



LWA NEWSLETTER

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MISSION STATEMENT

LWA teaches and motivates students to seek, discover, embrace, and apply knowledge while exploring their personal, artistic, and academic talents in order to engage in life with a culturally respectful, civically responsible, and innovative entrepreneurial spirit for success in higher education and the careers of an increasingly global society.

MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear LWA Families,

We are more than two months into the school year, and October was absolutely amazing! The school was full of spirit as students showed off their cultures, cozied up in pajamas, dressed up for Decades Day, and represented LWA by wearing white and blue during Spirit Week, which culminated in Homecoming, a fun-filled day when families celebrate and show their pride in LWA.

One of the marks of a successful school is when students come back to visit, and we were honored to host alum Greg Siff along with Trustee and alum Keith Cacciola on October 21. Greg held inspiring art workshops for our students, and we are grateful that he shared his time and talent with his alma mater.

To close off the busy month, we held our annual Halloween Parade, during which our youngest students paraded around the school and were cheered on by the older students, who distributed candy to the little ones. While certainly a way for students to have fun and enjoy some sweets, this wonderful tradition is also one of the many ways that LWA builds a strong sense of community. Tigers for Life!

Best,
Hank Williams

At Home with
the World



LOWER SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT



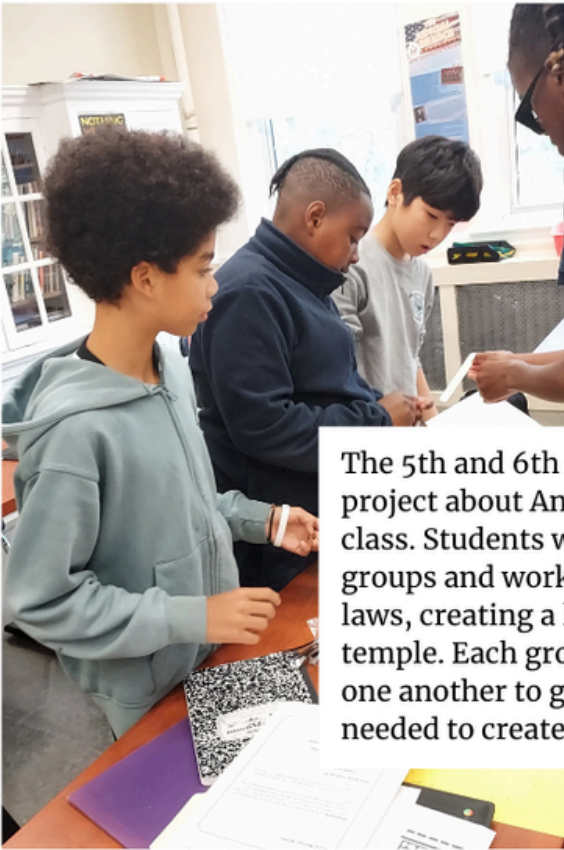
First and Second Graders Learning Recorders!

This year the first and second graders are having fun learning how to read and play notes on their own recorders. They will be performing later this year at our Lower School Winter Concert! -Mrs. Longo



October was a busy month for the Kindergarteners! One of the highlights of the month for us was learning all about Fire Safety. We did a fire safety scavenger hunt around our school where we searched high and low for fire alarms, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and emergency exits. The students had a blast! The Kindergarteners along with the rest of the students in the Lower School had an amazing opportunity to explore a real fire truck when the Hewlett Fire Department came to visit our school! - Mrs. Sharpe

MIDDLE SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT



The 5th and 6th grades completed a project about Ancient Mesopotamia in class. Students were split into small groups and worked on creating a set of laws, creating a language, and designing a temple. Each group also had to trade with one another to get the resources they needed to create a catapult. - Mr. Ellis



UPPER SCHOOL CURRICULAR HIGHLIGHT

The Miracles of Human Language

A profound reflection of human creativity, with over 7,000 spoken globally, languages showcase unique phonetic qualities, vocabulary varieties, and grammatical structures that highlight the versatility of verbal and nonverbal communication around the world.

The Miracles of Human Language is an introductory course that examines what is language and introduces phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and language acquisition among other aspects of linguistic studies.

A rich tapestry of human history and social dynamics is seen in languages we use that can shape our perception and cognition, underscoring the intricate relationship between a word and thought.

In the month of October, the students collaborated on four group presentations on various topics in historical and applied linguistics, as well as psycho- and sociolinguistics. The last week of October was filled with sharing gathered information and ideas, exchanging viewpoints and questions, learning to maintain interest and engagement of the audience in many ways, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

It's our hope that the knowledge that students are acquiring through this course will give them new tools and perspectives on language learning and enhance their appreciation of English.

