

# 2025-2026 School Improvement Council Report to Parents



## Upcoming Events

**April 28** Progress Reports

**May 5** English II Writing EOC

**May 1** Senior Decision Day @2:00

**May 19** – Final SIC Meeting 5pm

**May 4** AP Biology Exam

**May 11** Career Center Completer  
Ceremony 6pm @CMS Auditorium

**May 14** Senior Exams – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Block

**May 15** Senior Exams – 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Block  
**Last Day for Seniors**

**May 12 – May 14 EOCs**

Tues 5/12 Biology I

Wed 5/13 US History

Wed 5/13 Algebra I

Thurs 5/14 English II Reading

**May 22** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Block Exams  
Underclassmen Awards 2:00 PM in gym

**May 26** 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Block Exams

**May 27** Senior Awards Night 6PM

**May 29 – Half Day – Last Day of School**

**May 30**  
Graduation 11:30 AM

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### School Improvement Council Committee

We would like to thank this year's SIC committee members for their dedication to Lewisville High School.

Thank you to Miss Nicole Cabbagestalk, Mrs. Amanda Freeman, Mr. James Harris, Mrs. Dean Jackson, Mr. Hubert Jayakumar, Miss Trista Kennedy, Mrs. Ashley Morrison, Mrs. Carol Rachels, Ms. Tamika Sanders, and Mrs. Robin Simpson.

## 2026 Happenings at LHS

This year we had a change in leadership. Our principal, Mr. Jayakumar, and assistant principal, Ms. Matkovich, both have completed their first year here at Lewisville High School. Both of these administrators have high expectations for students and staff and continue to push us on towards excellence!

As we close out the school year, Lewisville High School celebrates a strong and successful year of growth and progress. Our students, staff, and families have worked together to strengthen academic achievement, build a positive school culture, and create meaningful opportunities for student success. We are proud of the momentum our school community has built and look forward to continuing this work in the year ahead.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Lewisville High School. Go Lions!

### LHS Guidance Department

Below is a list of activities/events that we conducted in the school counseling department:

- grade level meetings
- FAFSA Workshop
- Scholarship Workshops
- Senior Decision Day

# CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

## GiTi Math and Science Team

The GiTi Math & Science Team competed on March 25, 2026. The team engineered a smart buoy that utilized 3D printing and programming to communicate data on water quality. The team won **1st Place** in the competition for their successful design and presentation. Congratulations to our winning teammates: McKayla Brown, Hubert Lin, Amelia Peoples, Helena Shaw, Savian Shive, Tyler Sloop, and Abigail Whiteside. Thanks to Mrs. Amy Kortheuer, and Mr. Christopher Johnson for sponsoring the GiTi team. Special thanks to Mr. Johnnie Catoe for providing additional support.

## Red Cross Club

This is the 2nd year for the LHS Red Cross Club. We hosted our annual Blood Drive, created Totes for Hope for homeless veterans, and sent cards to veterans for Veterans Day.

## Model UN Team

The Model UN Team competed at Catawba Ridge High School in the Fall and Winthrop University in the Spring semester. The LHS team was noticed as "tiny but mighty." It is only the 2nd year of the program, but a Lion Alum, Sam Crouch, won best college delegate during the Winthrop Conference and was featured on the front page of the Johnsonian. This is definitely going to be a program to watch! Members include: Rylie Telligman (SOCHUM); Knox McBrayer (POLSEC) and Rayna Foster (Legal). Thanks to Mrs. Amy Kortheuer for sponsoring the team.

## Beta Club

The LHS Beta Club consisted of 68 members this year. They assisted with campus cleanup, Family Science Night, National Custodian Day, and our very own Founders Day. We supported our community with Sunday meal deliveries, can drives, and sponsoring two children from the Angel Tree at Christmas.

## Academic Challenge Team

The Academic Challenge Team won the regular season with a 7 and 1 record and then repeated as Regional Champions at the Olde English Consortium Academic Festival. They then went on to finish 4th at the State Championship. This year's team members included Asher McCrorey (Captain), Keaton Moore, Ashlynn Ethridge, Benna Carter, Aiden Pressley, Ethan Nunoo, Kylie Telligman, and Tristan Nunoo-Johnson.

