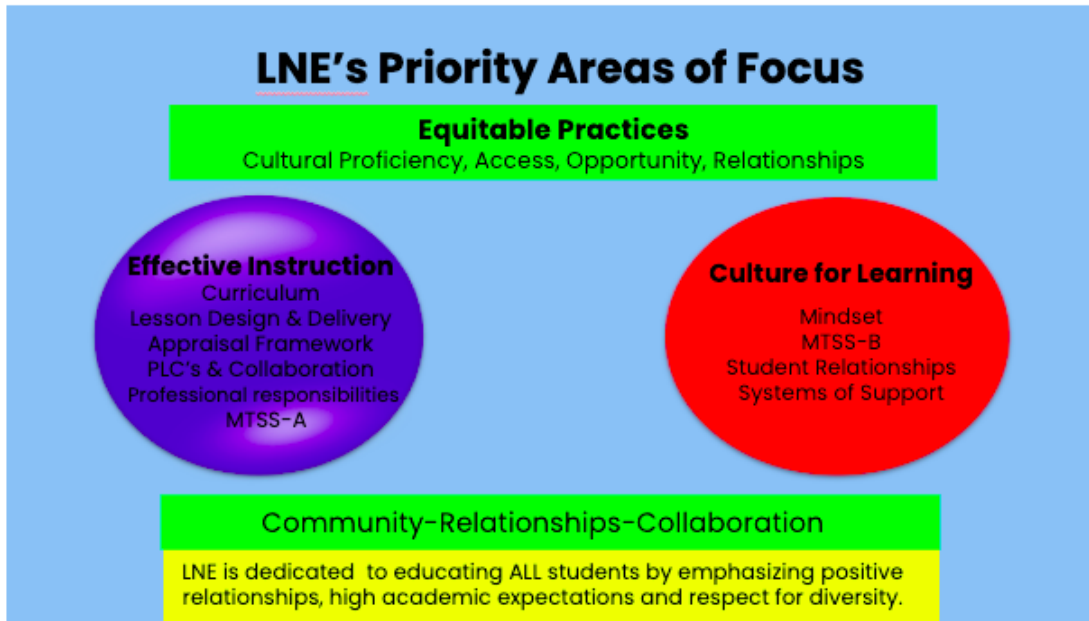


Hello Rocket Family,

Thank you for helping us have a great start to the second semester. I know I said this last month but I cannot stress enough the importance of wearing our face coverings so we can continue to be in school. Thank you for helping our students understand the importance of this as I have been impressed overall by the diligence with which our students continue to appropriately wear their face coverings.

Our continued areas of focus for the 2020-2021 school year will again be: Effective Instruction, Culture for Learning and Equity.



February News and Notes

-LNE/UNL Partnership: Planning and development of curriculum is underway regarding our partnership with UNL and the College of Agricultural Sciences Natural Resources (CASNR).

To begin, students in Science, Math and Social Studies classes at LNE will also have opportunities to connect with different experiences with an emphasis on Fuel, Energy and Water Systems. Stay tuned for additional information and details.

-Food: We ask that Students finish their outside food prior to re-entering the building.

-Parent/teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 4th from 3:30 – 6:30 p.m. **(note time change).** Conferences will again be held in a virtual manner with zoom conferences and phone calls. Please know that you are always welcome to call/email your Child's teachers.

-Gradebook codes: A reminder regarding what the codes in the gradebook mean.

Codes:

Synergy Code	Comment Type	What it means
EX	Exclude	Excused. No effect on grade – does not need to be completed.
M	Missing	Calculates as a ZERO – can still be turned in for credit.
INC	Incomplete	Does not affect grade unless the teacher enters the INC with a score. Remove the code once the assignment is revised and enter the new grade.
Grade [space] L	Late Assignment	To communicate timeliness / work habits, while still maintaining accurate representation of skill / objective.
Blank	Not Yet Graded	An assignment / assessment still needs to be graded / entered.
0 (Zero)	No credit	Calculates as a ZERO – cannot be made up.

