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For the Parents, Students & Community of Leon High School

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**From The Principal's Desk**

Dear Parents,

The 2005-2006 school year is already underway! It's been a busy summer, and we are fortunate to have two wonderful additions to our administrative team. Sue Kraul joins us from Adult Education and will be our new Assistant Principal in charge of Curriculum. Her years of experience and a great knowledge of graduation, curriculum, and course requirements will serve our students well. We also welcome Billy Epting. As the former Principal of Holy Comforter School, Billy is a seasoned administrator and will be the Assistant Principal over Attendance.

Our students have been busy as well. Our immensely talented Choral students, led by Dr. Judy Arthur, Ms. Tabitha Hall, and Mr. Josh Bula presented the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" to a packed auditorium in July. As usual, the audience was overwhelmed and delighted.

Our Band has been honored with an invitation to perform for the National Band Association and College Band Directors National Association Southern Division Convention in Nashville this spring. This is truly a merit based selection, as the bands are chosen through a recorded audition. The fact that only FOUR high school bands are invited makes this quite a distinction! Pass on your congratulations to Mr. Bula and the kids when you see them.

Fall Sports are up and running and we've received an honor in that area. Leon has been named the #4 overall Athletic Program in the State for class AAAA. Not too shabby, and...psst, that's well ahead of anyone in the Big Bend, but I don't want to brag. Check out Mark Feely's article for more details on all our sports programs.

But we're not resting on our laurels. Over the summer we created a Leon Learning Center (converting the old journalism and graphic arts building). This center will conduct Reading Remediation during the school day and remain open after hours to help students struggling with FCAT Reading and Math skills. We have doubled our Reading Remediation this year; we now have three full time teachers and three aides who will work with our 300 students needing the most help with reading proficiency.

Thanks to the hard work of the support staff and maintenance, we had a great summer preparation. All of that hard work paid off the first day of school. Morale is high, and with this year's enrollment just over 1800, we are looking forward to an outstanding year.

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**Mission Statement:**

It is our goal that all students leave Leon High School prepared to the best of their ability to be lifelong learners and productive citizens in an ever-changing world and global society.

**Mission Motto:**

Preparing lifelong learners and productive citizens.

**Mission Statement Update:**

Thank you for your input during last year as we worked together to develop our school's mission statement. In addition to the statement, a Mission Motto was adopted by the teachers and administrators at our opening faculty meeting in August.

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Finally, I just want to let you know how much I look forward to the opportunity to help you and your children have a successful year.

Sincerely,  
Rocky Hanna, Principal  
"Go Big Red!"

## Just Say, "Thanks!"

The Leon High PTO has been very busy this summer. We would like to just say, "THANKS" to all of the parents who have helped with answering phones this summer. Their volunteer job never ended. "Thanks," ladies.

A great, BIG WORD OF "THANKS" to Terry Gross and Paula Silcox and the mail out distribution crew for doing two mail outs in one week. Thank you to the parents that helped with stuffing schedules and letters. Thanks to the parents who helped with the PTO mail out. (This mail out was a big one: 5 pages x 1800.) A special "THANKS" to Ellen Crabtree and Eileen Self for coming an extra day to finish it.

Also, I would like to "THANKS" all of the parents who helped with the Back to School Salad and Sloppy Joe Lunch for our teachers and staff. "THANKS" to our Teachers and Staff Appreciation Coordinators, Meg Bates and Mary Myers. The salads were excellent and the desserts were outstanding. "THANKS" to everyone who contributed food. "THANKS" to Janie Frazier, Terri Walters, Terri Gross, Daniel Gross, Harriett Williams, and Lynette Brown for helping with set up and clean up.

Hopefully I did not leave anyone off of the list. Leon parents are the BEST. "THANKS" FOR ALL YOU DO !!!! We appreciate you.

## Out-Of-Field

Leon High School prides itself on having the best and most experienced faculty around. The teachers at Leon High School possess an abundance of knowledge and educational training in each of their related fields. This broad range of talent sometimes extends past their certification which results in a teacher being considered "Out-of-Field." This year Kevin Record (Language Arts) will be teaching one tennis class. Mr. Record is the Head Tennis Coach and a tennis professional. Alan Rice (Science) will be teaching one soccer class. Mr. Rice is our Men's Soccer Head Coach. Aaron Clark (Social Studies) will be teaching one baseball class as the Head Baseball Coach. Matt Williams (Social Studies) is teaching one Life Management class and David Knapp (Music) is teaching one guitar class. If you have any questions regarding these teachers' placements, please call the main office at 488-1971.

