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The Hurricane Parent Newsletter
L.W. Higgins High School
504-341-2273
February 2024

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Pamela Dinicola
Wanda Jacob
Steven Christ
Comeshia Hunt

Principal

Duane Foret

Dean of Students

Chase LeBoeuf
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Albert Jones
Elisa Blanche

Our Mission

The Mission of L. W. Higgins High School is to advance the character development of all learners by providing a rigorous education in a safe and culturally diverse environment. We strive to eradicate achievement gaps in order to motivate students to become life-long learners, civically engaged, and college & career ready, so they can reach their full potential. We have one principle: Excellence is the only option!

From the Desk of the Principal

February is an exciting month for our Higgins Community. To start with, our talented music band and auxiliary units will be participating in various Mardi Gras parades throughout the carnival season. Join us in cheering on our Hurricanes and celebrating their hard work and commitment.

There are still tutoring opportunities available for students who need academic support and remediation. If your child could benefit from extra assistance, please contact their teacher for more details.

This month also marks the beginning of several statewide assessments for our school. We will be administering the ACT, ACT WorkKeys, LEAP Connect, and English as a Second Language exams. On Tuesday, February 27, 2024, our Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the ACT. It is important to ensure that your student is prepared for this assessment. On the same day, our Juniors and Seniors will be participating in virtual learning. They will be able to access their assignments and interact with their teachers through Google Classroom or Google Meet.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We are here to support you and your student in any way we can.

Mr. Foret
Principal

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After School Tutoring

Higgins offers after-school tutoring sessions from Monday to Thursday, starting at 3:45 pm and concluding at 4:45 pm. These sessions will provide students with additional support and guidance in various subjects. speak with their teacher for more details and their availability. We highly encourage your children to attend these tutoring sessions, as they can greatly benefit from the extra academic assistance.

For students who participate in after-school activities or tutoring, please note that the activity bus transportation will leave the school promptly at 7:00 PM. This service ensures that our students can safely reach their homes after their extracurricular activities.

School Based Health Center Information

Dear Parents and Guardians,

HEALTHY, HAPPY, AND WHOLE-IS OUR GOAL FOR YOUR CHILD!

We are proud to announce our continued Health Care services at your school this year. InclusivCare in partnership with the Jefferson Parish School System and L.W. Higgins High School will be providing Medical and Behavioral Health services for all students, faculty, and staff. We look forward to providing services for the convenience of parents and students.



Services will include physical examinations, screenings, treatment of common colds, sinusitis, migraine headache management, allergic reactions, first aid management of cuts, bruises and more.

The most critical services that will be offered are Behavioral Health Services using a Child Psychiatrist and Licensed Clinical Social Workers for a combination of Counseling and Medication Management. The clinic is open 5 days a week.

All students must have a consent for treatment on file before any services can be provided. Consent forms are located in the front office.

Please contact us at lw Higgins@inclusivcare.com for more information

Student Progress Center

Both students and parents can monitor grades and attendance throughout the school year at:

<https://jpsis.jpschools.org/progress/>

Student login: Student's lunch number
Password: Student's date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)





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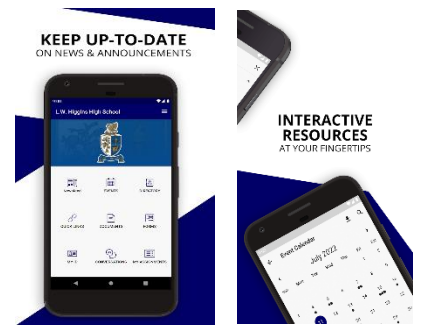
L. W. Higgins High School App

The L.W. Higgins High School app by SchoolInfoApp enables parents, students, teachers and administrators to quickly access the resources, tools, news and information to stay connected and informed!

The L. W. Higgins App is available in the App Store for both IOS and Android devices

The L.W. Higgins High School app by SchoolInfoApp features:

- Important school and class news and announcements
- Interactive resources including event calendars, maps, staff directory and more
- Student tools including My ID, My Assignments, Hall Pass and Tip Line
- Language translation to more than 30 languages
- Quick access to online and social media resources



Student Services

Each student is required to submit an emergency card at the beginning of the school year. If you have not completed an emergency card for the 2023-2024 school year, please do so immediately. The school must be able to contact you in the event of an emergency. The emergency cards are located in the front office. Please have your child pick one up.

