



# News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo  
As We Educate Remotely

*Re-Cap of WEEK 12: June 5, 2020*



**Hello Everyone,**

We are now in Phase 2 of re-opening in the County and on Monday, June 22nd, returning to work in our buildings will be all administrators, clerical, microcomputer technicians, laborers, custodians, grounds, courier, and maintenance staff.

Please note that school buildings themselves do not reopen in our region until Phase 4. Meanwhile, a few reminders:

Administrators and office staff will return to their normal work locations, but must maintain 6 feet of social distancing.

Face masks are REQUIRED when the 6 feet distance cannot be met and are RECOMMENDED at all times. Gloves should be worn when handling money or opening mail.

Anyone (including teachers and other 10-month employees) submitting paperwork is encouraged to use U.S. Mail. Visitors should be kept to an absolute minimum. Entry will be denied to anyone not wearing a mask.

**Stay safe and well,  
Dr. Charles Galluzzo**

## BOE

### Meetings

Due to COVID-19, Board of Education meetings are held remotely. Information for the live stream will be provided on the district website.

**JUN 9**

Annual Vote -  
Absentee Ballot Only

**JUN 16**

7:00 PM  
Regular Meeting



Our LSCSD Facebook page  
crossed the 2300 mark  
this week ... we now have

**2304  
followers!**

## 1,000+ Facebook Club

*Here are the LSCSD posts that had more than 1,000 FB views this week:*

- 2803+ Highland Helicopter Flyover
- 2234+ AJ Schmidt Helicopter Flyover
- 1855+ Jady Jones Going to D'Youville
- 1599+ High School Locker Clean Out
- 1578+ High School Bands' Memorial Day Tribute
- 1524+ High School Graduation Save-the-Date
- 1238+ High School Gym Floor All Sanded
- 1121+ Interior Capital Project Work at Middle School
- 1074+ Technology Device Loan Return
- 1162+ Great Masters Art ReWork Challenge Gallery
- 1043+ NY Special Olympics Fit 5 Completers
- 1019+ Valarie Lattin Tribute



**Loving Life, Loving Learning!** Kelly Conrad's 2nd graders at J.T. Waugh clearly loved their two lessons on Ecosystems and Living Things. "We talked about how animals depend on plants and how important plants are to animals," says Mrs. Conrad.



## ***But, then there was a bright spot ...***

Thanks to sunshine, an additional \$30,000 is beaming toward Lake Shore classrooms this coming year.

At Tuesday night's Budget Hearing, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance Dan Pacos had glum news about anticipated quarterly State Aid reductions and steep reductions in Erie County sales tax revenue. But, then there was a bright spot.

Another district overbuilt its solar array, he explained, and can't use all its credits. So, Lake Shore will buy a portion of the power being generated, then sell it back to National Grid at a higher cost. That "extra" money becomes a credit on Lake Shore's National Grid bill. "That's \$30,000 in savings annually," said Mr. Pacos, "Allowing us to use \$30,000 toward instruction rather than utilities."

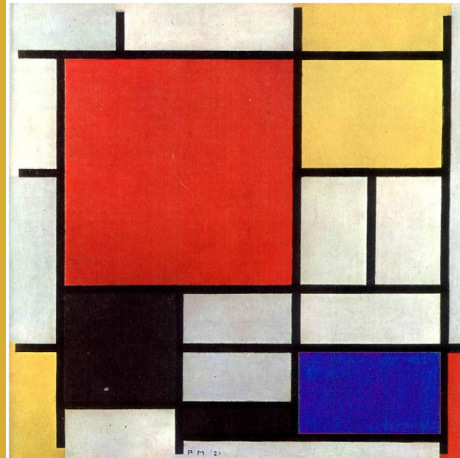




*Washington Crossing the Delaware*  
Emanuel Leutze



Above, Emanuel Leutze's 'Washington Crosses the Delaware' is reenacted by Grayson and Trevor Tomasik and their teddy bear sailing on furniture across the living room.



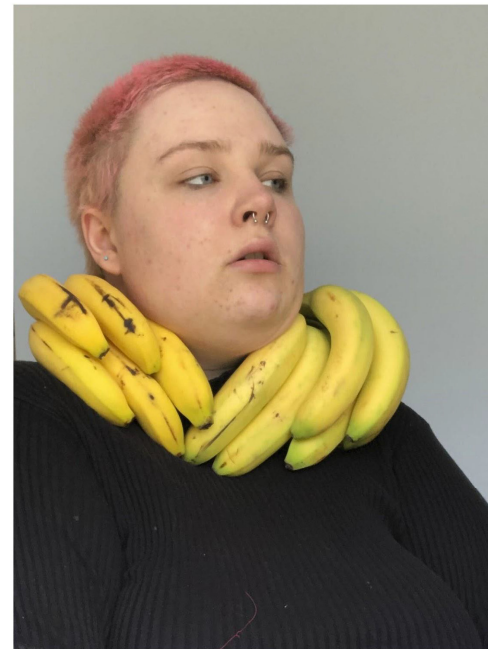
*Composition in Red, Blue, Yellow, and Black*  
Piet Mondrian



Above, we have Angelina Coszenza reconstructing Piet Mondrian's 'Composition in Red, Blue, Yellow and Black' with folded squares of colored t-shirts.



