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# Back to School

By Aiden Jacobs '23

Though some students may woe its arrival, the school year has returned and Lincoln Academy is back in session. Freshmen orientation took

place at Lincoln on Wednesday, Aug. 31, from 8 a.m to 1 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 1, the entire student body attended Lincoln for the whole school day. *School continued on page 3*



Students on campus for orientation day, September 2022.

# LA Holds First Homecoming Parade Since 2019

By Lilly Rosa '25 & Dylan Burmeister '25

On Friday, Sept. 23, Lincoln Academy held its first homecoming parade in three years, after being canceled due to COVID-19 in 2020 and rain in 2021.

The LA band led the parade down Main Street in between Damariscotta and Newcastle, followed by the fall sports teams, the spirit float, and the LA Jeep driven by Assistant librarian Nick Menice. Following Menice, fire engines from multiple towns blasted their sirens all the way up Academy Hill.

Spirits were high as students threw candy from the floats, *Parade continued on page 4*



The LA Bands lead the Homecoming parade playing "Disco Inferno."

*More 2022 Homecoming coverage on pages 4-5*

# Olympia Snowe Program Teaches LA Girls Leadership



Participants in the Olympia Snowe Women's leadership Institute are (back row from left): Kayla Cruz '24, Lucy White '24, Caroline Matthews '25, Lila Neptune-Benner '25, Maeve Tholen '25, Jhordaynia Ebanks '25, Leah Gemeinhardt '25, Alison Roberts '25, (front row) Violet Bailey '24, Anna Lupien '25.

By Dylan Burmeister '25

When Olympia Snowe decided not to run for reelection in the 2012 senate race, she had campaign money left with no campaign to spend it on. After donors suggested that she put it towards a good cause, Snowe founded the Olympia Snowe Women's Leadership Institute. The institute focuses on educating and empowering Maine girls to support their families, communities, and themselves.

Every year the institute selects girls from around Maine to participate in a leadership program, enrolling 45 girls from seven schools in its first year. Today, it has grown to 555 high *Leadership continued on page 3*

# Something Fishy in the Math Wing Toilet



The fish discovered in the Math Wing bathroom on September 8, 2022.

by Maddy Kallin '24 and Amelia Rice '26

On September 8, 2022 Anderson Pierpan '26 had quite the surprise when he entered the boy's bathroom in the math wing. Looking up at him from one of the toilets was a dead fish.

"I was very shocked and kind of confused on how someone got a fish in the toilet," says Pierpan.

While no perpetrator has been identified, it fell to Mr. MacMillan to remove the fish from the toilet. When the report came to the office, MacMillan

said, "I thought it was going to be a little goldfish." The fish was bigger than he expected.

How did Mr. MacMillan actually accomplish the task at hand? "I borrowed a pitcher from someone and just scooped it out."

Speculations about the reason for this aquatic visit to our plumbing systems spread like wildfire through the halls of Lincoln Academy. A photo circulating on social media, as well as the smell in the hallway only fanned the flames. "It smelled like fish," said Pierpan.

*Toilet Fish continued on page 3*

# Mr. Mess' New Beard



Mr. Mess in his natural habitat, the art room, showing off his exquisite beard.

By Elias Bassett '25

During the summer, I found a quite peculiar picture taken of Mr. Mess. It featured him dancing in a hallway, and I couldn't put my finger on what seemed off about it. That was until I noticed the most quaint detail: Mr. Mess had a beard. This sent me into a spiral. I went 13 days straight without sleep. I needed to know every little detail about Mr. Mess' beard, and then I realized that the rest of the school would most likely be as curious. Everyone must be wondering what is up with that beard!?

I saw the potential for this as *Mess's Beard continued on page 12*

# Opinions & Letters

## We Want YOU... To Submit Your Editorials

By Connor Parson '24

The *Talon* staff is proud to re-announce that you don't actually have to be on the *Talon* to write for the *Talon*. With a small time investment and an email to [talon@lincolnacademy.org](mailto:talon@lincolnacademy.org) you, yes you, the person reading this, can share your thoughts with the school. The *Talon* actually made an announcement last year, but it was during one of the live-streamed community meetings, so no one was paying attention. But we are putting out the word again this year. Once before at a community meeting on September 23rd, and now in this article.

So what can you write? The *Talon* is willing to accept any and all editorial pieces. Editorials are any opinion piece on any subject. Submit a review



of the school lunches, discuss the new smell of the hand sanitizer, talk about this weather we're having, or anything else. It doesn't even have to have anything to do with the school, but it would be weird to submit that to a school newspaper.

Understand that anything you submit could end up in the eye of the entire school. So don't submit an editorial discussing your controversial take on this

season of *The Bachelor*, lest your opinion reaches the wrong eyes. The *Talon* staff are not responsible for anyone yelling at you for an article you wrote.

In addition to that, the *Talon* staff reserves the right to reject any submission that is in violation of the school rules. That means you can't submit an article along the lines of, "To the person who sits in front of me, please put on more deodorant." We want to keep some level of professionalism in student submitted pieces.

So what are you waiting for? You have opinions—we need them. In around 200 words and by the end of next month.

*Connor Parson '24 is a member of the Talon staff who is disappointed with the lack of submitted letters--so far.*

## Why We Should be Weighting GPA

By Izzy Petersen '23, Iris Pope '23, and Aiden Jacobs '23

Lincoln Academy's honors and AP programs offer students an opportunity to challenge themselves academically. In many high schools nationwide, the level of one's class is factored into their cumulative GPA. This acts as a fair evaluation for students who choose to take these difficult classes over the typical college preparatory classes.

Though we recognize that academics present a different challenge for everyone, there is a clear and measurable difference between the amount of effort



necessary to succeed in an honors or AP level class. For students who make the choice to take challenging classes, it is not only discouraging to feel underappreciated for the

rigor they have put themselves through by graduation, but unweighted GPAs also incorrectly compare students to one another.

While some colleges may choose to unweight a student's GPA to put each individual on equal ground, the colleges do not have the power to reevaluate class rank in the same way. For students applying to competitive colleges, it is crucial for the schools to be able to see their efforts accurately displayed.

*Izzy Petersen '23, Iris Pope '23, and Aiden Jacobs '23 are seeking representation without mental taxation.*

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Members of the *Talon* Staff editing this very edition. From left: Connor Parson '24, Nathaniel Hufnagel '26, Emma Castonia '25, and Elias Bassett '25.

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Letters to the Editor can be submitted by email to [talon@lincolnacademy.org](mailto:talon@lincolnacademy.org). Letters should be no more than 500 words, and must include your name and grade. The *Talon* staff reserves the right to decide which letters will be printed and to edit for clarity and length.

# News

## LA 9th Graders Have Tea with Governor Mills



Amelia Rice '26 (fourth from left), Reese Nelson '26 (fifth from left), and Maggie Sawyer '26 (sixth from left) pose with Governor Mills (front row in blue) and the other Girls Day participants in front of the Blaine house.

By Maeve Tholen '25

On Tuesday, September 20th, Amelia Rice '26, Reese Nelson '26, and Maggie Sawyer '26 traveled to the Blaine House for "Girls Day." This was an extension of a program started by the Maine Women's Lobby focused on young female leadership in government.

These three Lincoln Academy ninth graders were selected by their teachers in 8th grade for their strong leadership skills. About 40 girls in the state are in this program. To start the program, last winter, they attended 6 weeks of zoom meetings. These meetings were

set up so they could connect with state representatives and learn more about their roles in our government. "Girls Day" was their first in-person meeting.

When they arrived at the Blaine House in Augusta, they listened to many inspiring speakers, met with Senator Chloe Maxmin, and had tea with Governor Mills. "I was very excited to be chosen for Girls Day and it is a great experience that I've learned a lot from," said Amelia Rice '26.

Maeve Tolen is a sophomore member of the Talon staff.

## School cont'd from p.1

"I am very excited about the positive energy that students and staff have brought to the start of this school year," said Dean of Students Jake Abbott.

In addition to starting the year mask-optional, the school has returned to the full-scale return of other traditions, including homecoming (which took place in September) and fall sports.

"This is the first time in three years that we were able to have a true homecoming on campus," remarked Abbott.

"I'm really excited to bring us back and rebuild the community and rebuild the traditions that are really important to this school," said Lincoln Academy Head of School Jeffrey Burroughs.

Throughout the beginning of the 2022-23 school year, Lincoln Academy will reinstate other pre-pandemic norms. These new norms, such as decreased phone use, a dress code, and formalized privileges for upperclassmen, are part of Lincoln Academy's concerted effort to return to school with a sense of normalcy.

Lincoln Academy has seen tremendous growth in sports and extracurriculars due to the loosening of pandemic-related restrictions and lack of worry that COVID will force an untimely end to sport seasons, theatrical productions, or musical performances.

"Lots of kids are participating in sports, and the musical is off to a great start," said Burroughs. "Numbers are up in those kinds of activities, including performing arts."

"There's lots to be excited about," said Burroughs.