Thank you,  
Rocky Hanna

## PTO

**Welcome**, Leon High School Parents, to the 2005- 2006 school year. As a proud alumni and proud parent of two Leon High graduates, it is an honor and a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you once again as your PTO President.

The PTO will be sponsoring several events and programs this school year, and we need your help with these activities. Please sign up and **VOLUNTEER!!!** (Volunteer forms were mailed in August and are also available in the main office and on the PTO Website). It is a county wide policy that you cannot volunteer in Leon County Schools without completing a volunteer application form. The County is having all volunteers checked through the Sexual Predators Web site. Even if you help out with your student's sports team in concessions, or if you send in baked goods, you must complete a Volunteer Application Form. Please fill out the volunteer forms and return them to the School Office or PTO mail box in the Media Center.

**What does PTO sponsor?** The Leon PTO does many things from sponsoring Project Graduation, Teacher and Staff Appreciation, Student Recognition, the Lions Pride Awards, coordinating volunteers to help answer phones in the Guidance and Attendance Offices, assist in the Media Center, assist during FCAT, help with the Book Fair, student Honor Roll Recognition, History Fair, the writing of and the distribution of *The Lion's Pride*, the parents school newsletter, and chaperone the Homecoming dance and prom. These are just a few things that we sponsor. We also have parent representation on the Leon High Foundation and on our School Advisory Committee.

Our goals again this year are to continue to increase the awareness of and participation in the Leon High PTO. Leon High School is a very special high school where parents are WELCOME!!! Every parent at Leon High School is a part of the Leon PTO. We do not have regular PTO meetings, but we have PTO board meetings and everyone is welcome to attend. Your support is appreciated! We could not do all that we do without the help and donations of our parents. We know you are involved in many school organizations, so we do not have any fundraising "projects". Therefore, **the PTO budget is based entirely on parent contributions!!**

We appreciate any and all donations. This year I hope you will participate in a PTO Challenge. You can help your student's third period teacher **win** a night out at a local restaurant!! The third period teacher that has the highest percentage of PTO contributors will **WIN a \$50** gift certificate to the restaurant of his or her choice. Also, if you contribute \$50 or more to the PTO, you **will not** be asked to help with further donations or with events (unless you really want to!). Mail in your donation, drop it off at school, or look for an envelope in third period at the **OPEN HOUSE on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Feel free to call or e-mail me at anytime. Go LEON!!! The Best Is Yet To Come!!!

Candi Aubin, 2005-2006 PTO President, **386-3037 e-mail: [aubin5@aol.com](mailto:aubin5@aol.com)**

**FOR UPDATED LEON PTO NEWS AND INFORMATION, CHECK THE LEON HIGH PTO WEB SITE AT [www.leonhighpto.com](http://www.leonhighpto.com). A **BIG** thank you to Laura Hertz, our PTO Web Master. Thanks to Laura, Leon PTO is one of the few PTO's with a WEB SITE. Thanks again, Laura!!!**

### **2005-2006 LEON PTO BOARD**

President - Candi Aubin Treasurer - Meg Guyton Volunteer Coordinator - Eileen Self

### **COMMITTEES**

*Lion's Pride* Newsletter - Fraser Smith  
Newsletter Distribution - Terri Gross & Paula Silcox  
Teacher and Staff Appreciation - Meg Bates & Mary Myers  
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Student Recognition - Joan Anderson & Jayne Frazier  
FCAT Snacks - Carolyn Horwich  
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Office Volunteers - Yasmine Lewis  
Project Graduation - Linda Yon  
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Web Site - Laura Hertz  
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## Guidance News

### PARENTS

Throughout the school year, the PTO assists us in sponsoring Parent Brown Bag Lunches. These are scheduled by grade level so that we can address issues that are specific for each group of parents. Parents are invited to bring a sack lunch and meet us in the auditorium for a presentation that lasts about an hour. The PTO will have cold drinks and water available. Parking is available in designated visitor spaces, at the Newman House, and in the parking lot next to the old gym.

|                                     |                   |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <b>This year's lunch dates are:</b> | Senior Parents    | October 7   |
|                                     | Junior Parents    | November 18 |
|                                     | Sophomore Parents | January 20  |
|                                     | Freshman Parents  | February 17 |

