

THE RAM REPORT

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Upward, We Strive

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On the eve of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day, it is a good time to reflect on the importance of education towards advancing our citizens, our community, and our country, as well as ensuring equal rights and justice for all. MLK once stated, "The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." We are in a time period where some people question the importance of a formal education. Now more than ever, it is important to teach students how to think for themselves and how to think critically about everything they see and hear. Another quote from Dr. King states, "Education must enable one to sift and weigh evidence, to discern the true from the false, the real from the unreal, and the facts from the fiction." Furthermore, it is essential that students learn from history and from reading the words of great men and women who have come before, people like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in order to inform their own character and the path of their lives. On MLK Day, take time to read from some of his famous speeches and letters or watch a video of his I Have a Dream speech at the March on Washington and reflect on the sacrifices that have been made for equal rights in this country as well as what must be done to further the cause of equality and justice for all in years to come. Enjoy your holiday! -Dr. Reynolds

WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

5Essentials and Snapshot Surveys

Beginning on January 30TH, students in grades 9-12 will have the opportunity to participate in two important feedback surveys.

Students will participate in a short perception survey called the Snapshot Survey. The results of the Snapshot Survey will be collected and analyzed by a local data analytics firm and utilized to create a school report card, called the Snapshot Report, that will feature student perceptions as well as other school data points. Students will rate how likely they are to recommend their school to other students and describe in their own words what they like most about their school and what they would like to improve about their schools.

Students will participate in the 5Essentials Survey. This survey, developed by the University of Chicago Consortium on Chicago School Research, asks students about their experiences in school. Having direct information from students is critical for developing plans to improve schools.

Students' identities on all surveys will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions. To review the survey questions, please go to <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/district/departments/assessment-accountability/5essentials/>

If you DO NOT want your student to participate, fill out the form attached to this email and ask your student to return this sheet to Melissa Flory, Assistant Principal, Administrative Offices.

Athletics Update

Events for January 15-20

Boys Soccer

Friday: Away vs. Lake Highland. JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Girls Soccer

Tuesday: Away vs. Winter Park. JV @ 6:00pm, Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Friday: Home vs. Edgewood. JV @ 6:00pm, Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Girls Basketball

Tuesday: Away vs. Lyman. Varsity @ 6:00pm.

Thursday: Away vs. Hagerty. JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

Boys Basketball

Wednesday: Home vs. Winter Springs. Freshman @ 4:30pm (vs. East River), JV @ 6:00pm, Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Friday: Away vs. Lake Brantley. Freshman @ 4:30pm, JV @ 6:00pm, Varsity @ 7:30pm.

Girls Weightlifting

No events this week.

Girls Wrestling

Saturday: Lady Greyhound Open @ Lyman. 8:00am.

Boys Wrestling

Tuesday: Home vs. Pine Ridge (Senior Night). 5:00pm.

Saturday: Greyhound Open @ Lyman High School. 8:00am.

Competitive Cheerleading

Saturday: SAC Championships @ Lake Mary. 6:00pm.

Announcements

Boys and Girls tennis tryouts begin on Tuesday after school at the tennis courts. All those interested must be cleared through athleticclearance.com in order to be eligible to tryout. If you have questions, see Coach Robinson in the Dean's office.

If you want to play FOOTBALL next year, attend a meeting on Tues., Jan. 23, in the Media Center at 2:30pm. See Coach Perry in prior to the meeting if you have a conflict.

Track season is almost here. See Coach Lowe in room 1-220 or 1-150 for information. Conditioning will take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school at the track. You must have all of your paperwork submitted and approved.

Clubs & Activities

Be the Change wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year! The next open forum will be held Tuesday, January 16th at 2:30 in the GPR. The topic is "New Year, New Me-Facing Uncertainty". Join us for some food, fun, and community.

Beta Club will hold the monthly meeting on Tuesday January 16th at 2:25pm in Ms. Ohl's room, 01-248. Please check in with your grade level director so that we can begin promptly. Stay after to help us write letters to seniors in assisted living residences. Don't forget to wear your tshirt all day. See you soon!