Important February Dates for Northeast High School

February 1	All Seniors Have the option to return to LNE full time
February 3	Wednesday PLC - B Day
February 4	Parent/Teacher Conferences (virtual) 3:30 - 6:30 pm
February 4	<u>No CLCs</u> due to Parent/Teacher Conferences
February 10	Wednesday PLC – A Day
February 15	No School - Teacher Work Day
February 17	Wednesday PLC – A Day
February 19	<i>Deadline to Register for Remote Learning for 2021 - 2022</i>
February 24	Wednesday PLC – A Day
March 8 – 12	Spring Break – No School



Lincoln Northeast 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/we>.

From the District

Senior Families:

To ensure our seniors have a successful end to their high school careers, we are inviting seniors to return to full time in-person learning starting **February 1**, 2021. If you choose to have your child remain in the A/B schedule or 100% remote learning, there is nothing you need to do. If you wish to have your senior return to 100% in-person learning starting **February 1**, please fill out the form that was sent to you in the email message sent by the district office on January 22. If you choose this option for your senior, siblings attending Northeast may also attend full time. If you have questions, please call the Northeast Main office at 402-436-1303, option 2.

LPS Remote Learning Program 2021 – 2022:

We have important news to share regarding Remote Learning for next school year. With many variables and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19 and vaccine availability for students, Lincoln Public Schools is working to develop a one-year Remote Learning Program for the 2021-2022 school year. We understand this option will be important to families as we continue to navigate the pandemic.

Parents of any LPS student who will be in grades kindergarten–12 during the 2021–2022 school year may voluntarily elect for their child to participate in the LPS Remote Learning Program (RLP); you can find more information on our webpage

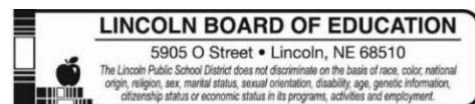
Instructional Technology Tools (ITTs) in LPS & The LPS Portal:

LPS believes that effective instruction can and should include the appropriate use of instructional technology to support learning. To that end, a District Instructional Technology Tool (ITT) Committee works to identify ITTs that are safe for student use, support district learning goals, and encourage innovative teaching and learning. All reviewed ITTs are cataloged in the LPS ITT Matrix [\[https://www.lps.org/apps/matrix/\]](https://www.lps.org/apps/matrix/).

Required Student Health Screenings for Remote Learners:

Title 173 Chapter 7 of the Nebraska School Rules and Regulations sets the guidance for school health screenings which includes vision screening, hearing screening, dental screening and height/weight screening. School screening is currently in process for the required grades: Early Childhood, Kindergarten, and grades 1-4, 7 and 10. If your student is a full-time remote learner and you would like to schedule a time for school health screening, please contact your school's health office. Submitting a current physical examination and dental examination from your healthcare provider can be used in lieu of school screening.

at rlp.lps.org. Submission of the form on the LPS web page is required to indicate that your child will attend school remotely. Student schedules will be created for the entire school year. Requested changes during a semester will align with the district's permit process. Please submit a separate form for each child that will attend the Remote Learning Program. **This form must be submitted by February 19, 2021.**



The most frequently used, approved, and supported ITTs are made available to students and staff in the LPS Portal [\[https://lps.org/go/YXGE\]](https://lps.org/go/YXGE). Students access their LPS Portal by clicking the 'HOME' button on their Chromebook.

Need a conversation starter with your student? Ask them for a tour of their LPS Portal and which ITTs they are currently using in class.

Support for Students Learning Remotely:

Stop by the LPS website and enter the word “remote” into the Search, Keyword field in the top-right.

The Student Support page on the Remote Learning site has links to valuable resources to support your student while learning from home. Make sure your students are familiar with the information about how to successfully connect with their teachers using StudentVue.

The Parent and Guardian Support page is filled with valuable information designed to help you help your student.

Personal Computing Devices:

This time of year often brings questions about whether students are allowed to use personal computing devices instead of the district issued Chromebook. Where completing school work or participating in class is concerned, the answer to this question is “no.”

There are a number of reasons for this, but you should be aware that the LPS Chromebook comes with limits on the

Familiarize yourself with *the “10 Remote Learning Things to Know”*.

LPS Help Desk is available:

Is your student having trouble connecting to their classes? The LPS Help Desk is available to help! Call 402-436-1735 between 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday - Friday.

