will follow with a College Planning Specialist from EducationQuest providing information on financial aid, scholarships, and completing the FAFSA. An opportunity will be provided for families to stay after and begin work on the FAFSA Application and applying for a FAFSA ID with support from EducationQuest and LNE Counselors.

Juniors - PSAT Test

The PSAT will be given at Lincoln Northeast on Saturday, October 19, 2019, 8 AM to 11:30 AM.

Plan ahead: **This test will take place over the LPS Fall Break.**

JUNIORS - The PSAT is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

SOPHOMORES - Can take the PSAT as a practice and to prepare for taking the test their junior year.

Test registration will begin late September - watch for announcements.

COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS:

Juniors and Seniors are invited to sign up to attend the following college campus visits:

September 11 - University of Nebraska - Kearney

September 13 - Wayne State College

Trips are also being planned to visit Peru State College and The University of Nebraska-Omaha. Watch for dates to be announced in the "Rocket Bulletin."

Permission forms are available in the LNE Counseling Center and will be due 1 week prior to the event.

After School

Northeast is now home to a Community Learning Center, who's new after school program is officially up and running! Participation is **FREE** for all Northeast students. All students are welcome to attend by coming to the media center after school. The CLC provides students with academic support, the opportunity to participate in a variety of clubs and activities, and an after school snack served between 4:00-4:30 pm.

CLC Hours:

Monday 3:00-6:00	Tuesday 2:00-6:00	Wednesday 3:00-6:00	Thursday 3:00-6:00	Friday 3:00-6:00
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Rocket House will continue to provide academic support for students this year by utilizing the media center space as a homework zone where students can work after school. Tutoring and homework support is provided by our own Northeast teachers in a variety of subjects, every day until 4:30 pm. Students will then have the rest of CLC time to socialize and play board games, card games, and other fun activities.

Many **after school clubs** are also starting up in September. Encourage your students to listen to the daily announcements, talk with their teachers, check their school emails, and come to the media center after school to learn more about CLC and club opportunities offered at Northeast!

Although participation is free, LPS guidelines require that students and families will still need to complete CLC enrollment forms. These will be handed out to participating students, with more copies available in the media center and online. We hope to provide parents with additional information and to work with you regarding your student's after school activities. Students who sign up for CLC are not expected to attend every day or stay for the full time each day.

Questions? Let us know! Contact **Erin Voichoski, CLC Site Director**, via email (erin.voichoski@lps.org) or phone (402-436-1340).

Testing Information

AP Exams: There have been several changes to the AP Classes and Exams this school year.

- Students now have access to resources online for their classes.
- Exams will be ordered in the fall for classes that begin in the fall.
- Students will need to make their decision to test by **October 16, 2019** on the AP online system. Payments for exams are due no later than **November 1, 2019**. A fee will appear on ParentVue and StudentVue a few days after student's sign-up for the exam on the AP online system. Each exam will be \$94. There is a fee reduction for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch and have a fee waiver on file. A late fee will be assessed for exams ordered after the November deadline.
- Students that are taking an AP class that is only offered in the second semester will have a deadline to order during the 3rd quarter.

Pre-ACT: The Pre-ACT will be given to all 10th grade students on November 7, 2019.

MAP test: The MAP reading test will be given to all students who have not met the Reading Graduation Demonstration Requirement in early October.

More information:

*Questions: Contact Angela Bates <abates2@lps.org> in the Main Office.