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Dear Parents and Friends,

New Staff

Please join me in welcoming Katheryn Anderton to the LCS staff! Ms. Anderton will be stepping into the role of Secretary to the Principal, succeeding Deb Ladouceur. We extend our thanks to Mrs. Ladouceur for her dedication and contributions to the staff and students of Lisbon Central School, and we wish her all the best in her new endeavors.

Thanksgiving Break

Next Wednesday, November 27th is an early release day at LCS. Students will be dismissed at 1:00 pm. Also, there is no school on Thursday, November 28th, and Friday, November 29th, due to the Thanksgiving Break. School is back in session on Monday, December 2nd. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and happy Thanksgiving!

End of Trimester 1

The end of the first marking period is Wednesday, November 27, 2024. Report cards will be emailed home on December 4, 2024.

NFA Partnership

We are excited to announce a valuable partnership with NFA that offers a unique opportunity for our Grade 8 students. Those who successfully pass the end-of-year assessments in Spanish and Math will be eligible to receive a Spanish credit or Algebra 1 credit from NFA. A special thank you to Mrs. Sheldon and Mrs. Nolan for their dedication, effort, and collaboration with NFA staff in making this opportunity possible for our students.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, December 5th, and Friday, December 6th. Both of these days will be early release days. Students will be released at 1:00 pm. Additional information will be forthcoming.

High School Open House opportunities

Many of our area high schools will hold an open house for prospective students. Here are the dates and times that have been provided:

- Norwich Free Academy, Wednesday, December 4th, 6-8 pm. [Click on this link](#) to register.
- Marine Science Magnet High School - Saturday, December 7th: 10 am–12 pm; and Thursday, January 9th: 6–7 pm
- Lyman Memorial HS, next Wednesday, November 20th: 6-7:30 pm

Holiday Concert

We are happy to announce that the [LCS Winter Concert](#) will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the LCS gym. We look forward to having our students perform for our community.

LCS PTO

The LCS PTO is holding its annual Winterfest vendor fair tomorrow, Saturday, November 23rd from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the LCS cafeteria and gymnasium. Please [click on this link](#) for more information. Also, Breakfast with Santa will take place on Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 - 11:00 am. Please [click on this link](#) for more information.

LCS NJHS and Stilly's Automotive Holiday Toy and Stocking Stuffer Drive

The LCS National Junior honor society is partnering with Stilly's Automotive to host a toy and stocking stuffer drive to benefit the Griswold Youth Center. Please [click on this link](#) for more information.

Holiday Assistance Opportunity for Lisbon Families

With the holidays quickly approaching and Thanksgiving falling later this year, we're sharing this information earlier to ensure everyone has the time they need to plan. Griswold Youth Service Bureau (GYSB) is offering holiday assistance for Lisbon families. If your family could benefit from this support, please complete the Holiday Helpers form ([click this link](#)) and return it to Kathy Snyder, Lisbon School Counselor.

Our school counselor, Kathy Snyder, is once again coordinating efforts to help make the holidays brighter for Lisbon students and their families. Families with older or younger siblings are welcome to participate. Additionally, if any families or local civic groups (e.g., Scouts, Lions Club) are interested in contributing to the holiday assistance program, please contact Kathy. Participation can remain completely anonymous, and delivery arrangements can be made for recipients if needed. For more information or to get involved, contact Kathy Snyder at **(860) 376-2403 ext. 240** or ksnyder@lisbonschool.org. Thank you to Ms. Snyder for organizing this opportunity for our families.

Lisbon Fire Department Annual Santa Parade

The Lisbon Fire Department Annual Santa Parade will take place on Friday, December 13th, Saturday, December 14th, and Sunday, December 15th. Gift drop-off is on December 12th, 6:00 -9 pm, or on Friday, December 13th by 2 pm at the Lisbon Fire Department. Please [click on this link](#) for more information. Please register online at LisbonFire.org for the gift drop-off.

Community News

Please [click on this link](#) for information from NFA about their Saturday Morning Children's Art (SMCA) program. Please [click on this link](#) for upcoming events from the Griswold Recreation Department.

Lost and Found

The lost and found in the library hallway has accumulated many items, including clothing and other belongings. If your child is missing something, please check this area, as it may have been turned in there.

From the Nurse's Office

As flu season approaches, we all play a role in keeping our children healthy. Respiratory viruses like the flu and pneumonia are circulating in our school, with cases appearing across various grades. According to the Department of Public Health, respiratory illness levels are expected to peak during late fall and winter. Indoor activities, holiday gatherings, and travel increase the likelihood of transmission.

You can help prevent the spread of illness by keeping children home when they show symptoms. For current [CDC respiratory health guidelines, please visit our school website.](#)

For more information, please:

- [Click on this link](#) for guidance from the Nurse's office on when to keep a student home.
- [Click on this link](#) for tips on preparing for flu season.
- [Click on this link](#) to read "Reminder: Flu Vaccinations for Young Children Required by Dec. 31" by Patrick McCormack from the Uncas Health District.

Thank you for helping keep our school community healthy!

Healthy Hint of the Week

Make it a point to get outside even when it's cold! With even just 15 minutes a day, the benefits include: improving your immune system, lowering stress levels, increasing physical activity, improving sleep quality, and improving overall happiness.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Christopher & Sal