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# Bell Tower Down



The historic LA belfry was lowered to the ground by crane on Friday, October 6. The bell, belfry, and tower will undergo much-needed repairs.

Audrey Hufnagel, Connor Parson Academy and is rung for the first day of school, graduation, and championship victories. "Restoring the function of the bell and the structure of the belfry is of utmost importance to me," said Mr. Burroughs. He reported that a series of structural concerns noticed over the last couple of years

called attention to the problems plaguing the bell tower.

Repairs are required in all three components of the historic tower. The bell itself, which is cast of solid bronze and weighs about 600 pounds, is in excellent shape, and may

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# 2023 Homecoming Builds Class & School Spirit

Dylan Burmeister

Lincoln Academy's 2023 homecoming was celebrated with sunny skies and gorgeous fall weather, as students and community members brought school spirit home to the hallways of LA and the streets of the Twin Villages September 18 - 24.

During homecoming week, all four classes competed for Faculty Shield Points by decorating advisor doors, searching for spirit flags, and answering trivia. Faculty Shield Points were also awarded for dress up day participation.

While some students initially expressed hesitation about the

homecoming theme of pirates (chosen last spring through a ranked choice vote), the student population became invested in the theme as the week progressed with elaborate door decorations, costumes, and the t-shirts and pirate hats worn by the marching band as they played the Pirates of the Caribbean theme. In anticipation of pirate dress up day, Mr Abbott even sent an email reminder that swords were not allowed on campus, demonstrating the overall spirit and enthusiasm that

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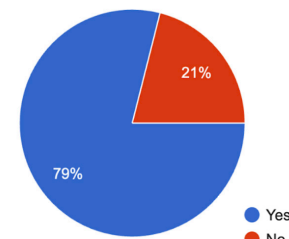
# Literally Everyone Has a Cold

Amelia Rice

Recently, the common cold has spread around LA and impacted a large portion of the student body as well as staff. Many students have been out sick, and some teachers have also missed school. The Health Center reported that they have seen a recent increase in students in the Health Center and sickness-related absences.

Students agree that this cold begins with a sore throat and nasal congestion, followed by chest congestion and lastly a cough. Symptoms last about a week.

Have you had a cold this school year?  
176 responses



A poll of the LA student body conducted by the *Talon* staff in late September, while unscientific and self-selecting, clearly shows that a lot of people had a cold.

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# Who is Ernest the Eagle? Mysterious Mascot Ruffles feathers at LA

Olive Siegel and Eva Whitmore

On Sunday, September 17th, a new Lincoln Academy Eagle mascot made his debut on Instagram – just in time for Homecoming. This new eagle calls himself Ernest and claims to be the younger cousin of the beloved Eddie, the original LA eagle.

Both eagles were present at the homecoming parade on September 22, but only Eddie made an appearance at the games. Ernest's online presence has dwindled since then, with his newest post dated September 23.

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This mysterious mascot appeared in the Homecoming parade and then disappeared again. Even his Instagram account has gone quiet since September 22.

# The Crucible Opens October 26



A rehearsal photo from the LA production of *The Crucible*, which opens October 26.

Lila Drewes

Down in Lincoln Academy's Poe Theater, students are hard at work on the production of LA's fall play, *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller. The show opens October 26th and closes November 4th.

*The Crucible* takes place in 1692 during the Salem witch trials and follows the characters' relationships throughout this tumultuous period. Production on the play started in the beginning of the school year, with the actors, tech, and director Griff Braley all working

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# Class of '27 Elects Officers

Greg Demeritt

In mid-September, freshman Class President, Class Officer, and Student Council Representative candidates gave speeches to their class. After hearing the speeches, freshmen students were sent a form to vote for their representatives. Many freshmen were involved in this fall's electoral process. Seven candidates gave speeches hoping to get elected to one of the three different positions. Furthermore, many students

were involved in voting for their new representatives.