Aiden Jacobs '23 is a returning member of the Talon staff and wants to be here just so so bad.

In addition to the actual photo of the fish, an unknown artist recreated the incident with a mixed-media painting left in the boys bathroom the day after the incident.

This piece of art was collected by Mr. O'Mahoney in an effort to both preserve the painting and stop the cycle of fish-themed pranks. "I do love public art, and someone put sincere effort into the piece. I wanted this painting to have a more suitable home."

Students later consulted local biologist Jason Seiders '93, who identified the fish as a red shiner.

Maddy Kallin '24 and Amelia Rice '26 are both members of the Talon staff. Neither is responsible for the fish in the toilet.

## Toilet Fish cont'd from p.1



Above left: Painting of the fish in the toilet by an unknown artist that was discovered by Mr. O'Mahoney. Above right: A message on the back of the painting.



## Snowe Leadership cont'd from p.1

school girls from 37 schools across the state of Maine. Lincoln was the most recent addition to the program, joining in 2020. "We're extremely lucky to have this program at Lincoln Academy," said Kelley Duffy, the program's faculty advisor. "Any opportunity we have to support these girls is a huge bonus."

Each school in the program nominates 5 freshman girls from the incoming class to join, although they are considering expanding numbers to 7. To be nominated, a student must be in good academic standing, identify as female, and be a resident of Maine. Other than that, there aren't any major requirements. The program is looking for "10th-12th grade girls who show great potential, but may not yet have experienced the opportunity to expand their views of their potential and the possibilities that exist for their futures," according to the Institute's website.

Current members from the

Class of 2024 include Lucy White, Kayla Cruz, and Violet Bailey. Class of 2025 participants are Anna Lupien, Lila Neptune-Benner, Caroline Mathews, Jay Ebanks, Leah Gemeinhardt, Maeve Tholen, and Alison Roberts.

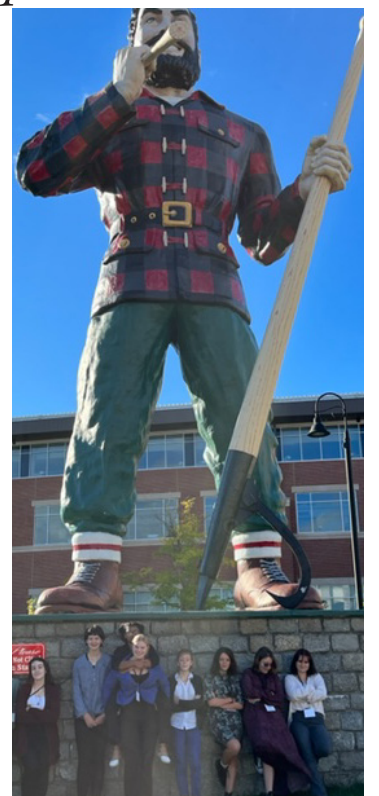
The course runs for 3 years (10th, 11th, and 12th grades) and involves monthly meetings during FLB period with mentors. These mentors are women from a wide variety of industries who work with the students for all three years. "Two of the current mentors are LA alums, which has been nice to see them around," Duffy added. Others are bankers, college admissions officers, and women in leadership roles. "The mentors are welcoming, nice people, who seem interested in what they are doing with the program," commented Anna Lupien '25.

Additionally, there are fall and spring conferences that include all the students in the state who are involved in the program.

The fall conference was held on September 29 in Bangor. "It was a super cool experience and an amazing opportunity to network and meet people from around the state," Lupien said. "It was a really inspiring event, especially seeing everyone from all over the state gathered together. We got to listen to some empowering speakers and make connections with new people," Lupien added.

Being involved in the program teaches participants skills in public speaking, leadership, networking, and other abilities. The program's website states, "[our] three-year evidence-based program is fulfilling an unmet need, and is designed to intervene at a pivotal moment in girls' development, giving them the skills and confidence that will serve them well throughout their lives." Additionally, completion of the program awards students with college credit.

Dylan Burmeister '25 is on the Talon staff.



Lincoln Academy's Olympia Snow Leadership Program participants in front of the Paul Bunyon statue in Augusta on October 1, 2022.

# Homecoming 2022

## Students and Faculty Go Above and Beyond During Homecoming Spirit Days

By Emma Castonia '25

During the week of September 19, 2022, Lincoln Academy kicked off the celebration of homecoming by having assigned dress up days and fun activities like hunting for spirit flags all over campus and participating in the coin slam. LA spirit was at an all new high, after no homecoming in 2020 and a more restricted week of celebration in 2021. Both students and faculty took pleasure in going all out regarding the various themes each day.

The themes for LA's homecoming this year started off with pajama day on Monday, before everybody got their binoculars and bucket hats out for Tuesday's theme of tacky tourist. On Wednesday, the hallways were bright and bold during class color day. The freshman class wore yellow, sophomores green, juniors blue, and seniors were decked out in pink. Thursday was the long awaited disco/70s day. A variety of bell bottom jeans,

floral button downs, and funky sunglasses were all present in the innovative 70s inspired outfits. Finally, Friday successfully ended the week of fun and creativity with the classic theme of black and white.

Following all the excitement of dressing up, finding spirit flags, and competing in the coin slam, the results were announced on Monday, September 26. In fourth place were the juniors, the sophomores took third place, and the freshman and seniors tied for first place.

After a fun week of exciting festivities, it's safe to say that everyone within the community had felt a loss of spirit the last two years. After rekindling the classic school energy that so many generations refer to, feelings of hope and spirit are at an all time high, and are what make the community of Lincoln Academy a complete whole.

*Emma Castonia '25 is on the Talon staff and is a member of the cross country team.*



Seniors wearing pink for Class Color Day.



Violet Bailey '24 struts her disco stuff.



From left: Sophomores Leo Noren '25, Emily Gifford '25, Clover Dixon '25, Emma Castonia '25, Tessa McNamara '25, and Anna Lupien '25 are pictured in their funky and creative disco attire on September 22.



Senior Class President Ralph Zoorob makes disco cool again.



Ms. Long and Liam Card '23 consult the Maine Gazetteer on Tacky Tourist Tuesday.

## Parade, *cont'd* from p. 1



The boys soccer team and the LA Spirit Float make their way up Main Street as part of the Homecoming parade.

sports teams performed cheers and chants, and the band performed while marching for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For most, the parade represented the return of a traditional homecoming at LA.

"It was better than I was expecting. Everything was pretty coordinated," said Alison Roberts '25, a member of the marching band who plays the flute.

"It was really exciting! It was nice to play for big crowds again, and (there was) a lot of great energy going around," said Liam Card '23, who plays the saxophone. "I think that people were excited to see the band out and about again it was and it was good to get back to the old ways."

Fall sports teams marched in uniform on foot and rode on floats decked out in LA colors and banners.

"The parade was a lot of fun and was a really nice homecoming festivities. It was a lot of fun walking in town with friends and seeing everyone gathering around for homecoming," said varsity soccer player E.J. Hunt '25.

*Dylan Burmeister '25 and Lilly Rosa '25 are on the Talon staff and marched in the parade with the cross country team.*



Members of the Field Hockey Team on their 2022 Homecoming Float.



The 2022 KVAC and State Champion girls tennis team march with their banners in the 2022 Homecoming Parade.

# Homecoming Games 2022

## Girls Win, Boys Place 2nd at Rainy Homecoming XC Meet



The start of the girls' cross country Homecoming meet. Audrey Hufnagel '24 won the girls' race, followed by Dylan Burmeister '25 who placed 3rd. Also scoring for the LA girls were Adeline Hall '24 (homeschool), Maggie Thompspon '26, and Madeline Kallin '24.



Liam Card '23 (above left) and Audrey Hufnagel '24 (above right) were Lincoln's top runners for boys and girls teams at the 2022 Homecoming XC meet.

## New Field Hockey Tradition: Friday Night Lights



LA Field Hockey played a Friday night Homecoming game under the lights for the first time ever.

## Boys Soccer Beats Medomak in a Thriller



The boys varsity soccer team runs in to their Homecoming game against Medomak. The boys won 3-0 with goals by Pablo Jimenez '24, Jack Duncan '23, and Nick Archer '23.

## Girls Soccer Loses Close Match vs. Medomak



Senior Marley LeBel takes a shot for the Eagles in the girls varsity soccer game. The Eagles lost 0-1 against Medomak on Saturday evening of Homecoming.



Lincoln Academy's number one fan, Mr. Page, cheers on the Eagles from the LA Jeep, which had to be delivered on a flatbed because it wouldn't start before this year's Homecoming.



Pablo Jimenez Duran controls the ball for the Eagles in the Homecoming game against Medomak.

## After 3-Year Hiatus, LA Hosts Homecoming Dance

By Nathaniel Hufnagel '26  
Eager students poured in through the gym doors to attend the highly anticipated homecoming dance on Friday, September 23, 2022, from 8:00-10:00.

The dance was two years in the making after being canceled twice due to Covid-19 restrictions. The event was organized by the student council, with planning directed by sophomore student council members Lilly Rosa, Joseph Levesque, and Kellen Adickes.

