



Lake Central School Corporation 2018 Summer Newsletter

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Bus Rides to School for All LC Students K-12

We are happy to announce that beginning with the start of this school year we will offer every student in grades K-12 a ride to school! We will implement this change with only slight increases to the length of some bus routes.

Over the years, our district has required students who live in adjacent neighborhoods to walk or be driven to school provided the route did not require the children to cross a major highway such as US,41 or US,30. Recently, as we have focused more attention on all matters involving school safety, our discussions focused on the fact that some students walk up to nine-tenths of a mile to their assigned school. This concern became one that we wanted to address sooner versus later.

We believe there are several benefits to expanding our transportation service. First, placing our students with our well trained and friendly bus drivers will take pressure off families who have been uncomfortable having their children walk to school without supervision. This will give relief to families who have had to alter work schedules or call on relatives and friends for transportation support. Also, for the students who have been walking, we believe getting them out of the occasional extreme weather is a good thing. Finally, we hope that an increase in the number of students riding buses will, in turn, reduce the congestion at those schools that historically have had more students dropped off and picked up due to the old policy.

Tomorrow, July 26, in our online student management service through Skyward, under busing, you will be able to see your child's pickup time and location. As in years past, the first couple of weeks involve new routes, new students and in some cases new drivers. These factors can cause slight delays until everyone gets accustomed to the changes and for this reason, we ask you to be patient.

We want to thank our transportation department for revamping our routes for this year and especially our exceptional drivers who have maintained an outstanding safety record over the years!

-Dr. Larry Veracco, Superintendent.

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Dr. Larry Veracco

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Are You Ready for the School Year?

Recently, I was asked, "Are you guys ready for the school year to begin?" I shared many of the things that we have completed over the summer and after the parent walked away, I remembered all that is yet to be prepared. However, as we approach August 14, we will be ready in all ten buildings for the arrival and return of our nearly 10,000 students!

We are happy to report that our custodial staff and summer help have done a tremendous job deep cleaning our buildings and the floors look fabulous. We have strategically used our capital projects fund to repave the second part of Kahler MS and a portion of the transportation department parking. We have made significant progress in removing carpet at several buildings and replaced stage curtains and upgraded sound systems in three elementary schools. Kolling Elementary got some new bleachers and Grimmer and the Freshmen Center received new sections of roof. Across the district parking lots were restriped and new mulch was spread in flower beds and playgrounds.

On the academic front, principals were actively seeking to find the most qualified teachers to replace the two dozen or so openings created by retirements and resignations. Curriculum design work continued, our mentor design team adjusted our teacher support program, and our entire administrative team received extensive training related to student social and emotional health which was presented by Dr. Lori Desautels of Butler University. Significant academic work was done in our schools, but I also want to thank all those teachers who spent time at home over the summer improving their lessons and preparing for a great 2018-19!

In closing, we would like to extend a warm welcome to students, families, and staff members who are new to our school system. We also enthusiastically welcome back our returning students and staff. We hope to help make everyone's upcoming school year the best ever!

Dr. Larry Veracco
Superintendent of the Lake Central School
Corporation

Lake Central: Summer Print Shop

By: Kevin Holechko, Senior
at LCHS

Have you ever wondered where Lake Central gets all of its off campus passes or tardy slips from? Jerome Rainwater, Career and Technical Education, and his students spend their summer printing everything from school envelopes, tardy passes or even the banners on Main Street at LCHS. Rainwater, who teaches a introductory course in graphics all the way to advanced graphics and design, has students who are currently enrolled or former students come come back and help with the districts work orders. His workers typically spend eight hours a day printing anything the school district or extracurriculars need.





Bibich: Ranked 2nd Nationally



WordMasters
CHALLENGE

*By: Kevin Holechko, Senior
at LCHS*

This past year, Bibich Elementary participated in the WordMasters Challenge. Bibich competed against 5,400 participants in grades K-8 and placed second in the nation overall in their respective division. Mrs. Julie Crary's high ability third-grade class competed in the WordMasters Challenge. Four students scored perfects on their tests within the class. Out of the three times the class tested, Bibich placed second on their first test and third place on both the second and third tests. The overall score placed Bibich in second place within their respective grade. Congratulations to Mrs. Crary and her students on this remarkable achievement.

