

Greetings Surfer Families!

We are off to a fantastic start to the school year, and it is all because of your engagement and commitment to your student's learning. First, I would like to welcome new students and families to Lee Virtual School. We are thrilled you are with us and look forward to getting to know you as the year progresses. To our returning students and families, welcome back! It was wonderful to see your familiar faces at our First Days event and reconnect. I am excited to partner with you and see amazing growth from our students this academic year.

I have a few reminders for students and parents. Attendance is required in all classes every school day. Students need to log into every class every day to be counted as present even if they are ahead of pace. Once a student completes a course, they will no longer need to log in and are marked present for the remainder of the semester. This is also a great time to check your student's pace in every class. At this time, students should be between 15-25% complete in every class to be on track to finish the course by the end of the semester. If your student is not in this range, please communicate with their teacher(s) to determine a plan for getting back on pace.

I encourage you to reach out if you need any assistance or guidance. Our dedicated teachers and staff work tirelessly to provide support to all our students and families. We want to collaborate with you and be a resource as much as possible. I know together all students will thrive.

Here's to an amazing year ahead!



Mrs. Jennifer McMillan Barnes

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LVS Gifted Students Zoomed to...



On this virtual field trip, students followed **Nickelodeon's** signature **green slime** as it traveled to the **International Space Station** via a rocket launch! From there, astronauts who were stationed at the International Space Station conducted several slime experiments to see how the slime behaved in space, with zero gravity. Students **LOVED** the virtual field trip and learning about slime in space!



Testing Updates

9/21, 9/22 – FSA ELA Writing/Reading Retakes for 12th grade only

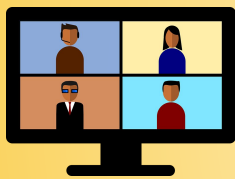
10/2 and 10/3 – Algebra 1 EOC Retakes for previous test takers only

- 10/11 – NCR SAT for 12th only
- 10/17 – **CR** ACT for 11th only
- 10/27 – PSAT for 10th and 11th and 12th needing Math concordant
- 11/6 – NCR ACT English/Reading for 12th only
- 11/8 – NCR ACT Math for 12th only

*NCR = Non College Reporting

*CR = College Reportable

Parent and Student Information Sessions



Just a reminder that our next [Parent Informational Meeting](#) will be held **Thursday, October 19th** beginning at 6pm via Zoom.

We currently have one teacher who is considered Out-of-Field:

- **Sharon “Kate” Harrington** (ESOL)

Middle Grades Math

7th Grade Regular: Please remember to attend your live lessons

Monday @ 10am

Student Spotlight: Blake Wilder

7th Grade Accelerated: Please remember to attend your live lessons

Friday @ 9am

Student Spotlight: Liam Martinez

Pre Algebra: Please remember to attend your live lessons

Tuesdays @ 10am

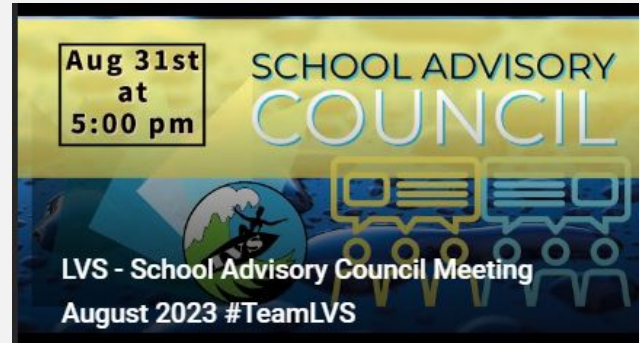
Student Spotlight: Jeremiah Cano





SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

The **August 31st** meeting brought discussions about the school's highly optimistic and academically challenging program.



The principal, Mrs. McMillan Barnes, provided information regarding the academic programs, several data points, and answered questions from the participants. School staff participants included Dr. Iovine, Mr. Metzner, and several teachers. We nominated a SAC Chairperson, updated participants on School Improvement Goals, spoke about clubs, school safety, and enrollments. Mrs. McMillan updated the group on school enrollment for both full and part time. We concluded with setting future SAC meetings.

OCTOBER 26TH AT 5:00PM

NOVEMBER 30TH AT 5:00PM

JANUARY 18TH AT 5:00PM

FEBRUARY 22ND AT 5:00PM

MARCH 28TH AT 5:00PM

APRIL 18TH AT 5:00PM

*Please register to attend the SAC meetings held via **Zoom***



**These are not true representations of the testing environment at LVS. These photos are added for newsletter decoration only.



The LVS **Digital Design Club** is for high school students with an interest in visual arts and photo manipulation. Also, we are a competitive club who actively participate in Character Education months and in the annual Digital Lee countywide contest during second semester. Eligible competition students must be a member of a CTE course at LVS.