The doors opened at 8:00, and the gym quickly filled with over 200 people. "It was exciting to see people come in and enjoy the dancing and the music," said Lilly Rosa '25, who helped sell

tickets in addition to planning the dance. The gym was fully decorated with flashing strobe lights and a disco ball. Popcorn and water were available for purchase in the gym lobby. Assistant librarian Nick Menace DJ'd, and many other LA staff including Mr. Walter, Mr. DeAngelis and Mr. Wynne helped chaperone.

Highlights of the dance included the YMCA by The Village People, the Cha Cha Slide, Cotton Eye Joe, and a worm race across the gym floor. "I had a very good time, and everyone seemed to have fun. It was a great way to end a fun homecoming week," said Emma Castonia '25, who attended the dance.

Every year, before Covid-19, the sophomore class student council put on the homecoming dance. When asked if she had any advice for next year's sophomores, Rosa said, "Try to be well prepared for concessions. Figure out your budgeting and get creative. Think about ways to spread the news."

The dance proved to be a smashing success. "It was just a great way to get people into their disco groove," Rosa reflected. "What a fun way to end homecoming."

*Nathaniel Hufnagel '26 is a first-year writer for the Talon and loves apple crisp.*



Senior Catarina Johnson beats two Medomak defenders in the girls soccer Homecoming game against Medomak.

# Fall Sports 2022

By Dylan Burmeister '25 and Maddy Kallin '24

Fall sports are in full swing at LA, with home games and competitions many days of the week. Teams are reaching the end of their regular season and moving into post-season and tournament play.

School spirit was on full display during Homecoming Week, and as postseason approaches, teams are continuing to improve.

Statistics are as of October 12, 2022.

## Girls Varsity Soccer

The girls soccer team lost 6-1 to Edward Little at their first game, but defeated Oceanside 3-2 on 9/2. Their current record is 6-5. They also had a decisive 4-2 win against Erskine at home on October 11.

"We are a competitive team, we work together well and have been improving each game. Hopefully we will continue to get better and have fun," said Marley LeBel '23.

## Boys Varsity Soccer

The boys varsity team beat Oceanside 3-2 at their first

game, and defeated Medomak 2-1 on September 17 at their Homecoming game.

They were undefeated until their Oct. 11 game against Erskine, which they lost 3-2 in overtime. Their current record is 9-1-1.

"I would describe us as reliable. We barely give up the ball, we barely give up goals, we can be relied on to score goals, and if the tide shifts, we are solid enough to not back down and to fight back," said Oliver McNamara '24.

## Golf

The golf team finished their season with the State Golf tournament on Saturday, October 8, placing second at the KVAC State Qualifier on October 4.

Kellan Adickes '25 and Sebastian Cheseboro '23 qualified individually for the state meet.

The team placed fifth at States and also won the Good Sportsmanship award. "It was a good season," said Gabe Hanley '25.

## Field Hockey

The field hockey team has lost 12 games, won one, and tied one. For the first time this year they played a Friday night Homecoming game under the lights, which was successful enough to become a new tradition.

The team won their Oct, 12 game against Morse 5-4, beating them on Morse's senior night!

Senior player Bella Herring said that the team is predominantly seniors, however with our new coach we are making massive improvements and big strides to becoming a really well bonded team."

## Cross Country

Both the boys and the girls cross country teams are off to a strong start. They both placed second at the preseason Panther 2-miler at Medomak and won the following two meets at Maranacook and Waterville, then placed 2nd at Medomak's homecoming meet.

The girl's won the Lincoln Homecoming meet with the boys placing second. The team is going into the post season

with strong teams on both the boys and girls teams and looking for good results at KVAC's, Regionals, and States.

"The season is going very well," said senior Liam Card. "It's exciting to see so many underclassmen interested in running, as something like a

third of our team are freshmen and it's nice to see that the community is growing," he added.

Maddy Kallin '24 and Dylan Burmeister '25 are on the Talon staff and are also on the cross country team.



The LA golf team placed fifth at States and won the 2022 Class B Good Sportsmanship Award.

## Varsity Girls Soccer



Back row from left: Allison St. Cyr '24, Natalie Kaler '24, Mariam Desisle '25, Marley LeBel '23, Nicole Hammond '23, Zofie Day '25, Catarina Johnson '23, Abby Kopp '24, Abby St. Cyr '23, Jillian Chadwick '24. Front row from left: Lucy Fowler '25, Sadie Hancock '23, Abby Holladay '23, Ava Lord '26, Hannah Abello '25, Ally Poole '24, Baylie Anastasio '24, Lindsey Powell '24, Celia Brinkler '24, Coach Ober. Not pictured: Bronwen Coffin '25.

## JV Girls Soccer



Back row from left: Kendra Gladu '24, Hannah Abello '25, Ava Lord '26, Ally Poole '24, Baylie Anastasio '24, Lindsey Powell '24, Kaydence Rogers '25. Front row from left: Torren Nehrboos '26, Emma Moody '26, Emerson Blagdon '26, Natalie Crooker '26, Lilliann Powell '25, Sarah Kockzius '24, Coach Ober.

## Varsity Boys Soccer



Back row from left: Coach Ken Stevenson, Mica Houghton '24, Rath Schoenthal '25, Conor Cass '24, Jack Castonia '23, Nick Archer '23, Cody Cleaveland '23, Jake Masters '23, Lucas Houghton '24, Ralph Zoorob '23, Oliver McNamara '24, Peter Thelander '25, Coach Jeff Bourroughs. Front Row from Left: EJ Hunt '25, Pablo Jimenez Duran '25, David Wichenbach '25, Jack Duncan '23, Ivan Coffin '23, Isaac Thompson '23, Casey Duncan '24, Braxton Crockett '24, Gabriel Meleiro Luna '23, Lucas Puig Martorell '25, Tate Whitmore '24.

## JV Boys Soccer



Back row from left: Dutton Yost '26, Sol Obregon '26, x, Kris Edgar '24, Drew Hunt '25, Lucas Puig Martorell '25, Will Bradley '25, Abe Guilford '25, Nestor Powers '25, Coach Organ. Front Row from Left: Phin Hansbry '26, Josh Arazate '25, Jacob Hedrick '26, Adam St. Cyr '25, Jayden Orn '26, Cole Workman '25, Hamilton Pierpan '26, Bruno Silguero '26, Breck Holladay '25.

# Fall Sports 2022

## Golf



Back row from left: Gabe Hanley '25, Brandon Kelsey '23, Sebastian Cheesbro '23, Damon Ellinwood '24. Front row from left: Coach Todd Brackett, Grady Burns '23, Harrison Thompson '26, Kellan Adickes '25, Coach Bob Plourde.

## Field Hockey



Back row from left: Vivian Burns '25, Misha Oppenhoff '25, Olivia Crooker '25, Madison Phelps '23, Reagan Dunican '23, Lexie Hoghton '26, Brynna Nelson '23, Ruby Gagnon '23, Bella Herring '23. Front row from Left: Emma Abbott '24, Hunter Gillmore '23, Amelia Starbird '26, Bailey Brewer '26, Ava White '23, Elsie Mathieson '23, Gabby Vincentson '23, Frances McGonagle '26, Emily Tibbets '25, Lucy Nolan '25, Coach Lindsey Herring.

## Cross Country



Back row from left: Sophie Drum '26, Maja Wolfgang '24, Helen Duffy '26, Connor Parson '24, Luca Tomasi '25, Nick Young '23, Adeline Hall '24, Tessa McNamara '25, Brennan Mathiau '26, Noah Billings '26, William Skiff '26, Maggie Thompson '26, Paul Leeman '26, Chase Ober '26, Julian Deliso '26, Nathanael Clark '26. Middle row from left: Coach DeAngelis, Flora Angyal '24, Mya Bessey '24, Audrey Hufnagel '24, Maddy Kallin '24, Emma Castonia '25, Thaddeus Eddyblouin '23, Alicia Flis '23, Dylan Burmeister '25, Jonas Stepanauskas '24, Conor Glasier '24, Eliot O'Mahoney '24, Liam Card '23, Aiden Jacobs '23, Lilly Rosa '25, Kennedie Anderson '25, Garrett Marshall '26, Ella Seymour '25, Freya Drum '26, Lila Hall '25, Coach Burgess, Coach Martin. Front row from left: Gary Tibbetts '24, Huckleberry Huber-Rees '26, Arsen Mikaelyan '25, Owen Card '26, Juniper Jacobs '26, Violet Bailey '24, Alison Roberts '25, Gavin Peck '24, Nick Russ '24, Will Clark '24, Trinity Delaney '26, Karina Phipps '26, Alec Buckley '26, CJ Savastano '24, Delia Saft '25, Adrian Quinn '26, Ashley Nixon '25, Maeve Tholen '25, Averagus Eddyblouin '25. Not pictured: Iris Pope '23, Connor McFarland '23, Thomas Mickael '26, Daniel Koelle '25.

