



Building Strength by Working Together



Save the dates:

- High School Night for 7th and 8th Grade families: **Wednesday, Oct 3rd**
- Parent Meeting to discuss the Code of Conduct: **Thursday, Oct 4th 5:00 pm**
- School Closed, Columbus Day: **Monday, October 8th**
- Progress Reports: distributed **October 9th**
- Board Meeting: **Tuesday Oct 9th 4:00 pm**
- Parent Council Meeting: **Thursday, Oct 11th, 6pm in the cafeteria.**
- Violence and Vandalism Awareness Week: **Oct 15th-19th**
- No School for Students, Professional Development: **Friday, October 26th**

High Expectations

In order to continue to build a structured, safe, and peaceful environment that best supports our high academic expectations for your children and ensure the growth of their social skills and habits of civility and courtesy, we have implemented a number of changes this year in policies and routines at Lady Liberty Academy. While change is not always easy to embrace, it is essential for our continued growth and vitality.

Over the summer, administration and faculty created a comprehensive Student Code of Conduct and Parent Resource Guide. Part of the code outlines the discipline consequences for choices that do not support our values, and positive rewards for students who make caring and safe choices in their approach to conflict resolution and practice of our core values. The changes were communicated with all the

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Anon

students in the first weeks of school and the Code of Conduct document was distributed during Back to School Night. If you have not received a copy, please stop by the Main Office and request one. In addition, in order to meet the needs of parents who would like a deeper understanding of the Code of Conduct, you are invited to a meeting this **Thursday, Oct 4th at 5pm.**

Please take time to review our expectations with your children and be assured that the policies will be implemented consistently and fairly with all students. Working together on the big and small issues that confront us in our daily lives here at school will benefit everyone in our community.

Important Events Happening this Week!

High School Night by Mr. Silver

A major step in a child's journey to college and beyond is having a positive and challenging high school experience. There are so many wonderful opportunities awaiting your child in high school, and it is important that, as a team, we begin taking action to ensure your child is ready for his/her bright future. Our first step in this process is attending Lady Liberty Academy's annual HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT. This experience will give you and your child a chance to meet representatives from various high schools, engage with students from these high schools, and receive information from prestigious scholarship programs.

WHAT: High School Night

WHEN: Wednesday October 3rd, 2007 at 6:00PM

WHO: All 7th and 8th grade students and representatives from area high schools.

WHERE: Lady Liberty Academy Gym

WHY: To best prepare your children for their future and journey to college.

LLACS Fourth Graders Living the Core Values by Ms Bruzzano

Students in grade 4 will be participating in the *Gateway to a Cleaner Newark's 5th annual City Clean Up Day*. The event kicks off on October 4th at 10:00AM when 4th grade students, teachers, and parent volunteers head outdoors to help clean LLACS's surrounding area.

Students, parents, and teachers will follow the safety guidelines provided and with plastic gloves and garbage bags, live the core values of caring and responsibility as they participate in this wholesome community event.

The day ends at 2:00PM with a celebration at Lincoln Park where students have lunch with other participants and receive Clean up tees and tote bags.

Way to go 4th graders!



At Lady Liberty Academy we value and honor education and make the best of every opportunity to learn and teach.

We can show this by:

Dressing for success in full uniform!

Being on Time!

Staying in school all day!

Completing homework every day!

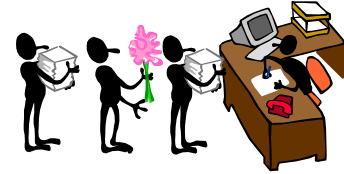


Appreciation

Helping your children do their best:

- Make sure that your child has a quiet, special place to do homework and has the materials he/she needs
- Discuss and ask to look at completed homework
- Ask your child to read to you or teach you something that he/she learned in school today
- Sign the homework pad/folder
- Be generous with your praise for a homework job well done!
- Arrange your schedule and morning routine to get your child here on time by 8:00 am each day. Let them see that this is a priority for you and if you are running late for some reason, please call the main office.

Thank you to Mr. Lindsey, Ms Benjamin, Ms White, Ms Houston, Ms Boyd, Ms Anthony, and all the parents and family members who came out to Back to School Night. Your support of the PTO and of our teachers and program at Lady Liberty Academy will continue to strengthen our school and help us meet our goals.



Progress Reports

Progress reports will be distributed next Tuesday. Progress reports are an important way for teachers to communicate to you and your child about academic performance.

Please make sure you take time to sit with your child and discuss the highs and the lows. Create a plan together to make sure that the highs stay high and the lows are turned around!

Don't wait until the first report card comes out to address warning signs of failure or poor performance.

If you are concerned and/or your child's teachers have indicated their concern, please make an appointment for a conference and continue to closely watch your child's homework and study habits.

Together, teachers and parents can make a difference and ensure high standards for academic success.

Dismissal

Thank you to all parents and family members who are continuing to support our dismissal policy.

Students will be dismissed from outside the school building unless the weather is inclement. Dismissal time is 3:30 pm on Mon, Wed, Thurs and Friday and 2:45 pm on Tuesday. Please do not arrive early to pick up your child unless there is an emergency or a scheduled doctor/dentist appointment.

Recent events in the neighborhood around our school have further heightened our need to be vigilant and try to ensure the safe and speedy dismissal of our students. Please understand that there is **no supervision** on Pennsylvania Ave or on the playground after 3:45 pm. You can help us keep your children safe by doing the following:

1. Ensure that your child is picked up **on time** either at 3:30 (Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri) or 2:45 (on Tuesdays).
2. Do not double or triple park outside the school. Pull up to a parking spot on the curb or use the lot on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave and Lincoln Park

- and walk up to meet your child.
3. Please do not leave your car idling while you wait for your child or leave your car illegally parked to go into the school building or playground to pick up your child.
4. If you pull up on the church side of Pennsylvania Ave, do not encourage your children to cross the street without adult supervision to meet you. It is very dangerous, as the traffic is very heavy and visibility restricted. Children should cross at the South St/Pennsylvania Ave cross walk where we have an adult directing the flow of traffic.
5. When the students exit the building, Pennsylvania Ave becomes very congested. This is a public throughway and we need to ensure orderly and safe conduct. Please reinforce our expectation that students may not play or bounce balls, roughhouse, or run and play outside the school on Pennsylvania Ave.

The safety of your children is very important to us and we need your help to enforce our policies. Thank you for your cooperation.

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