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

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Principal

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Dean of Students

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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

October is here, and we are excited to share some important announcements and updates with you. We hope this newsletter finds you well and that your child is enjoying their time at our school.

I would like to remind you that the end of the first marking period is quickly approaching. This is a crucial time for us to assess the progress and growth of our students. Please ensure that your child is completing their assignments and studying diligently to achieve their academic goals. Please ensure that all assignments and projects are submitted by that date. The current grading period will be ending on October 5, 2023. Report cards will be distributed on October 18, 2023.

In order to support our students' success, we will be offering tutoring sessions after school Monday - Thursday. These sessions will provide additional assistance and guidance for students who may need extra support in specific subjects. If you feel your child would benefit from tutoring, please contact their teacher for more information.

I want to express my sincere gratitude for your ongoing support. Together, we can ensure that your child receives the best education possible. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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 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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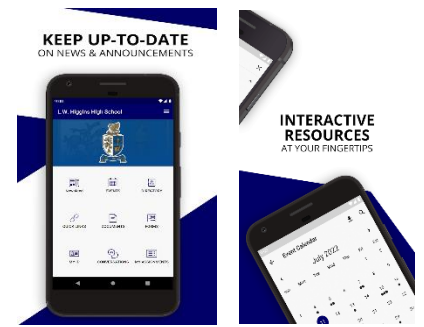
L. W. Higgins High School App

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	9 th Grade	Upperclassmen
Mr. Jones	A - G	10 th
Mr. LeBoeuf	H - O	11 th
Mrs. Mitchell-Johnson	P - Z	12 th

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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

OCTOBER 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				

- October 5 – End of the First Nine Weeks
- October 6 – October 9 – Fall Break
- October 11 – 13 – Workkeys Testing for Seniors
- October 10 – 13 – Homecoming Week
- October 12 – Homecoming L. B. Landry @ Hoss Memtsas Stadium for 6:30 PM
- October 14 – Homecoming Dance
- October 18 – First Nine Weeks Report Cards Issued

Homecoming Activities

Spirit Week

L.W. Higgins High School
HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK

MONDAY 10/09: HOLIDAY
 NO SCHOOL *FALL BREAK*

TUESDAY 10/10: TWIN DAY
 You AND a friend dress alike or a dynamic duo.
 GAMES: 4 LEG RELAY RACE

WEDNESDAY 10/11: PINK OUT
 Show awareness for BREAST CANCER by wearing PINK.
 GAMES: SACK RACE

THURSDAY 10/12: REP YO' CLASS
 SENIORS: Purple, JUNIORS: Blue, SOPHOMORES: Green, FRESHMAN: Red
 GAMES: EGG RELAY RACE
 HOMECOMING GAME!!

FRIDAY 10/13: TEACHERS VS. STUDENTS
 Teachers & students switch outfits for the day.
 GAMES: LIMBO & TUG-OF-WAR

JP School Dress Code Policy Still Applies

L.W. Higgins High School
 Presents
Roaring
 20's
 Homecoming Package
 Includes: The Football Game
 & The Dance all for \$45
Masquerade

Individuals Includes
 Football Game: \$10
 Dance Ticket: \$40
 Dance Ticket At The Door: \$50
 Pep Rally Tickets: \$3
 Pep Rally Ticket The Day Of: \$5

Algiers Auditorium
 2485 Guadalupe St
 New Orleans, LA 70114

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 DOORS OPEN AT 7:00

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



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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.

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

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State and District Testing News

Our school will be conducting WorkKeys testing for students in 12th grade on October 11 – October 13. 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.

Athletic Schedules

Football

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

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Volleyball

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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

Marlene Benjamin - Head Coach

Monique Allen, Assistant Coach