## LHS Yearbook

The Yearbook committee worked diligently this year to build the 2025-2026 yearbook that will serve as a lasting historical document for the school. Books will be delivered in mid-May and will be released at a Yearbook release party.

## Teacher Cadet

The LHS Teacher Cadet Class is designed to introduce students to the field of education. Cadets gain an appreciation for the teaching profession that will help them to become valuable community members. Each year, cadets complete a field experiences at our local elementary and middle schools, participate in College Day at Winthrop University and our area Special Olympics.

## LHS Student Council

Lewisville High School's Student Council includes eleven elected officers as well as elected homeroom representatives. The council oversaw existing programs and helped to improve the student body's high school experience. They coordinated numerous assemblies including celebrations for Halloween, Christmas, and all sports pep rallies. They hosted a Senior Sunrise breakfast for all seniors and hosted appreciation lunches for staff members. They also visited and collected donations for a local children's home. They carried out a variety of homecoming spirit week activities, which celebrated our senior court and made the week a memorable one. Other activities included participating in Round Table Discussions, and assisting with the Special Olympics, and the blood drive.

## ATHLETICS

**Volleyball** - The Varsity Lady Lions Volleyball Team were the 2025 Volleyball Region Champs and advanced to the third round of playoffs. Individual Recognitions:

- Jordan Welch- 1st Team All-Region
- Sarah Owens- 1st Team All-Region
- Hannah Walters- All-Region Player of the Year, SCCAWS All-State Team
- Coach Josh Renaud- All-Region Coach of the Year

**2025 Varsity Football** - The Varsity football team made it to the Upper State Championship game. Several players received awards:

- JaCorreun Howze – Region Player of the Year
- Jay'Sean Culp – Region D Player of the Year

**Offensive All Region Players:** Aiden Alexander, Jalen Culp, Marque Hammond, Malik Harrison, Mikel Hutchins

**Defensive All Region Players:** JB Buchanan, Eden Gaston, Derrell Guy, Jordan Strong

**All-State Players:** Jay'Sean Culp, Malik Harrison, JaCorreun Howze, Antonio Price

### 2025-26 Varsity Girls Basketball

Team awards:

- Nicole Cabbagestalk – Dedication
- Zakaria Gillcrese – Hustle
- Molli Deese – Spark Plug
- MacKenzie Boulware – Energy

### 2025-26 Varsity Boys Basketball

Team awards:

- Jalen Culp – Offensive Award
- Jordan Strong – Defensive Award
- Lamarion McCrorey – Most Improved
- JaCorreun Howze – Lion Award

### 2025-26 Junior Varsity Boys Basketball

Team awards:

- Bryan Crane – Offensive Award
- Cedric Spence – Defensive Award

# LEWISVILLE HIGH BAND PROGRAM

Each year the Lewisville High School Bands provides music and entertainment for football games, pep rallies, 9/11, Veterans Day, Family Night, Black History Program and Graduation ceremonies; holiday Concert and Spring Concerts. This year, the band established three smaller chamber groups that also provide music for various occasions. The **Lewisville Brass**, **Lewisville Saxophone Ensemble** and **LHS Drum Line**. We continue to partner with Dr. Clark and Professor Meccia with USC Jazz, providing clinics and help sessions. The **Lewisville Indoor Percussion** rebranded its name in compliance to the CWEA guidelines for combined group and will now be known as the **Chester County Indoor Percussion**. Though not accepted, Asher McCrorey is the **first** LHS student to submit an audio audition for the **SCBDA Master Recital**. Also, this year, we became a member of **Tri-M Music Honor Society**.

The high school band program has almost **60 active** students involved in the band program. Next year the band is expecting almost 75 active participants!

Thanks to the following Band Staff for their continued support and instruction.