"Over 80% of the freshman class participated" Mr. Hauptman, the Class Dean for

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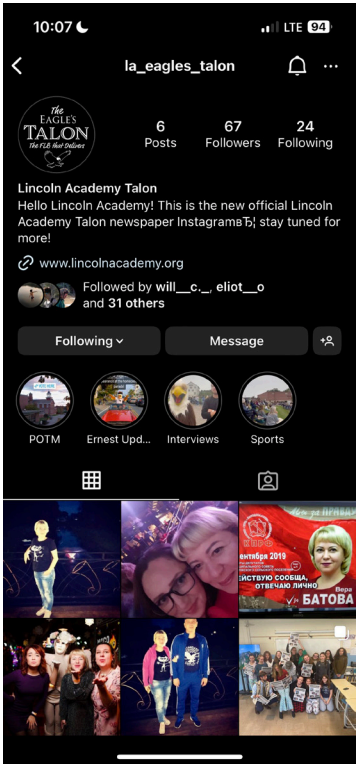


9th grade class president, Eva Whitmore



# Opinions & Letters

## Hacked!



A screenshot of the hacked Talon Instagram account. The Talon Instagram was taken over by unknown intruders on September 28, 2023,

*Maddy Kallin*  
I was sitting in Spanish class on the morning of Thursday, September 28th when my watch buzzed with a message from Tessa McNamara ‘25 that read, “HELP MADDY HELP!” I was immediately concerned and watched as more texts flooded in from Tessa. She had been logged out of the *Talon* Instagram account. We had been hacked.

After class (I’m a good

student and would never check my phone in class if you are reading this, Sra Hanley), I checked Instagram.

I was also unable to log on to the account and saw that our hacker had posted many photos including a mystery message in Russian. I sought out Tessa, and together we worked with Mrs. Mayher to figure out how we could take down the posts.

We tried reporting the account in many different ways, but Instagram was unhelpful and our efforts were unsuccessful.

Eventually, after a long process of security confirmations, including a phone number, email and new passwords, we were able to regain control of the account and remove the posts.

We learned a valuable lesson: maybe you shouldn’t make your passwords directly related to your username because that makes them very easily guessable.

A good laugh in Mrs. Mayher’s office and some quick problem solving minimized damage, and now that we’ve recovered our Instagram account, you should give us a follow! Search for @la\_eagles\_talon for the behind the scenes of Lincoln Academy’s FLB that delivers.

*Maddy Kallin ‘24 is a member of the Talon Editorial staff.*

## The Class of 2027: Not to be Underestimated



Members of the Class of 2027 dressed in their class color for Homecoming 2023.

*Mr. Hauptman*  
I could tell from the very first day that we had a special group of students walking into Lincoln Academy. Our first day is always jam-packed with activities - technology setup, scavenger hunts, and a game or two. I have taught in other schools where students were expected to do far less on their first day and struggled to do so. Yet, this group worked through the day with panache, and often while covered by the pouring rain.

I am serving as Class Dean for the first time, and it has

given me a unique opportunity to get to know so, so many of our incoming freshmen. They come from a variety of places and do a variety of things - we have athletes and musicians, artists and environmentalists. We have gamers and mechanics, writers and readers. We’ve got a few who worked lobstering all summer, at least one who spends hours making intricate costumes, and a few others who are about to go on moose hunts. There is so much variety in this class, yet they are all here together, in one place, putting in copious amounts of effort.

“Together” is their theme so far. They didn’t win Homecoming Week as individuals - they won it as a class, and they took pride in that accomplishment. In my own advisory, every single student contributed to our door, the one that wowed our Door Decorating judges. Even those students that haven’t found their place in this class yet are finding ways to contribute, and that’s a testament to the space that is given to them to do so. This group of students makes space for everyone to take part.

Will this class go through some growing pains? I am certain of it - we all do. But, the potential this class has shown so far has exceeded my expectations, and when I met with Freshman Class Officers today, I did so knowing that whatever plans we begin to develop, whatever ideas they bring to the table, the Class of 2027 is not only going to be able to find a way to make it happen, but also make it their own. Even if they run into struggles, I would not underestimate this class.

