



# The Liberty Lancer

October 2014

## Message from the Superintendent

September was a busy month as we transitioned from wrapping up summer break and getting back into the school routine. My family and I are loving our transition to the Liberty community and have enjoyed getting to know our families and community.

The past four weeks have been very successful. Our buildings look great, staff is excited, and the students are engaged and back in their routines. We have updated our district mission statement to reflect our continued focus on making Liberty the best we can. We continue to offer the High School where juniors earn college credit. We also saw an increase in students passing the advanced placement (AP) exams last spring. Our sport teams continue to improve and show success against league opponents. We are working to be strategic and focused around the standards our students need in order to show success throughout the year.

*"Liberty School District will provide a safe, nurturing, and rigorous learning environment maximizing each student's potential today with tomorrow in mind."*

District enrollment came in right around 392 students in K-12 for September, which is close to where we left off last spring. We are in a stable fiscal position and have all of our staff in place for the 2014-15 school year.

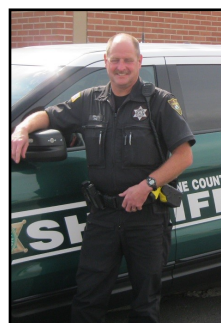
Once again, thank you for your continued support of our schools and district; your partnership and dedication to our students is vital to the success of our community. It is my goal to continue our transparent level of awareness by enhancing communication through our website and alert system (phone and emails). If you have any questions, please contact me.

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**Sheriff's Corner** We're off and running in a new school year. I'd like to welcome everyone back. I'd also like to give a warm welcome to the new staff members and new students. You'll find that Liberty School District is awesome! If you don't know who I am, I'm Deputy Ron Nye, the School Resource Deputy. I work for both Liberty and Freeman School Districts during the school year. This is my ninth school year as the Resource Deputy. Wow, how time flies when you're having fun.

I just want to let everyone know that any type of harassment, intimidation, or bullying is my biggest pet peeve. I feel that everyone has the right to come to school to learn in a safe and bully-free environment. The district has a new system in place for reporting such actions. Just go to the Liberty webpage and look for the "Safe Schools Alert" icon on the left-hand menu. Click on that and it will show you the different ways to report any type of bullying. Once a report is made, an e-mail is generated that goes to Mr. Rydell,



Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Hammond, Mrs. Freeman, and me. This will ensure that the issue at hand will be handled in a timely fashion. I receive the e-mail to ensure there is nothing criminal in reference to harassment, intimidation, or bullying.

As you all know, I work for the Spokane County Sheriff's Office. That means I reach far beyond the school district. So, if you have an issue that is not school related or happens outside of school, you can send me an e-mail at [rgnye@spokanesherriff.org](mailto:rgnye@spokanesherriff.org) or leave me a voice message at 509-477-3174. I'd be more than happy to see if I can help. With that said, let's have a great 2014-2015 school year!

## Family Access

Want to know when your child has \$5 or less in their lunch account, has earned a 90 percent or higher on an assignment, has a missing assignment, or has earned a grade of less than 60 percent? These, among others, are all triggers that can prompt a system-generated email to keep you in-the-know. Just log onto your Family Access account and click on "My Account" in the upper right corner to choose your preferred options. If you need a login or password reset to access your account, please contact the school office.



Washington, along with many other states, has scheduled a practice earthquake drill on October 16 at 10:16 am. We will be participating in this practice drill as a school district.

Per state law, all districts are required to practice fire drills, lockdown drills, and other evacuation drills on a monthly basis.

# Liberty Lancer

The Liberty Lancer is published during the academic year by Liberty School District. The Lancer is published to provide current information about school district sponsored and co-sponsored events, student and educator recognition, as well as other news of interest to our school community.

Comments, questions or suggestions should be sent to the Superintendent.

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## Upcoming Board Meetings

All meetings are held at 7:00 PM  
in the Elementary/Junior High Library

Thursday, October 30

Tuesday, November 25

Tuesday, December 30 (5pm)

Thursday, January 29

Thursday, February 26

## Staff Spotlight: Molly Gentry



Each month we will be featuring staff members who may be new to our school or who have changed positions within the past few years. This month we are "Spotlighting" our new 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Molly Gentry!

Mrs. Gentry graduated from Lakeland High School in Rathdrum, Idaho, and earned her teaching degree from Whitworth University in Spokane. Her favorite subjects to teach are math (especially algebra) and art, which is fitting because she is an artist.

On the all-important topic of "favorite school lunch," cheeseburgers top her list, and when asked what she loves about being a staff member at Liberty so far, Molly replied that Liberty is a fun and friendly place to work.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Molly Gentry to the Liberty family!