- ❖ Travis Foster - Director of Bands
- ❖ Zora Foster - Associate Director of Bands/Lewisville Middle
- ❖ Coryn Wolfe - Color/Winter Guard Instructor
- ❖ Brianna Scruggs - Color/Winter Guard Assistant Instructor
- ❖ Will Moore - Percussion Instructor (marching)
- ❖ Ethan Bell - Asst. Percussion Instructor (indoor)
- ❖ Hunter Garrison - Brass Instructor
- ❖ Baten King - Woodwind Instructor

## Marching Band

- 3rd Place Overall - Henry Laurens Invitational
- 2nd Place Percussion - Henry Laurens Invitational
- 2nd Place Color Guard - Henry Laurens Invitation
- 3rd Place Overall - Olde English Festival of Bands
- 2nd Place Overall - Lowcountry Invitational
- 1st Place Music - Lowcountry Invitational
- 1st Place Color Guard - Lowcountry Invitational
- 1st Place Percussion - Lowcountry Invitational
- EXCELLENT rating - SCBDA Marching Band Championships
- Parades: Richburg Christmas, Fort Lawn Christmas, Chester MLK

## Concert Band

- EXCELLENT rating - SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment (Sr Class III)
- SUPERIOR rating – sight reading SCBDA Concert Performance Assessment

## Indoor Percussion

- 2nd Place - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - River Bluff
- SUPERIOR Rating - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - Boiling Springs
- SUPERIOR Rating - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - Championships

## Winter Guard

- 2nd Place - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - Northwestern
- 3rd Place - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - Pickens
- 2nd Place - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - JF Byrnes
- Silver Medalist - Carolina Winter Ensemble Association - Class SAA

## Jazz Band

- EXCELLENT rating - SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment
- Best Soloist: Anna Burris - SCBDA Jazz Performance Assessment
- 4 years consecutively being invited to perform at the CCSD Teacher Appreciation

### SCBDA Region Band participants

- Asher McCrorey
- Anna Burris
- Melody Yon

### Winthrop Honor Band Clinic participants

- Asher McCrorey
- Melody Yon
- Anna Burris

### University of South Carolina participants

- Anna Burris
- Melody Yon
- Ryan Brown
- Devaughn Robinson
- Sullivan Shive
- Asher McCrorey

### Newberry Honor Band Clinic participants

- Melody Yon
- Devaughn Robinson
- Sullivan Shive
- Asher McCrorey

### SCBDA Solo and Ensemble

- Asher McCrorey - Flute Solo - **SUPERIOR with Distinction** (perfect score 30/30)
- Melody Yon - Flute Solo - **SUPERIOR with Distinction** (perfect score 30/30)
- Anna Burris - Trumpet Solo - **SUPERIOR with Distinction** (perfect score 30/30)
- Melody Yon and Ryan Brown - Alto Sax Duet - **SUPERIOR** (27/30)
- Sullivan Shive - Euphonium Solo - **SUPERIOR** (27/30)
- Neely Simpson - Clarinet Solo - **SUPERIOR** (27/30)
- Rayna Foster - Bass Clarinet Solo - high **EXCELLENT** (26/30)
- Chief Cabbagestalk - Trombone Solo - high **EXCELLENT** (26/30)

## Individual Band Awards

2026 LHS Director's Awards - Jacob Duffen

2026 John Philip Sousa Awards - Brody Hinson

2026 Mitch Hopper Legacy Award - Abby Carter

2026 Louis Armstrong Award - Devaughn Robinson

# JROTC

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) is the premier leadership program for high school students. JROTC's mission is to "Motivate Young People to be Better Citizens". We pride ourselves in shaping the Corps of Cadets by instilling in them a sense of Duty, Honor, Family and Country through Volunteerism, Community Service and the enjoyment of belonging to something bigger than themselves. The LHS JROTC Program enrollment for SY 2025-2026 was 111 cadets, which equates to 25.7% of the LHS student body.

**Community Service/Service Learning** are critical areas of our JROTC program and the cadets play a vital role in facilitating this support to our local communities. These programs teach cadets that giving back to their communities through volunteerism is a meaningful way to help others. Our primary support areas are the Richburg, Fort Lawn, Edgemoor and Lando communities. Our annual **Community Service Project** supports the Fort Lawn Community Center by assisting in their monthly Food/Share initiative. This year the Cadets assisted the community center in providing over **900** family food care packages to families in need. We also provide annual support to the Richburg Fall and Fort Lawn Fall Festivals.

The Corps of Cadets met great success when it competed in the annual **JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl** (JLAB). The JROTC Cadet Leadership Team and the Academic Team advanced to Phase II of the JLAB competition. More than 3,200 teams representing Army JROTC programs from across the United States and around the world compete in this annual contest.