If you have moved or have changed your phone number, please inform the school.

Parents, if your child is experiencing a conflict with another student, please notify the school immediately. In addition, please encourage your child to report any issue he or she may be having with another student. We are working diligently to maintain a safe campus for all students.

Students who are experiencing, or want to report acts of bullying, can do so anonymously. The box for anonymous reporting is located in the front office.

The Dean of Student's Caseload

Dean	Student's Last Name
Ms. Blanche	A - E
Mr. Jones	F - L
Mr. LeBoeuf	M - R
Mrs. Mitchell-Johnson	S - z

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District Bookbag and Shoe Policy

As a result of feedback from you and members of the Discipline Policy Review Committee, our board amended our clear, mesh book bag policy to include grades 4-12. Previously only students in grades 6-12 were required to wear clear, mesh book bags. Principals may require students in lower grades to also adhere to the clear, mesh book bag policy. Please communicate your policy to parents and place it on your school's website.

As a reminder, our district policy DOES NOT require a particular shoe color for students. Students may NOT wear Crocs, slides, slippers, shoes with wheels, or shoes that may cause them to fall. Students may wear tennis shoes of any color or combination of colors.

Please refrain from sending messages regarding required shoe colors to parents, and remove any reference to shoe color from your school's website.

School Dress Code Policy

Shirts:

- Seniors – Gold Polo or Oxford button up
- Juniors – White or Navy-Blue Polo
- Sophomores – White or Navy-Blue Polo
- Freshmen – Grey Polo Shirts

Pants

- Khaki, Navy Blue, or Black
- Girls can wear plaid pants
- Shorts can be worn all year but they must reach the knee

Pullovers and Sweatshirts

- Pullovers or jackets with a Higgins logo are allowed to be worn by students
- Pullovers/Jackets/Sweatshirts that do not have a Higgins logo on them may be worn but must of a solid color and can not have any design or writing
 - Approved colors are Gray, Navy Blue, Black, or white

Shoes

- Tennis shoes must be worn at all times while on campus
- Students are not allowed to wear Crocs, Slippers, Flip Flops, etc

Hats and Head Coverings

- Hat and head coverings of any kind are not permitted on campus
 - This includes knit caps, bonnets, baseball caps, etc

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Important Dates

FEBRUARY 2024						
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- February 5th – Early Release at 1:00 PM
- February 7th – Early Release at 1:00 PM
- February 7th – Interim Reports Issued
- February 9th – February 18 – Mardi Gras Break
- February 27 – ACT Testing for Freshmen and Sophomores
- February 27 – 29th – Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences



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PARADE SCHEDULE

2024

- Friday February 2 - ALLA - Uptown
- Sunday, February 4 - King Arthur - Uptown
- Monday, February 5 - Music - Westbank
- Wednesday, February 7 - Druids - Uptown
- Sunday, February 11 - Athena - Metairie
- Monday, February 12 - Orpheus - Uptown





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Counselor's Corner

Counselor Assignments:

Grade Level	Counselor	Email	Phone Number
9 th Grade	Donna Mashia	donna.mashia@jpschools.org	504.762.8312
10 th Grade	Carmen Stewart-Davis	carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org	504.762.8311
11 th Grade	Andrea Williams	andrea.williams@jpschools.org	504.762.8314
12 th Grade	Jasmine Scott	jasmine.scott@jpschools.org	504.762.8313

9th Grade

- **Google Classroom**, students have been invited by their counselor to join their Google Classroom. To stay connected be sure to join.
- **LOSFA (blue form)**, Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance consent form, ALL must have a signed form on file. Please visit your counselor's Google Classroom for more information.
- **ACT 567 Forms (green form)**. This is a state graduation requirement. ALL students must have a signed form on file. Please have your student return them to Mrs. Mashia.