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

The SAT and the ACT are both tests used by colleges in making admissions decisions. The chart below shows some comparisons. Important changes to the SAT began with the March 2005 administration. Students who will be seeking admission to a four year college or university should take one of the college admissions tests during their junior year, or as early as possible during their senior year. **Many colleges and universities are requiring the new SAT scores, including FSU, UCF, and UF.** It is recommended that students register online by accessing the appropriate website (below).

| <u>ACT</u>  | <u>Old SAT</u>                              | <u>New SAT</u>  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Content:</b> Math up to Trig<br>Science<br>Reading (emphasis<br>on grammar)<br>English | Math up to Geometry<br>No Science<br>Verbal | Introduced March, 2005<br>Math up to Algebra II<br>No Science<br>Critical Reading,<br>(more short reading passages)<br>Writing (grammar, usage,<br>and word choice)<br>600-2400<br><a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> |
| <b>Scoring:</b> 1-36<br><a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>        | 400-1600                                    |   |

The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given on Wednesday, October 12. The registration fee for Sophomores is paid by the state of Florida. Juniors must register and pay the registration fee in order to be scheduled to take the PSAT. The PSAT is given only one time each year. Registration information will be available at Open House.

### SENIORS

Seniors are our top priority in guidance each year, and our first classroom visits will be to the senior English classes. We will be distributing a copy of each student's transcript and presenting valuable information regarding the college application process, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, and general senior year planning. As in the past, we give each senior a copy of the *Senior Stepping Stones*; a booklet designed by our guidance staff to help seniors step by step through this year. We realize that the process of preparing for what lies beyond high school can sometimes be overwhelming. Every senior should schedule an appointment to meet with their counselor to review their individual concerns.

College/Career Night, Leon County Fairgrounds  
Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm

Representatives will be present from over 100 colleges and professional/technical programs.  
Kathy Heinz, Guidance Director

**ATTENTION VISITORS: NO ONE SHOULD BE ON LEON'S CAMPUS WITHOUT CHECKING IN WITH THE MAIN OFFICE.** Regardless of your reason for entering school grounds, all individuals are required to carry personal identification and to check in at the main office to receive a visitor's name tag. Look at this as Safety to protect our Leon Students. There's nothing more important than our student's safety, and dedicating ourselves to protecting our students is the most important thing we can do.

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**Fall Testing Calendar**

**FCAT Re-Takes: October 3-7, 2005**  
For 11th grade and 12th grade students who have not passed one or both portions of FCAT.

**PSAT: Wednesday, October 12, 2005**  
All 10th grade students will take the PSAT at no charge, unless their parent/guardian signs a form giving their student permission to not take the test. Eleventh and ninth grade students may register to take the PSAT at a cost of \$15.00. Eleventh grade PSAT is the qualifying test for National Merit Scholarships. All 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students must be registered by the end of the school day Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Writes Upon Request: September 21, 2005 - November 30, 2005**  
All 9th and 10th grade students will take WUR in their English class.

**College Entrance Examinations**

|   |            |              |  |            |   |
|---|------------|--------------|--|------------|---|
|  | <b>ACT</b> |              |  | <b>SAT</b> |  |
|   | Test Date  | Registration |  | Test Date  | Registration  |
|   | Sept. 24   | Aug. 19      |  | Oct. 8     | Sept. 7   |
|   | Oct. 22    | Sept. 16     |  | Nov. 5     | Sept. 30  |
|   | Dec. 10    | Nov. 4       |  | Dec. 3     | Oct. 28   |

ACT and SAT registration information may be obtained in the guidance office.  
Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions regarding testing.  
Mahaska Whitley, Testing Coordinator  
488-1971 ext. 2400, [whitleym@leon.leon.k12.fl.us](mailto:whitleym@leon.leon.k12.fl.us)

