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The Hurricane Parent Newsletter
L.W. Higgins High School
504-341-2273
December 2023

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Principal

Duane Foret

Dean of Students

*Chase LeBoeuf
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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 hope this letter finds you well. As we approach the end of the semester, I wanted to provide you with some important announcements and updates.

We are currently in the midst of our LEAP 2025 Testing, and I am pleased to share that the first week of testing went smoothly. Our students showed great focus and determination, and we are confident that they will continue to excel in the remaining tests. Thank you for encouraging them to do their best and for ensuring they are well-prepared for these assessments.

In addition to LEAP Testing, we will also be conducting our first round of ACT WorkKeys Testing for our Juniors. This is an important assessment that provides valuable insights into students' workplace skills. Also, our Seniors completed a second round of WorkKeys testing in November and we have seen improvement in our school's performance in this area, and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication of our students.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming exams on December 14 and December 15. These will be half-days, with dismissal at 11:50 am. It is crucial that students attend these exam days and give their best effort. If you have any questions or concerns about the exams, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or your child's teacher.

The end of the first semester is fast approaching, with December 15 being the last day. It has been a productive and fulfilling first half of the academic year, and we are proud of the progress our students have made. Let's continue to support and encourage them as they wrap up their coursework and prepare for the winter break.

Speaking of which, winter break will begin on December 16. This will be a time for students to recharge and spend quality time with their families. We encourage you to make the most of this break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new year.

Mr. Foret
Principal



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After School Tutoring

Higgins offers after-school tutoring sessions from Monday to Thursday, starting at 4:15 pm and concluding at 5:15 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 lwhiggins@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
Mr. Albert Jones	A - E
Mr. Chase Lebouef	F - L
Ms. Elise Blanche	M - R
Ms. Evonne 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

DECEMBER 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- December 13 – Higgins Holiday Concert @6:30
- December 11 – 15 – LEAP Testing Continues
- December 14 & 15 – Exam days Students released at 11:50 AM
- December 15 – Last Day of School
- December 18 – January 2 – Winter Break

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.



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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 safekeeping. It's never too early to look at colleges and start applying.

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 REQUIREMENTS:

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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.



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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

In Louisiana, the LEAP 2025 High School Assessments are conducted for subjects such as English I, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, U.S. History, and Biology. To meet the requirements, students need to achieve an Approaching Basic level in one of the following pairs: English I or English II, Algebra I or Geometry, and Biology or U.S. History. The LEAP 2025 Assessment will be considered as the student's final exam grade for the Semester in which they are enrolled in a LEAP 2025 course.

LEAP 2025 Testing window opens November 27, 2023 – December 15, 2023. We will begin testing on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Please ensure that your child is well-rested and prepared for these important assessments.

LEAP 2025 Testing Schedule:

Tuesday, November 28 – Wednesday, November 29 – U.S. History

Thursday, November 30 – Friday, December 1 – Biology

Monday, December 4 – Tuesday, December 5 – English I

Tuesday, December 6 – Wednesday, December 7 – English II

Friday, December 8 – Monday, December 11 – Algebra I and Geometry

Tuesday, December 12 – Friday, December 15 – LEAP Make-up Sessions

WorkKeys

Our school will be conducting WorkKeys testing for students in 11th grade on December 12 – December 15. ACT WorkKeys® Assessments measure foundational skills required for success in the workplace and help measure the workplace skills that can affect job performance. Each assessment offers varying levels of difficulty. The levels build on each other, incorporating the skills assessed at the previous levels. Most assessments are web-based and most take one hour. This assessment evaluates students' skills in three areas: Applied Mathematics, Workplace Documents, and Graphic Literacy.



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Holiday Concert

Christmas in the Courtyard

Winter

WONDERLAND

L.W.HIGGINS MUSIC & ARTS
SING'N CANES AND CONCERT BAND'S ANNUAL CONCERT

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13
6:30 PM

SPECIAL GUEST

JOHN F. KENNEDY - SINGING COUGARS
\$5 General Admission - \$3 with a student ID

Mr. Robert Pate - Vocal Music
Mr. Justin Rush - Band Director
Mr. Duane Foret - Principal



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Athletic Schedules

Boys Basketball



The graphic features a background of a basketball with orange and red segments. In the top left corner is the L.W. Higgins Hurricane High School logo. In the top right corner, the text 'HIGGINS 2023 - 2024 BOYS BASKETBALL' is displayed in white. A silhouette of a basketball player is on the right side. A table of the schedule is on the left.

