



# LCHS 9 - 12 PTSA online NEWS

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Happy New Year! I hope reentry to school life has been uneventful for you and yours and that the New Year holds good health, equanimity and lighthearted moments for all of us.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the first PTSA meeting of the year on Thursday, January 17th at 8:45 a.m. in the teacher's lounge.** Come to hear from Principal Cartnal about what's new and newsworthy and also who our PTSA Founders Day winners are. You will also have a chance to serve on the PTSA nominating committee for next year if you are interested. We are looking for new members and fresh faces to join our ranks. If your New Year's Resolution has something to do with activism: join PTSA. Looking forward to working together in the New Year.

Warmly,  
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## CSF Applications Available January 14

The California Scholarship Federation (CSF) is a statewide organization that recognizes academic excellence upon graduation at the high school level. All Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior students with good grades and citizenship are encouraged to apply each semester. To attain full membership and a CSF Gold Seal, a student needs to successfully submit an application at least 4 semesters of high school. One semester must come from senior year. (Freshmen students' qualification for high school CSF does not begin until this semester, because they need four semesters of high school grades).

Now is the time to turn in the application with last semester's report card! The application is available online, beginning Monday, Jan. 14th. We are not running off applications any more to hand out. You may go to [Lchsspartans.net](http://Lchsspartans.net) to the student portal. On the home page, click on "Files and Forms." Under this section, click on "Academic Files and Forms." Click

on the app for CSF. For those of you with no access to a printer at home, you may use the printers in the IRC. Please turn in the application along with a copy of this last report card (from Semester 1, 2018), to verify grades and citizenship. **\* Do not turn in just a grade report/transcript. We need to verify citizenship.** The application and report card copies are due in the main office in the CSF Tray, no later than 3:30 P.M. on Wed, February 13th. There are no service hours to complete and no dues to pay. Questions? Email Mr. Spitler at [cspitler@lcsd.net](mailto:cspitler@lcsd.net)

#### Pep Squad Tryout Meeting - January 28

Pep Squad Tryout Meeting on Monday, January 28th at 6:00 p.m. in the IRC. Anyone currently in 8th-11th grade who is interested in trying out for Pep Squad 2019-20 should attend with a parent to get the important information for tryouts. The actual date of tryouts is Friday, March 15th. If you have any questions, contact the Pep Squad Advisor, Sarah Henriod, at [shenriod@lcsd.net](mailto:shenriod@lcsd.net)

#### College Workshop Night - January 29

On Tuesday, January 29, students and parents are invited to attend an evening full of information to help you in preparing for college. There will be local and out of state college representatives presenting information that include tips for visiting colleges, how to write a college essay, applying to highly selective colleges and much more. We will begin with a resource fair at 5:30 p.m. and sessions starting at 6:00 p.m. An email will be sent out the week prior to the event with a list of session descriptions and the event schedule. Mark your calendars and we will see you there!

#### Devil's Gate Sediment Removal Update

On December 5th, a group of concerned parents and community leaders met at the LCHS Auditorium to discuss the aggressive truck hauling schedule, which is set to commence in April to remove 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment from the Hahamongna Watershed at Devil's Gate. Over 250 people attended, including Senator Anthony Portantino, a representative from Assemblywoman Laura Friedman's office, Mayor Terry Walker, Members of our LCUSD Governing Board, Superintendent Wendy Sinnette, representatives from County Supervisor Barger's office, and Mr. Dan Lafferty (Deputy Director of LA County Public Works). Representatives from neighboring schools, the Arroyo Seco Foundation, and media were also present.

This "Progress Report" updated everyone on our joint efforts to understand the daily hazards posed by diesel trucks conducting the sediment removal. All slides from the event can be accessed here: [www.LCF4HealthyAir.org](http://www.LCF4HealthyAir.org)

Attendees heard from parent-presenters with expertise relevant to this issue: Dr. Heather Wipfli (USC Keck School of Medicine), Dr. Xenia Amashukeli (Caltech), and Dr. Elizabeth Krider (Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy). The Question-and-Answer panel included these presenters, plus Superintendent Wendy Sinnette and Mr. Dan Lafferty of County Public Works.

The evening concluded with County Public Works agreeing to do its "due diligence to continue to research and explore options to reduce impacts" [of the truck emissions]. Subsequent to the meeting, the County unfortunately determined that they were not the agency responsible for ensuring the trucks used in the project were compliant to the EIR emission standards.

The parent group continues to explore all the avenues at its disposal and to pursue all that it takes to protect the air quality and public health as the Devil's Gate project is carried out.

Volunteer coordination is getting underway this week with updates coming on Thursday/Friday to those who signed up at the December 5th meeting and to those interested in helping who couldn't attend. There is a specific need for parents who are willing to help build our Coalition with neighboring communities and local businesses. Please contact Dr. Elizabeth Krider or Kelly Davis at [LCF4HealthyAir@gmail.com](mailto:LCF4HealthyAir@gmail.com).

Athletic Clearance for 2019-2020 Beginning May 1

Athletic Clearance for 2019-20 School Year Teams will open on May 1st.

Athletic clearance is required for tryouts. Make your doctor appointments now for Physicals. [DOWNLOAD PHYSICAL FORM HERE](#)

Tryouts will take place in summer prior to the start of the next school year, most immediately after the school year ends, some will be the week of school Registration. The detailed schedule for tryouts for 2019-20 school year high school teams will be sent out in March. If you have any questions contact the Athletic Director, D.R. Moreland, at [dmoreland@lcsd.net](mailto:dmoreland@lcsd.net)