

“End of the Year” Parent Newsletter

May 7, 2009

Dear LUHS Parents, Guardians, and Students:

To best keep apprised of school events, other means of communication are available, such as our newly updated website ([www.luhsvt.org](http://www.luhsvt.org)), pg. 41 of the Student Handbook, and the Lancer Life. If you ever have questions regarding school events, please contact LUHS at 888-4261.

**Science NECAP Assessment**

The 2009 Science NECAP assessment will be administered to all juniors on Wednesday, May 20 during periods 1, 2, and 3, and on Thursday, May 21 during periods 1 and 2. Students will be assigned a testing room and that information will be available during the week of May 18.

For more information on the Science NECAP assessment and additional resources, parents are encouraged to visit: [http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm\\_assessment/necap/resources.html](http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/pgm_assessment/necap/resources.html).

**Progress Reports and Report Cards**

Progress reports for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will be distributed to students at the end of the day on Friday, May 22. 4<sup>th</sup> quarter report cards will be mailed home on Friday, June 19.

**Memorial Day**

School will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

**Final Examination Schedule**

Due to school cancellations, we will be offering a separate schedule for seniors that will blend into final examinations for our freshman, sophomores, and juniors. Seniors will take their examinations in alternate locations while instruction continues for the remainder of our school. Examinations will be held Monday, June 8, through Monday, June 15.

*Following the conclusion of each testing day, students are excused. Seniors may provide their own transportation, and, starting Wednesday, freshmen, sophomores, and juniors can take one of our buses that will deliver students to the center of each sending town. Buses will depart LUHS by 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, and by 11:45 p.m. on Friday. Students who remain on campus will have a study hall. There will be no change to the 3:05 p.m. bus schedules, and there will be no “late bus” during testing days.*

Monday, June 8	8:15 – 9:40	Period 3
(SENIORS ONLY)	9:50 – 11:10	Period 4
	11:15 – 12:40	Period 7

Tuesday, June 9	8:15 – 9:40	Period 5
(SENIORS ONLY)	9:50 – 11:10	Period 6
	11:15 – 1:10	Period 8

Wednesday, June 10	8:15 – 9:40	Period 1
(FULL SCHOOL)	9:40 – 11:10	Period 2
	11:10 – 11:40	LUNCH
	11:40 – 1:10	Period 7

Thursday, June 11	8:15 – 9:40	Period 3
(FULL SCHOOL)	9:50 – 11:10	Period 4
	11:10 – 11:40	LUNCH
	11:45 – 1:10	Period 8

Friday, June 12	8:15 – 9:40	Period 5
(FULL SCHOOL)	9:50 – 11:10	Period 6
	11:15 – 11:40	LUNCH

Monday, June 15                      Make-up examinations as scheduled with individual teachers

### **Important Graduation Information**

Graduation rehearsal will be held on Thursday, June 11 and Friday, June 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the high school gym. Students should plan to be active participants in the rehearsal for approximately three hours on Thursday, and potentially two hours on Friday. The length of rehearsal is solely dependent on students' positive engagement in each session. Students who will be graduating are required to attend both rehearsals.

Tickets for the graduation ceremony will be available Monday, June 1 from Linda St. Cyr. Families will receive 7 tickets per graduate. In the event that the weather prohibits us from performing the ceremony outside, then only those who have tickets will gain entry into the high school gymnasium. Any overflow of attendees will be able to view the ceremony via Green Mountain TV in the high school auditorium.

Senior Awards Night will be held on Thursday, June 11 in the high school auditorium at 6:30 p.m. There will be a photographer present and we will have GMATV recording the ceremony. The photographer will be available from 4:30 p.m. for individual pictures, with a group prior to the event. All students are strongly encouraged to attend to support their classmates at this important event.

Caps and gowns will be distributed Tuesday, June 2 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the senior lobby area. The cost for caps and gowns is \$20.

The LUHS graduation ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. Seniors should be here no later than 10:00 a.m. In the event of poor weather and the need to move the ceremony into the high school gymnasium, we will notify families via the ALERTNOW system by Thursday, June 11.

Seniors will be responsible for completing a check out form. Seniors may obtain the check out sheet from Ms. Cooney on June 1. Proper completion of this form is required in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### **Senior Class "Trip"**

In lieu of a senior class trip, the class has elected to have a lock-in at LUHS starting at Friday, June 5 from 7 p.m. through 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 6. Students need to sign up by May 28 with Mrs. Zmich, and tickets will be \$10.

### **Project Graduation**

On the evening of graduation, the Lamoille Union High School Project Graduation will treat the seniors of 2009 to a night to remember...at no charge to the student. This is a substance-free night designed for the seniors to have a great time in a safe environment.

The night's schedule will begin at 6:00 pm with seniors being dropped off at LUHS by a parent or other adult (students are not allowed to drive themselves to the bus). Coach buses will take them to Smugglers' Notch for two hours of casino fun and a magician, then on to Pizza Putt in Burlington for laser tag, miniature golf, batting cages, plenty of pizza, and arcade games. At midnight we will transport them to the

Champlain Ferry where they will have a three hour cruise on Lake Champlain with a DJ and dance. We will wind up the night about 4 am Sunday morning by returning the students to LUHS.

A PARENT/GUARDIAN, as well as the senior student MUST complete and sign a permission form in order for the senior to attend. These forms will be available this week in the Guidance Office with Ms. Cooney. Please encourage your LUHS graduating senior to attend the Project Graduation Party on the evening of June 13, 2009. If possible, please schedule your family parties for Saturday or Sunday afternoon, leaving Saturday night open for this last time that all of our LUHS 2009 seniors can be together as a class.

If you have questions, please contact Maryanne Newsom-Brighton at 888-6954 or email at [brightnews@pshift.com](mailto:brightnews@pshift.com).

Sincerely,

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