The **JROTC Archery Team** earned an invitation to compete in the **JROTC National Archery Championship** at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. This is our 5th year in a row earning this fantastic opportunity to compete against JROTC Archery teams from across our country. Hundreds, if not thousands, of archery athletes compete in this prestigious championship tournament.

The **JROTC Air Rifle Marksmanship Team** has had their most successful year to date. The team earned their very first invitation to compete in the **Army JROTC Marksmanship National Championship** in Anniston, Alabama and finished **33rd** in the country. The team also finished **8th** place out of more than 300 air rifle teams in the 4th ROTC Brigade Marksmanship Championship.

**JROTC Cadet Leadership Camp** (JCLC) is a premier leadership camp for high school JROTC cadets. We are sending **12** cadets this year. Cadets earn a selection to attend the camp through their hard work. The summer camp is a one week in duration and is held at Fort Jackson, SC. JCLC is designed to place each cadet in challenging leadership positions that require the cadet to apply their problem-solving skills and working together as a team. The camp is both physically and mentally challenging. Cadets are taken out of their "comfy-zone" daily where they will have to apply their critical thinking skills to be successful.

**\*NEW\* JROTC Drone Team:** As LHS continues to grow, we believe the JROTC program must grow with it. In doing so, we increased our competitive capabilities by adding a new and exciting opportunity for our Cadets by creating a Drone Team for competition. So much interest was shown that we actually added **two** teams. Both teams are highly motivated and competitive. They are a prime example of hard work pays off - both teams earned an invitation to participate in the 4th ROTC Brigade Drone Championship with the hope of earning a spot at the JROTC Drone National Championship in May 2026. This is an incredible accomplishment given that this is the inaugural year for the Drone Team!

# TEACHER AWARDS

**Ms. Mackenzie McConnell** was elected as our 2026 Teacher of the Year! Ms. McConnell is in her third year of teaching at Lewisville High School, and she currently teaches English IV and Journalism. This year, she has been an advisor for the LHS Student Council, Lewisville News and Media Club, and the 2026 Junior Marshals. She also assists in planning graduation and other senior events. Congratulations to Ms. McConnell, we know she will represent LHS well for the upcoming school year!

**Mrs. Kellie Chavez** was elected as our 2026 Support Staff of the year. Nurse Kellie has served as our school nurse for the past three years. She supports their health needs and strives to make our school a safe and welcoming place. She goes above and beyond the medical needs of our students by offering a listening ear and a safe place. She puts our students first and is dedicated to their well-being.

**Mr. Pete Stone** was one of five public school educators from across the country that is a recipient of the NEA (National Education Association) Foundation's highest honor in public education, the Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence. Mr. Stone was the South Carolina nominee and was recognized because of his advocacy for public education, standing up for students and teachers and parents, and being sure that we have more of a "base up" approach than a "top down" approach. He was honored in Washington D.C. at the NEA's annual Gala where a documentary was shown, highlighting his teaching style. He also received a \$10,000 gift and assistance from the NEA to continue sharing his advocacy message for students, parents, classroom educators and public education. He is grateful that teaching in Chester County School District allowed him this opportunity to be an advocate for the profession he has dedicated his life to.

**Mrs. Amanda Freeman** applied and was selected as 1 of the 11 teachers nationwide to be selected for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Teachers at Sea Program. This program offers educators a unique opportunity to join NOAA scientists aboard an ocean research vessel as a member of the science team. Since 1990, more than 850 teachers have sailed on NOAA surveys monitoring our nation's fisheries, measuring physical and chemical ocean trends, and charting unknown regions of the seafloor. Participants return to their classrooms with first-hand accounts of what it's like to live and work at sea, illustrated by photos, blogs, and lesson plans. The personal connections to NOAA's science and stewardship help Teachers at Sea communicate the importance of NOAA's mission to communities across the nation. Mrs. Freeman will be a part of the **Sea Scallop HabCam Survey** departing from Newport, Rhode Island aboard the *Henry B. Bigelow* from May 19-29, 2026. Be sure to follow along with her experience through blog posts and updates on NOAA's Teachers at Sea site and the LHS Facebook page!