Bibich: Nominated as a Blue Ribbon School



Congratulations to Bibich Elementary on being nominated as a Blue Ribbon School by the Indiana Department of Education. Blue Ribbon Schools are schools that have improved student achievement to higher levels. Eight schools, including Bibich, were nominated by the state for this immense honor. Blue Ribbon schools are part of the U.S. Department of Education's program that recognizes top performing public and private schools around the United States. If Bibich is awarded it will be the first school in the Lake Central School Corporation to receive such recognition. Congratulations Bibich Elementary on this wonderful achievement.



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LAKE CENTRAL ATHLETICS

Sports teams require a lot of commitment that can dominate players' lives. These activities, also, do not always occur in or within the school. Teams find ways to use their leadership in different ways to benefit themselves as well as their communities.

Chris Enyart Athletic Director at LCHS

Brian Tomson Athletic Director at Clark

Lisa Huguenard Athletic Director at Grimmer

Bill Gray Athletic Director at Kahler

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Congratulations to All of Our State Finalists from the 2017-2018 school year



*Chris Enyeart,
Director of Athletics at
LCHS*

The Lake Central Indians Athletic programs continued our tradition of success during the 2017-2018 school year.

Our teams won IHSAA Sectional Championships in Boys & Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer (state record 15th consecutive Sectional Championship), Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Basketball, and Baseball; our Softball team finished as the IHSAA 4A Runner-Up and our Girls track team won both IHSAA Sectional and Regional Championships. Our Centralette Dance team won their 24th consecutive State Championship and were National Runner-up. The gymnastics program broke the school record for team score four times. We also had several individuals participate in the IHSAA State meets.

We look forward to serving our students and community this upcoming school year and hope everyone enjoys their summer! We Are LC!!

Chris G. Enyeart
Director of Athletics
Lake Central High
School

- Kelani Benson (Girls Track)
- Joey Copeland (Boys Cross Country)
- Maggie DePirro (Girls Swimming)
- William Duszynski (Boys Cross Country)
- Makeda Ellis (Girls Track)
- Riley Ingram (Boys Swimming)
- LaTreasure Johnson (Girls Track)
- Alexis Miestowski (Girls Golf)
- Maddie Rigg (Girls Track)
- Savanna Spears (Girls Swimming)
- Hannah Spoolstra (Girls Swimming)
- Jack Tinsley (Boys Swimming)
- Destiny Washington (Girls Track)



How to get involved with Lake Central High School Athletics

Information for parents, students or community members

(All information can be located on our website <http://athletics.lcsc.us/>):

Complete online registration at FamilyID <https://www.familyid.com/organizations/lake-central-high-school>

Complete the IHSAA pre-participation physical and bring it to the athletic office. <http://www.ihsaa.org/Portals/0/ihsaa/documents/quick%20resources/IHSAA%20PPE%202017-18.pdf>

Present white card provided by the Athletic Department after completion of steps 1 & 2 to the head coach of the sport(s) you will be trying out for.

Create an Eventlink account and choose the sport teams or clubs you want to have the game and practice schedules. (<https://eventlink.com/>)

Order your Lake Central Indians apparel at the following website, you can completely customize your gear. <https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/indiana/stjohn/lake-central-high-school>

Join the Booster Club, they have provided over \$40,000 annually to our athletic programs for uniforms or equipment upgrades and student-athlete scholarships. <http://lchsabc.club/>

We are constantly upgrading our facilities and offer a sponsorship program to help offset these increasing costs. If you are interested or have any questions about this program please contact the Athletic Department for further details at 219-365-8551 or cenyeart@lcscmail.com.



*Theresa Schoon
Director of Primary
Education*

This is the time of year when we begin to lament how quickly summer is slipping by. While I am always sad to see another summer end, I am always thrilled for a new school year to begin. The 2018-19 school year brings some exciting things with it.