*Portrait of an Unknown Man*  
Frans Pourbus the Elder



Above, Faith Mikolajczyk reconstructs the ruffled collar in Frans Pourbus's 'The Elders' as a collar of bananas.

## Art Reimagined

Ever consider how a famous work of art might look if you redid it with just stuff around the house? High School art teacher Kathryn Zittel posed the question and 41 people - students, faculty, and community members - responded.

The result is a gallery of art recreations in Lake Shore's Great Masters Challenge, patterned after an initiative of the Getty Museum. Enjoy the samples on this page!

**Gallery 41: See the full gallery of art reworks [HERE](#).**

# ***Dreamin' ...***

## ***How A Chorus Assignment Became A Music Video***

'Tee-Shirt,' by Birdy, was written for *The Fault in Our Stars* soundtrack. It's about how the littlest things about someone you love can bring you great joy.

It was selected as a piece to work with as part of a chorus assignment which now showcases the impressive talents of two LSHS seniors.

The rendition in this music video is by Alyssa McMurray, a senior chorus student, on vocals, with visuals provided by Maggie Thomson, a senior in Deanna Civilette's advanced guitar and piano class.

"Alyssa chose this song because it gives her comfort and brings back childhood memories," says Ms. Civilette

The music itself was a karaoke track downloaded from youtube. "Alyssa originally had it playing in the background when she first sent me her audio recording," says Ms. Civilette. "So I downloaded that same karaoke track, dragged it into Garageband (music creation studio software) and did a little mixing with Alyssa's audio recording to make it sound fuller and more balanced, with underlying harmonies and more piano."

"For Maggie, the idea of the visual was all her. I sent her the audio track and just said create what you feel. She based the visual off of the lyrical line in the first verse 'and when the sun comes through your window.'"

Maggie created the visual using the software Procreate on her iPad. She sent Ms. Civilette a 40-minute screen recording of the process of her creating the graphic. Ms. Civilette time lapsed the video and sped it up so it would fit to Alyssa's recording of roughly three minutes.

You can watch and listen to the beautiful result [HERE](#).



- Graphic by Maggie Thomson

***'In the morning when you  
wake up  
I like to believe you are  
thinking of me  
And when the sun comes  
through your window  
I like to believe you've been  
dreaming of me ...'***

***- from Tee-Shirt, by Birdy***



# Middle School Capital Project: Security



**Main Entrance (top photo) security is a key feature of Capital Project work at the Middle School. A solid wall (shown under construction above left) will divide the entrance area from the hallway leading into the school. Visitors must stop at the main office (above right) before being able to enter deeper into the school building.**



# Middle School Capital Project: Front Offices



The front office area includes offices for the Principal and Assistant Principal, with a small room for private conferences with parents, as well as a Nurse's Office with restroom and shower area, and an exam room for conducting physicals.



# Middle School Capital Project: Traffic Loop



At the front of the Middle School (top photo), the front traffic loop is being redesigned to better separate car and bus traffic. "That's so we don't have cars passing stopped buses and kids scooting in between," says Dan Pacos, Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance. "It will be a much safer traffic pattern." In addition to reconfiguring the loop, and replacing broken pavement and sidewalks, a storm water system has been installed under the ball field.



# Middle School Capital Project: Sidewalks



All the old sidewalks, curbing and asphalt parking and driveway areas have been removed. The close up below shows the forms in place for new curbing.





# Middle School Capital Project: **Curbing**



The machine above is a big help when it comes to putting in new curbing. Concrete mix is fed into the hopper, while the curbing machine extrudes concrete on the ground.

The auger in the hopper leads the concrete into the ground as the slip carefully forms the curb. Afterward, there's still finishing work to be done, as shown at right.





# Middle School Capital Project: Pending



The bleachers in the Middle School gym will be replaced and, while it looks nice and shiny in the photo above, the gymnasium floor is warped and uneven ... that, too, will be replaced.



# Capital Project Work: Tennis Courts



**Above** is a view as work began to repair the damaged and cracked surface of the tennis court.

**At right** is a close up of drainage being added beneath the tennis court.

**Below** is a photo of black top being sprayed on the tennis court surface.

