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**L.W. Higgins High School**  
**504-341-2273**  
**September 2023**

**Assistant Principals**

*Stephanie Dillon*  
*Pamela Dinicola*  
*Wanda Jacob*  
*Steven Christ*

**Principal**

*Duane Foret*

**Dean of Students**

*Chase LeBoeuf*  
*Evonne Mitchell*

**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**

I would like to express my gratitude for your support and partnership throughout this academic year. Your involvement in your child's education plays a crucial role in their success, and I am truly grateful for your continued commitment.

Moving forward, I would like to remind you of the importance of open communication between home and school. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply wish to share any relevant information about your child, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or their respective teacher. We firmly believe that a strong parent-teacher relationship fosters a positive and conducive learning environment.

As we embark on the upcoming weeks filled with new challenges and learning opportunities, I want to reassure you that we are here for your child every step of the way. Together, we will continue to nurture their love for learning, promote their personal growth, and prepare them for a bright future.

Mr. Foret  
Principal

**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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**JCampus**  
**Student Progress Center**  
Please contact your school for login information and assistance.

For more information about JCampus please visit:  
[jpschools.org/stayconnected](https://jpschools.org/stayconnected)

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### 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 on file before any services can be provided.** Consent forms are located in the front office.

Please contact us at [lwhiggins@inclusivcare.com](mailto:lwhiggins@inclusivcare.com) for more information

### L. W. Higgins High School App

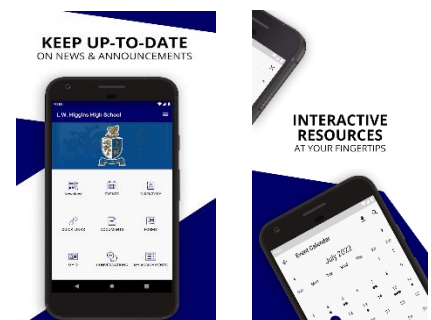


The L.W. Higgins High School app by SchoolInfoApp enables parents, students, teachers and administrators to quickly access the resources, tools, news and information to stay connected and informed!

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



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**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.

**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.

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#### 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

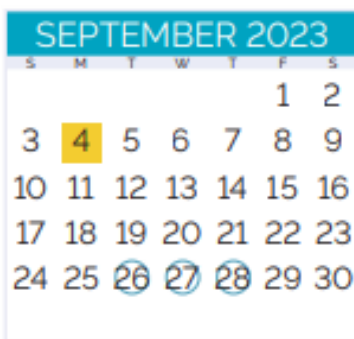
##### **Shoes**

- 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

#### Important Dates



- September 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 13 – Interim Reports Issued
- September 26 – 28 Virtual Parent Teacher Conference Days

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#### Counselor's Corner

#### Counselor Assignments:

Grade Level	Counselor	Email	Phone Number
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Donna Mashia	donna.mashia@jpschools.org	504.762.8312
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Carmen Stewart-Davis	carmen.stewart-davis@jpschools.org	504.762.8311
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Andrea Williams	andrea.williams@jpschools.org	504.762.8314
12 <sup>th</sup> 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.

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



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### Athletic Schedules

#### Football

<b>GAME 1</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>RIVERDALE</b>	<b>GAME 3</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>WEST JEFFERSON</b>	<b>GAME 6</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>JOHN EHRET</b>	<b>GAME 9</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>ARCHBISHOP SHAW</b>
<b>HOM</b>		AUGUST 24, 2023 6:30 PM	<b>HOM</b>		SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 7PM	<b>AWAY</b>		OCTOBER 6, 2023 7PM	<b>HOM</b>		OCTOBER 28, 2023 11 AM
<b>GAME 2</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>LIVINGSTON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY</b>	<b>GAME 4</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>SOPHIE B WRIGHT</b>	<b>GAME 7</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>L.B. LANDRY</b>	<b>GAME 10</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>SCI ACADEMY</b>
<b>AWAY</b>		SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 7PM	<b>HOM</b>		SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 7PM	<b>HOM</b>		OCTOBER 12, 2023 6:30 PM	<b>AWAY</b>		NOVEMBER 3, 2023 7PM
<b>GAME 5</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>EAST JEFFERSON</b>	<b>GAME 8</b>	<b>VS</b>	<b>BELLE CHASSE</b>					<b>2023</b>	
<b>AWAY</b>		SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 7PM	<b>AWAY</b>		OCTOBER 20, 2023						

#### Volleyball

**L. W. HIGGINS HIGH SCHOOL**

**VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 24 Thomas Jefferson / AOL Jamboree TBA  
 Aug. 28 Bonnabel 4:30  
 Aug. 29 @ McDonald 35 4:30  
 Sept. 6 @ West St John 4:30  
 Sept. 7 @ John F. Kennedy 4:30  
 Sept. 12 @ John Ehret 4:30  
 Sept. 13 Fisher 4:30  
 Sept. 14 @ M. L. King 4:30  
 Sept. 15 - 16 John Ehret Tournament TBA  
 Sept. 18 @ Ellender (Houma) 4:30  
 Sept. 19 @ Bonnabel 4:30  
 Sept. 20 @ East Jefferson 4:30  
 Oct. 4 Ellender (Houma) 4:30  
 Oct. 5 Edna Karr 4:30 (District)  
 Oct. 10 @ NOMMA 4:30 (District)  
 Oct. 11 @ Fisher 4:30  
 Oct. 17 AOL 4:30 (District)  
 Oct. 19 Booker T. Washington 4:30 (District)  
 Oct. 24 @ Belle Chasse 4:30 (District)  
 Oct. 25 @ Thomas Jefferson 4:30  
 Oct. 26 M. L. King 4:30

*Home Games are Italicized*

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Marlene Benjamin - Head Coach  
 Monique Allen, Assistant Coach