## *Congratulations to the Lewisville High School Class of 2026*

Anthony, Akira Paulina  
Applegate, Samantha Joyce  
Archie, Jaden Justice  
Bailey, Amber Nichole  
Barber, Tikyra Nicole  
Beard, Ava Kathleen  
Beatty, Tralvis Keyion  
Bridges, Connor Copeland  
Brown, Kyshaun Latrel  
Brown, McKayla Nicole  
Buchanan, Ja'Quee Nasier  
Burris, Samuel Alexander  
Cabbagestalk, Jameica Nicole  
Cannon, Alexas I'vana  
Cannon, Linkin Alexander  
Carr, Justyn Michael-James  
Carter, Benna Grace  
Carter, Catie Louise  
Cassels, Ansley Caroline  
Compton, Jaylynn Marie  
Cousar, Brandon Demorris  
Craig, Kaleb Javace  
Croft, Avah Klaire  
Currence, Ethan Lucas  
Darby, Payton Mae  
Davis, Jevaun Jeremiah  
Davis, Kentavious Zyquez  
Denio, Jacob Clayton  
Dorsey, Jasiah Christopher  
Faulkenberry, Emma Nichole  
Feaster, Travon Lamont  
Fisher, Ja'Noah Tyrell  
Foster, Ja'Meriah A'Monte' Simon'  
Foster, Rayna Joann  
Fourney, Demarus Jameil  
Franklin, Erin Grace  
Garcia, Devaugh Monteval Nicholas  
Gaston, Eden Isaiah  
Gomez, Arianna Lilly  
Goodman, Dalton Lee  
Grant, Ty'Lashia Shiniece  
Gregory, Bradley Eugene  
Harrison, Malik Rashawn  
Heath, Kevin Resean  
Heath, Naskyah Simone  
Higgins, Christopher William  
Hill, Makenzie Marie  
Hinson, Joseph Matthew  
Hinson, Miley Rose



*Join us in celebration as the  
Class of 2026  
graduates  
Saturday, May 30, 2026  
LHS Stadium  
11:30 AM*



*The mission of LHS, in  
partnership with the  
community, is to develop  
productive citizens prepared for  
lifelong learning in a changing,  
diverse, global society.*

Hood, Destiny Harmonie- Marie  
Hough, William Lawson  
Howze, JaCorreun KeRae  
Howze, Omari Jerrell  
Hughes, Tiyasmin Andriea  
Hughes, Ty'Mon Ja'Kayden  
Hutchins, Mikel Alex  
Jackson, Nickolas Ray  
Jamaca, Dacoda Lynn  
Kennedy, Trista Lynn  
Kpogoh, Agnes  
Lance, Conner Dwaine  
Loos, Makenzie Nicole  
Lozano, Josue Vera  
Martin, Gregory Blake  
McCrorey, Lamarion NyJay  
McFadden, Silas Lee  
McWhirter, Elizabeth Page  
Minard, Kaylee May  
Morrison, Margaret Brooke  
Mungo, Anthony Christian  
Myers, Matthew Jarrell  
Noviello, Dominick William  
Nunoo, Ethan Pearse Nii  
Nunoo-Johnson, Tristan Mensah  
Outlaw, Austin Robert Wayne  
Owens, Emma Kaylynn  
Owens, Sarah Ashley  
Patterson, Khemani Jacqueez  
Pickett, Nakiya Teonna  
Pressley, Aiden Britt  
Richardson, Marissa Anne  
Robinson, Devaughn  
Shaver, Bryson Christopher  
Shive, Savian Sihra  
Simpson, Mikayla Alaysia  
Sizemore, Serina Mae  
Sloop, Benjamin Carter  
Smith, Aubree Elizabeth  
Smith, Hunter Kristian  
Smith, Melvin Herman  
Stack, Colton Gauge  
Stack, Trinity Dean  
Stone, Olivia Preston  
Strickland, Kingsley Julianne  
Strong, Jordan O'Neal  
Telligman, Rylie Elizabeth  
Thompson, Thomas Matthew  
Tindell, Alexis Caprice  
Vaughn, Cheyanna Grier  
Webster, Madison Nichol  
White, Ke'Essence Zaniya La'Dasia  
Wilks, Amare Tayshawn  
Worthy, Treylen Kamari  
Wright, Odarius Marcell  
Yang, Sheekeng M.