*Mr. Hauptman is an LA math teacher and the Class of 2027 Dean.*



Members of the Class of 2027 embracing Barbie Day.

## Heat Wave

*Connor Parson*  
The week of September 4th, Lincoln Academy suffered an extreme heat wave throughout the school week. Temperatures reached as high as 86 degrees, breaking records for this time of year. Sports practices were canceled. The cross country meet was postponed to Saturday amid the concern. The heat turned what would have been a normal week of adjusting to school again into a painful experience for all involved.

Maine was not the only state affected by the heat wave. According to the Washington Post, New Hampshire, Washington DC, New York

all had record breaking daily averages of a full degree. States across the country also had record temperatures during that week.

2023 has been full of record setting heat. NASA reported last July as the hottest July on Earth in its recorded history. Southwestern states had temperatures beyond 100 degrees throughout most of summer. Many cities saw consecutive days of the daily temperature record being broken. The drying of the land has contributed to wildfires and smoke all across North America, defying standard weather conditions.

While it is great that the heat

wave only lasted a week, and it seems like the chills and winds of fall are settling in, it can be tempting to forget the root cause of all this heat. That is of course, climate change. While the answer is not very interesting, it is still very important to not forget that our planet is being continuously burned up every year by greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere. Because of climate change, the number of catastrophic weather events has increased and will continue to do so. The heat is just one of many harsh weather events we will see as the climate continues to warm around the world.

*Connor Parson ‘24 is a member of the Talon Staff.*

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# Opinions & Letters

## Freshmen Routines & Commute Times

*Zoe Hufnagel*

The adjustment of getting up early instead of sleeping late in summer months seems to be difficult for all high schoolers, but especially freshmen who aren't used to the schedule. Because Lincoln Academy offers education to so many towns, it is unlikely that one student's daily routine will be identical to another. Shorter commutes may not be better than longer ones and vice versa, just different, and it's rewarding to have that awareness about the people around you.

Student's commuting times vary from five minute walks to hour bus rides. The closest towns are obviously Newcastle and Damariscotta, on the border of the LA campus. The farthest towns Lincoln serves include Westport Island and St. George. One freshman student, Lorelei Zech, lives right down the road in Newcastle and most mornings she walks to school in about fifteen minutes. On those mornings, she wakes up at 6:00, but on mornings she is driven she has the luxury to sleep until 7:00 since it is only a two to three minute drive. Lorelei did not participate in any sports, theater or after school clubs this fall and she says she has enough time to do homework and relax when at home. She also says she has a good sleep schedule though she remarked that she's, "Always tired." We're highschoolers, can you blame us? In Lorelei's case, commuting has very little effect on the rest of her day.

Many sports and clubs are offered at Lincoln Academy, but because, like mentioned before, we serve so many districts, there is no after school bus. This forces students who want to participate to find alternate modes of transportation. It also adds another level of complexity to daily routines. Frances DeGeer '27 and Cadance Balbo Towle '27 are both in the production of the Crucible this autumn.

Frances lives seven minutes away from the school and in the morning she usually gets up at 6:00 and leaves around 7:25. She arrives back home around 6:00 pm because of theater. Frances

says she is able to keep up with homework, but finds it hard to spend time with family.

Cadence's house is 25 minutes away from LA. To cope with the early drive she prepares for the next day the night before. Most nights she doesn't arrive home until 5:30-6, like Frances, at which time she is exhausted from the day. She begins homework at 7:00 and then repeats the routine the following day.

I live in St. George, and I commute about two hours a day: one in the morning and one in the afternoon. I have to get up early, around 5:00, and I don't get home as early as I would like, but I have begun to get used to it. When you think about how much time I spend traveling each week and each year though, the answer is kind of mind blowing. I spend about 10 hours each week on the bus and about 25,200 minutes, 400 hours or 17.5 days on the bus per year. That's a lot of time. My bus driver, Dan, drives nearly 1,000 miles a week. To put that into perspective, that's halfway across the country! Commuting is a big part of my day, and I have to factor it into my schedule around homework and other activities everyday.