If your student is at school part of the time and they are having issues with their Chromebook, please stop by the Media Center for help.

web sites that can be visited and the applications that can be accessed, even when the Chromebook is at home.

You can support teachers’ efforts in managing a consistent learning environment by encouraging your student to use the district issued Chromebook.

Valentine’s Day during COVID:

This year families and friends can celebrate Valentine’s Day on Sunday, February 14. As per LNE policy for any occasion, gifts sent to students at school will be held in the office until the end of the school day. Students will receive a message during their last class to pick up the item after class ends. Because of COVID-19, please do not send Valentine gifts to students at school.



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.

Two easy-to-apply-for scholarships from EducationQuest for Nebraska students in grades 9-12:

- ✓ Get Social Scholarship – By following EducationQuest on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), you can enter into a drawing for a \$500 scholarship each time we hit another 250 followers. [Click here](#) for details.

- ✓ Student Google Classroom (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024). 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.

- ✓ Scavenger Hunt Scholarship – To apply for this scholarship, create a ScholarshipQuest profile at [EducationQuest.org](#) and then scavenge around the EducationQuest website to find answers to questions on a survey. The deadline to apply is March 31. We’ll draw two winners from those who answer all questions correctly. [Click here](#) for details.

Seniors...make sure you complete the FAFSA process. Getting financial aid for college involves more than completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete each step of the process so that you don't miss out on money for college.

If you haven't already done so, complete your 2021-22 FAFSA at studentaid.gov using 2019 income tax data. Before you start, you and a parent must each create a [Student Aid account](#). If you need help with your FAFSA, [contact EducationQuest](#) to set up a free virtual appointment. Expect a Student Aid Report (SAR) via an email link. The SAR acknowledges that your FAFSA was received and lets you

2021-2022 Course Selection:

Course Selection for 2021-2022 classes will begin the last week of January 2021! Students will select courses using their Chromebook on Synergy 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 – located in the upper right

February 2021 "To Do" List:

Seniors:

- ___ Complete the [FAFSA](#) (using 2019 tax returns) at FAFSA.gov. [FAFSA Resources](#)
- ___ Expect financial aid award notifications from the colleges you listed on your FAFSA.
- ___ Apply for scholarships.

ACT Test Prep - [LINK](#)

Many high school students and families are thinking ahead to preparation for the ACT, the nation's most popular college entrance exam. All LPS students take the ACT exam at no charge as a junior in high school as part of statewide testing. Students also can 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:

LPS-approved ACT preparation opportunities and college planning resources:

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:

know if you need to take further action before the form can be processed. You might receive a verification notice from the college(s) you listed on your FAFSA requesting documents to verify your FAFSA information. The college will not process your financial aid until you provide required documents.

Watch for financial aid award notifications. Once you're accepted for admission to the colleges you listed on your FAFSA, they will notify you of the types and amounts of financial aid they're offering.

Watch your email and student portal carefully for important details from colleges about admission and financial aid.

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

9th to 10th Grade Registration:

January 25 – January 29, 2021

10th to 11th Grade Registration:

February 1 - February 5, 2021

11th to 12th Grade Registration:

February 8 – February 12, 2021

Juniors:

- ___ Prepare for the ACT. (See resources notes below)
 - ___ Register by February 12 for the March 13 National SAT test.
 - ___ Register by March 12 for the April 17 National ACT test.
- Note:** All Juniors will take the LPS administration of the ACT at LNE on [April 6, 2021](#), and will register for the test during the school day at LNE 1 to 2 weeks prior to the test.

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

LPS-sponsored ACT-SAT-PSAT workshop:

<https://home.lps.org/act-testprep/workshop-info/>

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 at 1300 O Street - phone: 402-475-5222.

Save the Date... Virtual College Fair is March 2-3.

EducationQuest will host a Virtual College Fair Tuesday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. - noon and Wednesday, March 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. During this event, you can chat with college representatives and watch live college-prep presentations. Watch for details!

