

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL

**1/21/2022**



## ~REMINDERS~

*1/27/2022 - Third Marking Period Begins\*\**

*1/21/2022 - School Closed for Students*

*1/25/2022 - DATE CHANGE - PTO Shop for a College*

*1/28/2022 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal\*\**

*2/7/2022 - Second Quarter Report Cards Issued\*\**

**\*\*CHANGED FROM ORIGINAL CALENDAR**

La Plata Students and Families,

I hope the students enjoyed their three day week. College Week will start on Monday. Please look at the newsletter for more information. Just a reminder the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is January 26<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to review both grades and attendance regularly in StudentVue and ParentVue. Parents, if you have questions or would like to set up a conference, please email the teacher, grade level school counselor, or grade-level vice principal. Mrs. Alcorn can assist with any attendance questions as well.

As we move into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester the planning for courses for next year begins. Students in grades 9-11 will be getting information from their school counselors regarding course selection for the 22-23 school year. Once this process has started if parents or students have questions please reach out to your grade level school counselor.

COVID-19 testing will continue for all registered students and staff on Mondays during lunch and Wednesdays during lunch and after school. For information on how to register for testing please visit the school system website. Our La Plata Support Team is still available to assist students and families. Information can be found on our website under the COVID-19 Procedures tab at the top of the page and then under the link for LPHS Continuity of Learning for Quarantined or Isolated Students. The school system policy regarding no spectators for sports and extracurricular activities will be in place until further notice.

One additional reminder about food deliveries not being accepted at school during school hours. Due to health and safety concerns deliveries will be turned away and not accepted. We appreciate your support.

Please take time to look at the information presented in this newsletter. If you need additional information or support, please reach out to your grade-level administrator or school counselor. I hope you and your family have a good weekend.

Sincerely,  
Douglass Dolan  
Principal



## College Week

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>:

- ✓ **College Word of the Day-** Early Action –Applying Early Action is non-binding. You are not obligated to attend. You have until the regular decision day (May 1<sup>st</sup>) to make your decision. Benefit you receive the colleges decision early.
- ✓ **Activity:** College Bingo - Print your College Bingo sheet from your StudentVue e-mail or pick up a College Bing sheet at the Counseling office. Complete your sheet by Friday to receive a ticket.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>:

- ✓ **College Word of the Day-** Early Decision – Applying Early Decision is binding. You are indicating that if the college accepts you will withdraw all your other college application and go to the school you applied early decision for.
- ✓ **Activity** - Virtual PTO - Shop for a College 6pm - 7 pm College Representatives Presenting (1 ticket per parent attending for the student plus 1 ticket for the student attending a sign in link will be sent at the beginning of the meeting and will close at the end of the meeting.)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>:

- ✓ **College Word of the Day-** Common Black Application – One application with one application fee and 40 Historically Black Colleges and Universities participating. Apply to all participating HBCU's with this one application.
- ✓ **Activity** - Show Mrs. Campbell the College & Career Advisor that you have submitted your FAFSA (1 ticket)
- ✓ **Dress:** Dress for Success

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>:

- ✓ **College Word of the Day-** Financial Aid – Loans, Grants, Scholarships, and Work-Study that helps student to pay for the cost of college.
- ✓ **Activity** - Submit your college acceptance letters and your college financial offers to Mrs. Campbell in the Career Center (1 ticket each)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>:

- ✓ **College Word of the Day-**Application Deadline – The date that everything for your college application needs to be submitted not later than.
- ✓ **Activity:** Virtual College Student Panel - In Auditorium on Screen - 4th period - Activity Period (1 ticket)
- ✓ **Dress:** College Shirt and jeans (1 ticket)

***THE TICKETS WILL BE ENTERED FOR A RANDOM DRAWING FOR GIFT CARDS AND COLLEGE GEAR!***

# Hello Seniors!

This week Mrs. Campbell did a presentation during Senior English classes to give students tips for applying to the Charles County Scholarship Fund (CCSF) and to provide information on the Financial Aid Resources listed below. These presentations were done in Mrs. S. Campbell's classes on Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Partridge and Ms. Shnipes' classes on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Fullerton's classes on Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please review the information below and use the links to apply for the following applications.

All students who are going to a trade or technical school or a 2/4 year college!

**March 1st deadline:**

**Charles County Scholarship Fund (CCSF) - Scholarship Application (more info below):**

<https://www.ccboe.com/departments/student-services/student-support/college-scholarshipsfinancial-aid/charles-county-scholarship-fund>

**Please note:** Although the FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid has a deadline of March 1st in order for the student to receive the Student Aid Report (SAR) in time to submit to the Charles County Scholarship Fund the FAFSA should be done immediately.

**FSA ID - Application:** <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch> - Student and Parent each need to complete the FSA ID individually.

**FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid** - <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> - Parent and Student each complete their sections of the same application.

