

Monthly Report to Parents

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Marlin Spirit Week took place this year January 14-18. It featured the participation of students and teachers alike, as well as the Chick-fil-A Cow!

Twin Day featured several Mr. Subers as Upper Schoolers donned sunglasses and brought stuffed dogs on leashes. Eight twins were noted in the Lower School as teachers donned blue jeans, black tops, and small green hats.

The event culminated with the halftime show during the basketball game Conway Christian. This year's king and queen were seniors Blake Errico and Peyton Little, the latter, who was physically in Raleigh, appeared as a broom handle with a dress and a big head photograph. Cadet Brice Landstreet, LPS Class of 2017 and a former basketball player, travelled from Charleston to cheer on the Marlins. Landstreet was sporting Gold Stars on his collar. They signify a GPA of at least 3.7 from the previous semester.

A Whole "Lotta" Spirit!



HOMECOMING

SPRIT WEEK

MONDAY: Pajama Day

TUESDAY: Team Day

WEDNESDAY: Vine/Meme Day or Lower School Character Day

THURSDAY: Twin Day

FRIDAY: Marlin Spirit Day



US Mathematicians Take First at SCISA State Competition

Upper School mathematicians divided between an A-Team and a B-Team departed campus on January 22 for the Sumter County Civic Center to participate in the SCISA State Math Bowl for Division II high schools. The A-Team finished first and the B-Team fourth! Individual placement was impressive, as well, with Yinou Chen finishing first, John Kong finishing fourth, and Wallace Johnson tying for seventh.

Leading the mathematicians was Mrs. Malinda Hill, aided by SCISA liaison Ms. Becky Schroeder. Participating students included Yinou Chen, BH Cox, Alice Dong, Blake Errico, Wallace Johnson, John Kong, Peyton Little, Gentry Miller, Joey Ray, James Thurlow, and Linda Zhang. Congratulations, one and all, upon an outstanding performance!



Les Français Sont Arrivés!

This year's exchange students from St. Denis International School in France arrived at Myrtle Beach International Airport on January 26. Among them are Yoha Lee, Eulalie Michaud, Berthille Lorillou, Victor Renault, and Maelys Dujardin. Host families include the Appletons, Elliotts, Flahertys, Gibsons, Josephs, Steffens, and Tates.

This year's roaming chaperone is Mr. Mathieu Mosettig. Head of School Gibson and his wife hosted him to dinner prior to his departure to check on the French exchange students at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Augusta.

Meanwhile, three LPS students are looking forward to their trip to St. Denis International in the spring. This year's participants include Cory Appleton, Jeb Bell, and Jules Steffen. C'est formidable!



Eighth Grade Cross- Curricular Project

Students in the eighth grade participated in a joint project in their Ancient Civilizations, English, and Physical Science classes this past week. In Ms. Sandor's Ancient Civ class, they learned about Ancient Greece, and students conducted research on Greek boat-building techniques. Simultaneously, in Mrs. Blomdahl's English class, the students are reading *The Odyssey*, an epic from Ancient Greece featuring seafaring characters confronting a spectrum of challenges. Finally, after learning about forces, fluids, and machines in Ms. Schroeder's Science class, students built historically accurate models of Greek ships that could float in water and were equipped with features that would have helped the Greek sailors in their work. The students had fun and learned a lot—nice work!



Little Earns Coast Guard Certification

Senior Peyton M. Little has earned the Operator of Uninspected Passenger Vessels Certification from the US Coast Guard (USCG). Required training for the certification took place January 17-20 at the YMCA of the Triangle Area in Raleigh.

The purpose of pursuing the certification was to satisfy the safe boating requirements of her instructor position at Camp Seafarer in Arapahoe, NC. Because of the camp's highly esteemed seamanship program, the USCG works in conjunction with the camp to license selected counselors as powerboat operators and instructors.

In addition to helping students stand out in the college admission process, such certifications are helpful in being well rounded. How many of Peyton's peers across the state are likewise qualified? Probably not many. Nice work!



Trip to Myrtle Beach

The 11th and 12th grade students in biology and art visited Ripley's Aquarium and the Myrtle Beach Art Museum on January 30. At the aquarium, students went behind the scenes to tour and watch two separate dive shows, one in the Rainbow Rock Tank and the other in the Ray Bay exhibit. Both shows were interactive, and a diver gave descriptions about the species in the tank and where they are naturally found, all while another diver was in the tank feeding the fish.

At the Art Museum, students had much to see. The museum features 11 galleries where visitors can see paintings, sculpture, ceramics, and more.