10th Grade

- **Google Classroom**, students have been invited by their counselor to join their Google Classroom. To stay connected be sure to join.

11th Grade

- **Google Classroom**, students have been invited by their counselor to join their Google Classroom. To stay connected be sure to join.
- LOSFA, did you turn in your LOSFA form???? The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance consent form is a form that ALL STUDENTS must have this form on file.

12th Grade

- **Google Classroom**, students have been invited by their counselor to join their Google Classroom. To stay connected be sure to join.
- **LOSFA**, did you turn in your LOSFA form???? The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance consent form is a form that ALL STUDENTS must have this form on file. These forms are GREEN.
- **ACT 567 Forms**. This is a graduation requirement. These forms are golden/ yellow. Please have your student return them to Mrs. Scott.
- Students have received their transcripts. Please keep this document for safe keeping. It's never too early to look at colleges and start applying.

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Children between the ages of seven and eighteen must be enrolled in a public or private school. Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education offers two diploma pathways to our public-school students: TOPS University Pathway and Jumpstart TOPS Tech Career Diploma. Each student must make a selection by the end of their second year of high school.

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS: Louisiana Truancy Law R.S. 17:233

Compulsory Attendance Days: High school students shall be in attendance a minimum of 83.5 days, or the equivalent, per semester or 167 days per school year for schools not operating on a semester basis. High school students who accrue more than 5 absences in a whole credit course and/or more than 2.5 absences in a half-credit course will not be eligible to earn Carnegie credit for the course.

ATTENDANCE CONCERNS:

If your student has more than 5 unexcused absences or excessive tardiness, please refer them to their counselor for information about how they can recover that time and earn credit for their courses.

ACT Testing

It's never too early to start taking the ACT. During the Spring semester, Taylor tests all 10th-12th grade students on campus. However, it is beneficial to test on your own as well. To find out more information regarding the ACT, please go to ACT.org or stop by to speak to your counselor. The test dates and registration deadlines for this year are listed below.

ACT Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 9, 2023	August 4, 2023	August 18, 2023
October 28, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 6, 2023
December 9, 2023	November 3, 2023	November 17, 2023
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024	January 19, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024	March 22, 2024

State and District Testing News

Our school will be conducting ACT testing for students in 9th and 10th grade on February 27, 2024.

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Athletic Schedules

Baseball Schedule

L.W. HIGGINS BASEBALL



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Softball Schedule

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2024 LADY CANES SOFTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	HOME / AWAY
TUESDAY, FEB 20	4:00PM	BONNABEL	AWAY
WEDNESDAY, FEB 21	4:00PM	PATRICK TAYLOR	AWAY
THURSDAY, FEB 22	4:00PM	JOHN EHRET	AWAY
MONDAY, FEB 26	4:00PM	FISHER	AWAY
WEDNESDAY, FEB 28	4:00PM	BOOKER T	HOME
THURSDAY, FEB 29	4:00PM	SOUTH PLAQUEMINE	HOME
MONDAY, MARCH 4	4:30PM	*AOL*	HOME
TUESDAY, MARCH 5	4:00PM	*BELLE CHASSE*	HOME
THURSDAY, MARCH 7	4:00PM	*LANDRY WALKER*	AWAY
FRI-SAT, MARCH 8-9	TBD	JOHN EHRET TOURNEY	AWAY
MONDAY, MARCH 11	4:00PM	DESTREHAN	AWAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 12	4:30PM	*NOMMA*	AWAY
THURSDAY, MARCH 14	4:00PM	MCDONOGH 35	AWAY
MONDAY, MARCH 18	4:30PM	EDNA KARR	AWAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20	4:00PM	BONNABEL	HOME
THURSDAY, MARCH 21	4:30PM	COUNTRY DAY	AWAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 26	4:00PM	THIBODAUX	AWAY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27	4:30PM	DE LA SALLE	AWAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 4	4:00PM	SOUTH LAFOURCHE	HOME

*DISTRICT GAMES

HEATHER SCULLY: HEAD COACH
 HANNAH SCULLY: ASSISTANT COACH