**Maryland Higher Education Commission - Maryland College Aid Processing System (MHEC - MDCAPS), Students need to create an account:** <https://mdcaps.mhec.state.md.us/MDCAPS/login.aspx?c=-8585596994550884514&ReturnUrl=/MDCAPS/int/FinAid/index.aspx> This account is to accept any Maryland State financial aid offered. When a student is offered Maryland State money they will receive an e-mail with a deadline that must be met in order to accept the offer.

Please reach out to Mrs. Campbell, [tcampbell@ccboe.com](mailto:tcampbell@ccboe.com) if you have questions.

# ~~ATTENTION SENIORS~~

## Charles County Scholarship Fund

The Charles County Scholarship Fund Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships to Charles County high school seniors. The following county groups – the Charles County Commissioners, Charles County Public Schools (CCPS), the College of Southern Maryland and the Charles County Chamber of Commerce – are always represented on the Scholarship Fund Board. All other members of the Board are selected from the community at large.

### How To Apply

**PLEASE NOTE:** Application progress cannot be saved. Please have the following documents ready to UPLOAD when you apply. The application will open on Monday, January 10, 2022, and will close on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

- **Academic Letter of Recommendation** – The letter of recommendation must be from a teacher, school counselor or other school administrator.
  - **Personal Letter of Recommendation** – Must be from someone who knows you well. (Not a parent or other family member)
  - **Personal Statement Essay** – Your essay is a statement regarding your academic and career objectives, goals and aspirations. Your student statement is very important, and the Scholarship Committee relies heavily on this statement. Please include the following: What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen these goals? How do you envision contributing to your community after you complete your education?
  - **Resume** – The resume must include: 1. Work Experience 2. Extracurricular activities 3. Community Service activities during high school 4. Leadership positions and 5. School and Community honors and awards.
  - If you want to be considered for need-based scholarships, you will need to provide a **copy of your 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR)**. (Confirmation page will be available to you once you complete the FAFSA). All information supplied will be treated as confidential.
- FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA) FORM**
- All scholarship applications must be completed and submitted by March 1, 2022.
  - Late applications will not be accepted.
  - Seniors should see their school counselor or their school's College and Career Advisor if they have any questions/concerns. **SCHOOL COUNSELORS COLLEGE AND CAREER ADVISORS**
  - Please ensure you have all required documents ready to upload to the application prior to starting to complete the form.

**APPLICATION IS OPEN- CLICK TO APPLY**



# 2022 yearbook

FOR  
SALE

*What a  
great  
year!*

**BOOKS CAN BE  
PURCHASED AT:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/lphsyearbook>**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Drake at  
[sdrake@ccboe.com](mailto:sdrake@ccboe.com) with any questions!

## Attention Class of 2022

**Parents & Guardians**

**CREATE + PURCHASE A SENIOR RECOGNITION AD AT:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/lphsseniorad>**

**Ad sales will be active until January 31, 2022**

**SEE BELOW FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SENIOR  
RECOGNITION ADS**

Dear Class of 2022,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 01/31/2022

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!



### ORDER BY 01/31/2022

#### COLOR AD

Full Page	\$375.00
1/2 Page	\$200.00
1/4 Page	\$125.00
1/8 Page	\$75.00

### EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE\*

\*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

**IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at**  
**[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)**

1. Choose your ad size and layout.
2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

#### Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

#### GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

#### Frequently Asked Questions

**How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?**

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

**How is the ad deadline determined?**

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

**Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?**

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.

**Can I send my materials to the school?**

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

**More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.**

[www.jostensadservice.com](http://www.jostensadservice.com)





# ***How to Report Accounts on Social Media Sites***



## **INSTAGRAM**

Go to the profile of the user/account you wish to report.

Select the gear icon. ⚙️

Select Report and then choose the type of issue you would want to report.

Follow any other on-screen instructions.



## **TWITTER**

Go to the profile you wish to report.

Tap the "..." icon in the right hand corner next to the account name.

In the drop-down menu, tap "Report."

Select the reason why you're reporting this account and continue with any other on-screen instructions.



## **FACEBOOK**

Go to the profile you want to report.

Tap the "..." next to the account's name.

Click "Find Support or Report Profile."

Select the reason why you are reporting the account and continue with any other on-screen instructions.