Lake Central's elementary schools have selected new science curricular materials that will be implemented in 2018-19. These materials will support the teaching of the Indiana Science Standards adopted in 2016, especially the process standards. Indiana's Science and Engineering Process Standards describe how students should be "doing" science while they are learning science content. Using our new materials, students will be engaging in hands-on experiments and inquiry activities.

The elementary schools will once again participate in One District One Book. The last time we held this event, all elementary families were provided a copy of the book and invited to read, James and the Giant Peach together. Each school

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Kolling: Redesigning School Interior



*By: Kevin Holechko, Senior at
LCHS*

Kolling Elementary School received major upgrades this summer that will make the interior of the building look almost completely new and refurbished. Ten classrooms were refurbished with carpet removed and tile installed. The gym will be looking almost new with bleachers being installed and new sound systems and curtains. The biggest and perhaps the most impactful thing on students and staff, is the new classroom constructed in the school library.



Grimmer: Holds Summer School



Grimmer Middle School held summer school classes this year for students in grades 5-7. Grimmer also received a few renovations. Grimmer's infrastructure was updated and SMART TV's were installed in the band and choir room.



Welcoming Kathy Sapyta to the LC Family

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had different activities to encourage participation and make it a fun, family literacy event. The culminating activity was attending a performance of the play put on by the LCHS Theater Department. This year's ODOB promises to be just as exciting. The book title and all the planned festivities will be revealed in early October.

While standardized testing may not be as exciting as science experiments and literacy celebrations, we are looking forward to the changes Indiana's new state test promises to bring. Specifically, a single test window, computer adaptive testing platform, untimed testing, and results returned in a timely fashion are all improvements that will potentially allow teachers more time to do what is most important-instruct children.

So while you are taking a last minute vacation or making those last trips to the beach, know that we have a great school year planned and are looking forward to seeing all of our students on August 14.

*Theresa Schoon
Director of Primary
Education*



Kathy Sapyta, Principal at Protsman

It is with great excitement and anticipation that I join the wonderful learning community of Protsman Elementary School, as well as, the Lake Central School family. I am eager to get started working with the staff, students and families at Protsman. I have been in education for 36 years, having taught all grade levels first through fourth grade and been an administrator for 6 years.

It is my mission to provide a safe, nurturing, highly rigorous learning environment for the children at Protsman Elementary. It is my belief that it is of the utmost importance that we strive to teach the whole child; socially, emotionally and academically. We must begin by building relationships with our students in order to meet their needs and strive for each and every student to meet his/her full potential as a lifelong learner.

The school environment should be one that embraces collaboration, teamwork, challenges, high expectations, empathy towards others, and of course, FUN! I am looking forward to a wonderful year with

my new Lake Central Family.

Clark: Takes on LCHS Science Camp



By: Kevin Holechko, Senior at LCHS

Lake Central High School students held a student run science camp during the week of July 16-20. Students from all three middle schools were invited to participate in the camp. Mr. Kendal Smith, Science, provided his classroom to be used as well as offered to supervise the students with the assistance a few more teachers from the high school. While at the camp, students not only were able to learn all about science, ranging from biology to physics, but also were able to conduct several experiments and work in groups.





Homan: Playground Receives New Mulch



By: Kevin Holechko, Senior at

Homan received refurbishments both in and outdoors over the summer. New sound systems were installed in the gym along with new stage curtains for the theater. New mulch for the playground was laid down to refurbish the grounds and update them for appearance and safety.



Kahler: Finishes Repaving of Back Parking Lot

By: Kevin Holechko, Senior at LCHS

Kahler Middle School had been in the process of repaving its parking lot, taking two summers to complete. Kahler's parking lot is now fully refurbished with blacktop being poured down in the back of the school and the north side making the entire parking lot look brand new.





Welcome to Lake Central Terry Mucha



*Terry Mucha,
Director of Human
Resources*

It is my pleasure to join the Lake Central family as the Director of Human Resources.