This article isn't setting out to prove something such as, "kids who live closer to school have a better education," but rather it is here as a good example of our school's geographic diversity. Commuting is a part of highschool life one way or another. It can affect routines and the classes we take, sure, but the most important takeaway is that everyone is doing things differently; we are all running on our own clocks in our own worlds, and yet we come to Lincoln and become part of the community regardless.

*Zoe Hufnagel '27 is a member of the Talon staff, and she misses sleeping in until noon.*

## International Student View: Azerbaijan-Armenian War



A map of the region involved in the Armenian Azerbaijan conflict

*Arsen Mikealyn*

On June 15, 2023, Azerbaijan blocked all passage of food, fuel, and medicine from the Red Cross and the "Russian Peacekeepers" through the Lachin corridor to the Republic of Artsakh. This blockade has resulted in a humanitarian crisis, severely restricting the movement of individuals, vehicles, and essential goods. The crisis has been exacerbated by Azerbaijan's attacks on critical civilian infrastructure.

My name is Arsen Mikaelyan, and I am an international student from Armenia. Currently my neighboring country Artsakh, where 95% of Armenians live, is under attack by Azerbaijan. 120,000 people, including 30,000 children and 20,000 elderly individuals, are being affected by the blockade. The absence of food, medication, fuel, and other vital supplies has led to a severe violation of fundamental human rights and a significant humanitarian crisis. Additionally, Azerbaijan intentionally targeted civilian infrastructure, such as disabling electricity and cutting off gas supply from Armenia, which made the situation worse. Communication infrastructure

was also disrupted.

Despite international calls and demands from various entities, the UN International Court of Justice, individual countries, and human rights organizations, Azerbaijan has escalated the crisis by officially establishing a concrete barrier on the "Hakari" bridge on June 15, 2023. This move controls all movements of the Artsakh people. After this on September 20th 2023, Azerbaijan launched a large-scale military attack against the Republic of Artsakh. For days, the countries were fighting, and then stopping for a relatively short time to have a discussion, which was not leading to any outcome and then again continuing the fight. Despite that the region is historically Armenian, and almost all of the populations as well, Azerbaijan still claims that it's theirs and tries to get it, at any cost. Since Stalin gave a piece of the land to Azerbaijan during the Soviet Union, and said that both countries should

divide it between each other, since both are in Caucasus, it led Azerbaijan to think that they could have the whole territory, where from ancient times Armenians had lived.

We are living in the 21st century, and still having these types of problems is just unacceptable, people should not suffer and be scared of not waking up the next day! And all this because of governmental goals and their ideas of how history should've been? It's not ok.

As an Armenian, I speak not only for myself but my country's people as well. We don't want war, the only thing we want is PEACE. Let's share this information And let the rest of the world know what's happening. By working together we can achieve international understanding and peace in the whole world. Thank you.

*Arsen Mikealyn '25 is a member of the Talon Staff and an international student from Armenia.*

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# News

## Olympia Snowe Leadership Participants Attend Fall Forum



Left to right: Cassandra White, Khloe Luce '26, Karina Phipps '26, Eleri Jordan '26, Mercy Buchwalder '26, Trinity Delaney '26, Amy Taylor.

*Khloe Luce*

On Thursday, September 28, students in the Olympia Snowe Leadership Institute attended the fall forum hosted by the institute. The program was designed and created by former United States Senator Olympia Snowe to help girls in Maine to become more confident. The institute's main objective is to encourage confidence, leadership, and courage in each individual.

The meeting took place in Bangor at the Cross Insurance Arena where over 500 girls and 200 advisors from across

the state attended to create an outline of the program and meet new people. 15 students from Lincoln Academy attended the event.

After a brief introduction from Olympia Snowe herself, all the different schools were split up into groups where they went over what their year was going to cover and completed activities that introduced them to leadership skills.