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/14/23	ST. AUGUSTINE	6:00	HOME
11/15/23	JOHN CURTIS	6:00	HOME
11/17/23	WEST JEFFERSON	6:00	AWAY
12/4/23	SARAH REED	6:00	AWAY
12/6/23	SOUTH PLAQUEMINES	6:00	HOME
12/12/23	SLIDELL	6:00	AWAY
1/5/24	COHEN	6:00	HOME
1/9/24	EAST IBERVILLE	6:00	HOME
1/11/24	EAST JEFFERSON	6:00	AWAY
1/16/24	RIVERDALE	6:00	HOME
1/19/24	PATRICK TAYLOR	6:00	AWAY
1/23/24	JEFFERSON RISE	6:00	HOME
1/26/24	LANDRY WALKER	6:00	HOME
1/30/24	NOMA	6:00	AWAY
2/2/24	COHEN	6:00	AWAY
2/6/24	BELLE CHASSE	6:00	HOME
2/9/24	SHAW	6:00	AWAY



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Girls Basketball

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2023-24
GIRLS BASKETBALL



Date	Opponent	Time	Location
11/11/23	Karr	TBD	
11/14/23	Kenner Discover	6:00	Kenner Discovery
11/17/23	South Plaquemines	5:00	Higgins
11/28/23	Belle Chasse	6:00	Belle Chasse
11/30/23	Cohen	5:00	Higgins
12/1/23	East Jefferson	5:30	Higgins
12/4/23	Ehret	5:00	Ehret
12/7/23	JFK	5:00	Higgins
12/9/23	TBD	TBD	KIPP Tournament
12/12/23	McDonogh 35	5:00	Higgins
12/14/23	Abrmson	5:00	Higgins
12/18/23	Sophie B. Wright	5:30	Sophie B. Wright
1/3/24	Broadmoor	4:00	Higgins
1/5/24	Douglass	5:00	Higgins
1/8/24	Fisher	5:00	Westbank Community
1/10/24	Thomas Jefferson	5:00	Thomas Jefferson
1/12/24	West St. John	6:00	West St. John
1/16/24	Independence	6:00	Independence
1/18/24	Bonnabel	6:00	Bonnabel
1/19/24	MLK	6:00	MLK
1/22/24	Landry Walker	5:00	Higgins
1/25/24	NOMMA	5:00	Nomma
2/1/24	Belle Chasse	5:00	Higgins
2/5/24	AOL	5:00	AOL
2/8/24	MLK	5:00	Higgins



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Boys Soccer

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HURRICANE
CANES
HIGH SCHOOL

HIGGINS
2023 - 24
BOYS SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	LOCATION
11/4/23	JOHN EHRET	12:00	EHRET
11/14/23	LIVINGSTON COLLEGIATE	5:00	AVONDALE PLAYGROUND
11/16/23	SARAH T REED	6:00	AVONDALE PLAYGROUND
11/28/23	THOMAS JEFFERSON	6:00	TBD
11/30/23	MCKINLEY	6:00	EAST JEFFERSON
12/4/23	SOPHIE B WRIGHT	5:00	TBD
12/6/23	EAST ST. JOHN	5:00	EAST ST. JOHN
11/8/23	BONNABEL	5:00	LASALLE PARK
12/11/23	GEORGE WASHINGT CARVER	TBD	TBD
12/13/23	JOHN EHRET	6:00	AVONDALE PLAYGROUND
12/15 - 12/17	TERREBONNE TOURNAMENT	TBD	TERREBONNE HIGH SCHOOL/ LAKES SOCCER COMPLEX
1/4/24	RIVERDALE	6:00	EAST JEFFERSON
1/9/24	EAST JEFFERSON	6:00	EAST JEFFERSON
1/11/24	SALMEN	6:00	SALMEN
1/16/24	BELLE CHASSE	6:00	AVONDALE PLAYGROUND
1/18/24	EDNA KARR	5:00	EDNA KARR
1/23/24	SHAW	4:30	SHAW
1/25/24	RUMMEL	4:00	EAST JEFFERSON
1/29/24	PATRICK TAYLOR	5:30	AVONDALE PLAYGROUND



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11/13/23	Haynes	4:00	Away
11/15/23	Fisher	4:00	East Jefferson
11/17/23	Patrick Taylor	4:00	Avondale Playground
11/27/23	NOMMA	5:00	Morris Jeff Stadium
11/28/23	Thomas Jefferson	4:00	Terrytown Playground
11/30/23	Ellender	5:00	TBD (Away)
12/4/23	Chapelle	4:00	Moss Bertolino
12/5/23	Fisher	4:00	Avondale Playground
12/7/23	Edna Karr	4:00	Avondale Playground
12/11/23	South Terrebonne	5:00	South Terrebonne
12/13/23	John Ehret	4:00	Avondale Playground
12/14/23	Patrick Taylor	5:00	Avondale Playground
1/4/24	Riverdale	4:00	East Jefferson
1/9/24	East Jefferson	4:00	East Jefferson
1/11/24	Salmen	4:30	Salmen
1/16/24	Belle Chasse	4:00	Avondale Playground
1/18/24	AOL	5:30	Avondale Playground
1/23/24	Walker (Senior Night)	5:30	Avondale Playground
1/24/24	Bonnabel	4:00	Bonnabel