-Dr. Pagieva



COLLEGE CORNER



After a grueling few months of essay writing and soul searching, here are some of our seniors applying to college on Halloween in lieu of the Early Action November 1 deadline! Go, Class of 2025!





Monthly Mental Health Workshops

With the increasing influence of social media in students' lives, it is essential to address its impact on mental health. This month's seminar will dive into how platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and Snapchat influence self-esteem, anxiety, and overall well-being. Students will engage in discussions about the importance of balancing screen time with other meaningful activities like learning, face-to-face interactions, and personal growth. By reflecting on how social media shapes their mindset and behavior, students will develop strategies to manage their online presence in healthier, more mindful ways.

-Ms. Baralis, School Psychologist



Sports

The Lawrence Woodmere Academy girls JV Volleyball team had a successful season. They came in third place during the regular season and made it to the PSAA playoffs during which they took LWA all the way to the semi-finals! They fell short in the semi-final game, but the girls built friendships, memories, and chemistry under the leadership of Coach Ramos. The girls made the games and practices competitive, fun, and something to look forward to all while learning the game of volleyball. Isabela Tovar and Gabi Pierre made the PSAA All Conference team. These two young ladies scored an outstanding amount of points on their serve and serve receive. Gabi Pierre brought us a win by serving 21 points in a row at a game. Congratulations to Gabi and Isabela for their phenomenal performance in volleyball and being leaders on and off the court. Congratulations to Coach Ramos, the players, and team managers for an outstanding season and bringing LWA to the semi-finals! Go TIGERS!



Clubs

In Science Research, students continued our discussion about wetlands in NYS. I introduced the GALE virtual reference collection as a resource, and we found an article about NYS wetlands using the VRC. Then, I walked the students through the steps and order of reading a scientific paper. Students will be collecting water samples from their local neighborhoods for us to study under the microscope. This ties in to our studies and discussion on wetlands because we are going to be studying and comparing samples from marshes.

-Ms. Charles

AT HOME WITH THE WORLD



The "At Home with the World" club is all about celebrating diversity at LWA. Our weekly gatherings highlight everyone's unique cultural experiences. We engage in enriching discussions and enjoy beautiful presentations - virtual tours - and traditional food. This is a wonderful time to connect with peers and faculty, share our thoughts and perspectives, and hear inspiring stories from around the world. - Dr. Pagieva

TRIPS

Lower School students took a trip to Tanglewood Preserve this month! Our Preschool and Kindergarten students got to explore a Dinosaur exhibit and meet a few animals!

Grades 1-4 went on a Nature Hike and did a Fossil Dig!

Both days were filled with lots of smiles and fun!



On Thursday, October 10, Middle and Upper School Students had an exhilarating day ziplining among the trees!

SPIRIT WEEK



LWA Spirit is always on display, but each year in October we turn UP the volume as a lead-in to Homecoming Weekend! This year the student council came up with amazing themes: Rep your flag day!, Pajama day (always a classic!), and Decades day by division. On Friday, we celebrated the LWA Blue and White as we cheered our athletes on at Pep Rally! GO TIGERS!!!

PEP RALLY

LWA PEP RALLY

2024

MEMORIES



On the final day of Spirit Week, LWA hosts a pep rally during which the entire school gathers to celebrate our athletes. The players ran in to a roaring crowd, posed for pics with Tiger, and played a heated game of volleyball against the staff!

HOMEcoming

Family fun at LWA Homecoming

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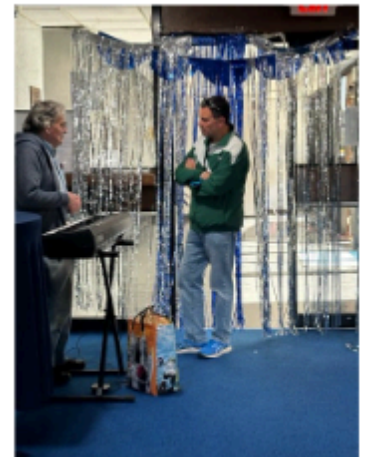


Each year, the LWA Parent Association puts together a phenomenal day of school spirit and community fun at Homecoming! This year our school was thrilled to be able to celebrate in the Fall with rides, a petting zoo, food trucks and so much more. The Boys JV Basketball team put on a tremendous showing coached by Upper School students Caleb Andigue and Sylvanus Tabe.

Check us out in the [Nassau Herald](#) to read more about the event in case you missed it!