**Senior Class Information**

Families of seniors: Your senior was given a letter the first day of school explaining this year's senior fee, what it would pay for and when it was due. Hopefully, by the time you read this, it will be "OLD NEWS". This \$55 fee covers "minimums for participation" in graduation events. There are other items and activities which they may elect to purchase or participate in which are detailed on the calendar below. Your children were given a copy of this in homeroom on the first day of school too. Please save this and post it on your refrigerators. Should you have questions or concerns, the senior class coordinators are Becky Amos, Sylvia Crews, and Judy Miller. **Please help your child meet the many deadlines they will have this year.**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| September 23   | Deadline for required senior fee payment (\$55-checks to Leon High School)  |
| October 11     | Senior Class Meeting - 2 <sup>nd</sup> period - Auditorium<br>Bring dark-colored ink pen to fill out cap & gown order form                              |
| October 19-20  | Announcement Sales - Lobby, 8 AM-1 PM<br>(\$60 deposit required with order - checks to Jostens)   |
| February 13-17 | Grad Bash Ticket Sales<br>(Prices still being negotiated - we anticipate \$125 or less. Watch for more info)  |
| February 17    | Deadline for corrections to transcripts and posting of accepted transfer credits to impact "7-semester unweighted GPA" graduation honor classifications |
| March 16       | Announcement Delivery (Balance in cash only this day)   |
| March 29       | Senior Class Panoramic picture at 8 AM; Gym   |
| April 18       | Cap and Gown Delivery   |
| April 17-21    | Senior Class Brunch reservations (must be made NOW in order to attend on May 26 <sup>th</sup> )   |
| April 28       | Grad Bash   |
| May 5          | Tentative last date to have grades submitted from Adult Ed and any approved dual enrollment classes   |
| May 16         | Awards Night 6:30 PM, Leon Auditorium   |
| May 25         | Senior Class Brunch 10 AM. - Civic Center<br>(Reservations must have been made in advance)  |
| May 25         | <b>MANDATORY</b> Graduation Rehearsal - 12 Noon - Civic Center<br><b>ATTENDANCE REQUIRED</b>  |
| May 27         | Commencement Exercises 4 PM - Civic Center  |
| May 27         | Project Graduation 11 PM  |

**Additional information will be in the daily bulletins, announcements, and PTO newsletters.**

**From The Attendance Office:**

Parents: If your student is absent from school, you must send a note signed by a parent to the Attendance Office on the day of his/her return to school.

If your student arrives to school late or needs to leave school early, he/she must sign-in or sign-out in the Attendance Office.

Billy Epting, Assistant Principal, Attendance

## From The Foundation

Beginning our twenty-fourth year of operation, the Leon High School Foundation looks forward to another banner year. As the final act in a particularly successful 2004-05, we hosted a gala Preview Night fundraiser at Leon Choral Department's delightful production of *Seven Brides For Seven Brothers* at TCC's Turner Auditorium in July. We very much appreciated the generosity of the large audience in attendance, and the cooperation of the Choral Department in offering this occasion for what resulted in a very successful and satisfying fundraiser for the Foundation. The proceeds from Preview Night will be part of the more than \$20,000 that the Foundation hopes to be able to disburse to faculty, staff, and student groups during the 2005-06 academic year for those "extras" that cannot be funded through District or State coffers.

### And we need your support!

You will have several opportunities to give that support through the events that the Foundation is planning to sponsor this year. These will include a new fall fundraiser, our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Extravaganza in the spring, and perhaps another Preview Night gala for the Choral Department's next summer production. Details about these and other Foundation events will follow in future newsletters. But you don't have to wait for an "event" - we'll gladly accept gifts of dollars, securities, or property, and we'll be glad to discuss other types of gifts, bequests, or donations.

Please call Foundation Chairman, Joan May, at 668-9996, or any of the Foundation's Trustees listed below for other information or if you would like to discuss contributions you can make to the Foundation to help us meet our goal of providing financial support, as well as materials and services, to all who attend or work at Leon.

### Board Of Trustees, 2005-2006

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## Project Graduation - A Great Success

### Seniors, Get Ready For Another Great Celebration

Graduation night was full of fun and excitement as the 2005 Leon graduates celebrated with a HUGE party!! There was Food, Games, Music, and Prizes for everyone!! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of Project Graduation 2005. A detailed list of our many, generous donors will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Now, it's time to get ready for the **2006 PROJECT GRADUATION!!!** Project Graduation is an all-night, alcohol free/drug free post-graduation celebration that will be held May 27th at the FSU Leach Center from 11 p.m. until 5 a.m. in the evening following the graduation ceremonies. It is sponsored by the Leon Project Graduation Association, a group of Leon parents and other supporters. Parents and businesses contribute their time and money to make this a wonderful, memorable event. Project Graduation depends on the volunteer efforts of Leon senior and junior parents. Planning for this event is a lot of fun, and there are many jobs, both large and small, to be done. We will also be soliciting financial donations in the months ahead. Look for sign-up opportunities at the Open House on September 12<sup>th</sup> and at the Senior Information Night or the Senior Brown Bag Lunch. Linda Yon and Kim Crum are the co-chairmen of the 2006 Project Graduation. For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Linda Yon at [theyons@comcast.net](mailto:theyons@comcast.net)/386-7334. This is the last time the class of 2006 will be together. Parents, let's make this an unbelievable celebration. **Seniors, mark your calendars now for the 2006 Project Graduation!!!**