Students will learn, share, and grow with one another as the teacher/sponsor, **Mr. Eric J. Metzner**, guides them through the design processes. This is not a class, but we focus on creating student projects that could be added in the Digital Lee competition each year. Some students' works will be submitted for display throughout the halls of the LCPEC district building.

The [Google Classroom](#) code is 4segl34 | The Digital Design [Club Application is here!](#)



The **Mock Trial Club** is sponsored by **Mrs. Tara Guzman**. Meeting times and dates are being formed now. Students learn critical thinking skills, legal reasoning, analysis, persuasive speaking, and professionalism, in addition to the structure and function of the courts and the legal process by competing with local schools on a mock case. More information will follow.



The **National Honor Society (NHS)** is a widely recognized organization in the United States that honors high school students (grades 10-12) who have demonstrated excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership in NHS is often considered prestigious and is based on a combination of academic achievement and involvement in school and community activities. Students who meet the required criteria are invited to join NHS and participate in various service and leadership opportunities. There is a minimum GPA requirement, as well. The teacher/sponsor for NHS is **Mrs. Kim Bonadies**.

[National Honor Society Sign Up Form](#)

There is a Google Classroom for current NHS members



The **National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)** elevates a school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship and helps middle-level students develop the knowledge and skills to become well-rounded student leaders in their school, community, and beyond.

NJHS chapters operate in all 50 states and schools around the world, engaging and serving more than one million students. Reflecting school leaders' profound commitment to student leadership development, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) founded NJHS in 1928 with the purpose of creating enthusiasm for scholarship; stimulating a desire to render service; promoting leadership; encouraging responsible citizenship; and developing character in secondary school students.

In addition to NJHS, NASSP founded and manages the National Honor Society (est. in 1921), National Student Council (est. in 1931), and National Elementary Honor Society (est. in 2008). The teacher/sponsor is **Mrs. Ali Locke**.



SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere) Promise Club provides a space for young people to show their leadership, creativity, and passion for protecting their peers, schools, and communities from violence. SAVE Promise Clubs are student-led and, therefore, a powerful and empowering approach to violence prevention. This club's sponsor is **Mr. Robert Barnes** (Robb@LeeSchools.net).

Through SAVE Promise Clubs, youth organize activities and initiatives that reinforce important lessons learned from [Sandy Hook Promise's programs](#), Say Something and Start With Hello. SAVE Promise Clubs create a culture of upstanders who look out for one another-creating safer classrooms, schools and communities.



Video Game / ESports club meets on the last Thursday of every month at 6pm. Please register for [our Zoom room](#). Also, please join our Google Classroom by using the code: h3wqlke

You will see all of our club updates on this Google Classroom page. Please contact **Mr. Sean O'Grady** at SeanJO@LeeSchools.net. If you have any ideas for the club, feel free to let him know.



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Student Technology Help Request

Costs of Replacements

The Technology Department of LVS is responsible for the proper support of students' acceptable use of all district-owned and LVS issued student-assigned components of the complete Chromebook Package (CBP). The listed components of the CBP are the current costs and are considered "replacement fees" for each of the items listed below at the following rates [current costs per LCSD policies regarding the components listed]:

1. Chromebook (with LCSD badging/etching/labeling) - \$306.47
2. OEM Power Supply - \$32.50
3. Brand name Sleeve/Case - \$16.50





Students who have already completed Driver's Education Class!

Congratulations to Rafael Tiu-Ortiz and to Selim Rodriguez. Great job!

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Evelyne Parke won the Do The Right Thing Award. Here is her picture with her award and t-shirt. Her unwavering dedication to improving academically and socially continued throughout the summer. She kept a rigid schedule that challenged her. The LVS family is very proud of her dedication. Way to go, Evelyne!

Taking Stock in Children application is open and will be until October 20th. I sure would love to see more of our 6th and 9th grade students apply to the program. Here it the email I sent via messenger to 6th and 9th grades' students:

The Foundation for Lee County Schools has such an amazing opportunity for you and there are only two times you can take advantage of applying for this scholarship. If you have never heard of Taking Stock in Children, then sit back and read.

Lee County Students in Grades 6 and 9 can apply to the Taking Stock in Children Mentor Scholarship program. Not only is this one of the most amazing programs in Lee County but you get a mentor who is a prominent member of the community to help lead and guide you, access to the resources of the Foundation of Lee County Schools,, and the opportunity to earn one of 120 prepaid scholarships.

If this is something that excites you, you need to complete the entire online application including all attached documents (you need to contact the schools and teachers to get some of those)

A complete application is:

- 1 The application
- 2 requests for two school employees to complete the scoring from in the application
- 3 copy of last year's tax returns
- 4 Final report cards from 22-23

Apply here

<https://leeschoolfoundation.org/take-stock-in-children/>

before October 20, 2023



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