I hope to contribute to the excellence that is already part of the LC culture and will work with all members of the community as we strive towards continuous improvement.

As a former teacher, I am excited to see the caliber of expertise that LC teachers bring to their students. It is widely known throughout the region that LC teachers lead the way in the knowledge and experience that they

bring to their classrooms. With the guidance of Mrs. Schoon and Mrs. Castaneda, teachers are adhering to the standards and providing students with more than just Department of Education requirements. They are igniting the love of learning necessary to be successful.

As a former counselor, I feel that it is imperative to provide for the social/emotional needs of our population. Lake Central has demonstrated their commitment to this important area by employing both counselors and school service providers at all levels. They provide students the support they need which allows students to perform at their highest potential in our educational settings. I observed the referendum from an outsider's perspective and was impressed to note that some of the monies obtained

would be dedicated towards this initiative. Our school community continues to put the needs of our students first and our commitment to these priorities makes this system a desirable place to work and learn.

As a former building administrator, I am excited to join this talented and dedicated group of LC leaders. They are truly committed to their students and support them in untold ways each and every day. My goal is to give them the help they need to reach even higher levels of success for their students.

Thanks to all the staff members who have given me such a warm welcome to the community. I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future.

Watson: Open House



Watson School is looking forward to its annual Open House/Pasta Dinner! This year, the event will be held on Wednesday, August 29. Detailed information will go home with students on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 14. If you are interested in ordering the pasta dinner, please return your form along with payment by Friday, August 17.

The Pasta Dinner is a Watson tradition and an event that is enjoyed by all. Families can come out and meet our staff and enjoy a delicious pasta dinner. All Watson families are welcome to attend!

Peifer: Summer School & Improvements



By: Kevin Holechko, Senior at LCHS

Summer school was held at Peifer Elementary School this year. Students in grades K-4 as well as Adventure Club spent their time at Peifer. While summer school was going Peifer received some renovations to a classroom and hallway. Tile was installed along a hallway and the auditorium received new curtains and sound systems.





Update on the Transition from Westlake to LCSE

West Lake



*Rebecca Gromala
Director of Special
Education*

The 2018-2019 school year marks the final year for the West Lake Special Education Cooperative. Beginning July 1,

2019, the Lake Central Corporation will begin providing their special education services without the support of the cooperative. Parents, students, and staff will not experience any changes during the upcoming school year. Administrators from both Lake Central and the School Town of Munster will be working together during

the 2018-2019 school year to ensure a smooth transition. The goal of both corporations is to minimize the impact of the separation on students and staff. The Lake Central School Corporation currently provides a full continuum of special education services within their buildings. All programs, including the Transition to Adulthood Program (TAP), will remain following the separation. Further updates will be provided throughout the school year.

A reminder from Food Services

Food Services has the following available at registration: The household application for free & reduced school meals and textbook assistance, the ability to apply money on your students skyward account (Please note that the balances carry over each year), August Menus and Diet Order Forms.

Elementary

Your student's teacher will ask them in the morning what their choice is for lunch and place the order for them. Once they come into the cafeteria, they grab their lunch card and go through the serving line.

A la carte items are available for all students to purchase whether they're purchasing a school lunch or bringing a home lunch.

Middle & High School

Students will not need to pre-order lunches in the classroom, but will have an option telling the server what they would like for lunch. Menus are posted out in the cafeteria, and also on each serving line. Parents may also access all menus on the Lake Central Website along with the nutritional information. Students will have the option of choosing as many as 4 different entrees and will be able to go in any line they wish.

A la carte

Items are also available; from your skyward account parents can manage your student's purchases and place restrictions on the a la carte items. Meals, foods and beverages sold or served at Lake Central meet State requirements based on the USDA Dietary Guidelines. All items sold a la carte can be found on our website. We provide students with access to a variety of affordable appealing foods that meet the health and nutritional needs of students. Administrative Regulations on Wellness, Physical Activity and Nutrition are available on our district home page www.lcsc.us.