STEM Speaker Wows Lower School

National award winning meteorologist Rob Fowler spoke to our Lower School students on January 7, 2019. Mr. Fowler is the chief meteorologist for WCBD-TV in Charleston. His slide show and hands-on demonstrations grabbed the attention of our students from the outset and maintained it throughout.

Mr. Fowler's presentation included a description of the various tools used in collecting weather data. As he explained, they include satellite photography, Doppler Radar, anemometers, barometers, thermometers, hygrometers, wind vanes, human witnesses, and rain gauges. Thank you, Mr. Fowler, for an excellent STEM presentation!



Summer Work Pays off for Battle of the Books

Over the course of the summer, a regular weekly sight on campus was Mrs. LaBruce's black Suburban and the cars of Lower School parents. Such sightings marked meetings of the Battle of the Books students who were diligently preparing for competition.

Their diligence paid dividends on January 10 at All Saints Episcopal Day School. Among 80 plus schools, LPS finished among the top six. That performance landed an invitation to the state finals held at Thomas Sumter Academy on January 24.

We are proud of each of our participants: Virginia Adams, Griffin Ballard, James Graham, Khloee Holcomb, Ashley O'Neal, and Wesley Tedrow. We are grateful to our faculty leader, Mrs. LaBruce, and to all Lower School teachers who lent support.



Students Visit Historical Site in Charleston

On January 30, members of Ms. Farthing's ninth grade history class traveled to Charleston to the Old Slave Mart Museum. They had an informative tour of the museum which lasted nearly two hours. The students had intelligent questions for the knowledgeable guide and completed museum scavenger hunts.

The facility was constructed in 1859. Accordingly, its use was brief. It is reportedly listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

After the tour of the museum, the students walked to the Battery before splitting off for lunch and then returning to school.



Athletic Update

Action resumed in January on the court with all four basketball teams.

At the varsity level, the boys are 3-10 as of the end of January. Senior Blake Errico is having a strong senior year. Our star point guard, Corey Appleton, is recovering from a broken wrist. Eric Bennett continues to leverage his height and commanding presence on the low post.

The varsity girls, however, are doing better with a win-loss record of 8-3. Sailor Rearden at point guard and Paris Sorensen at shooting guard are the team's two top contributors with Lucy Joseph and Brooke Ashton lending reliable support.

The Middle School boys managed their first win against Conway Christian. Standout players for the team include Dennis Lynch, Gibson Little, and Rowan Gebbia.

Finally, the Middle School girls also managed their first victory, this one against St. Andrews. The girls have demonstrated that while no one likes to lose, losses provide valuable lessons that lead to future victories—nice work, ladies!

Calling All Box Tops!

Marlin 3000 is Lowcountry Preparatory School's new Box Top Robot, and Marlin is hungry for box tops! We thank Mrs. Leigh Ann Brown, mother of Violet & Afton Brown who are currently in K5, for this special gift. Through her amazing talent and creativity, Leigh Ann made the robot with items such as fidget spinners, door knobs, and light switches and donated it to the school in hopes of creating a fun incentive for the students to clip box tops for education. Students in the Lower School are enthused about feeding Marlin! The Lower School class that donates the most will win a popsicle party!



Broad Participation in Re-accreditation Effort

At the monthly meeting of all members of the faculty and staff on January 17, 2019, a main topic of discussion was the Effective Learning Environment Observation Tool (ELEOT). It is AdvancED's checklist for use in classroom observations. During their 20-minute observations, AdvancED evaluators look for a total of 30 behaviors among students. How to fit them all in? That was the topic of discussion. Starting next month, the Head of School will visit classrooms with the ELEOT and see how the students and their teachers are doing.

Meanwhile, the Head of School distributed for review AdvancED's 30 school standards to members of the faculty and staff. They were tasked with compiling a master sheet listing the standard, traits associated with the highest score for that standard, and recommended artifacts. That material will be provided to AdvancED prior to the next External Review in March 2021.



BASH is Coming!

This year's BASH is scheduled for March 2, 2019 at Pawleys Plantation. Tickets are available online at lowcountrypreparatory.ejoinme.org. In fact, ticket sales have already begun, as have purchases of corporate and private sponsorships. Sponsorships are available at multiple levels ranging from \$250 through \$5,000. Those interested in purchasing a sponsorship should contact Mrs. Valerie Hensley or the Head of School.

This year's theme is Under the Big Top, and the evening promises to be a winner! Auction items, both silent and live, include many tempting items. Come join us and be part of the fun!

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Saturday, March 2, 2019
6:30pm

Pawleys Plantation Golf & Country Club
70 Tanglewood Drive

Cocktail attire

Tickets are \$80 per person or
\$150 per couple
\$100 per person at Door

Purchase tickets online
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