They also had the opportunity to meet with other girls from the program to build friendships and step out of their comfort

zone. "The whole experience was really exciting and I am very lucky to be part of the Olympia Snowe community," says Eleri Jordan '26.

There are three sections that the program covers and each year they focus on something different. The sections include "My Values" for sophomores, "My Vision" for juniors, and "My Voice" for the seniors.

Guest speakers were also present, sharing their stories to inspire the young women of the program to go after their goals and achieve them efficiently with the support of others. The event helped guide the students on how they can become successful and really make a positive impact in society today.

*Khloe Luce '26 is part of the program and is currently in her first year and focusing on her values. She is excited to learn about herself and others, gain leadership skills, and figure out ways on how to capture her goals and achieve them.*

## Books and Breakfast reads *Cold*

*Julia Deitrick*

On October 4th, the first Books and Breakfast of the school year took place. This month's book was *Cold* by Mariko Tamaki, it is a mysterious novel about Todd Mayor's death and how he navigates being dead from his ghost's perspective. The book follows Todd himself, navigating the afterlife. His living classmate Georgia is determined to find the secrets attached to Todd's death and most importantly find out who did it. Many people came to show their opinions of the book and enjoy some yummy baked goods. Amelia Rice '26 thinks "*Cold* was a very engaging and mysterious book! I was so eager to solve the mystery that I read it over the course of an afternoon."



*Julia Deitrick '26 is an avid reader who is new to Books & Breakfast and is excited to continue throughout the school year.*

## Ernest cont'd from p.1

Students and teachers alike are baffled by Ernest's sudden appearance and wonder what this means for the future of LA mascots. Is Eddie the Eagle no more? Is this town big enough for both of them? Can they join

forces for ultimate LA pride? Who will come out victorious in this epic showdown of Lincoln Academy school spirit?

*Olive Siegel '25 and Eva Whitmore '27 are members of the Talon staff.*

## LA students raft the rapids of the Kennebec River



LA students ride the rapids during the Outing Club rafting trip on the Kennebec River on October 1.

*Jillian McLaughlin*

On the morning of October 1, 17 LA students embarked on the first outing club trip of the year to raft the white waters of the Kennebec River. This trip began at the North Country River Lodge in Bingham, Maine, where group members received their equipment and safety briefing for the rafting later that day.

Students were accompanied by LA staff members Mr. Abbott, Mr. Manahan, and Ms. Welch. During the trip, students and chaperones rafted class three and four rapids on the Kennebec River and had multiple opportunities to swim along the way.

Once off the river, LA students and staff returned to the North Country River

Lodge where they were served lunch before heading back to LA. "It was a really fun day out on the water," said attendee Maddy Kallin '24. "Everyone had fun throwing each other in and getting splashed in the white water."

*Jillian McLaughlin '25 is a member of the Outing Club and had a blast in the whitewater.*

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Ways to limit the spread of the common cold and flu include washing your hands, staying home when you're sick, and limiting close contact with others when they're sick. Some students and faculty have chosen to wear masks to help prevent the spread.

Some classes and after school activities have also been affected. Ms. Nolan's Geometry class used the period as a study hall since so many students were absent. The Crucible's first full

run-through was also canceled for this reason.

The Talon conducted a Google poll on September 25 to estimate how many people have been sick with this cold. Out of 176 responses, 79% responded that they are or have been sick and 21% said that they have not been sick.

*Amelia Rice '26 has a cold as she writes this article.*



Sanctioned mascot Eddie the Eagle (pictured here with seniors Coco Sanchez and Serena Foster) was on campus for the Friday and Saturday Homecoming events.

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# News

## Bell Tower *Cont. from p. 1*



The bell and bell tower sit on a trailer outside the school after being taken down.

only need cosmetic repairs. The belfry--the structure with seven posts and a small round roof that sits above the roof--has rot in the floor, roof, and pillars, and needs to be rebuilt. The tower that holds the bell

with structural beams that go all the way from the roof to the basement, has serious structural issues and will need an engineering assessment to determine the extent of needed repairs.