## Lincoln Academy Sailing Team Fall Update



Above: Piper Carleton (homeschooled), Kate Mason '23, Otto Scoenthal '25, Stella Field '25, Toby Clarkson '24. Right: Senior Kate Mason during a summer sailing race.

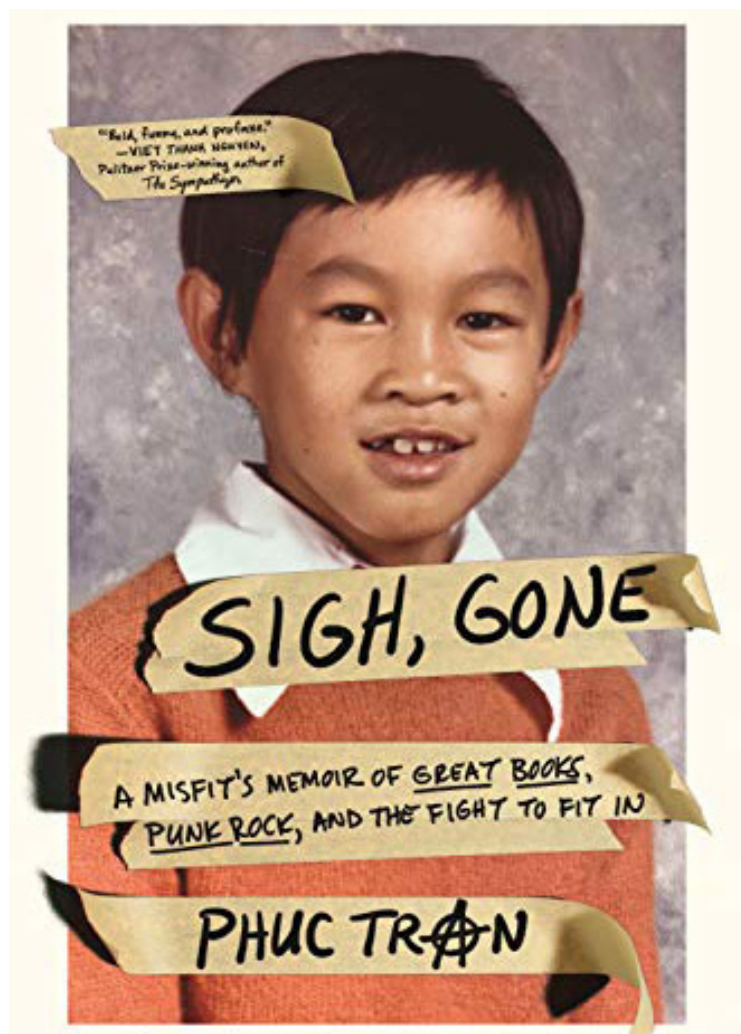
By Kate Mason '23  
A couple weekends ago Lincoln Sailing qualified for Atlantic Coast Championships (High School Nationals) and are heading to Annapolis, Maryland on November 11. Sailors Otto Schoenthal (LA '25), Toby Clarkson (LA '25), Kate Mason (LA '23), Stella Field (LA '25), and Piper Carelton (homeschooled), competed in Sharon, Massachusetts and were one of two teams to qualify for the ACCs.  
Some events to look for are

the Becton Cup, Women's Maine State Championships as well as the ACCs at the very end of the season. If you want to test out LA sailing and see if it is a good fit for you, ask any of the sailors and try it out for practice!  
For more updates check out the Lincoln Academy Sailing instagram or ask any of our sailors!  
*Kate Mason is a member of the LA Sailing Team and Talon staff.*



# Club News

## Books and Breakfast Kicks Off for the Year



By Margaret Kastelein '23

Avid readers at Lincoln were excited to learn that the Books and Breakfast program is back again this year. The first meeting, on October 12 at 7:30am, was a discussion about the book *Sigh, Gone* with author and Portland tattoo artist Phuc Tran.

Over the past few years Books and Breakfast had to shift from discussions with authors and prominent figures associated with the books to casual book club-style meetings, in order to meet COVID requirements. The decision of what book the club will read next is based on several factors, but student interest is the most important.

*Sigh, Gone* was chosen because of the amount of underclassmen students who read the novel for Honors English I over the summer. The choices for books are also based on the recommendations of the LA Library team.

The other, and arguably more important component of Books and Breakfast, is the breakfast. The breakfast items kindly provided by Chef Russell have included butter croissants, donuts, and brownies.

While the next item featured is a secret, it's sure to be delicious. If you're interested in participating in Books and Breakfast, there are free copies of each upcoming book in the library.

The book is announced about a month in advance of the meetings, so there's plenty of time to read! However, for those who have not completed the book, Books and Breakfast still welcomes them to the gathering.

*Maggie Kastelein '23 is a first-time writer, longtime reader of The Talon and a self-professed expert in the local library activities and events.*



Phuc Tran, author of *Sigh, Gone*, spoke to students in honors English 1 (who read the book as their summer reading) and other members of the LA community on October 12.

## Model UN Update: What's Happening?

By Mya Bessey '24

Model UN, taking place during Monday FLB, is back at it, and has undergone a couple of changes since last year—most noticeably the replacement of Advisor Ms. Keushgerian with Mr. Smith. An interview with junior Audrey Hufnagel, a returning member of Model UN, provides a bit of information about Model UN.

**What is Model UN?**

Students from many different schools get together in a conference to debate current issues. Each delegate represents a country and debates from the perspective of that country. The goal is to have people write and pass resolutions (proposed solutions) to these issues.

**What does a typical Model UN conference involve?**

MUN students from different schools go to a college

to participate in a multi-day conference. Delegates receive a country and committee assignments, then discuss and debate specific issues within their committees. Over the course of the conference, delegates write proposed solutions to these issues. Awards are given both individually and to the team for exceptional delegates. In the past, Lincoln Academy hasn't had a large enough team to earn awards as a team, but several students have received individual awards.

**Will there be any in-person conferences, specifically overseas/out of the country?**

Yes, there will be in-person conferences this year, but probably not out of the country because we have a very large number of students that are new to MUN. We're currently signed up for two

conferences at the University of Connecticut (CT) which takes place November 4-6, and Columbia University (NY) which takes place sometime this winter.

**Have countries been assigned yet?**

No, we've signed up for our first two conferences but we haven't gotten our countries yet.

**What is your favorite part of MUN?**

I really like being able to work together with people from all over the country and, in some cases, the world to solve relevant current issues. I also enjoy meeting people from other schools.

*Mya Bessey '24 is a junior and a returning member of the Talon staff.*

## New VEX Challenge for Robotics

By Connor Parson '24

Following up their trip to the Vex Robotics Worlds Championship last May, the Lincoln Academy Robotics Team is participating in the 22-23 competition Spin Up.

Spin Up is a game of head to head disc golf. Two teams of two compete against each other to shoot discs into goals using only their robots. Discs are spread around the field that must be collected during the match. There are also additional rollers, objects that give the owners additional points if they are in the right position. Teams must aim well into the higher goals as missed shots count for

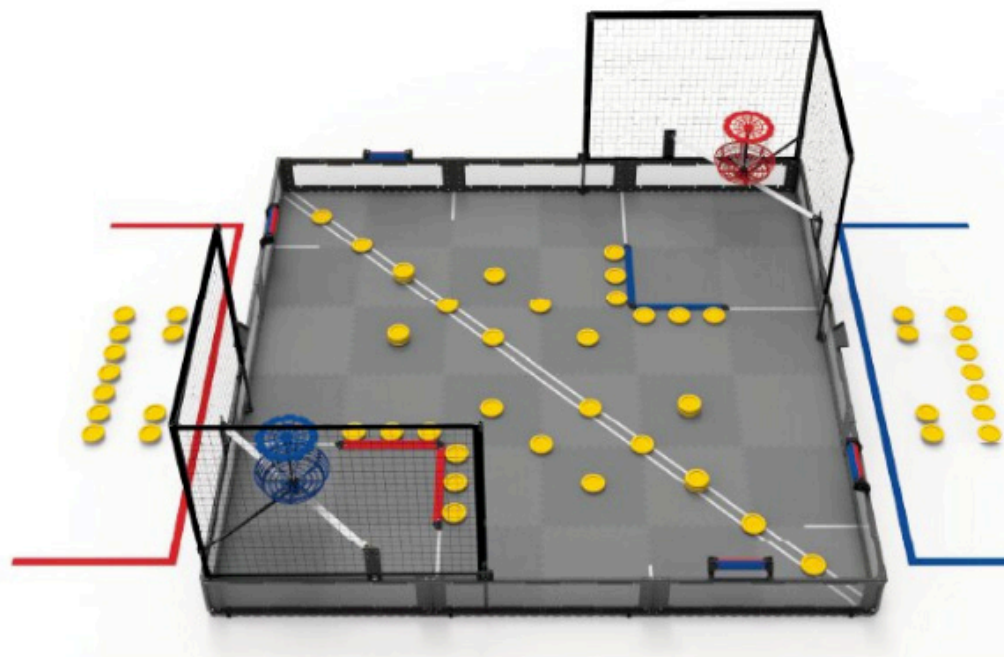
the enemy team. At the end of the match, the regulations on sizing are removed, and bots can extend and stretch out as far as they can to score additional points.

