



Lincoln Northeast High School

2635 N 63rd Street • Lincoln, NE 68507 • (402) 436-1303 • Fax (402) 436-1345
<http://lne.lps.org>

February

The Rocket Messenger

2020

Information from Principal Keri Applebee

Greetings Rockets,

Just a quick note to let you know we're off to a great start this 3rd quarter! Students have done a good job revisiting our R.I.S.E. expectations as they relate to their specific classroom expectations. Revisiting these expectations is so important to help insure we're being Respectful, Inclusive, Safe and Engaged in all aspects of our school day. Thank you for sending your children to us every day. We appreciate the opportunity to partner with you!

I would like to take a moment to introduce two new staff members. First, Jamie Beaner will be joining us in the counseling center this semester to fill a position made available through a grant. Jamie joins us most recently from Lincoln High where she has been doing a long-term sub. The "Project Prevent" grant will allow opportunities for us to learn more about restorative practices and trauma informed care for our students and staff. Welcome Jamie!

Jon Davidson is a coordinator joining us most recently from Lincoln High. Jon is the district AVID coordinator. AVID is an exciting new elective class only offered at Lincoln Northeast! AVID stands for "Advancement Via Individual Development." This class is geared towards students who want to go to college, and push themselves academically while they are in high school.

AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is based on positive student-teacher relationships to ensure student success in school and beyond. AVID elective students enroll in AP classes, receive academic instruction and tutorial support, improve study and organizational skills, gain "college knowledge" through college visits, and explore careers. Students wishing to be considered for this class need to apply and interview.

If you would like more information about AVID, please contact Jon Davidson via email at jdavids@lps.org or by phone at 402-436-1303, option 2.

Important Dates

Feb. 8 ACT test at LNE
8:00 a.m.

Feb. 12 LNE Chamber
Orchestra Concert
7:00 p.m.

Feb. 19 LNE Show Choir/Jazz
Band Expo
7:00 p.m.

Feb. 27 Rocket Food Market
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 9 - 13
Spring break – No School

More activities' information can be found on the LNE web calendar at

<https://lne.lps.org/calendar/> or
on the LNE athletic calendar at
<https://www.heartlandathleticconference.org/public/genie/406/school/6/date/2020-01-27/view/week/>



Effective Instruction:

A reminder that we will continue to have a strong focus on instruction and learning to provide students the best opportunities to earn credits in their semester 2 classes.

Community Learning Centers:

CLC's are another great opportunity for students to be involved in after school clubs and activities. More information can be found on our webpage. For your convenience, the link is included: <https://lne.lps.org/clc-clubs/>

Rocket House: If your student would like additional academic support, Rocket House is open Monday - Friday after school until 4:30 p.m., CLC activities run until 6:00 p.m.. Thank you to the amazing Rocket House staff* who is there every day to support our students and their learning!

Culture for Learning: (R.I.S.E. expectations)

At Lincoln Northeast High School we believe in the impact and importance of building positive relationships with all students. We do this by:

- Celebrating learning
- Cultivating our positive community
- Committing to core values (R.I.S.E.)
- Conveying genuine care

We understand that establishing and maintaining relationships creates a safe and predictable environment for all students to challenge themselves academically and develop self-discipline. We encourage your partnership in creating a positive community.

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

2ND Semester Testing Information:

ELPA (English Language Proficiency Assessment): Students who qualify for ELL will be taking the ELPA during the month of **February**.

MAP Reading (Measure of Academic Progress in Reading): Students who have not met the Reading Demonstration Graduation Requirement will be taking the MAP Reading test in their reading classes this semester. Students who have not met the requirement and are not in a reading class will also be taking this exam and will be notified in advance.

ACT: 11th grade students will take the ACT on **April 7, 2020**. Testing begins at 8:00 a.m.. Students are asked to bring a photo ID (student ID), #2 pencil and a calculator. Please do NOT bring electronic devices (cell phone, iPod, smartwatch, etc.). Food, drinks, and electronic devices are not allowed in the classroom.

For more information, contact Angela Bates in the main office at 402-436-1303, option 2.

LPS Key Concepts in Digital Citizenship

Safe Searching Tools

The LPS Key Concepts in Digital Citizenship emphasize students' ability to "**Apply strategies for effective and efficient searches for information**" and "**Evaluate and select appropriate sources to answer questions.**" LPS Educators work hard to help students understand not every search should be a "Google" search. Students have access to high quality digital content, from school or home, linked from our library web

page. These resources include: eBooks, encyclopedias in multiple languages, databases of periodicals and reference resources, streaming media, and more!

For more information, visit the library web page found on our school's website, or stop by and see Mrs. Dorn in the media center for any questions you might have about our resources.

Information from the LNE Counseling Center

All about scholarships!