### Calling Leon Alumni

If you have not joined the Leon High School Alumni Association, now is the time! Annual dues are \$25.00. Send check made to Leon High School Alumni Association to PMB 217B, 3111 Mahan Drive, Suite 20, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

#### The Alumni Association is Sponsoring a FALL EVENT on September 16<sup>th</sup>

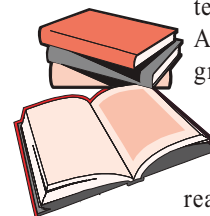
A Bar-B-Q dinner will be held before the Leon V. Buccholtz football game. The dinner and game cost \$10.00. Dinner will be in the Leon Cafeteria and the game is on Bobby Benson Field at Leon. Following the game, a Sock Hop will be held in the Cafeteria sponsored by the Alumni Class of 1964. Everyone is welcome to attend the Sock Hop. The cost is \$5.00 per person at the door.

## Leon Teachers Score AP Exams:

Ms. Betty Harrison, Ms. Janice McLain, Ms. Eileen Parker and Dr. Linda Teague were readers for the 2005 AP exams. Linda Teague graded AP Psychology and Eileen Schapp graded AP World History.

## English Department

We are very pleased to welcome four new teachers to Leon this year. Mrs. Pam Owens, a national board certified teacher from Mosely High School in Panama City, will be sponsoring yearbook and teaching 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We are also happy to have three new reading teachers with us: Mrs. Marsha Jopling will be working with incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, and Mrs. Helen Moran and Mrs. Tracy Rollinson will be with 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders.



This past summer, three of our English teachers participated in the Advanced Placement exam grading held in Daytona Beach during the month of June. Mrs. Betty Harrison and Mrs. Eileene Parker read the English Language exam, and Mrs. Janice McLain read the English Literature exam.

Also this past summer, Mr. Steven Obrecht and Mrs. Janice McLain received training in the Systematic Vocabulary Instruction Project. They will be, throughout this school year, providing in-service training in this procedure to Leon's 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> core curriculum teachers. This program is part of the District's initiative to enhance student's reading skills and improve standardized test scores.

## The Math Department

The members of the Math Department look forward to the beginning of this year with enthusiasm and a commitment to helping our students succeed. We do not know where the summer went, but members of the Department spent the time recharging their batteries in preparation for the new year. To help us work with your children, the veteran members of our department



welcome four new teachers. As you can imagine, the pool of candidates seeking to secure positions at Leon High School was huge. After a long process, we know that the successful candidates are highly qualified and will be an asset to the Department and the school. Jeremy Gardner is a recent graduate of the University of Florida and he will be married in December to a "Tallahassee girl". Mr. Gardner is teaching Algebra IB and Algebra I. Jason McCray has an undergraduate degree in mathematics and computer information systems. He has been teaching mathematics at TCC and is teaching Liberal Arts and Algebra IA. Brian Poché has recently relocated from Broward County where he taught for ten years at Cooper City High School. Mr. Poché is teaching Algebra IB, Algebra I and Geometry. Marcia Wurzel, an alumna of Leon High School, returns to the classroom after many years in "the real world". She is excited about "being home" and is teaching Pre-Algebra and Intensive Math. Please join us in making them feel welcome.

## DCT Up And Running For The 61<sup>st</sup> Year

The DCT program welcomes 95 students for this school year! We look forward to another outstanding year in providing excellent part-time employees for local businesses and government agencies. Parents, business owners, managers, and supervisors, please remember to call 488-5312 if you need to hire an energetic, reliable young person. We would be delighted to send you a candidate.

DCT students will participate in the Junior Achievement program this year as we partner with the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship at the Florida State University's College of Business. The Moran Institute provides business professionals for classroom instruction and opportunities for expanded class activities to enhance student understanding of business and finance. Thank you, FSU!

BALLOONWORKS will open September 6th. Call to order a balloon bouquet for your son or daughter at 488-5312.