Blood Drive: Lake Mary High School will be hosting an all-day lifesaving blood drive on Tuesday 30 January 2024 in the auditorium lobby. Giving blood saves lives in our community. Let's show our community spirit and donate blood. Give the gift of life. Sign-ups for Tuesday's blood drive will begin on the 25th, 26th, and 29th of January in the cafeteria ref room during lunch. Giving blood will also count as 1 hour of community service. Under 18 years of age requires parental consent.

Black Student Union will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024 in room 1-172 at 2:30 p.m.

Black History Show auditions will be held Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. Open to All students that would like to showcase their talent celebrating The Arts. If you are unable to attend the auditions, please talk to Mrs. Dukes on how you submit a video.

Spanish Honor Society: The next Spanish Honor Society meeting is on Thursday Jan 18th at 2:30 in room 1-243. See you soon.

Art Appreciation Club: The next art appreciation club meeting is this Friday, Jan 19th in Mrs. Dershimer's room from 2:30-3:30pm. If anyone new is interested in joining the club for 2nd semester activities, you may do so at this meeting. Dues are \$10.00.

Student Services

Important Dates

January 30: 5:30 - 7:30 pm: FAFSA Application Help Night

Virtual Courses: All SCVS/FLVS classes must be completed by the deadline provided by your online teacher. Make sure you stay on task with the modules in your course. All students enrolled in a virtual course must complete the virtual contract and return it to your school counselor.

Community Service Hours: We encourage students desiring to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship to complete and turn in your volunteer hours no later than May 1st. Students can obtain SCPS Volunteer Service Program Guidelines & Service Plan form in the student services office or SCPS website.

Appts with School Counselor: For students to make an appointment with their counselor, please go to LMHS website, select student services> Counselor and appointments. From there, you will see the student booking appointment link. For parent appointments please reach out to Ms. Gilley (Student Services Secretary) at 407-320- (Student Services Secretary) at 407-320-9516.9516. Students, if you need to speak to your School Counselor, please do not hesitate to come to the Student Services Office for assistance.

Student Email: Students, please ensure that you check your email at least twice a week. Email is a primary way for many to communicate. To get to your school email, you will log on to your Clever Portal and select the Office 365 application. From there, you can check and respond to important information and review school announcements that are sent to all students and families.

Letters of Recommendation: Seniors as you are starting to apply to college, requests for letters will come to your school counselor. Be sure to complete the "Counselor Letter of Recommendation" form located in the Student Services Office or on our school website. You may email this directly to your counselor. Please allow 2 weeks for processing. Also, ensure all information requested on the form is completed so that your counselor can compose an appropriate letter.

Testing Update

Save the Date

The ACT will be given to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, October 31 and Tuesday, March 26 during the school day. (This will be paper based testing.) The Digital SAT will be given to all 11th grade students on March 7, 2024 during the school day. Students will not need to register for these assessments and there will be no charge. More information will be sent out closer to each testing date.

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking – PM2

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered to all 9th and 10th grade students three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year.

The assessment is computer based and is 90 minutes in length or longer for all students.

10th grade students will test on Thursday, January 18 or Friday, January 19. Testing date and location will be emailed to students and parents this week. Your student's results from PM2 are for informational purposes only. Results will be available within a few days upon completion in the Florida Department of Education's (FDOE) Family portal.

You can access the FDOE's Family Portal via the **secure Skyward Family Access**.

1. Click on District Links (located in the upper right corner of screen)
2. Click on Florida State Assessment Portal (Student Name) link
3. If you have multiple students, each student will have their own link to the portal.

The FAST parent letter with more information is attached.

Advanced Placement Curriculum Night

The Advanced Placement Curriculum Night will be held on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00pm in the Auditorium. Come and learn about the benefits of taking AP courses. More information coming soon.

National SAT/ACT Testing Dates

Students can register through College Board (www.collegeboard.com) and ACT (www.act.org) to take these tests on a Saturday National Testing Date.

SAT – March 9, May 4, and June 1

ACT – February 10, April 13, June 8, July 13