Most scholarships are based on academics, but others are based on community service, school involvement, or talent in art, dance, music, or athletics. Some are based on financial need as determined by the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

It's time to start applying for scholarships. Here's where you can find them:

- [ScholarshipQuest](#) at [EducationQuest.org](#) features over 2,000 Nebraska-based scholarships. After you create a profile, you'll be matched with scholarships that fit your criteria.

2020-2021 Course Selection

Course Selection for 2020-2021 classes will begin the last week of January 2020! Students will select courses on Synergy using their Chromebook during classroom-led sessions with LNE Counselors. Parents will be able to review course selections on Synergy during the week their student selects courses.

Parents and Students are encouraged to look at graduation requirements in Synergy (Class History located on the left-hand menu Graduation Status -

ACT Test Prep - [LINK](#)

Many high school students and families are thinking ahead in preparation for the ACT, the nation's most popular college entrance exam. All LPS students take the ACT exam as a junior in high school at no charge as part of statewide testing. Students can also pay a fee (or see their high school counselor to apply for a fee waiver) to take the test additional times if they choose.

We would like to inform you about district-approved ACT preparation opportunities and college planning resources for students in Lincoln Public Schools.

In addition to the ACT-embedded curriculum your child receives within the high school courses, here are additional approved resources for ACT prep and college planning:

- **Student Google Classroom (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023).** Visit regularly to check on local and national awards.
- **The college you plan to attend.** Contact the school for a list of scholarships they provide and application procedures.
- **National search sites** such as [College Board](#), [Peterson's](#) and [Chegg](#).
- **Other resources** could include your coach, clubs and organizations, and your parents' employers and civic organizations.

[Click here](#) for more details about scholarships and tips to help you complete a successful application.

located in the upper right corner), and look at the on-line [Course Guide](#) to prepare for registration. In addition, the registration information course selection menu is available on the LNE Counseling Website under the "Registration Resources" [Tab](#).

9th to 10th Grade Registration:

January 27 – January 31, 2020

10th to 11th Grade Registration:

February 3 - February 7, 2020

11th to 12th Grade Registration:

February 10 – February 14, 2020

ACT Practice tests are located at [actstudent.org](#). [Click on this link](#) (scroll to the bottom of this webpage for free resources).

The LPS-sponsored ACT-SAT-PSAT workshop is available for a fee of \$125 (fee adjusted for those who qualify for free or reduced-price meals). More information is available at <https://home.lps.org/act-testprep/workshop-info/> or by contacting Michelle Fonck at mfonck@lps.org.

EducationQuest - www.educationquest.org - Free college planning resources including scholarship searches, college profiles, and assistance with the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), Headquarters in Lincoln located at 1300 O Street - phone: 402-475-5222.

February 2020 “To Do” List

Seniors:

- ___ Complete the [FAFSA](#) (using 2018 tax returns) at [FAFSA.gov](#). [FAFSA Resources](#).
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

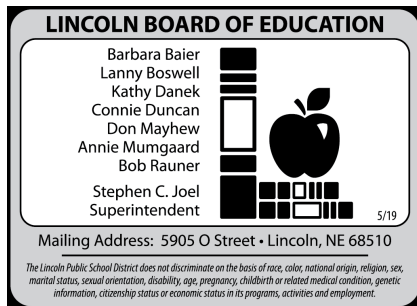
Juniors:

- ___ Prepare for the ACT (See resources on page 3).
- ___ Register by February 14 for the March 14 SAT.
- ___ Register by February 28 for the April 4 ACT.

Note: All Juniors will take the LPS administration of the ACT at LNE on April 7, 2020.

Valentine’s Day Deliveries!

Valentine's Day is on Friday, February 14 and many families and friends will choose to send flowers and gifts to school. Please note that any gift a student receives at school for Valentine's Day will be held in the office until the end of the school day. Students will be notified during their last class period that they have something to pick up in the office. Gifts cannot be carried to class or left in lockers as they become nuisance items. This is school policy regarding any gifts delivered on any school day. Also, latex balloons cannot be brought into the building.



Auditions 2020-2021 Star Strutters Dance Team

Auditions will be taking place in a couple of months and we are seeking qualified candidates who love to perform, are excellent role models, and who want to increase Lincoln Northeast's school spirit! An informational meeting will take place on Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the LNE commons. The meeting is open to any current 8th-11th grade girl who will be attending Lincoln Northeast for the 2020-2021 school year. Parents or guardians are encouraged to attend with their student. Please contact Star Strutter Coach Erin Pauley at epauley@lps.org if you have any



TEAMMATES Mentors Needed

Would you be willing to invest in one child’s life? Become a mentor with the TEAMMATES Mentoring Program at LNE. 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.

questions prior to February 24. We are so excited to see who will carry on this 45-year tradition of excellence!

