



# CENTRAL NOTES

## Lawrence Central Principal's Newsletter



### Meet the Principal

I have spent my entire career in Lawrence! I'm embarking on my 5th year as the principal at LC. Prior to my current role I was an assistant principal at FCV and LN. Before entering administration I was a teacher, coach and department chair right here at Lawrence Central.

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## Welcome Back to School

I'd like to welcome you to the 2017-2017 school year. I have the honor of serving as your principal, and it is with great excitement that I get to welcome our students, families, faculty and staff back to school.

We have had a very busy and productive summer at LC, and we are prepared to create excellent experiences for our students. This year's focus is exactly that - creating excellent experiences! We know that our teachers will go above and beyond to help our students prepare for tomorrow's opportunities.

We've taken this concept to heart across our entire building. So much so do we believe in the power of learning experiences that our school improvement committee transformed our mission statement. Our new and improved mission statement reads:

*The mission of Lawrence Central High School is to provide Excellent educational experiences that prepare the students of today for the opportunities of tomorrow.*

We will use this new mission to guide our practices as we strive to make Lawrence Central the best it can be. Again, I sincerely welcome you to the new school year. That's all for now. Have a great day and as always... Go Bears!!!

Sincerely,

Rocky Valadez  
Principal

## Introducing a *FRESH* Start

Lawrence Central is proud to open our newly formed Freshman Center. Although no physical changes have taken place, we have made some key changes geographically to allow for greater transitional programming. All core classes (English, Math, Social Studies & Science) will be housed in the far east end of the building. Our Freshman School teachers will help provide consistency for students, allow for collaborative time together, and increases availability for student support as we transition students into high school. In addition, we have two freshman counselors and their focus will be the class of 2020. This will allow for easier student access and better communication between students and staff in the Freshman Center.

### Freshman Center Leadership Team:

Freshman Center Principal: Mr. JR Shelt ([contact](#))

Freshman Center Administrative Assistant: Yolanda Vagas ([contact](#))

Freshman Center Counselor A-GO: Brian Maloney ([contact](#))

Freshman Center Counselor GRA-Z: Candis Lavallais ([contact](#))

# Back to School Information

The **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** is Thursday, August 4th.

**Arrival:** Students have access to the building at 8:35 a.m., and all classes begin at 8:50 a.m.

On the first day of classes all students will report to their G1 class. Students can find their G1 class assignments printed on large posters found in the Commons, Guidance Offices, Freshman Center, and Media Center.

**Schedules:** All students will receive a new, OFFICIAL on Thursday morning in their G1 classroom. This schedule should be followed as printed as it is updated to reflect any changes made since schedule pick-up days. Students with a G1 class at McKenzie will pick up their new schedules in the Hall of Fame (Door 11) upon arrival Thursday morning.

**Lunches:** Each student lunch block is 30 minutes in length and takes place during G3 and M7. Teachers of G3 and M7 classes will inform their students the first day of class regarding the assigned lunch block: A, B, C or D.

**Free/Reduced Lunch Info:** An application is required every year for Free/Reduced Lunch and Textbook Assistance. If you have not completed the form, you may access it using the following link: [Lunch Link](#)

**Senior Café:** LC is fortunate enough to have a separate eating space for our senior students. Seniors must show their student ID to have access to the Senior Café.

## Scheduling Information

The most frequently asked question regarding scheduling is "How do I change my schedule?" Student schedules are "set". Unfortunately, due to the large number of students we serve, in combination with the staffing needs of the building, the only changes to student schedules made at this time are done to correct errors. If you have questions or concerns about scheduling please visit our [guidance webpage](#) for more information.

### Guidance Quick Hits

[LC Curriculum Guide](#)

[LC Guidance List](#)  
[Serve Sign Up](#)

[LC Scholarship List](#)  
[Serve Sign Up](#)



## Transportation

Bus information will be online on July 27th . If your student rides the bus to school and you did not receive an email with information from our transportation department with instructions for accessing your child's bus information, please contact transportation at 317-423-8400.

## Student Drivers

Students with a valid driver's license and valid parking pass are allowed to drive to school and use one of our student parking lots. Students can pick up a parking pass in the athletic office (door 9). Student vehicles that do not have a valid parking pass visible are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

## Immunization Information

Indiana state law requires all student to have an up to date immunization record, religious exemption letter or medical exemption letter on file before the start of school. Please see the following [link](#) outlining immunization requirements.

## Skyward Information

Skyward is our district's student management system. Parents and families can use the Skyward Family Access portal to track many aspects of their student's progress including attendance, academic performance and discipline. If you do not currently have access and need a Parent Username and password please use this [link](#) to request access.

## Chromebook Information

All Lawrence Central students will be issued a Chromebook. Chromebooks are a valuable resource that allow our students to supplement their learning through the use of technology. All students will be required to complete the MSD of Lawrence Township Policy and Student/Family Responsibility form prior to receiving a device.

## MiFi Hot Spot Information

This year LT schools will NOT be issuing MiFis to students. If you are in need of home internet access please see the following information.

### [AT & T Everyone on Program](#)



### [Comcast - Internet Essentials Program](#)



### [AT & T Home Access](#)



## Student Password Change

We are asking all students to change their password. Digital security is important. Students can avoid the risk of other students gaining access to their files and information by changing their Google password. The password change is easy and will keep student info safe and secure in Skyward and Canvas. Please have your student use the following link to change their password. [Password Change Form](#)

## Save the Date: Back to School Night

Lawrence Central's Back to School Night will be held on Thursday, August 18th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm. This is a great chance for parents and families to meet your student's teachers. You will have the opportunity to move through your student's schedule to meet their teachers and gain valuable information about their classes. You'll get valuable insight on helping your student have a successful school year. Teachers, coaches, counselors and administrators will all be available to answer questions and assist families. We hope to see you there!

## Lawrence at Lucas!



Lawrence Township is proud to announce that Friday, September 2nd is Lawrence Night at Lucas Oil Stadium. Come out and watch Lawrence Youth Football (Mini Bears vs. Mini Cats) at 5:15pm, Belzer will battle Fall Creek Valley at 6:30pm, and at 8:00pm your Bears will battle the LN Wildcats. Presale tickets are available in the athletic office (door 9). General Admission Presale tickets are \$5 for elementary aged students (K-6) and \$10 for all others. Buy in advance and save! (All tickets at the LOS door will be \$13)

## The Marching Pride to Pasadena

On January 2, 2017, approximately 250 Lawrence Township students will experience the thrill of being part of this long standing tradition known as the Rose Parade. Over 700,000 spectators and more than 81 million television viewers worldwide will be watching as these talented band members represent not only the MSD of Lawrence Township but also the entire state of Indiana. **As a community**, we can come together to create a once in a lifetime experience for these students to showcase to the world the **EXCELLENCE** of MSD of Lawrence Township. Thank you for making this possible. If you would like to make a [donation](#) or have additional questions, please contact Cori Korn at 317-423-8302 or [corikorn@msdlt.k12.in.us](mailto:corikorn@msdlt.k12.in.us).