"A lot of new excited members in the wake of our success last year," says Grady Burns '23, a member of the team since 2019. Some members of the team met up over the summer to construct the field and get ready for the competitive season.

Meetings have been slow due to veteran team members' sport obligations, but important work has already been made. The bots from last year have been dismantled and parts have

been sorted away for future use. The team has spent time discussing the challenge and coming up with strategies to build this year's robots. The team has used left-over money from the trip's fundraiser to buy new equipment and replace old parts. Burns added, "I am excited for the hope for this year."

*Connor Parson '24 is a member of the Talon staff and a member of the LA Robotics Team.*



Overhead graphic of the 2022-23 competition field that shows the new VEX Robotics challenge.

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# LA Staff Profiles

## Meet Ms. Nolan, Math Teacher



By Cecil Rittall '25

Ms. Nolan is a math teacher here at Lincoln Academy. Her classroom is situated in room 125. This year, she has a sophomore advisor group. Ms.

Nolan attended the University of Maine, majoring in civil and environmental engineering and graduated in 2010. She grew up in South Bristol. Some of Ms. Nolan's favorite things include scary movies, specifically the 1990 IT miniseries. She also likes Sherlock Holmes because, in her own words, "being a detective would be so cool!"

This is her first year teaching, so make sure to make her feel welcome here. Her time at LA so far has been enjoyable, and she has been encouraged by the great sense of community she has felt. Outside of Lincoln she goes on adventures with her son and husband. When asked why she wanted to become a teacher, Ms. Nolan said, "I love helping

people learn a new skill and discover something they didn't know they could do! I also love math and enjoy sharing that with others."

This year, Ms. Nolan is looking forward to getting to know her students and forming relationships with them. Her spirit animal is a turtle because they take their time and she doesn't like being rushed. One of her pet peeves—one that many teachers have—is students talking when the teacher is talking because if you're talking then you're not listening. On a final note, Ms. Nolan would like people to know she loves to bake.

Cecil Rittall '25 is a Talon Writer for his second year in a row.

## Meet Mr. Platukis, Science Teacher



By Cecil Rittall '25

Mr. Platukis is a science teacher at Lincoln Academy, and he has a junior advisor group. He went to Wilkes University, where he majored in biology and secondary education. He graduated just two years ago in 2020. He grew up in the small town of Weston, PA which is in the northeast of Pennsylvania. Mr. Platukis loves horror movies, specifically the Insidious movie series. His favorite fictional character is Spongebob Squarepants.

Mr. Platukis feels our core values are something that we at Lincoln Academy try hard to work towards. Also, he "loves that our school acknowledges diversity, communication, and community as some of the pillars of what we do everyday. I also love to see a balance of

social life and academic life here as well." Outside of school, he enjoys nature photography because it is something he has been doing since he "could get his hands on any camera."

Mr. Platukis said he has "always wanted to become a teacher because I value the connections I can make with the students I teach. My motto is to 'be the teacher I did not have and needed in my own academic adventures.'" He is looking forward to a bit of normal life after two years of unpredictability due to Covid. Although he thinks our world is forever changed by the effects of the pandemic, "it is nice to see smiles, in-person spirit, and fun!"

His spirit animal is the green sea turtle. One of his biggest pet peeves as a teacher is when someone says they didn't understand something after it's past its due date. Mr. Platukis would like you to know: "No matter if you are my student or not, I am here to help you in the long-term. Mistakes happen, we have disagreements, but in the end I am here to aid you in your success and want to see you thrive in your life, both now and beyond Lincoln Academy. There is always a way to figure it out."

Cecil Rittall '25 is a Talon writer for his second year in a row.

## More Club News

### LA's Second Annual Trunk Or Treat Coming October 28



The field hockey team dressed up in front of their decorated truck at last year's Trunk or Treat.

By Helen Duffy '26

On October 28, 2022, Lincoln Academy will be holding the second annual Trunk or Treat. The event will start at 4:30 and finish at 7. The Lincoln Academy Boosters Program will have the concession stand open, and there is hope for a few food

trucks.

The school is looking for clubs and teams to decorate cars and give out candy. There will be open turf for attendees to play games on the turf field. The event will take place in and around the parking lot by ATEC.

According to Hillary

Peterson, last year's trunk or treat was a much larger success with larger attendance and more enjoyment than was expected, and it is her hope that this year will be similar.

Helen Duffy '26 is a member of The Talon staff.



### Answers to Talon Trivia

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| 1. True                                 | 6. Spin Up                                  |
| 2. The Good Sportsmanship Award         | 7. Never share your Social Security number! |
| 3. False                                | 8. The Maine Atlas                          |
| 4. Ability to use earbuds in study hall | 9. Disco                                    |
| 5. Garret Howard                        | 10. Les Mis                                 |

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# Performing Arts

## Lincoln Academy Theater Presents *Les Misérables*



Back row from left: Mitchell Straus '24, Harrison Pierpan '23, Connor Parson '24, Gavin Parson '25, Joseph Levesque '25, Taylin Lowe '25, Felix Cunningham '26. Middle row from left: Amelia Rice '26, Anna Tomasello (homeschool), Mariana Janik '25, Thaddeus Eddyblouin '23, Jason Long '23, Lila Drewes '25, Nicholas Delorenzo (homeschool), Nathaniel Hufnagel '26, Olive Siegel '25, Kayla Cruz '24, Rebecca Tomasello (homeschool), Laura Tomasello (homeschool), Kaylee-Rose Cappello '24. Third row from left: Lexi Libby '24, Hermione Blanchard-Fleming '25, Jacqueline Pelletier '24, Guilia Geirola '23, Greg Demeritt '26, Elias Bassett '25, Benno Hennig '24, Anderson Pierpan '26, Trey Tibbetts '26, Finn Sullivan (GSB), Sophia Scott '25, Katelyn Prior (GSB), Scout Martin (homeschool), Aowyn Burbank '23, Reese Nelson '26.

By Audrey Hufnagel '24  
For this year's fall musical, Heartwood theater and Lincoln Academy are putting on a production of *Les Misérables*. *Les Misérables* (Les Mis) is set in France in the early 1800s. It follows the story of an escaped convict and a student revolution in Paris. Les Mis was originally a Broadway musical based on

the book *Les Misérables* by Victor Hugo, written in 1862. The play is two acts long and has a cast of 45, including students from all grades and some homeschool students. "The play is complicated and very hard work for performers," said Mr. Braley, the director. The first performance is October 27th and the final

performance is November 5th. "At the halfway point of rehearsals, we have finished a lot of the heavy lifting of learning music, creating the tech elements, and figuring out scenery and prop movement. We now plan to work on the subtle aspects of each scene through the month of October, while we add in costumes,

lights, sound and projection," said Braley about the progress of rehearsals. "It's been a lot of fun," said Conner Parson '24, a member of the ensemble. "It's been really well managed and the cast is on top of their work," Parson added. Tickets will be available starting October 11th and can be purchased by calling

or emailing Heartwood at 207-563-1373 or emailing [info@heartwoodtheater.org](mailto:info@heartwoodtheater.org). "We hope the LA community will be excited to attend and pleased with the production!" said Braley. *Audrey Hufnagel is a junior and second-year member of The Talon staff.*



The cast of the fall 2022 Lincoln Academy musical rehearse the iconic factory scene from *Les Miserables*, which opens October 27.



The *Les Mis* cast rehearses "At the End of the Day."



Valjean (Harrison Pierpan '23) and Javert (Mitchell Straus '24) face off in a rehearsal of the 2022 production of *Les Mis*.

# Student Council

## Student Council Update

By Nathanael Clark '26

With the start of a new year, the LA Student Council is in motion once again. The year got off to a busy start with freshmen class elections for student government. Greg Demeritt was elected as class president, Jacoby Bonin and Hamilton Pierpan as freshmen class student council representatives, and Trey Tibbetts, Canon Smith, and Margaret Thompson were elected as class officers.

Sophomore members of Student Council are Class President Kellen Adickes and representatives Noa Burchesky and Olivia Crooker. Junior members are Class President Celia Brinkler and representatives Gavin Peck and Violet Bailey. Senior members are Class President Ralph Zoorob and representatives Liam Card and Jacob Masters.

Though freshman elections

took place at the year's start, the student council began to plan homecoming even before the year began. Student Body President Issabella Herring '23 said that "Student Council was meeting and discussing Homecoming themes ... It took creativity and a lot of fun ideas, and in the end resulted in a wonderful homecoming."

The Student Council's hard work in planning homecoming was rewarded with massive participation from the student body and a large showing of school spirit at homecoming games. Herring also hopes the Student Council can approach the planning of the Winter Carnival in the same way.

As the new freshman class president, Greg Demeritt desires to create a strong voice for the freshman class. Demeritt understands that it is vital to listen to the ideas of all

freshmen. "I really want to be involved because we only have four years here. It's important to have the freshman's voice heard, and through that get things done."