## Liberty Elementary & Junior High

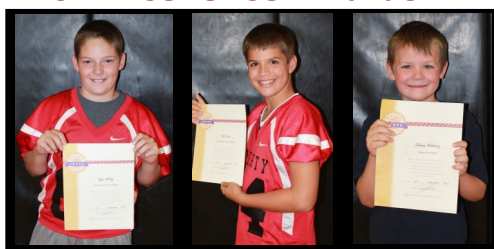
### Elementary Excellence Awards

September



Congratulations to our elementary citizens of the month who exemplified September's "Character Counts" trait—empathy: (top row, l-r) Kyle Johnson, Sarah Burley, Colton Marsh, Devin Holling, Lacie Marsh, Grace Grumbly (bottom row, l-r) Mitchell Hanegan, Kendall Denny, Khloe Wanberg, Kamryn Tee, Brenna Ties

### E for Excellence Awards



Gage Holling Matt Heer Solomon Holmberg

### K-8 Dates to Remember

#### October (Responsibility)

- 3 Midterm Grading Day
- 10 NO SCHOOL—Curriculum Day
- 16 College Color Day
- 24 Bus Driver Appreciation Bkfst
- 27 2-hour Late Start
- 30 Board Meeting, 7pm
- 31 Halloween
- Elementary Classroom Parties
- JH ASB dance
- End of 1st Quarter



# Liberty High School

## Principal's Welcome

The high school is off to a great start with students and staff excited to be back in a routine. The first month of school is always a busy one; everyone has done an outstanding job of adjusting to new schedules, teachers and classes for the fall. We are starting the year off with about 120 students in grades 9-12.

**Aaron Fletcher**

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## Honor Roll

*Congratulations to the following students for earning a 3.0 or higher GPA for Semester 2, June 2014.*

### 4.0

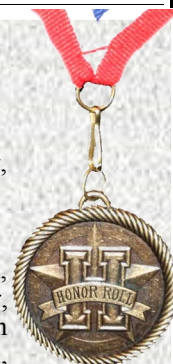
Jesse Baird, Bronwyn Doubet, Katherine Nelson, Kelly Nichols, Alyssa Tee, Ryan Thayer, Shealene Wheeler, Mikayla Wilson, Abigail Brown, Maxwell Johnson

### 3.50-3.99

Macy Cornmesser, Robert Covey, Dyllian Flaig, Derek Green, Emily Lehman, Stephanie Lindner, Blake Marsh, Emily Mumby, Cassandra Russell, Joseph Ryan-Huotari, Gabriel Saywers, Alexandra Schuerer, Katherine Stern, Breanna Thieren, Kelsey Weeks, Meagan Bennett, Match Burnham, Alaina Curl, Kain Feltwell, Trisha McTaggart, Alyssa Rhoads, Jack Simmons, Alysha Thomas, Nathaniel Burley, Jodi Carrell, Keith Dumaw, Spencer Fox, Garrett Green, Meghan, Grumbly, Daniel Hircock, Margaret Nelson, Kaitlyn Rambo, Bridgette Roll, Justice Schuman, Jessica Trotter, Devin Billington, Elizabeth Brown, Kathryn Fairfield, Justin Flaig, Madelynn Flaig, Jacob Harrington, Braden House, Kristin Ince, Abigail Karlis, Kayla Massengale, Patrick Paredes, Garrett Spurrell

### 3.00-3.49

Reese Anderson, Thania Clark, Faith Curry, Lynnsey Kelley, Katelyn Marcure, Austin Sievers, Tucker Carey, Clay Fleming, Kyle King, Kaleb Hafner, Franklin James, Killian Knecht, Mandara Morgan-Weiland, Jacob Pottratz, Kassandra Turner, Chase Burnham, Thomas Canning, Kyle DeGon, Matthew DeGon, Christine Denny, Dustin Dumaw, Tyler Haas, Allysha Hubbard, Autumn Morse



## Conferences

If you have questions or concerns about your student's academic progress, please feel free to contact their teachers at any time during the year. We have set our conference week for November 10-14, with evening conferences available on Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>. On each of these days (with the exception of November 11, Veterans' Day), students will be released at 12:15 with conferences taking place in the afternoon.

Quarter grades will be mailed home during the year, and midterm grades will be posted on Family Access. Please take time to look through the quarterly mailings, as important information about scholarships and other happenings will also be included.

## National Honor Society Clothing & Blood Drives



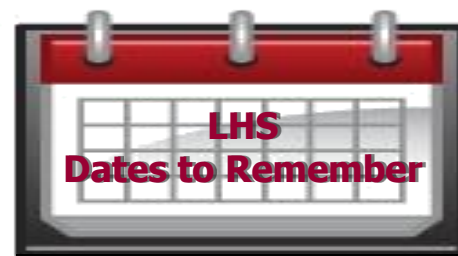
It is time for our annual Fall Blood Drive with the Inland Northwest Blood Center. The National Honor Society will be hosting the blood drive on October 8 from 1:15-3:30. The Blood Mobile will be parked near the north door to the library. Please contact Mrs. Chambers at extension 1302 or email

**Inland Northwest  
Blood Center**

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for more

information or to schedule your time. Walk-up donations are always welcome, too!