Selecting Breakfast

Start your student's day off right with a healthy school breakfast! Breakfast will give your student more energy, keep them healthy and help to improve their grades. We have several items to choose from. There is a different hot item daily, along with berry parfaits or your choice of several cereals and breakfast bars. School breakfast is served daily. Everyone is welcome, bus riders, car riders and walkers. If your student arrives late make sure to tell the office they need to eat. We accommodate late bus arrivals.

Menus

Menus will be posted on the school website approximately one week before the start of each month. Parents are encouraged to monitor choices their student makes both at home and at school. Parents can view items their student has purchased by going to www.skyward.com.

Meal Prices 2018-2019 School year (Prices are subject to change)

Breakfast meals are \$1.60 for Elementary, \$1.70 for Secondary students and \$.30 for reduced students and no cost for students who are approved free. Breakfast is served in the dining room as soon as the students arrive at school. Lunch prices for Elementary are \$2.30, for Secondary are \$2.55. Students approved for reduced meals will be charged \$.40 for lunch and no cost for students who are approved free.



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Sarah Castaneda,
Director of
Secondary Education
**Welcoming and Supporting
New Teachers**

Summer is quite a busy time for school corporations. As soon as graduation is complete, a dedicated group of office, maintenance, technology, teaching, and administrative staff continue to work throughout the summer months in preparation for the start of a new school year.

One of the biggest challenges we are starting to face is finding quality teachers to fill open positions. School districts are used to having vacancies to fill, and for quite some time, Lake Central was able to attract an abundance of high quality candidates. However, due to the teacher shortage in Indiana and across the country, all school districts have begun to struggle to find candidates, particularly in the areas of science and math. That is one of the reasons it was so critical for us to pass the referendum this spring, so we can retain our current team of dedicated, hard working teachers and attract the top candidates for new

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Transportation: Trial Bus Route

If your child will be starting Kindergarten this year, the Lake Central Transportation Department will offer a trial bus run for all students on August 13. Kindergarten students must be accompanied by a parent on the practice bus run. Buses will leave the transportation center at 10AM. To ensure that you and your child make the bus, please arrive at your bus stop by 10AM as well. If you are a parent looking for your child's bus route and number, please go to transport.lcsc.us. The site will provide all the information you need regarding bus services for students. If you have any questions, please call the Transportation Department at (219) 365-3141.



Don't Miss Out On These Dates

July 26: Online registration opens in Skyward

July 30: Parking Passes become available for high school students

August 6: Final day for registration

August 7: Freshman Rush at LCHS

August 9: All Lake Central Schools open for students and parents to tour

August 13: First Teacher Day

August 14: First Day of School

*Back To
School*





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positions. We are incredibly grateful to the Tri-Town community for their support to ensure we have the best teachers for our students.

This year Lake Central will welcome 30 new teachers to the district. Our new teachers come from a variety of backgrounds, ranging from recent college graduates to veteran teachers with many years of experience in other schools. To support these teachers in their transition to Lake Central, we host a two day new teacher orientation before school begins. The teachers are trained on our technology programs, as well as introduced to our curriculum and district philosophy of customer service to our families. The new teachers are also given time to meet and work with their building principals. Support for our new teachers, however, does not end with orientation. We pair each new teacher with an experienced mentor teacher to help guide them throughout the school year and serve as a resource for any questions they may have.

We are very excited to begin working with this new group of teachers and look forward to another outstanding school year with our staff.

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We wish all of our students, parents and staff good luck as we start another school year. We hope you had a wonderful summer and are eager to make and share many more memories with your child. On behalf of the Lake Central Administration we welcome you to or back to the Lake Central School Corporation.
*-Lake Central Administration
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- Open a web browser and type <https://goo.gl/AQrgIg> in the address bar to access step-by-step instruction.



- Open a web browser and type lake-central.lcsc.us in the address bar. Student Email will be in the upper right-hand corner.
- Enter username: Student Email (example: RLStein@lcstudents.com).
- Enter Password: First initial last initial (capitalized) and student ID#
- Example: RS1234567



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- Username: (example: RLStein).
- Enter password: example (RL1234567)



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