ALUMNI MIXER FALL 2024



Alumni across the years gathered in the LWA Library on October 19th to laugh, recollect, and relive some of their best L(WA) memories. Jon Rich WA'1964 commemorated 60 years since graduating from the Academy by playing on the Hessel Hall piano and singing the Woodmere Academy Alma Mater and Fight Songs for Mr. Altieri and the other LWA guests. More recent alums played in the Pep Rally Volleyball Game and announced the play-by-play at the Basketball Exhibition on Homecoming Saturday. Thank you to all those who joined in on the festivities!

We look forward to seeing more of our Alumni throughout the year!

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT- GREGORY SIFF



On October 21st, Alumni and acclaimed artist Gregory Siff returned to LWA to lead two lectures on Life in the Arts and Art in your Life! Students from all three divisions got to explore their artistic talents, ask questions and brainstorm ideas for an original mural to be added to the grounds. Thank you to Board of Trustees member and fellow Alumni Keith Cacciola for bringing Gregory back to his roots at Lawrence Woodmere Academy!



Learn more about [Gregory Siff](#) and his [visit to LWA](#)

ACTS AWARDS



Congratulations to all
of our Q1 ACTS
Award winners!

Academic
Community Service
Talent
Sports



THINKING PINK @ LWA



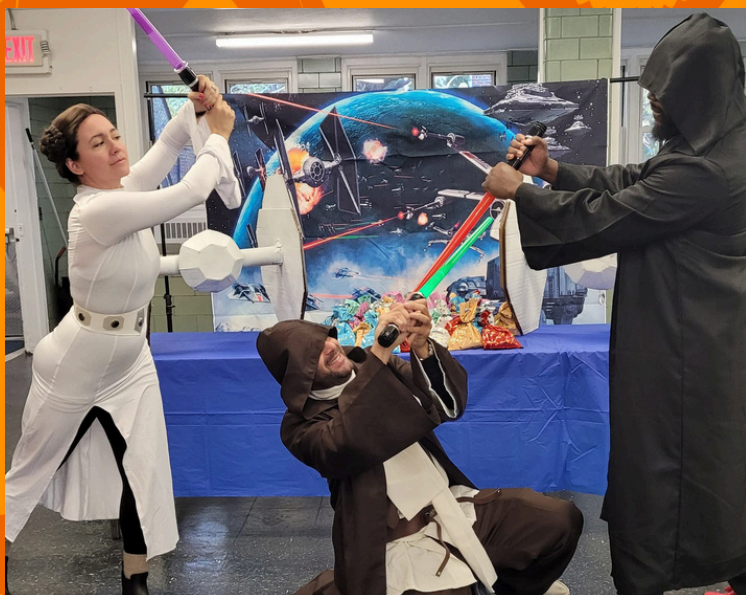
**LWA
STANDS
UP TO
CANCER!**



Students came together to bring awareness to Breast Cancer on 10/25 by wearing pink, sharing statistics and reading poetry. Please continue to wear pink throughout November to support Breast Cancer Awareness!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN, BOO!



Halloween fun was in full force as the parents of our Lower School Tigers came together for the third annual Haunt or Treat. Congratulations to the Kindergarten class for winning best table as voted by our Student Council Executives.

Our Middle and Upper School students also enjoyed a Halloween Bash hosted by Mr. Zach and the Student Council. Thanks to everyone who made the day a spooktacular success!

Families are encouraged to donate their unused candy back to the school through Wednesday 11/6.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Quarter 2 starts on Tuesday November 5th. Please keep on top of all assignments and grades through Google Classroom and FACTS



Bring a Friend to School day is Tuesday November 5th. We look forward to meeting everyone!



It's officially Basketball Season! Please come out to support the 5 amazingly talented teams that represent LWA. GO TIGERS!



On Friday November 8th, LWA will be hosting a Veterans Day Assembly. Friendly reminder that school is closed on Monday November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.



INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS WITH LWA



**NOW OPEN TO BOTH THE
MIDDLE AND UPPER SCHOOL
DIVISIONS!**

**You're invited to join LWA in Greece
for Summer 2025!**



**A final info session will be held on 11/14/2024 @ 7pm
EST via Zoom**

RSVP HERE: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/9w6hh9e>



Scan to RSVP
to the meeting



WOODMERE GALA 2025

LAWRENCE
WOODMERE ACADEMY
INVITES YOU TO

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE
ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
GALA

FEBRUARY 8, 2025

7:30PM

GREENVIEW AT
LAWRENCE YACHT
& COUNTRY CLUB



SCHOOL CALENDAR



Did you know?

The [Upcoming Events](#) section of our website has a button to add the school calendar to your personal Google Calendar. Look for the Google Calendar button at the bottom of the section.



For families that prefer the At- A- Glance format, please reference:
[LAWRENCE WOODMERE ACADEMY](#)
[SCHOOL YEAR 2024-25](#)