## Summer Musical Success!

Forty Leon students sang and danced their way through the summer in the production of *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. The five performances had over 1,300 in attendance at Tallahassee Community College's Turner Auditorium. Many thanks to all who supported the show by purchasing advertising and/or by buying tickets! Special thanks to the Leon parents who were actively involved in the production: Candi Aubin, Penny Folsom, Kathy Landing, Claudia Dew, Linda Ahlquist, John Schranz, and Debbie Bobroskie. We also thank our business partner, Harvest Printing, for their creative and excellent service, and the TCC family for welcoming us to their campus!

Make plans now to participate in our 2006 Summer Musical, *West Side Story*. Performance dates will be July 13-16 at TCC. The show will be directed and produced by Dr. Judy Arthur and Mrs. Millie Seckel.

**Check Our Website For Dates And Events**  
[www.leonchorus.com](http://www.leonchorus.com)

## New Course Offerings In The Social Studies Curriculum

Two new courses were added to the list of social studies classes offered to Leon high school students for the 2005-2006 school year: **Philosophy Honors** and **A. P. European History**.

**Philosophy Honors** is a semester class that explores the foundations of philosophy through a historical exploration of the great thinkers from ancient times through the 20th century. An understanding of political authority and the nature of the relationship between government and civil society in constitutional democracies and totalitarian regimes will be a focus of this class. This class will help students develop and define their own political beliefs and philosophy. Scott Brown will be teaching this class.

**A. P. European History** is a year-long class that focuses on the study of European history since 1450. It introduces the student of cultural, economic, political, and social developments that played a fundamental role in shaping the world in which they live. Students taking A.P. European History can earn college credit for this class by earning a qualifying score on the A.P. European college board test in May 2006. Mr. Cowdrey will be teaching this class.

## Leon History Fair, 2005-2006: The Tradition Continues

Leon History Fair welcomes Mr. Scott Brown as our Leon History Fair coordinator for 2005-2006. This year's theme is "Taking a Stand in History: People, Ideas, Events," and the Leon Social Studies Department is busy encouraging all students in its history classes to begin their participation in this year's theme as early as possible. Students may access the National History Day web ([www.nationalhistoryday.org](http://www.nationalhistoryday.org)) for tips on getting started and on selecting their topics, and Florida History Fair will soon post on its own web site ([www.flheritage.com/museum/programs/historyfair](http://www.flheritage.com/museum/programs/historyfair)) suggestions for selecting Florida-based topics.

Our Social Studies Department is anxious to see our Leon students continue to participate fully at all levels of History Fair—school, county, state, and national—as they have done for so many years now. The Leon History Fair tradition continues, and we will do all that we can to assist our students as they prepare their historical papers, exhibits, documentaries, and historical dramas for "Taking a Stand in History."

## National History Fair Competition: College Park, Maryland-June 2005

National History Day is a year-long, nonprofit education program dedicated to improving the teaching and learning of history in elementary and secondary schools. Based on the theme selected annually by the NHD, students in grades 6-12 use primary and secondary sources to research a topic relating to local, national, or world history. The 04-05 theme was "Communication in History: The Key to Understanding".

After finding and interpreting the information they have researched, students express their findings in a historical research paper, an exhibit, a performance or a documentary. They may work individually or in groups of up to five members, except in the historical paper division. Competition begins at the school level and advances to district, state and eventually national competition. First and second place entries at state competition advance automatically to the National History Day competition. Florida routinely earns national honors and Leon students have a long tradition of excellence at national competition.

Leon high school was well represented at the University of Maryland as eight Leon students participated in the National History Day competition. Daniel McRae, Tim Peck, Bud Baker and Kevin Yon took seventh place in the nation in the Senior Group Documentary division for their documentary, "Apollo 8: A Message of Hope." Also participating honorably were Amy Smith, Scottie Mitchell, and Eden Joyner for their Group Performance, "Comprehension Amidst Chaos: Songs during the Vietnam War".

## New Textbooks For The Social Studies Department

The Social Studies Department has new textbooks this year. Students in grades 9-12 will soon be taking home new textbooks with the most up-to-date information and software. These social studies textbooks are supplemented with workbooks, document readers, CD-ROMS and online support materials.

Josh Stewart and Eileen Schaap attended a summer workshop that was designed to train Social Studies teachers in teaching strategies and expertise in the use of software that accompanies the newly adopted Social Studies textbooks. Many of the new texts come with eEdition CD-ROMs. The eEdition CD-ROM is an electronic version of the textbook that students can use from their computers at home.