### October

- 3 Quarter 1 Midterm  
RSHS to EWU
- 8 NHS Blood Drive
- 10 NO SCHOOL
- 13-17 Homecoming Week
- 15 PSAT
- 17 Homecoming Game/Dance
- 18 LCEF Auction
- 22 FBLA Fall Conference
- 27 2-hour Late Start (1-2, 5-7)
- 31 First Quarter Ends

The NHS will also be sponsoring a clothing drive beginning the first part of October and running through October 17. Feel free to donate gently used clothes to the bins located in front of the high school office.

## Character Counts

Each month Liberty School District focuses on a character trait of the month. For September the student body focused on **empathy**: thinking about others' feelings. Students and staff recognized the following students for displaying empathy in a variety of ways: Jared Hatch, Autumn Morse, Maggie Nelson, Jodi Carrell, Kaitlyn Rambo, Alysha Thomas, and Marcus Hammond.

For the month of October students will be focusing on **responsibility**: working hard and doing what you are supposed to do at all times.

*Pictured at right (l-r): Jared Hatch, Marcus Hammond, Maggie Nelson, Kaitlyn Rambo, Jodi Carrell, Alysha Thomas, Autumn Morse*



## Student Government

Starting off another great year at Liberty High School, each grade level elected students who will represent Liberty High School as President, Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, Treasurer, and ASB Representative. The following students were elected in each class:



### Senior Class Officers

*(Pictured at left, l-r)*

Vice President: Emilee Shinkle

Secretary: Taylar Brown

President: Alysha Thomas

*Not pictured:*

Treasurer: Alyssa Rhoads

### Junior Class Officers

*(Pictured at right, l-r)*

Vice President: Jodi Carrell

Treasurer: Bridgette Roll

Sergeant at Arms: Keith Dumaw

ASB Rep.: Kassie Turner

Secretary: Lillie Marsh

President: Maggie Nelson



### Sophomore Class Officers

*(Pictured at left, l-r)*

Secretary: Patrick Parades

Vice President: Kyle DeGon

ASB Rep.: Dustin Dumaw

Sergeant at Arms: Abby Karlis

Treasurer: Matt DeGon

President: Devin Billington

### Freshman Class Officers

*(Pictured at right, l-r)*

President: Michaela Tee

Treasurer: Thomas Redder

ASB Rep.: Jawuan Nave

Vice President: Caroline Nelson



## Student Leadership



*Scott Friedman*

This year's ASB officers will be working with Scott Friedman from the Association of Washington School Principals on student leadership in the high school. Mr. Friedman will be meeting with student leaders of our school on a monthly basis to discuss how to create a positive culture in the building for our students. Mr. Friedman kicked off the school year as a guest speaker at our opening assembly.

If your student would like to be a part of this group, please contact Mr. Fletcher.





## Homecoming

The ASB has set homecoming week to be October 13 through October 17. Activities will take place one period each day. Homecoming royalty will be presented at the football game Friday October 17, against Northwest Christian, with a dance to follow. Dress-up days are as follows:

Monday  
80's Rock Star

Tuesday  
Western/Cowboy

Wednesday  
Togas

Thursday  
Caveman/Flintstones

Friday  
**SPRIT DAY**



*Students model examples of themed costumes for spirit week, October 13-17.*

## Ag Issues

Good luck to Mr. Kimble and the Ag Issues team as they prepare for the National FFA Competition held in Louisville, Kentucky. The Lancers qualified for Nationals with their first place victory at the state convention last May. The team contest begins October 29 and runs through October 31.

Team members (*pictured below, l-r*) include Devin Billington, Bridgette Roll, Kaitlyn Rambo, Abby Karlis, Meghan Grumbly, Christine Denny and Nate Burley. This year's topic: "Are Drones in Agriculture: Harmless Helpers or Mindless Monsters?"



*The Ag Issues team will travel to Louisville, Kentucky, for the National FFA Competition October 29-31.*



*Varsity (all games start at 7pm)*

Date	Vs.	Site
10/3	Davenport	Home
10/10	L/R/S	Ritzville
10/17	NWC	Homecoming
10/24	W/C	Wilbur

*JV (games start at 4 or 5pm)*

10/6	NWC (4pm)	NWC
10/13	Colfax (5pm)	Home
10/20	Reardan (5pm)	Reardan
10/27	W/C (5pm)	Home



Date	Vs.	Site	Time
10/2	NWC	NWC	5/6/7
10/7	St. George's	Home	5/6
10/9	Mary Walker	Springdale	4/5/6
10/14	W/C	Wilbur	4/5/6
10/16	L/R/S	Home	4/5/6
10/21	Davenport	Davenport	4/5/6
10/23	Colfax	Home	4/5/6

*\*\*Athletic schedules subject to change. Go to [libertysd.us/athletics](http://libertysd.us/athletics) for the most up-to-date information.*