He is always open to suggestions and would love for any freshmen to email him with their ideas. Additionally, Demeritt has set up virtual office hours for all freshmen to voice their questions and suggestions.

Both Herring and Demeritt feel that the main goal of the student council should be to plan events that include a majority of the student body, while additionally creating the Student Council into a more diverse and inclusive place.

*Nathanael Clark '26 is a first-year Talon writer who was too busy to get involved with Student Council but hopes to in the years to come.*

## Senior Privileges

By Nathanael Clark '26 and Nick Russ '24

This year's senior privileges are now in effect. They were proposed by Senior Class Officers and approved by the administration. Seniors can earn privileges with proper attendance and academic standing, including maintaining a grade point average of 75 or higher in all of their classes. They may not have more than five unexcused absences or tardies each trimester. Seniors can apply for these privileges by filling out a form at the front office.

Seniors with privileges may arrive late if they have a first-period study hall, provided that they still get to advisory by 9:15 am and check in to the office upon arrival. They may also leave school early if they have a fourth-period study hall providing they sign out. Finally, seniors have the opportunity to skip Focused Learning Block. Seniors with a fourth-period study hall may return for FLB, but they must check in at the main office.

Additional privileges include listening to music during study hall with the use of earbuds or

headphones. Seniors may also go to the dining commons during periods 1, 2, and 4 study halls. Lastly, seniors have the highest priority to exit the school after community meetings end. These privileges will be evaluated when trimester progress reports come. Anytime the requirements of the privileges are not met, the school administration reserves the full authority to revoke them.

*Nathanael Clark '26 and Nick Russ '24 are not seniors, and are therefore not eligible for aforementioned privileges.*

## 9th Grade Class Officers

By Amelia Starbird '26

The ninth grade class recently voted for their class president, officers, and representatives. The new freshman class president is Gregory Demeritt, he ran against two other competitors; Neptune Martin and Jacoby Bonin. There were five candidates for class officer, including Margaret Thompson, Trey Tibbetts, Toren Nerboss, Neptune Martin, and Cannon Smith. There were only three people who ran for class representative; Paul Leeman, Jacoby Bonin, and Hamilton Pierpan. The elected class officers were Margaret Thompson, Trey Tibbetts and Cannon Smith, and the elected class representatives were Hamilton Pierpan and Jacoby Bonin.

Class president Greg Demeritt loves running, working out, playing with his pets, and English class. In addition to student council, Demeritt also does acting, and is one of the editors of the Epoch at Skidompha Library.

Demeritt was asked in an interview: "What is most important to you when it comes to the Class of 2026?"

"People think we don't know as much, but it is actually really powerful to have these new minds, and these new people come into the Lincoln Academy community," he said. "Although the freshmen may be

younger than everyone else in the school, that doesn't mean that they don't have great ideas and intriguing opinions."

Margaret Thompson, Trey Tibbetts, and Cannon Smith all ran for class officers, and they all gave speeches. Thompson was asked what she is looking forward to as a class officer and she said "I am greatly looking forward to meeting new people, supporting everyone's voices and opinions, and, most importantly, working with others."

When Tibbetts was asked the same question, he said he is looking forward to, "community meetings and helping out with activities." The class officers all say they are very excited to meet the freshmen class and participate in the community activities.

The new freshman class representatives are Hamilton Pierpan and Jacoby Bonin. Bonin originally ran for class president, but when that didn't work out he decided to run for class representative. Pierpan wanted to be a class representative right off the bat, and gave an excellent speech. Congratulations to all of the new freshman class officers, representatives and president, and good luck to all of them!

*Amelia Starbird is a freshman and new member of The Talon staff.*

# Performing Arts

## Let's Hear It for.. Niko Rice on Harmonica



By Izzy Petersen '23

On September 9th, Lincoln Academy had its first community meeting act of the year with a harmonica performance by Niko Rice '23. This wasn't the first time Niko had performed during community meeting, having played for the school last year as well.

However, playing such an unexpected instrument so well begs an important question: how did this passion develop?

In an interview, Niko told us that he "started playing harmonica in January and February of 2020 with plastic harmonicas and got really into it during Covid." To learn, Niko "listened to a lot of recordings by Chris Turner, but [he] never

watched youtube videos or anything. [He] was all self taught."

In fact, the song Niko played during September's community meeting was actually entirely improvised. He tells us that he plans to perform again in the spring of 2023. If you have any interest in performing something of your own, Niko's advice is that "[you shouldn't] worry too much about [performing], because at least one person in the crowd will like it. Someone will die on a hill for you."

*Izzy Petersen '23 will always die on a hill for a harmonica performance by Niko Rice.*

## Bands Perform at AOS Schools

By Caroline Matthews '25

On Thursday, September 22 the Concert Band and Wind Ensemble went to South Bristol, Bristol, and Nobleboro to perform for AOS schools. 51 musicians from all four grades brought their instruments to play our homecoming music, which included "Disco Inferno" and a medley of disco hits from the 70s.

The goal of the field trip was to advertise going to the

homecoming parade as well as to encourage students to try band.

"It was great to have the little kids be so excited about music and all the different instruments. It was so fun when everyone danced to YMCA", says Lila Neptune-Benner '25' who is a member of Wind Ensemble.

*Caroline Matthews '25 is a part of Wind Ensemble.*



From left; Brennen Mathieu '26, Russel Long '26, Angela Nilles, Nobleboro Principal Mr. Bullard, Trinity Delany '26, Caroline Matthews '25.

# News

## Fire Alarm! Students and Faculty Evacuate in the Rain

By Zoe Nolan '23 and Lilly Taylor '23

On September 22, a faulty fire alarm sensor was set off, causing an unnecessary evacuation of the school. This faulty alarm interrupted third period, forcing students and faculty to evacuate

during a thunderstorm. Luckily for students in Hall House and ATEC, only students in the main building had to evacuate.

The faulty sensor was upstairs in the library, just outside the elevator. It was found to have an operational problem causing

it to become active. The sensor was replaced the next day. Although the weather was not ideal, students and faculty were still successful in evacuating the building.

"The evacuation was quick and efficient and everyone

did a good job. It was not a nice day to have that happen, which is unfortunate, but it is also reassuring to know that even when something like this happens, everyone does a very good job!" said Dean of Students Jake Abbott.

*Breaking News reporters Zoe Nolan and Lilly Taylor are both senior students at Lincoln Academy and second year members of The Talon staff.*



Students and faculty waiting outside in the rain while authorities determine if there was a real fire during the fire alarm in the main building on September 22.

## Mr. Mess's Beard *cont'd from p.1*

front page news, so I decided to reach the bottom of this need-to-know conundrum. To start off my journey to infinite knowledge, I thought best to seek the natural habitat of the curious creature we call Mr. Mess: THE ART ROOM. I then sat down to ask him a few questions and to finally figure out exactly what was up with that beard.

**How are you, Mr. Mess?**

"I am great today, thank you very much. It's a busy busy busy time of the year, this fall season."

**How does it feel to let your facial hair out of its cage?**

"Oh my gosh, it's surprisingly easy. You have to do nothing, that's the beauty of growing a beard, you really have to do nothing; it just grows."

**What made you decide to grow a beard?**

"You know, last summer after our two or three COVID years in a row, I decided to just let it flow and let it grow. I wanted no responsibility of shaving for at least a summer, and when I came back and school was starting up I was like, you know what, it's literally grown on me in more ways than one."

**How long have you been growing this beard?**

"The last time I shaved my face was the week before graduation. So you are in the presence of, what is that three and a half months? Let's see here... May, June, July, August, September... So yeah like three months and some change."

**How long is your beard now?**

"Well I do trim. I trim the

sides. I let the chin grow a little longer than the average beard grower, because I just like that look, I like the pointy look. There were a couple 80s or 90s bands, like the Fu Manchu, with the goatee with the point which was a big thing. I grew one back in like my twenties, now I want the full on... what was the question? How long is it? Oh, I don't know, I think at the chin it's like an inch and a half and on the sides like maybe a half an inch."

**Has anyone tried to touch your beard yet?**

"My daughters yank on it; I have an eight and four year old and they yank on it. Students have not touched it yet. I think they're a little afraid of it. I think I shocked a few people, well I know I've shocked a few people, and surprisingly as you get older you get these things called white hairs. I have more of them than the last time I grew a beard, and beards typically make me and people look older and so I think to some people I look older, especially with my gray, so that's been interesting. It's like 'WOAH!', they think I look old, then they ask me how old I am which is... not going to be in print. You have to ask me if you want to know my age, and I will make you guess first."

**Can I touch your beard?**

"No."