Each book comes with online resources that will enable students to have access to internet research tutorials, interactive, self-scoring quizzes, and provide internet links to credible research sources.

The tenth grade world history textbook also includes specific FCAT preparation exercises that are designed to use the Social Studies content to enhance both the reading and writing skills of our students. The FCAT online test practice includes test taking tips, diagnostic tests and skill-based tutorials.

**The Social Studies Department is pleased to welcome some new additions to their ranks:**

Matt Williams is a first year World history teacher. He grew up in Milton, Florida, and received his B.A. in Philosophy and M.S. in Political Science

from FSU. He previously worked for Political Action Committees on Legislative and Constitutional Amendment campaigns. Mr. Williams is also the head J.V. football coach.

Mike Spencer teaches American history. He is a native of Deland, Florida, and a graduate of FSU. He worked as a teachers' aide at our high school for many years and also taught history at Trinity Catholic School. Mr. Spencer also coaches football at Leon.

Natalie Hughes will be interning during the fall semester with Dr. Teague and Mrs. Schaap. A Grand Junction, Colorado native, she will be completing her last semester at FSU in December. She runs track and field for FSU and ran in the Olympic trials.

## Sports

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## The Dodge Sunshine Cup FHSAA Floyd E. Lay All-Sports Awards

The Leon Athletic program finished the 2004-05 school year as the 4<sup>th</sup> best overall athletic program in the state. This is according to the information compiled statewide by the Florida High School Athletic Association. Boys finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place, and the girls finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. That designates Leon as the best Athletic program in the Panhandle, in the Big Bend, and in the city of Tallahassee!

Leon Athletics... Follow the Leader!

## A New Exciting Year For LHS FCA!

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is looking forward to the brand new school year and making FCA more awesome than ever! FCA's purpose is to reach all Leon students for Christ and show them God's love in a practical way. Our meetings, every Monday night at 6:36 p.m., include food, live music, small groups, and exciting speakers, and are open to everyone. It is a great way of meeting other Christians and non-Christians at Leon. You do **not** have to be an athlete to attend. All those interested should attend the first meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup>, in the chorus room at Leon High School, at 6:36 p.m. We look forward to this new year and welcome everyone.

# LHS

## Calling All Artists

Come check out Leon's award winning Art Department in Studios 218 and 220 of the Nettles Building. This is where students create art in two-dimensional composition and three-dimensional composition tracks. If the student has a desire to explore advanced levels of art they may take advanced classes all the way up to Advanced Placement (AP) Studio Art. AP Studio Art is accredited by the College Board, so students can earn college credit by submitting their art work and by receiving passing scores on their portfolios. We have visits from representatives of many of the top art schools in the country and learn about the many career choices available in the field of the visual arts. Some of our students have art work displayed in our community and receive scholarships to some of the finest schools.

We have an art club for our art students and we are also proud to be affiliated with the National Art Honor Society. Art students have the privilege of becoming a member and participating in activities around our school and community.

We encourage anyone with questions or concerns to contact us. Email us at: [giddingst@mail.leon.leon.k12.fl.us](mailto:giddingst@mail.leon.leon.k12.fl.us), or call Travis Giddings at 850-488-1971, ex. 1430; [willisp@mail.leon.leon.k12.fl.us](mailto:willisp@mail.leon.leon.k12.fl.us), or call Paula Willis at 850-488-1971, ex. 2160.

## Draft A Better Future!

Leon's Industrial Arts program would like to invite you to stop by our new facility located on the northwest side of campus, next to the gym. Funds generated from the half cent sales tax have allowed for the complete renovation of the building which houses Drafting and Design Illustration I, II, & III; Construction I, II, & III; and the ROTC program.

Drafting and Design Illustration educates students about the process of design and how to detail that process through working construction documents. Construction courses complement Design courses in that they demonstrate the procedure of manufacturing an object or building from a working drawing. Both course tracks are Gold Seal accredited.

While you are there you can have a detailed look at what our curriculum has to offer. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact us on the web at [Leon.leon.k12.fl.us](http://Leon.leon.k12.fl.us), or call Paula Willis at 488-1971, ext. 2160.



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For more information contact  
Major Plowman or GySgt Reaves  
at 488-9446, #2200.

### Public Hearing

Leon High School will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of presenting the 2005-2006 School Improvement Plan on September 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the school Media Center. Copies will be available through the school web site for your perusal by September 1, 2005.

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