

Good morning parents, this is Mr. Rice, Principal of Lyman High School and this is your Weekly Principal's Update!

Before I share with you the events and accolades for this week, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all the best as we enter into this week of Thanksgiving. Everyone has been working extremely hard to stay on track with academics and maintain involvement in our clubs, organizations, and athletics. It has been a busy few months, but I am so appreciative of the support and community that we have at Lyman High School. Thank you for all you do to help make Lyman the school that it has become! Get some rest this week and let's make a strong academic push to the end of the quarter in December!

What a great week it was! We started off the week by shining some positive light on our school with *Light Up Lyman!* Our Jazz Band, Lyman Diamonds, and Thespians put on energetic performances prior to the Engineering presentation, our Horticulture Students decorated the Auditorium with plants they have grown, student Kaitlyn Bowman spoke eloquently and from the heart about how Engineering has impacted her life, our Senior Engineering students showcased their Capstone Projects, our Leadership Students confidently lead campus tours, our Cheerleaders, Band, and Lyman Diamonds led a mini Pep Rally that promoted a high level of spirit and pride, and our club, organization, and athletic tables provided a great representation of the multiple opportunities our students have to *Get Involved!* The best part about Light Up Lyman was that the majority of the evening was student led! It was a great event and I am so appreciative of all of our students and staff who gave up their evening to illuminate our school!

As the week continued, our Thespian Troupe 2329 earned a Perfect Score on their One Act Performance Thursday at the District 3 Thespian Festival! Such an incredibly talented group of students! Ms. Gerdeman, our Thespians, and their parent support group have also been working hard Wednesday through Saturday to host the Festival at Lyman HS! Well done!

Also on Thursday, our Superintendent, Dr. Walt Griffin and School Board Members Tina Calderone (Vice-Chair), Karen Almond and Abby Sanchez visited our school and were extremely impressed with the level of engagement of our students and the commitment and passion of our teachers! It was a great visit that culminated with them presenting the Super Student Award to Senior, Graysen Parish, Non-Instructional Feature Award to Michelle Alessandri (Media Center), and Feature Teacher Award to Jason Lee! Congratulations to all for earning this great honor!

To end this great week, yesterday, we celebrated the 1400+ students who had no tardies in the first quarter by providing them with an ice cream sandwich during lunch! Keep up the great work, students!

As previously mentioned, next week is our Thanksgiving Holiday Week. School will be closed to students all week! Our office will be open on Monday, but will be closed Tuesday through Friday.

Congratulations to the following students and teacher who were awarded this week's Student/Teacher of the Week! You can view pictures of these students on our [Lyman Website](#) as well as on our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) Pages.

- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ty Beller
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade – Michael Estocapio
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – James Giberson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – Joseph Tate
- Teacher of the Week – Ms. Faith Cotter (American Sign Language)

For our Bell Schedule next week...

- NO SCHOOL – NO BELLS – ENJOY SOME **TURKEY**

Here is a look at events for this week:

- **ALL WEEK** – 11/20-11/24 – NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Week!
- **NEXT WEEK**
  - **Tuesday** – 11/28 – SAT Boot Camp
  - **Tuesday/Thursday** – TUTORING - Algebra 1, Geometry, English/Reading
  - **Thursday** – 11/30 – Chorus Fall Concert – 7:00pm – Auditorium

Remember, you matter, we matter, *Everyone Matters* at Lyman High School. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help your child succeed!

Sincerely,

Michael J. Rice  
Principal  
Lyman High School