

# LSA Community Team November



**MISSION: POSSIBLE**  
*AGENTS OF CHANGE*

## Mission of LSA Community Teams

- Meeting Dates
- Meeting Essential Agreements

## Introduction Activity

- School 2020-2021 Theme

## Discussion Topic:

- Recruitment

Coffee w/ Counselors - October Session

Ways to Meet Students, Make Friends, Study,

Upcoming Events / Important Dates

Share Community Team Announcements and Celebrations for School  
Newsletter

*Additional: Community Service Ideas Handout*



# LSA Community Teams : South Raleigh - Garner

## Purpose/Mission: Connect the Community



### LSA Community Team Leader Role and Responsibilities:

**Direct Contact and Community Representative** [danielle.ditenhafer@longleafschool.com](mailto:danielle.ditenhafer@longleafschool.com)

**Hosts and Facilitates Discussions** - LSA Community Team meetings are held once per month online via Zoom for families to **Connect, Congregate, and Celebrate** by sharing feedback on topics impacting LSA

**Provide School Information** - Announce school events and encourage participation

**Collect Team Announcements** - Information will be shared in the school newsletter

**Attend Head of School Meetings** - Share questions, comments, and suggestions gathered from community meetings or email messages and convey responses

# Community Team Meeting Dates

Southern Raleigh - Garner  
Zoom links sent out via Mrs. Babb of LSA

Wednesdays at 7pm

~~September 18 (rescheduled from 9/16)~~

~~October 21~~

November 18 (Today! :))

December 16

January 13

February 10

March 10

April 21

May 19

June 9

## 2020/21 Calendar

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### Weather Make Up Days

Qtr 1	10/5, 10/1, 10/2
Qtr 2	11/23, 11/24, 11/30
Qtr 3	2/15, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5
Qtr 4	4/5, 4/30

Days will be made up in the order listed for any days missed during that quarter

Holiday/Vacation
first/last day
Exams
teacher workday
last day of the quarter
community service day



# Meeting Essential Agreements

1. Be Courteous and Respectful of all Contributors
2. Maintain Confidentiality
3. Keep Comments Brief to Allow Others to Share
4. Turn Negative Statements into Positive Suggestions
5. Enjoy Building Relationships – **Connect, Congregate, and Celebrate** Together!



# Introduction Activity

2020 – 2021 School Theme – **MISSION POSSIBLE: AGENTS OF CHANGE**

The entire LSA Community is on a **mission to be leaders of all of the changes impacting education** this school year! We will prove that as a united team our school can be a **model for all other schools** in the state of North Carolina! Instead of allowing the changes to negatively impact LSA, we will **proactively face challenges** by taking charge of our journey as Agents of Change!

**Our TEAM Mission:**

**How can we be a positive voice for LSA?**

# Topic - Recruitment

Ways LSA Recruit New Families:

- Shadow Days
- Recruitment Fairs
- Family Interest Meetings
- Word of Mouth
- Social Media

**What else can LSA do to bring in talented students?**



# Coffee w/ Counselors: *October session - Study Skills*

Thanks to Marian I, our South Cary Team Lead for providing this summary slide!  
Past presentations from our Counselors are on the [LSA Website](#) under the “Parents” tab

- MULTITASKING: ERROR RATE GOES UP

- TAKE AWAY DISTRACTIONS

- ACTIVE RECALL BETTER THAN JUST RE-READING

- TEACH MATERIAL TO SOMEONE ELSE

- MAKE OWN STUDY GUIDE/PRACTICE TEST

- MAKE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN IDEAS INSTEAD OF JUST MEMORIZING

- TEXT TO TEXT, TEXT TO WORLD, TEXT TO SELF

- [HTTPS://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2017/12/07/LEARNING/LESSON-PLANS/MAKING-IT-RELEVANT-HELPING-STUDENTS-CONNECT-THEIR-STUDIES-TO-THE-WORLD-TODAY.HTML](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/07/learning/lesson-plans/making-it-relevant-helping-students-connect-their-studies-to-the-world-today.html)

