



The Weekly Wave

Father Lopez Catholic High School

September 13, 2019

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Upcoming Events

This week: Celebrating Hispanic Heritage!

Monday, September 16

Senior Picture Make-Ups (by appt.)

Tuesday, September 17

College Reps @ Lunch; Boy's Golf vs. Seabreeze @ Oceanside GC, 3:30p; HOME Volleyball vs. New Smyrna Beach, 5:30/6:30p

Wednesday, September 18

HOME Boys' Golf vs. Atlantic/NSB @ Daytona Beach GC, 3:30p

Thursday, September 19

Prayer at the Cross; Freshman Class Committee @ Lunch; Choir Rehearsal, 1:15p; College Planning Meeting, 6p; HOME Volleyball vs. Warner Christian, 5/6p

Friday, September 20

HOME Football vs. Frostproof, 7p; ACT Registration Deadline for October 26 Test.

Saturday, September 21

Cross Country @ Embry-Riddle Classic, 7a; Swimming @ Spruce Creek/ Lopez Invitational, 7a

FRESHMAN CLASS COMMITTEE

Freshmen wishing to run for an SGA office **must attend** the Freshman Class Committee meeting in room 503 during lunch on September 19. Those who aren't sure about running for office but wish to be involved are strongly encouraged to attend too!

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Lopez Families,

This past week Mrs. Katelyn Fisher, Mrs. Marie Gallo-Lethcoe and I attended an informational workshop regarding our accreditation. We are currently accredited by AdvancEd, (formerly SACS) and our next accreditation journey will result in a dual certification through both AdvancEd and the FCC (Florida Catholic Conference). Many already know that accreditation is the process of using a set of rigorous research-based standards and evidence based criteria to examine an educational institution to determine the schools' effectiveness and faithfulness to its' mission. A popular misconception is that the process is only engaged in during an accreditation year. In fact, accreditation should be an exercise in continued improvement. We will begin a self-study this year that will be used to inform a formal accreditation visit next year. We will be asking for your help in this process. Minimally, we will be asking for participation in surveys, but we would also like to engage some of our parents more intimately in the process.

Last Spring, I served as a team member for another schools' visit in Boca Raton. The school was a faith-based high school about our size and it was enlightening to see the process from that perspective. In the conference room of this school where the team spent the better part of two days, there is a quote painted on the wall. It says, "Good is the enemy of great". While I was happy to be at this school to serve, the quote made me long to be back at Father Lopez. We enjoy so many blessings at Father Lopez. Our campus is beautiful and our faculty are impressive and caring. Most of all, our starting point each year is an extraordinary and dedicated group of students whose families care deeply about education and are committed to the process. We start with everyone planning on and expecting to graduate. Sadly, this is not the case at every high school. The threat is that when you are bestowed with blessings like ours, you may fall into the trap of being complacent, or comfortable with being "good". The reality is that without any exceptional effort on our part, many of our students will achieve great success, our PSAT scores will be higher than the state and national average, and nearly all of our students will graduate and go on to pursue their education further.

My team and I are committed to raising this bar on a daily basis. We are not satisfied with the achievement that comes easily and could be described as "good". Our goal is excellence and I am so thankful to all of you who help support this mission everyday.


Peace be with you,

Leigh Svajko
Principal

PARENTS - PLEASE STAY CONNECTED!



With a new school year comes new changes to contact information! Please take a moment to review and update your phone, address, e-mail and emergency contact information in your [ParentsWeb](#) account(s). Without the correct information, we may not be able to reach you if your child becomes ill. You could also miss out on communications from teachers; weather, safety or team/sports alerts; our newsletter from the principal, and more. Thank you for helping us to help you stay connected!



College Planning Night
for Juniors & Seniors

September 19, 2019: Multi-Purpose Center

Agenda:
6:00-6:30: College 101
6:30-7:00: Financial Aid
(Representative from Stetson)
7:00-7:15: Questions

PSAT Day 2019: Wednesday, October 16!

All students in grades 9-11 will participate in the PSAT on October 16. Pre-gridding will take place on **October 9-10** during Theology classes, please be in attendance!

Testing Day: Get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, bring #2 pencils, bring an approved calculator, **arrive by 7:45!**



Students: Appelley Poetry Contest



COLLEGE REP VISITS TO LOPEZ

College representatives will be scheduled to visit campus on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:00 during lunch. They will be set up in the back of the cafeteria so that students from all grade levels may visit. The following visits are currently scheduled:

September 17: Daytona State College, Florida International University, SCAD, University of Florida, University of North Florida

October 1: Daytona State College, Full Sail University, U. S. Coast Guard, University of South Florida, University of Miami

October 8: University of South Carolina, U. S. Coast Guard

November 5: Florida Technical College

SAT/ACT TESTING DATES: Click [here!](#)

OFF-CAMPUS COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Tuesday, September 17, 5-7:30 pm: College & Career Expo @ Mainland High School



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



FA.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Towards Harmony)

Our faith requires us to do justice! [Epiphany Parish](#), a [FAITH](#) congregation, will be hosting two 1-hour "House Meetings". These meetings are your chance to provide grass roots input for the FAITH agenda. All are invited to join us for one of these important conversations:

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30 PM, Epiphany Parish House #3

Friday, October 4 at 3:30 PM, Epiphany Parish House #2

For additional information contact Virginia: virginiaepiphany@cfl.rr.com or 386-898-3717.

"What does The Lord require of you but to act Justly and to love Mercy and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8

[St. Peter's Catholic](#) Community in DeLand is looking for volunteers to help with their annual [Oktoberfest](#) which will be held on their campus from October 3-6. To sign up, click [here](#).

[Prince of Peace Contemporary Choir](#) is in need of musicians and singers for a weekly commitment from 10:30 am - 12:30 each Sunday for choir practice followed by mass. For more info, contact Rebecca Peck at (386) 212-9777 or rbamer2@yahoo.com.

City of DeLand 'Hay Day Fall Fest': ***Rescheduled*** to October 11, Earl Brown Park:
Contact Jennifer Shaw Wilder: 386-626-7300 or wilderj@deland.org

[Halifax Health Hospice 5K](#): ***Rescheduled*** to November 9, Port Orange Pavilion:
Contact Mr. Drabczyk in the Student Services Office.

DR MISSION TRIP MEETING



Tuesday, October 15

O'Neill Family Media Center

A **mandatory** informational meeting about the student mission trip to the DR will be held on October 15. Interested students and a parent/guardian must be in attendance. This year's trip will run from March 14-21, 2020.



Spirit Team Clinic

Thursday, October 3 - Clinic
Friday, October 4 - Performance

\$50 [Registration](#) fee

Open to ages kindergarten through eighth grade

RSVP to ehunter@fatherlopez.org by September 23. Click for [flyer](#) or [waiver!](#)

"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." ~ Tenzin Gyatso

