

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL

2/18/2022



~REMINDERS~

2/21/2022 - President's Day (Schools/Offices Closed)

2/28/2022 - Third Quarter Interims Issued

3/2/2022 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

3/13/2022 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

3/17/2022 - St. Patrick's Day

La Plata Students and Families,

I hope you had a good week. Just a reminder that picture retakes are on Tuesday, February 22nd through English classes. Also, students interested in running for the Charles County Student Member of the Board should take a look at the information in the newsletter. If you need further assistance please see Mr. Dolan.

Students needing assistance with their classes should be talking to their teachers and setting up time during Activity Period to get help. If you need additional support please talk with your grade level school counselor or vice principal. The school system is also providing tutoring help for all classes through FEV Tutoring Service. If you need additional information please email Dr. Whitaker. Her email address is dwhitaker@ccboe.com.

The school system sent out an email on Thursday regarding some changes that are coming as early as next week to some of our COVID-19 rules and procedures. The changes involved mandatory testing and rules for performing groups. We expect that additional changes will be coming soon. All changes to the CCBOE COVID-19 procedures will be sent out by the school system directly. If you have questions about any of the changes when they are announced please let us know.

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



La Plata High School
Student Government Association (SGA)
Dining for Dollars! \$\$

Monday, March 7 – Thursday, March 10

Foster's Grille in La Plata

6390 Crain Highway

La Plata MD 20646



Support LPHS - SGA! Stop by Foster's Grille in La Plata for lunch, dinner, eat in or carry out any day, Monday March 7th – Thursday 10th! Just be sure to mention LPHS to the cashier and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to support our school!! Invite all your friends and family, they can help too!!

**OUTDOOR
SEATING**

Thank you for your support!



ATTENTION ALL 10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

The filing period to be the next Student Member on the Charles County Board of Education is now open. The filing period will remain open until Friday March 11, 2022 at 11:59p.m.

If you are interested in becoming the next Student Board Member please fill out Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB) application form and email it to Mr. Gary Winsett, regional advisor of the Charles County Association of Student Councils at gwinsett@ccboe.com. Please do so by 11:59p.m., Friday March 11, 2022.

You will also need to submit an Issue Statement, 500 words or less, identifying an issue of student concern and proposing a possible solution to the problem. This will need to be submitted to gwinsett@ccboe.com by 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2022.

You will need to submit Candidate Meet and Greet video where you briefly introduce yourself and discuss your goals as a potential SMOB. This will need to be submitted to gwinsett@ccboe.com by 11:59 p.m. on March 14, 2022.

To access all necessary documents, including the candidacy form, the election timeline, and the election protocol packet, go to [CCASC - Home \(sharepoint.com\)](https://ccasc.sharepoint.com). You will need to log in using your student ccboe email address to access the SharePoint site.

The position of Student Member on the Charles County Board of Education (Student Board Member or SMOB for short) is the pinnacle of student leadership. The Student Member to the Board of Education in Charles County has voting rights on most matters. The Student Board Member is a full member of the school board, allowed to vote on all matters except for: legal appeals; personnel matters; collective bargaining; the hiring, salary, and evaluation of the Superintendent; the operating and capital budgets; and school openings, closings and boundaries.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- (1) Candidates for Student Member of the Board must be an enrolled student in Charles County Public Schools.*
- (2) Candidates must be in 10th or 11th grade at the time of their filing. Candidates must be an 11th or 12th grader for the school year of their term.*
- (3) Candidates must meet CCPS Academic Eligibility requirements.*

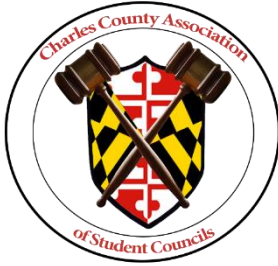
This means that the Student Board Member has an equal voice and vote to the adult members on the board. It is the job of the Student Board Member to represent the 27,000 students of Charles County at monthly School Board meetings other community events. The Student Board Member has the opportunity to work with the Charles County Commissioners and State Legislators on behalf of the Charles County students. The Student Board Member is a position of community leadership that requires interacting with the student they represent by attending school events such as plays, after-school clubs, and athletic competitions. The Student Board Member also has the opportunity to connect with the students they represent in school by going on school tours and visits.

The position of Student Member to the Board of Education is one of great responsibility and thus requires a large availability or time commitment. You will need to make sure you are aware of issues that come before the Board of Education to supply the voice of the students of CCPS. You will need to be available for several functions throughout the county be available for every work session and meeting of the Charles County Board of Education. Reminder that all CCPS eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities apply at all times. Please discuss your application process with your parent or guardian before submitting your application.

Charles County Student Member of the Board (SMOB)

Candidacy Form

This form declares a student's intention to run for SMOB.



Candidates must meet the following qualifications:

- Must be an enrolled student in Charles County Public Schools.
- Must be in 10th or 11th grade at the time of their filing. Candidates must be an 11th or 12th grader for the school year of their term.
- Must meet CCPS Academic Eligibility requirements.