- RE-WRITE NOTES

- FORCES TO RE-READ, GOOD FOR HEAVY SUBJECTS

- REVIEW NOTES *EVERY NIGHT*

- 10 MIN. GO OVER CLASS NOTES FROM THAT DAY/ INFO FROM CLASS THAT DAY

- FLASH CARDS

- REMEMBERING CONCEPTS, KEY IDEAS & REMEMBERING DEFINITION



# Ways to Meet Students, Make Friends, Study, Get Support

- Attend the Community Team Leader meetings. You can connect with other parents and see if anyone is interested in in-person or Zoom study groups.
- Have your student sign up for English or Math tutoring - that is a way to study and meet new faces. You don't have to be struggling to attend. Have your student check the Google Classroom for LSA for where to sign up.
- Has your student joined any student groups/clubs? The list of clubs, etc is in the same Google Classroom. They can ask fellow group members to study with.
- If they are in their 1st year at LSA, they are automatically enrolled in a Mentor program - they can use those mentors for help too! My student is one of the Mentors and he wished his mentees would participate more.
- Your student can also post in the Google Classroom for each class and ask for study buddies. Most classes have the Chat option on for the Zoom calls so they can post in the chat too that they are wanting to get together. Or private message the teacher and the teacher can announce that someone is interested in studying and they are gathering a list, etc.
- Join the [Longleaf School of the Art Families](#) private Facebook group, connect with other parents. Other social media sites: [Longleaf School of the Arts](#) Official Facebook page, [Longleaf PTSA](#) Facebook page, [Longleaf Theater](#) Facebook page, [Longleaf Instrumental Arts](#) Facebook page
- Other ideas? Say them now or email me: [danielle.ditenhafer@longleafschool.com](mailto:danielle.ditenhafer@longleafschool.com)

## Important Events / Dates

**The Lifelong Artistry Series.** The Lifelong Artistry Series is a webinar initiative in which your teachers will bring in professionals and artists from all over the nation to speak with you about their careers and major works. **3 Webinars so far - info sent via email from Mr. Alberti and posted to [LSA's official Facebook page](#)**

**Remediation Day** - Friday, November 20, 2020

**Holidays, Teacher Work Days** - November 23, 2020 through November 30, 2020 - No School

**Board Meeting** - Monday, November 30, 2020 at 5:30pm (attend via Zoom!)

As of the September 28th BOD decision, LSA will continue in PLAN C for the remainder of the first semester. **Plans for 2nd semester will be discussed at this meeting.**

**Interim Reports (Quarter 2)** - Tuesday, December 1, 2020 (to be sent via e-mail)

**Coffee with Counselors** has moved to the first Wednesday of each month! The next meeting is December 2, 2020 at 8am.

Last topic - Study Skills!

**Family Interest Meeting** (virtual) - Wednesday, December 9, 2020

**SGA Winter Drive-In Movie** - Friday December 11, 2020 (subject to change)

**Southern Raleigh - Garner CTL Meeting** - Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7pm

# Announcements and Celebrations



Please share anything you would like announced to the entire school community in the next newsletter/communication.

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Next meeting is Wednesday December 16th at 7pm

## 2020-2021 Community Service Requirements & Ideas

Community Service is the act of helping others in a time of need. The situation in which we find ourselves provides us with an opportunity to show how we respond in the LSA Way: A creative, rigorous, authentic community of learners. If you have not met your community service requirement to participate in our graduation ceremony, it will take rigor (putting in the effort), authenticity (realizing this is a time where community service is as crucial as ever) and creativity (the easy routes are not currently available).

We have come up with projects you can undertake for your service. We will reduce everyone's community service hours requirement by 3 hours. Counselors are available to consult with seniors who need hours individually on how to plan their project and how many hours their project(s) will cover.

Here are some examples for you to consider:

**1) Encouraging emails or videos (playing music, singing, dancing, etc) to local people or professionals who are affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.** You cannot simply use the same message over and over and not personalize it. Students will document the amount of time spent researching and contacting the agency and preparing/sending the messages. Researching and making contact with the agency will take time. You'll need to make personal contact by phone and provide Mrs. Winters' contact information to verify this is a school project. Examples of agencies to consider:

*Nursing Home, Senior Living Community, Hospital Departments (Patients, Staff), Police and Fire Departments, Other Emergency Agencies such as the Red Cross.*

If the agency has a protocol in place for receiving paper copies of letters, notes or pictures, this may earn more time.

**2) Adopting an elementary or middle school class** and supporting the teacher by reading to the class, tutoring or other teacher requests.

**3) Hosting a virtual food drive** or other campaign to promote a need in the community and promoting it daily via social media and other means. For example, the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina already has a page where you can start a team and create a page.

**4) Complete yard work, painting or other outdoor projects for neighbors or family in need.** Our typical policy is that community service must be completed through a non-profit organization. However, these are not typical times. People are facing different challenges. We are not encouraging students going into crowds or groups of any kind. But, you may call or email a neighbor or family member and ask what projects you can do for them. A picture is required for documentation.

**5) Make Face Masks to Donate** - be sure you follow guidelines [How to Donate Face Masks](#)

**6) Make Blankets to donate to hospitals, nursing homes or shelters or make socks for shelters.** Contact an organization first to determine what they generally need.

**7) Visit people via video chat in Nursing Homes, Senior Centers or who live alone.** Ask them to tell you about their lives and what the Pandemic reminds them of. Ask them about their families and friends. The staff are probably getting adept at using these tools.

**8) For the same groups, offer to organize and host a Bingo Night, TikTok party or other fun activity with them virtually.**

**9) Research and plan a community project** (you don't have to implement it, but it should be something that could be implemented and is needed). For instance, a community garden, a butterfly garden, a Honey Bee project, etc. Contact your local town agency to find out about needs in your area.

**10) Come up with your own idea and submit it to your counselor.** Here's a list of examples that might help you come up with your own idea that you can create from home: [Community Service Projects](#)