**I hear you're also dabbling in the art of earrings, what is the story behind that?**

"Um yes, it's interesting that you say that, there's actually two stories to that. One is that if you are going to grow a beard and look older, then

maybe I need to put my old earring in to like balance out the youth with the older look. So I think it balances, but the true story is that I've had my ear pierced since I was 16 years old, and I've worn it for many years but haven't for decades. But I've always maintained the hole, it's always stayed there, and I've worn a few things for halloween or fun times to be silly. My daughter however, who is eight, got her ears pierced this summer. When she went to get her ears pierced, we found out that with all the shots and everything and needles with COVID, we have discovered that she has a little bit of needlephobia. So the earrings, she really wanted them, but after one, she was like, 'That's it! That's enough for me!' So we had already bought all these earrings for two, so I kind of just inherited all her second earrings this summer for fun and I just kept up with it. I was like, you know what, I'm going for it; I'm going to wear my earring again. I like the way it looks. I don't care what people think about me; I'm at the age where you just start to not care what people think about you. So I don't care, I'm going to let my freak flag fly! I'm the art teacher, I can pull it off."

**Back to the beard, how long do you plan on having this beard?**

"You know, I don't know. I'm definitely going to make it to the holidays. It could be part of my Halloween costume look; and then I have to figure out if I'm going to make it to the holidays, which I think I will. I've always

been jealous when you see those pictures in ski magazines when the guys with big beards have like icicles hanging off of their face. I think I need an icicle day or two out there this winter; maybe ice-fishing, skiing, or sledding. So yeah, I'm definitely going to make it through the holidays and when the new year comes and it becomes 2023, we'll decide day by day. Maybe as the sun starts to turn into springtime my face will want to see the sunshine again."

**What's the most optimal beard length, in your opinion?**

"Everyone's got their own taste and flavor, everyone's got different sized heads and bodies, and I'd just say it's a different size for everyone. For me, I like to keep, as I said, short on the sides and longer on the chin. I've been kind of growing the mustache a little longer than everyone, and I might end up with a little 1920's twisty mustache on the end."

**Who has the greatest beard ever, in your opinion? Who inspired you?**

"I'm glad you asked this question, because I almost started off... and I have to give a shout out to all the former beard giants of Lincoln Academy. When I first came into this school I was much younger, like 15 years ago, but I noticed a lot of the male teachers had beards and I was very jealous of them. Mr. O'Mahoney, Mr. Manahan, Mr. Wynne, Mr. Going, those prominent bearded men have been my inspiration."

**Finally on that note, do you plan on forming a Guild of**

**Bearded Teachers? And if so, which teachers' beards would you recruit first?**

"I think maybe I just started one. I think it was Mr. Going growing his beard long enough or they were going to shave his head or something for money. Maybe that's what I need to do. Maybe in the spring, and maybe I'll throw it out there now, it could be 'Shave Mr. Mess' beard off? Yes or no?' and we will have a coin slam, 'Should he keep it or should he shave it?' and all the money will go to charity. Yeah maybe we'll get something going. If any class or somebody has a charity that wants to approach me on that, you let me know. I'm all beard... I mean all ears. If I had to pick three beards it would be Mr. A, Mr. O'Mahoney gets the puff going, and between Mr. Wynne and Mr. Going, who I don't think even has a beard right now, but he has had many a prominent beards, but Mr. Wynne keeps it tight and has a nice beard."

There you go folks, the story behind one of the seven wonders of the world. I am proud to be able to share this important information with the world, and I'm even more proud to finally be able to sleep at night knowing the story and meaning behind Mr. Mess' new chin curtain. Make sure to spread the word of Mr. Mess' amazing beard fundraiser idea. To end this off I'd like to share this wise quote from Sun Tzu, "Beards are pretty cool, man."

*Elias Bassett '25 is a first time writer for The Talon and an appreciator of the finest of beards.*

# Academic News

## Focused Learning Blocks: What You Should Know

By *Khloe Luce '26 and Julia Deitrick '26*  
With the second trimester coming up you may be faced with the question of “which Focused Learning Blocks do I want to keep, and which do I want to switch?” We are here to help you answer that question. FLB this year is now at the end of the day and it allows

for clubs such as debate and robotics to lead directly to after school activities, while activities such as nature walks and kickball can have more time to be active. Some of the many activities that you can sign up for next trimester include: chess club with Mr. Frasher, supernatural phenomena with Ms. Lemar,

trivia tournament with Mr. Turner, and a new Learn to Sew activity. Some FLB blocks that are very popular to the students here at Lincoln Academy include stained glass with Ms. Slyvia as well as rocks and fossils ID with Mr. Buchwalder, which consists of talking about what fossils are and classifying the many types

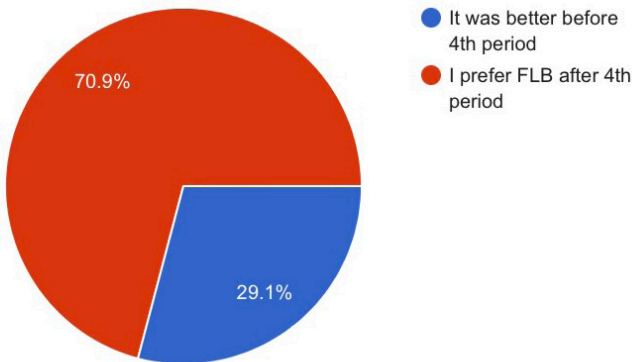
of rocks. Did you know that you can come up with your own Focused Learning Block activities? All you have to do is talk with a faculty member that you would like to supervise your group, discuss it with Ms. Cheney, and work on adding it into the schedule. For more information, talk to both Ms. Cheney and

your teacher to figure out what FLB blocks work best for you! *Khloe Luce '26 and Julia Deitrick '26 are freshmen this year at Lincoln Academy and are getting used to Focused Learning Blocks. They are pleased with the opportunity to be a part of The Talon, which is one of their FLBs.*

## TALON POLL: LA Students Prefer New FLB Schedule

Do you prefer FLB before or after 4th period?

134 responses



In an entirely unscientific and self-selecting poll, LA students prefer having Focused Learning Block after fourth period rather than before fourth period, as we had it last year.

Of 134 respondents, 70% prefer the current system.

Watch your email for future Talon polls, and let your voice be heard!

*The poll was conducted by Izzy Petersen '23, a member of the Talon staff.*



Students in the Fly Tying Focused Learning Block taught by Mr. Burroughs and Ms. Long.

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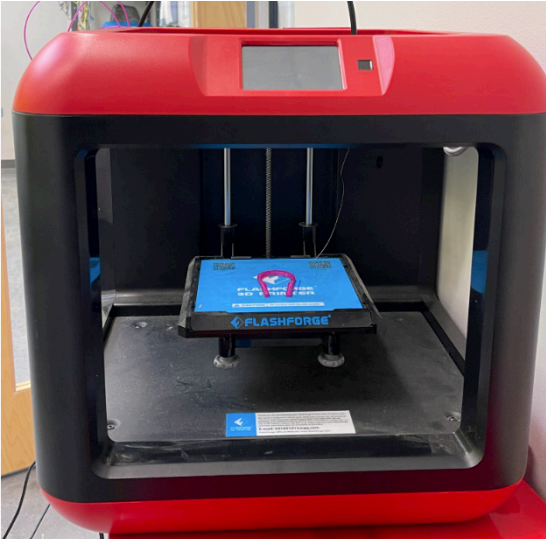
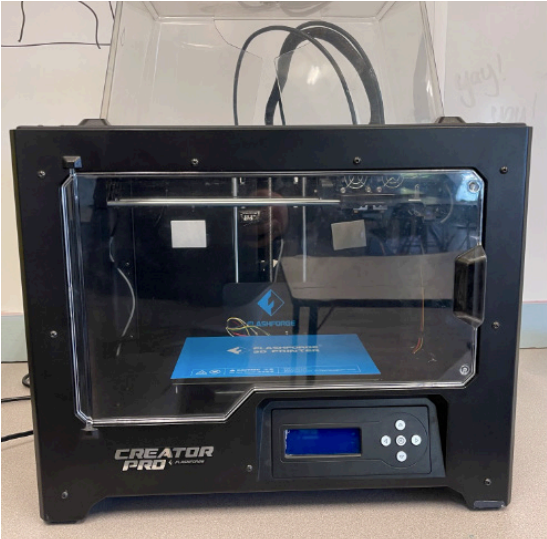
By *Cecil Rittall '25*  
Ever go into the Library Annex and look over at that box in the corner? Well, that isn't just a box, it's a 3D printer. Last year it broke and stayed broken until the third trimester FLBs started. During the third trimester a Tech Team member, with some help from other members along the way, fixed it. It had a tiny test run, but since then it's been sitting there collecting dust.

The only logical thing is to print something on it, which anyone is welcome to do. If you or a friend want to print something, find Ms. Abello, Mr. Johnson, or Ms. Phelps to help you download the software needed to design the object. Once you have that and you design the object, just go to the annex and get permission to print. If the hold up to print in the annex is too long for you, try out the printer down at ATEC.

The printer down there was just fixed recently by Renner Lucas '25 and Noah Palmer '25.

Just a reminder, the print could fail during the printing process, but don't feel down if it does, just try it again. Now go have fun designing something to print out.

