
Lake Lure Classical Academy-CFA

Week of January 8, 2018

Message from Mr. Keever:

Dear Raptor Families and Friends,

We have had a very busy week and in spite of our weather woes we have managed to get back in the swing of things.

On Thursday our Seniors presented their Senior Project which was the culmination of a semester of research. I was so very proud and impressed with the quality and passion shown in these presentations. Well done class of 2018!!!

Starting this Monday, January 8 all visitors will need to sign in on our Lobby Guard. This is for the security and safety of all students. You will need your driver's license to scan and the Lobby Guard will print out a timed and dated pass. We will also use Lobby Guard for students arriving late. **Parents you will need to come into the building and sign your late student in.** Lobby Guard will generate the late slip for the student. We are also using this for early sign outs, so parents you will need to come in and sign out your student on Lobby Guard. We will have staff assisting as needed as we get used to this new security measure.

*I want to again let you know that **Corporal Paul Mitchell** started on Tuesday as our new School Resource Officer (SRO) His office is in the front lobby and we are delighted to have Cpl. Mitchell on board as this affords our school community another level of safety and security we did not have. Please let our Board of Directors know how much you appreciate their support of this valuable position!*

As we are in one of those unpredictable January weather systems please make sure you have updated your contact information. If there are any school opening changes or cancellations we will post on WLOS TV cancellations, our school web page, school facebook and with a phone message.

On February 27th, 2018, Lake Lure Classical Academy high school juniors will take the ACT college admissions test free of charge. The ACT is a standardized test which is an important part of the college admissions process. Often times, a point or two can be the difference between you getting into the school of your dreams or someone else getting in.

*Lake Lure Classical Academy is offering a **free** ACT Prep Course to prepare students for the test. Ben Gabin, High School Math Teacher at LLCA will be conducting these classes. Ben brings 5 years of ACT Test Prep experience.*

Students will begin the experience with a full length ACT diagnostic test and follow it up with six 2-hour sessions covering everything from math, science, English, and reading, to mindfulness and test-prep strategies.

This course is being offered to all high school students looking to gain an edge on the admissions process.

Classes will be held in Mr. Gabin's classroom at the following days and times:

Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 8:30am-11:30am: Full length ACT diagnostic test

Mondays and Wednesday Feb. 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st from 3:30pm-5:30pm: Sessions 1-6

Please RSVP to Ben Gabin at bgabin@llca.school before January 20th, 2018. Seating is limited.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Keever

Order your school uniforms today: [JB Designs Uniforms](#) The portal will be open until January 21st with the delivery date of February 11th.

Mr. White:

- **HS Exams : Monday, January 8 - Friday, January 12**
 - **All HS teacher-made exams will be given during normal class time. Elective class exams will be given on the date set by the instructors. Please make sure your child is in attendance if possible.**
 - **Monday - History**
 - **Tuesday - English**
 - **Wednesday - Science**
 - **Thursday - Math**
 - **Friday - Makeups**
- **Eng II EOC Exam : Tuesday, January 9 (8:00 - 11:00 AM)**
- **Math 1 & Biology EOC Exams : Thursday, January 11 (8:00 - 11:00 AM)**
- **Second semester for high school starts on Wednesday, January 17.**

Upcoming Events:

Monday, January 8:

- HS History Exam
- Student Makeup Time 3:00-4:30 pm

Tuesday, January 9:

- HS English Exam

Wednesday, January 10:

- HS Science Exam
- Students Makeup Time 3:00-4:30 pm

Thursday, January 11:

- HS Math Exam
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Friday, January 12

- **HS Makeup Exams**

[Read more on our website](#)

News from the teachers:

Mrs. Searcy:

Kindergarten - We will complete our study of warm and cool color families with our winter tree landscapes. Students will learn about portraits and begin creating their King or Queen portrait.

1st Grade - Students will complete their winter tree landscapes this week, and we will begin talking about the Element of Line and Shape in art!

2nd Grade - We are continuing our Starry Night landscape by adding oil pastels! Students are doing a fabulous job on these, they look fantastic!

3rd Grade - Students will complete their study of the Element of Space by using overlapping, placement, and size in their tree landscapes.

4th Grade - Students in fourth grade will complete their unit on Islamic Art and Architecture this week by studying the Taj Mahal and creating their own Taj Mahal!

5th Grade - We will be review what we have learned so far in our Renaissance unit and begin our study of the Renaissance artist Brunelleschi this week. Students will apply his one point perspective process to their own Artistic Hallways!

The High School Homecoming dance has been rescheduled to Friday, January 26th from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Lake Lure Town Hall. Please see Ms. Gundle for tickets!

This week in MUSIC with Mrs. Staley



K - Students will learn songs surrounding favorite childhood stories and fables.

1 - Students will learn the African-American spiritual, "Michael Row the Boat Ashore".

2 - Students will become familiar with the composer, Camille Saint Saens from the Carnival of the Animals and the instruments; "The Swan (cello) and The Elephant (double bass).

3 - Students will learn about the Russian composer Rimsky-Korsakov "Scheherazade", part one "The Sea and Sinbad's Ship".