Brief Overview of Calendar of Events:

- Candidacy Filing Period: February 22, 2022 – March 11, 2022
- 500-word Issue Statement: March 14, 2022 **by 11:59pm**
(candidates are required to submit an essay, 500 words or less, identifying an issue of student concern and propose a possible solution to the problem.)
- Candidate Meet and Greet video Submitted: March 14, 2022 **by 11:59pm**
(in this video candidates introduce themselves and briefly discuss their goals)
- Primary Election (if more than 3 candidates): March 28-April 1, 2022
- General Election: May 9th, 2022 – May 20th, 2022
- Results Announced: May 27th, 2022

Name of Candidate _____ Grade _____

School _____ Email Address _____

Phone Number _____ Parent Email Address _____

☐ I understand the responsibilities and time commitment of being Student Member of the Board.

☐ I have read the SMOB Election Protocols and understand a campaign violation can be penalized up to disqualification.

☐ I have reviewed the Calendar of Events for the SMOB election.

☐ I will/ submit/have submitted my issue statement (500 words or less), resumé, and candidate meet and greet video to Mr. Winsett at gwinsett@ccboe.com.

Candidate Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Hello Seniors!

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ANY AND ALL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED TO.

~IMPORTANT INFORMATION~

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 if you have questions.

~~ATTENTION SENIORS~~
TIME IS RUNNING OUT – GET YOUR APPLICATION IN NOW

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



Legacy

LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL'S
LITERARY JOURNAL



Inspired by literary journals and publications put out by universities, high schools, and national organizations, La Plata's chapter of the National English Honor Society is proud to sponsor their own literary journal--*Legacy*.

Visit our website:
<https://tinyurl.com/a9w3rup7>

**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED
IN SEVERAL CATEGORIES,
INCLUDING POETRY, PROSE,
AND ACADEMIC WRITING**

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE OF
ORIGINAL WORK, CREATED
WITHIN THE LAST CALENDAR
YEAR, AS WORD DOCUMENTS.

→
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT
OR SEE MS. SHNIPES FOR MORE
DETAILS!



DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2022



VIRTUAL WRITING HELP

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**SAVE YOURSELF TIME
AND EFFORT AND
INCREASE YOUR
GRADE!**

DO YOU HAVE AN ESSAY, DBQ,
OR OTHER WRITING ASSIGNMENT
DUE FOR ONE OF YOUR CLASSES
AND YOU NEED SOME HELP?

SEND US YOUR DRAFT, AND YOU
WILL RECEIVE PERSONALIZED
FEEDBACK FROM AN
UPPERCLASSMEN. BELIEVE US,
YOUR TEACHERS WILL THANK
YOU!

EMAIL US!

Send a draft of your essay
or writing piece to
laplatanehs@gmail.com.

A dedicated member of
NEHS will respond with
some feedback within 24-48
hours!

Scan the QR code below to
visit our website for more
information:



2022 yearbook

*What a
great
year!*

**FOR
SALE**

**BOOKS CAN BE
PURCHASED AT:**

<https://tinyurl.com/lphysyearbook>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Drake at
sdrake@ccboe.com with any questions!



La Plata High School PTSO 2021 – 2022 Monthly Meetings

Month	Date	Topic	Target Audience	Time	Place – L.P.H.S.
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



The American Legion

Southern Maryland Region

DYNAMIC DISTRICT SIX

*High School
Students*

BOYS STATE EDUCATION PROGRAM

June 19, 2022 – June 25, 2022 (McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland)

REGISTRATION: Contact your nearest American Legion Post or email us at AdjutantSouth@gmail.com if you have questions. **Guaranteed Sponsorship!**
COST: FREE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government. Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion post, a local business or another community-based organization.

District Deadline for Application is April 15, 2022

Get an application today: [Dynamic Six](#)

Like us on Facebook



Boy State Link: <http://mdlegion.org/boysstate/>

Future Mayors, Governors, Senators, Congressmen and more!

Application deadline is April 15, 2020

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 or

ccnaacpactso@gmail.com

Attendance Reminders

**** ALL ATTENDANCE NOTES ARE TO SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL to 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) or Mrs. Hall (chall@ccboe.com)
- Please do not email absence notes to your student's homeroom teacher. They should be emailed to 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
301-934-1100



STUDENT HANDBOOK

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>

- 9th grade – Mr. Underwood – cunderwood@ccboe.com
- 10th grade – Mr. Craley – bcraley@ccboe.com
- 11th grade – Mr. Mitchell – dmitchell@ccboe.com
- 12th grade – Ms. Bowie – 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 if you have questions.



SENIORS –

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

ATTENTION: PLEASE NOTE THAT A MID-YEAR TRANSCRIPT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO ANY AND ALL COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES THAT YOU HAVE APPLIED TO.

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).