Source: Webbing with wisdom  
<https://webwise.ca/cyber-101/reporting/>





# Charles County NAACP



## Workshop Schedule

**STEM Workshop – 12/9/21 @ 6:30pm – St. Charles H.S.**

**Visual Arts Workshop – 1/6/22 @ 6:30pm – North Point H.S.**

**Humanities Workshop – 1/20/22 @ 6:30pm – Thomas Stone H.S.**

**Drama Workshop – 2/3/22 @ 6:30pm – McDonough H.S.**

**Music Vocal & Instrumental Workshop – 2/17/22 @ 6:30pm – LaPlata H.S.**

**Humanities Workshop – 3/3/22 @ 6:30pm – Lackey H.S.**

**Dance Workshop – 3/17/22 @ 6:30pm – Westlake H.S.**

**Workshop for all Categories – 4/2/22 @ 10:00am – St. Charles H.S.**

**Students interested in Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management will receive separate information regarding those Workshops.**

**To RSVP or ask questions email:**

**[dora.actso@gmail.com](mailto:dora.actso@gmail.com) or**

**[ccnaacpactso@gmail.com](mailto:ccnaacpactso@gmail.com)**

STEM

Performing Arts



## La Plata High School PTSO 2021 – 2022 Monthly Meetings

Month	Date	Topic	Target Audience	Time	Place – L.P.H.S.
January	1/25/22	Shop for a College	Underclassmen parents/guardians	6:00- 7:00 PM	Virtual
February	2/1/22	Honors and AP Night	Underclassmen parents/guardians	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Virtual
March	3/1/22	SNOW MAKE UP DATE			
April	4/5/22	Next Year's Schedule *Counselors answers questions regarding scheduling and making plans for college	Underclassmen parents/guardians	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Virtual
May	5/3/22	General Meeting – election of new officers and discussion of goals for 2022 – 2023 school year	Underclassmen students and their parents/guardians	6:00 – 7:00 PM	Virtual

## Attendance Reminders

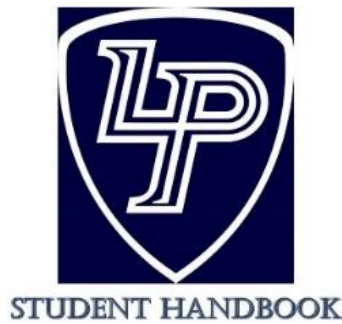
**\*\* ALL ATTENDANCE NOTES ARE TO SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL to [salcorn@ccboe.com](mailto:salcorn@ccboe.com). PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM TO SCHOOL UNLESS IT IS FOR A LATE ARRIVAL OR EARLY DISMISSAL. \*\***

- All early dismissal requests are handled through the main office. Please email Mrs. Turner ([pturner@ccboe.com](mailto:pturner@ccboe.com)) or Mrs. Hall ([chall@ccboe.com](mailto:chall@ccboe.com))
- Please do not email absence notes to your student's homeroom teacher. They should be emailed to [salcorn@ccboe.com](mailto:salcorn@ccboe.com).
- If your student has a doctor's note, please just take a picture of it with your phone and email to me.
- I would highly encourage your student download StudentVue on his/her phone. It comes in handy if they are late to school and need to sign in. The app contains your student's ID in QR code format and can be used to check in on the iPad kiosk in my office.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!

Susan Alcorn  
Attendance Office  
[salcorn@ccboe.com](mailto:salcorn@ccboe.com)  
301-934-1100



## **2021-22 LPHS Student Handbook**

The 2021-22 LPHS Student Handbook is posted to the main page of school website at this link: <https://laplata.ccboe.com/students/student-handbook>

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Mr. Underwood – [cunderwood@ccboe.com](mailto:cunderwood@ccboe.com)
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade – Mr. Craley – [bcraley@ccboe.com](mailto:bcraley@ccboe.com)
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Mr. Mitchell – [dmitchell@ccboe.com](mailto:dmitchell@ccboe.com)
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Ms. Bowie – [jbowie@ccboe.com](mailto:jbowie@ccboe.com)

## **2021-22 CCPS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

All students received a copy of the CCPS Code of Student Conduct for 2021-22. Parents should review this document with their children regularly. This document is also available at:

<https://www.ccboe.com/departments/student-services/student-support/code-of-student-content>

# ***COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS***



**Seniors who are planning to attend a trade school or college need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Make sure to complete the 2022 - 2023 FAFSA Application, as this is the year you will be in college or trade school.**

**This application is open!**



Create your FSA ID for your FAFSA here: [FSA ID](#)

Complete the FAFSA here: [FAFSA Application](#)

**See Mrs. T. Campbell in the LPHS Career Center or e-mail at [tcampbell@ccboe.com](mailto:tcampbell@ccboe.com) if you have questions.**





***SENIORS –***

***PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BAUTISTA FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO  
REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.***

Please go to the following link to get information on Colleges and Career and the latest scholarship information.

<https://www.ccboe.com/schools/laplata/index.php/login/2016-04-22-21-40-09>

**The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Kathy Kiessling, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (students) or Nikial M. Majors, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (employees/adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646; 301-932-6610/301-870-3814. For special accommodations call 301-934-7230 or TDD 1-800-735-2258 two weeks prior to the event.**

**CCPS provides nondiscriminatory equal access to school facilities in accordance with its Use of Facilities rules to designated youth groups (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).**