*Cecil Rittall '25 is a second-year writer for the Talon and the person who fixed the annex printer.*



Above left: The black 3D printer in the Library Annex. Above right: The red and black 3D printer in the ATEC green room.

## Important Fall Dates:

- October: 20: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 26: Parent/Teacher Conferences and LA Pumpkin Run
- October 27: Les Mis Opens in Poe Theater
- October 28: Trunk or Treat + Les Mis Performance
- October 29: Les Mis Performance
- November 1: Career Fair Day 1
- November 1: SENIOR PHOTOS AND QUOTE DUE to Yearbook staff
- November 2: 8th Grade Family Night + Les Mis Performance
- November 3: Career Fair Day 2 + Les Mis performance.
- November 4: Les Mis Performance
- November 5: SATs + Les Mis performance
- November 10: Teacher Professional Development Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 11: Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL
- November 18: Last Day of 1st Trimester
- November 21-25: Thanksgiving Vacation

# Caption Contest

Caption this photo:



Please submit captions to the Talon by emailing [talon@lincolnacademy.org](mailto:talon@lincolnacademy.org) or filling out the google form at the link below:



The winning caption will be printed in the next edition of *The Talon*. Deadline for entries: November 1, 2022

# Pets of the Month

*If you'd like to see your pet here next month, keep an eye out for submission forms!*

Dog of the Month

Cat of the Month

Miscellaneous Pet of the Month



Rouger, submitted by Carter Colomb '25, won the dog category with 37 votes. Rouger is a 7-month-old long-haired German shepherd.



Mr. Norris, submitted by Ashlyn Neuman '25, won the cat category with 41 votes. Mr. Norris is balding.



Reilly, submitted by Ryan Curtis '26, won the miscellaneous category with 49 votes. Reilly smiles when she is fed.

*Edited by Kaydence Raymond '25.*

# How well did you read *The Talon*? Trivia from this month's issue:

1. True or False: YMCA by the Village People was one of the songs played at the homecoming dance.

2. What award did the golf team win at the Class B States Golf Tournament?

3. True or False: Mr. Norris has surplus hair.

4. What is one privilege awarded to eligible seniors?

5. Who won this issues Vehicle of the Month?

6. What is the name of the robotics competition this year?

7. What is your social security number?

8. What is the name of the map that Liam Card and Ms. Long are consulting?

9. What was this year's homecoming theme?

10. What is the name of the musical that opens October 27th?
- Answers to Talon Trivia on page 9

# Vehicle of the Month

## October 2022 Featured Vehicle: Garrett Howard’s Toyota Tacoma



By D. Bell ‘26

October’s nomination goes to Garrett Howard ‘23’s modified white Toyota Tacoma.

This truck has around 278 horsepower with an SR5 V-6 Engine and the TRD package. This specific vehicle has what appears to be a metal skid plate, an added bullbar, and a bed rack.

The owner hasn’t contacted the *Talon* to fill us in on any internal modifications, so we’re guessing stock internals in this beast of a vehicle.

The Tacoma is able to get around 22 miles per gallon, assuming it is on the open road, and 18 in cited areas, has a maximum payload capacity of around 1,440 pounds (653 kilograms), and can tow 6,800

pounds (3,084 kilograms).

This specific Tacoma is equipped with a crew cab, is rear wheel drive but is capable of 4 wheel drive, and differential lock is weak, albeit present. This particular model is equipped with a winch, and various LED lighting is present all across the chassis and embedded in the body panels, as well as the corners of the windshield.

*D. Bell is a freshman here at Lincoln Academy and writes for the Talon. He is an avid car enthusiast, and his favorite car is arguably the 1937 Bugatti Type 57 S.*

Got a  
Favorite  
Car or  
Truck?

Watch for a monthly survey  
in your LA email

Edited by D. Bell ‘26



Senior Garrett Howard’s Toyota Tacoma is the Lincoln Academy October, 2022 Vehicle of the Month.

## October Sudoku

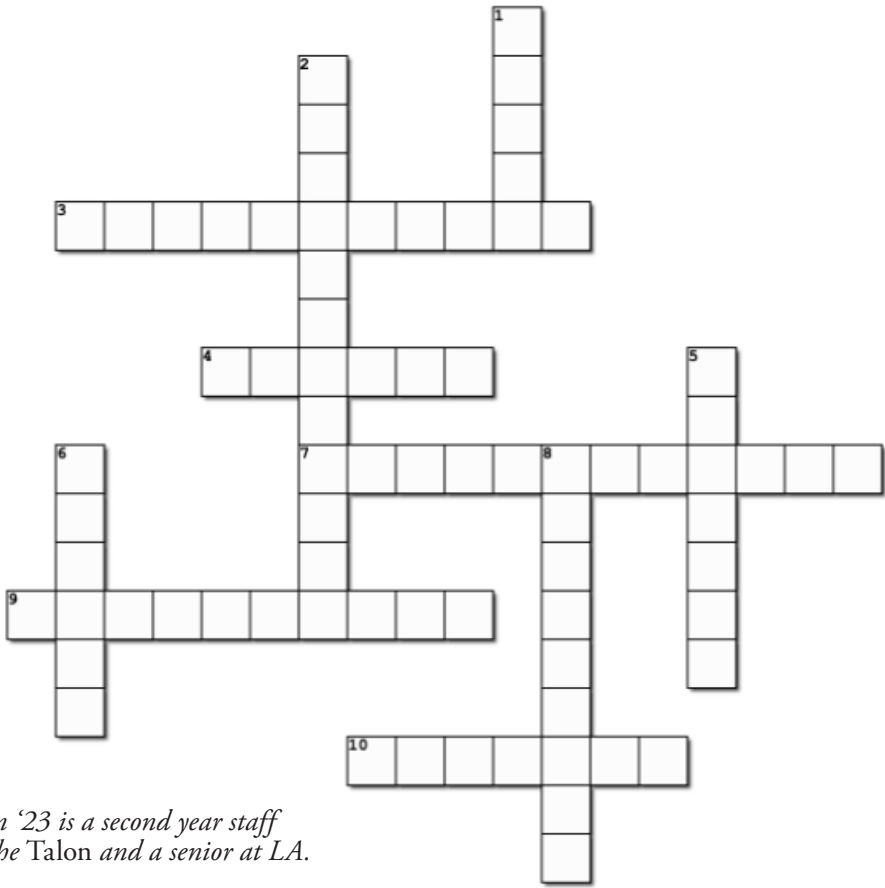
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Puzzles and Fun

October Crossword

Complete the crossword using the clues provided. If a single answer consists of multiple words, do not include spaces when fitting the answer into the crossword. If an answer contains a number, spell it out. Have fun!

Crossword created by Zoe Nolan '23.



Zoe Nolan '23 is a second year staff member of the Talon and a senior at LA.

Across

- 3. Who on the original board of trustees at Lincoln Academy is the newest (built 2015) dormitory named for?
- 4. Halloween 2022 falls on this weekday.
- 7. An essential fall series starring Lauren Graham and Alexis Bledel
- 9. Who is the softball field dedicated to?
- 10. Prior to its public school status, Lincoln Academy served as a "fitting school" from 1805-1903 for what Maine college?

Down

- 1. An eagle's nest.
- 2. The name of a local business on the scoreclock and gym floor.
- 5. Lincoln Academy serves 18 towns in Lincoln County. Which of these towns is home to the colonial Fort Charles?
- 6. Lincoln Academy is the \_\_\_\_\_ oldest secondary school in Maine
- 8. The first Lincoln Academy campus (1801-1828) was located on which road?

Overheard... at Lincoln Academy

Got a quote to submit to the Talon?

Email talon@lincolnacademy.org. Please include the names of both speaker and submitter.

Talon quotes collected and curated by Nathalie Paulino '23

- "Excuse me, I am the only one allowed to make blood sacrifices in this room!" – Ms. Penrose

"Lying is fun AND free." – Margaret Kastelein '23

"You don't just [wear someone's skin] by accident." – Mr. Going

"EVERY state has a national park." – anonymous student in passing. "Well that's just not true." – Mr. Going
- "I wish we could dress like this every day" - Dante Maskell in full disco regalia

"What else uses echolocation? Bats, porpoises, and soccer players when they talk to each other." – Mr. Stevenson

"We're all trying to stand like Harrison, and I'm convinced he doesn't have bones." – Bella Herring '23

"And now we're gonna put a happy little cold sore down here..." – Mr. Buchwalder
- "I thought that this WASN'T supposed to be AP therapy..." – Aowyn Burbank '23

"That was powerful... are you a libra?" – Gabby Vincentsen '23

"I spend lots of time on Reddit." – Ms. Sawyer

"You know, if my name was Young Goodman Brown I'd be inclined to evil too...it's a very bad name" – Dylan Burmeister '25
- "If someone tries to come into the class and I ask you for help, I need you to smash their hands." – Mr. Cannon

"You don't need a high school diploma to live in a cave." – Audrey Hufnagel '24

"Don't put pickles in your pockets!" – Skylar Kurr '26

"If you have epilepsy, let me know." – Ms. Mayher

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