More Semester 2 Test Information:

ACT Online Prep for Juniors (Class of 2022)

Although students are already preparing to take the ACT with what they are learning in school, the state is providing the class of 2022 (this year's 11th graders) with the opportunity for additional practice using ACT Online Prep (AOP).

AOP course content is organized into 16 Study Plan Steps, starting with the most-tested (foundational) materials on the ACT and ending with the least-tested (advanced) materials on the ACT. Each Study Plan Step includes lessons and practice question sets for each of the four subject areas: English, math, reading, and science. The study plans are self-paced and will focus on students' gaps in knowledge. Teachers will work to provide opportunities during the school day to work

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

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.

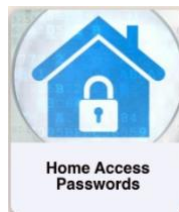
For more Information/Questions:

Contact Angela Bates (abates2@lps.org) in the main office.

Library News

Access Amazing Library Resources from Home!

Did you know many of our fabulous library resources can be accessed from home? If your student is looking for educational games to play or fun activities to do online, we encourage them to check out the library resources at home! The library provides access to fun educational sites for



students for free. To do this, go to the LNE library website and click on "Home Access" to get the login information. Many of the library's resources can also be accessed by logging into the portal from home. Go to portal.lps.org and type in your student's LPS ID number and password to see what is available for your student to access from home!

Digital Citizenship Tips

LPS teachers instruct students about digital law when they help students explore how terms of service agreements and privacy policies are important and have real-world implications. Topics for a family discussion might include: *What are terms of service agreements?* (Rules you must follow when using an app or digital tool.) *Why should you be aware of terms of service agreements?*

What are the consequences of using apps not intended for students your age? (Many terms of service agreements include age requirements for the app or digital tool. If you use a tool that you are not old enough to use, your account may be canceled, your safety may be compromised, and you may see inappropriate content.)

LPS has procedures in place to ensure the apps and websites students are using adhere to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act.

New for schools that subscribe to Comics Plus

Students and teachers can download the Library Pass app from App Store or Google Play and read on any mobile device.



The username is their school email address [student#]@class.lps.org and their LPS password. There's some great non-fiction in this database as well. From the Library homepage (using the portal, search library), black menu bar near the top, tap eBOOKS - Choose COMICS PLUS.

on some AOP content, but students have the additional flexibility to work on their own.

[HERE](#) is more detailed information about AOP for students.

To access the system from an internet browser (other than Internet Explorer), student can take the following steps to sign in and get started:

- ✓ Go to <https://onlineprep.act.org/>
- ✓ Select the Sign In button
- ✓ Enter your LPS Email address (#####@class.lps.org)
- ✓ Enter "lpsstudent" for the Password.
- ✓ Select the Sign In button

ACT: 11th grade students will take the ACT on **April 6, 2021**.

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.

AP Exams: Students now have access to resources online for their classes at myap.collegeboard.org.

Students who are enrolled in Spring Semester only courses will need to make their decision to test by **February 19, 2021** on the AP online system.

High school 3/2 schedule for third quarter

The following is the planned 3/2 schedule for high schools while we are operating at 50% capacity (each group gets 21 days of in-person instruction):

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday (PLC Day)	Thursday	Friday
February 1st	A	A	B	B	B
February 8th	A	A	A	B	B
February 15th	NO SCHOOL	A	A	B	B
February 22nd	A	A	A	B	B
March 1st	A	A	B	B	B
March 8th	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL

Join us Virtually!

Region V Systems is excited to offer three 1-hour webinars on various topics concerning youth. All webinars will begin at 6:30pm. Join one, or join all! All are welcome! Webinars are FREE! Please register to attend.

Youth Alcohol Trends and Marketing Tactics

with Jermaine Galloway

February 18, 2021; 6:30pm

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pw7qdxzab&oeidk=a07ehi7nev05e502bbf>

Marijuana Trends, Concentrates, Dabs

with Jermaine Galloway

March 18, 2021; 6:30pm

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pw7qdxzab&oeidk=a07ehi7ney90b536a69>

Supporting our Kids in a Time of Stress

with Nigel Wrangham

April 15, 2021; 6:30pm

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=pw7qdxzab&oeidk=a07ehi7nf0p1d9a457e>