4 - Students will learn and become familiar with the Franz Hayden and Symphony No. 94, "Surprise".

5 - Students will become familiar with the composer Felix Mendelssohn and his work, Overture, Scherzo, and Wedding March from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

8th - Students have started their unit on Musical Theatre in America!! We will explore the changing world of Broadway and learn about some of America's favorite musicals such as "The Westside Story".



Life Skills with Mrs. Staley

This week in Life Skills we will complete their unit on learning how to sew. Students will begin their projects with learning how to cut and sew with a pattern.

Kindergarten:

Kindergarten has been working on measuring length, height, weight, and even capacity. We will be moving on to comparing amounts and numbers. Students should be able to correctly use the terms more than, fewer than, and the same as.

During our Reading Skills time we will be completing Unit 5 in which we finished up learning all the letter sounds in the alphabet (except q). Students have now learned all the short vowel sounds and can read most 3 letter words. Students are encouraged to read phrases and even short sentences. Students are also being encouraged to use their knowledge of letter sounds to write words on their own.

Our students will also continue to learn about characters, setting, plot, and sequence while we study folk tales during our Stories Domain. We are excited to begin working on plays which we plan to present on January 24th at 2:00. Please plan to join us for our special presentation of these plays on January 24th at 2:00!!!

First Grade:

This week we will be practicing proving our answers from reading by finding page numbers. Making 10 in math this week with 8 as an addend. We did 9 last week. We will be practicing math facts and number bonds as well. In Listen and Learn we will continue learning about Early American Civilizations like the Aztec and Inca. Don't forget to make sure your child can tie their shoes very soon!

Second Grade:

Next week in second grade we are continuing to learn about ancient Greece and Greek Gods and Goddesses. We will listen to and read Greek Myths.

In science we will begin learning about how ancient civilizations used simple machines to make work easier. Magnets were discovered and also used in ancient civilizations.

In Math we are working on strategies for addition and subtraction in Module 4 of Engage NY along with using Zearn Math on the computer.

Our reading next week will center around our library books and reading comprehension passages.

Third Grade:

Welcome back! Next week the 3rd grade will start our new core knowledge unit on The Vikings. We will be studying their legends religion and culture. Monday we will have a mid year evaluation covering ELA for the first half of the year. In math we will be learning about numbers and operations. Specifically learning about addition.

It is important for us to bear down and cover what is spelled out in the curriculum. It is imperative for us to be successful that all our students stay focused. Many students are not focusing when instruction is being presented and therefore are at a loss when we are practicing the instruction given. Their test scores are reflecting their lack of concentration. We are going to start offering math tutoring one day a week. We have identified which students will benefit from this tutoring and we will be contacting you shortly.

Thursday and Friday we will be doing our Winter MAP Testing in Reading and Math. Please encourage your child to take their time and do the best they possibly can. MAP Scores give us an eye on what we need to work on to help your child be successful. We are going to have our Roman Day on Friday January 19th. Parents are invited to this celebration of what we have learned of Ancient Rome. We will be sending more info shortly on what this celebration will entail.

Fourth Grade:

Happy New Year!! Here's what 4th grade is learning this week.


Reading - Spelling test on Friday Jan. 12. We are working on Dynasties in China. In grammar we are working with commas and quotation marks.

Math - We are finishing up our multiplication and division unit. We will have our unit test on multiplication and division on Jan. 16. Keep practicing your multiplication facts!

Science - We are completing our matter unit. Our test will be on Friday, Jan. 12. It will cover properties and changes of matter.

NC History - Our newspaper is on colonial NC and there will be a quiz on Friday.

**We will be MAP testing January 9 and 10. Please be on time those days so we can start promptly after announcements.



Fifth Grade:

CKLA- Students will be reading the classic story Don Quixote. We will be examining character traits, grammar, vocabulary and prefixes/suffixes through this novel.

Math- Students will be reviewing fractions. Student will begin with equivalent fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

Science- Students will be studying the things that make up all living things-CELLS!

Social Studies- Students will discuss Queen Elizabeth I and the Golden Age of England.

Ms. Quesinberry:

6th Grade will have a test next week on what we've done so far with integers and absolute value. They will also start working on plotting on the coordinate grid.

7th Grade will have a short quiz on combining like terms and solving equations and will apply the same skills to solving and graphing inequalities.

8th Grade will have a quiz on solving multi-step equations and on classifications of solutions, and will start looking at linear equations with two variables.

Mrs. James:

Weekly News from the Middle: Mrs. James, English January 2-5, 2018

Vocabulary: We are focusing on Unit 6 this week.

All students will take the Unit 6 Test on Thurs. , Jan. 11th.

Writing- Our next middle school writing projects will be:

Grade 6- Persuasive Speeches

Grade 7- Original Short Stories

Grade 8- Animal Farm Seven Commandments Essays

Students will have the opportunity to use Chromebooks during English class. Students will receive rubrics soon.

Assignments will be due on Fri., Feb. 2nd.

