

October 2024

ExCEL-lent News

The ExCEL Magnet Newsletter



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From Dr. Smith's Desk

Dear Students and Families,

I am thrilled to lead the ExCEL program in my first year at Largo High School. I've been truly impressed by our dedicated faculty and our talented student body, who continuously inspire me with their commitment to excellence.

As we look ahead, we have several exciting ExCEL events on the horizon. These activities are designed to enrich our students' learning experiences and foster a sense of community. Please read through the details below so you don't miss out on any of the fun and educational opportunities we have planned ahead!

Thank you for being a part of our ExCEL family. Together, let's make this semester a memorable one!

Sincerely,

Eric C. Smith, Ph.D.
ExCEL Program Coordinator

for more visit:

<https://www.pcsb.org/domain/3314>

In ExCEL Classrooms

Hurricane Relief Drive - October 2-30th Largo High School Cares!

After the recent local devastation with Hurricane Helene, Mr. Kaplan and Mr. O'Neil teamed together with their Octagon and Key Clubs to organize a school wide collection campaign to help those affected by the hurricane seek some relief. This flyer lists items that we are asking families to donate to the school. These items will be directed towards those families needing help. Any additional items will be donated out into the local Largo community. There are currently over a dozen clubs and sports teams on campus who are participating in the drive.



[A complete list of items needed
can be found by clicking this link.](#)

The Freshman Council is hosting a "Candy Jar Guess the Number" fundraiser from October 16-30. Proceeds will go toward the Class of 2028 account to support future events. Students can view the jar during both lunch periods, and the winner will receive a jumbo jar of candy as the prize. Prizes will also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Guesses are \$1 for 1 guess or \$3 for 5 guesses, and can be purchased with cash or through Revtrak.



So What is a TRF?

A tutorial request form (TRF) is used by students in AVID to request additional help understanding a subject or topic they've learned in school. This TRF is their ticket into small study groups with their peers, often directed by a tutor. The goal of the tutorial group is to create a deeper understanding of concepts covered in core content class and help students develop skills necessary to become self-directed learners. Tutorials happen twice a week in the AVID elective: on Tuesday and Thursday. It's not just homework help: it's a chance for one student to help another or push one another's thinking!

Upcoming Events



Afterschool Academic Supports

Does your student need extra time to finish assignments? A helping hand with homework? Largo High's Afterschool Academic Supports program is here to help. Students meet in the Media Center after school under the supervision of Largo High teachers (who are always ready to help!).

Excel Project:

Jan 24th - periods 5-7

Jan 30th - Field trip to Busch Gardens

February 6th - periods 2-4

February 7th - periods 5-7

February 13th - periods 2-4

February 14th - periods 5-7

February 19th - All day presentations



Save the Date:

ACT Testing

October 22nd (reading)

October 23rd (math)

PSAT / SAT

October 31st

Excel Talent Show:

November 22nd - periods 6 & 7



Celebrations

Congratulations to the following 9th and 10th graders in Ms. Shroyer's classes who demonstrated growth from PM3 to PM1:

- Emma Appel
- Summer Balog
- Juan Barcenás-Cruz
- Daniya Battle
- Owen Blatt
- Ava Bliss
- Noah Boussik
- Drago Bravo
- Dominic Bulku
- Riley Capobianco
- Skye Cheveresan
- Michael Cortez-Perez
- Sklar Curnow
- Lucy Dahlvik
- Lucas Dasilva
- Tyson Davis
- Amara Delaney
- Aylin Dorantes-Alvarez
- Quinton Draper
- Maeve Duffy
- Ben Dyer
- Maddern Dyer
- Hailee Esteves
- Nina Feller
- Makaylah Gipson
- Jacke Godinez-Rodriguez
- Sheila Hagen
- Jeremiah Holt
- Luca Jacques
- Jill Jason
- Erika Jenkins
- Chase Johnson
- Olivia Kabakov
- Ethan Kerkhoff
- Dawson Kozel
- Freddy Laeger
- Kaitlyn Leggett
- Tristen Ludes
- Laura Lutz
- Liz Martin Garcia
- Marley McGovern
- Piper Mednansky
- Kelly Miranda-Parades
- Evan Moffitt
- Patrick Naidan
- Kelsey Oski
- Jocelyn Pena-Espitia
- Haley Pete
- Ella Range
- Jason Reardon
- Ryan Rizo-Ortega
- Abby Robinson
- Bernard Robinson
- Julia Rodrigues De Oliveira
- Liv Roegner
- Sidney Rogers
- Raja Rudd-henderson
- Jordan Rush
- Enes Shahinllari
- Alex Siefkes
- Ash Smith-Higbee
- Jamani Swatts
- Layla Thomson
- Hannah Tran
- Klesti Trushi
- Tayton Tvedt
- Andrey Ugrinov
- Jared Undestad
- Wes Van Epps
- Neven Vitkovic
- Savannah Wallerstein
- Jax Wike
- Eva Witchley
- Angellite Zarate-Preciado
- William Ziemer
- Sandra Zomot



Exciting News:

We Are Now a Title I School!

We are pleased to announce that our school has been designated as a Title I school. This is great news for our community! Title I status allows us to receive additional federal funding to support programs, resources, and initiatives that enhance the academic experience for all students. These funds will help us provide extra support for students who need it, improve our instructional resources, and offer more opportunities for family engagement.

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