Literature- We are currently reading the following:

Grade 6- Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

Grade 7- Core Knowledge Short Stories

Grade 8- Animal Farm by George Orwell

Mrs. Warner:

Hi everyone,

Happy New Year!

No official homework for Science this week. As usual, I ask that students study and review their notes daily.

6th grade will have a unit test next week on Waves, Sound and Light. They will receive a study guide to help them prepare before next week.

7th grade will be starting a new unit this week on the Structure of Life.

8th grade will be continuing their unit on Microbiology.

Please check your students grades on Powerschool whenever possible. Many students were recently asked to take home quizzes to have them reviewed and signed by parents. I will be asking this more often. I think parents & families are a huge part of education. I rely on you and appreciate you as a big source of support! :)

Science Olympiad team meetings will continue to be held on Thursdays from 3:15-4:30pm. This year will focus on recruitment, team building and introducing students to the topics covered in the competition each year. It is not too late for your student to join. However, please make sure your student is committed and serious about the Science team if they come to meetings. I want us to have fun but we also need to stay focused!

Thanks so much for what you do at home.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Ms. Warner

Ms. Cohen:

Sixth Grade students will continue to learn about the causes and the effects of the French Revolution.

They will learn about the Third Estate, and the key players during the revolution.

Seventh Grade students will finalize their study of The Great Depression. They will also continue to learn about supply and demand, the Stock Market, the DOW, and how economics affect our modern society.

Eighth Grade students will learn about modern day China, and examine the role of the communism on society. Students will also learn about how the Asian economy affects other countries.

All students will be examining the impact of current events at the local, state, and global level.

Dr. K:

Colby Clouse won the recent Electric Car Race in Dr K's 6th grade STEM class



Mr. Gabin:

Hello Math Stars!

What an extraordinary semester it's been. Here's what we're on to next week:

Math 1: Study for Math 1 EOC (Thursday starting at 8am).

Math 2: Study for Math 2 Final (Thursday during period 1).

Math 3: Study for Math 3 Final (Thursday during period 3).

Please email me with any questions at bgabin@llca.school.

Please have all assignments made up and screen shot to me by this Sunday, 1/7, at 9pm.

Thank you.

Ben Gabin

Mr. Hutchins:

Civics: Students will be taking their Exams on Monday 1/8. After exams, students will begin learning about NC history and local history pertaining to Civics and Economics. Also students will look into personal finance and learn about checking/savings accounts, debits and credits.

Horticulture: Students will be working on completing their final exam projects that will count as their final exam grade. This is a review and reflection as to what students have learned throughout the semester.

Ms. Gundle:

Welcome Back!

For the last week in science for this semester we have an interesting schedule!

Anatomy: We will finish up our study guide and jeopardy reviews before our final on Wednesday, January 10th, at 8:00am. We will end the week with a virtual cat dissection and some fun anatomy review games and activities.

Biology: We will finish up our EOC study guide and work on some practice questions before our EOC on Thursday, January 11th, at 8:00am. We will spend the last class doing virtual dissections.

Earth and Environmental systems: We will finish our study guides and play some review games before the final on Wednesday, January 10th, at 1:30pm. We will end the week with some fun activities and the conclusion of our Human Footprint Project.

Study Well!

Mr. Smallwood:

Freshmen- This week will have our final exam on Tuesday. This will be a comprehensive exam that touches on all of the skills that we have practiced over the year as well as many of the works we have studied. The rest of the week will be reviewing skills that will lead them into English II and tying up any loose ends or questions they have.

Sophomores- This week will have our final exam on Tuesday. This will be a state End of Course exam that touches on all of the skills that we have practiced over the year. The rest of the week will be reviewing skills that will lead them into English III and tying up any loose ends or questions they have.

Seniors- With Senior Projects completed last week the seniors will not have an exam on Tuesday. They will be presenting their presentations on Dystopian literature as we wrap up English IV. The last part of

the week will be dedicated to focusing on college/life skills to prepare them for the next step in their journeys.

Mr. Lampson:

North Carolina Music-Next week as we wrap up the semester this class will focus on the current Asheville scene and its artists.

High School Guitar-This class will bring the semester to an end continuing its focus on rhythm and ensemble performance practices.

Rock and Roll History-Next week we will finish up learning about the Seattle Grunge scene of the 1990's.

Coach Bailey:

PE: Students will resume archery in PE.

Coach Searcy:

High School PE:

Both PE I and PE II students will be completing their end-of-semester physical fitness test. Students have tracked their scores from the beginning of the school year and hope to see improvement on each of the physical fitness test.

Ms. Miller:

Counselors Corner

The Character trait for the month of January is Kindness. Our students will be participating in the great kindness challenge at the end of the month where they will try to complete as any random acts of kindness as they can. Kindness is a simple trait that anyone can practice.

6A: We have enjoyed learning about our holidays around the world such as Diwali and Kwanzaa. Next week will we finish our holiday activities and do a few more lessons from our Overcoming Obstacles curriculum.

Classroom Guidance K-3 will work on identifying feelings in different scenarios and building empathy. 4th and 5th grade will be setting goals for the new year.

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