The issues were found during an inspection last year. There were concerns over the lean found in areas like the library annex. A further investigation revealed that some of the tower's supports are not touching the foundation. After seeing how bad things were, the buildings and grounds crew did a full investigation last spring, discovering the issues with the bell. While the risk was low, there was a concern that the bell would have fallen if these issues were not addressed.

The bell removal was carried out by a local carpenter and Keeley Crane company. The initial planned takedown was delayed twice due to mechanical issues and a hurricane. The operation on October 6 took place without a hitch. Operators attached the crane to the belfry and created upward tension,

and then used a chainsaw to cut the pillars in the belfry, which was lifted up and set gently on the ground. The crane then removed the 600-pound bell.

"After being postponed twice, the removal of the bell tower was safely executed as planned and in less time than expected," said Casey Stevens, the Director of Facilities at Lincoln. "The facilities team did a great job keeping the work area safe during the removal process and we are looking forward to the next steps."

Unfortunately for 2023-24 LA teams hoping to ring in their victories, the bell tower repairs are not going to be finished during the school year. While it is not possible to accurately estimate how long repairs will take until the engineering assessment is complete, the best guess is that repairs will

take a year.

Lincoln Academy has launched a Save the Bell Campaign to raise money to replace the bell tower. The cost of the structural repair and bell tower replacement cannot be estimated until an engineering report on the structure of the tower is complete.

Though there is already \$100,000 pledged to the project, there is a lot of fundraising still needed to carry out the project. Burroughs added, "We are not going to stop having occasions to ring the bell, and I will make sure LA will be able to ring the bell for generations to come."

*Connor Parson '24 is a member of the Talon Staff who is sad to see the bell go during his senior year. Audrey Hufnagel '24 is a member of the Talon Staff who has had the chance to ring the bell multiple times.*

## Faculty Shield Points, Explained



Mr. Page AKA "Mr. LA" with the Faculty Shield.

*Amelia Rice*

For both new and old students at LA, Faculty Shield Points can be a complete mystery. Many agree that the only person who fully understands them is Mr. Page, given that he has been behind the Faculty Shield Competition for twenty years.

The Faculty Shield Competition first took place over the 1952-1953 school year, and last year was the 70 anniversary of the competition. The class of 1954 was the first class to ever win the competition. The class of 1982 was the only class in LA history to ever win the competition all four years. Only three classes have won it for three years: the class of 1969, 2010, and 2018.

Points can be earned in many different ways. Points are won by students making high honor and honor rolls, participation in sports, Community Meeting trivia, staff members wearing black and white, coin slams, and food drives. In these competitions the points are awarded based on the place in which each class finishes. First place receives 400 points, second place receives 300 points, third receives 200 points, and fourth place receives 100 points. This point system applies for coin

slams, food drives, the number of athletes per class, and the number of honor roll students per class. Trivia and faculty black and white wins 25 points. Ms. Mayher perhaps sums it up best; "the faculty shield points are a lot like hogwarts."

During the school year there are three major competitions: Homecoming, Winter Carnival, and the Faculty Shield Exam. During these competitions the points are counted per class, and are often iconically tracked by Mr. Page with a piece of paper and a sharpie. The class first receives 800 points, second 600, third 400, and fourth 200. Point standings are announced each trimester, however if you are curious about your class you can always ask Mr. Page. The winning class receives a plaque with their year on it. These can be seen in the trophy case outside of the front office. Mr. Page says "The Faculty Shield Competition adds to the school spirit especially during Homecoming Week and Winter Carnival."

*Amelia Rice '26 is a member of the Talon Editorial Board and would like to thank Mr. Page for his help with this article.*

## Mr. Mess's Beard, A Check In



Mr. Mess teaches ceramics at LA and grows one heck of a beard--when he chooses to.

*Madeline Kallin*

A year ago the world was rocked by the introduction of Mr. Mess's beard. Now the people have been dying to know how the beard has evolved over the past twelve months. Maddy Kallin followed in the footsteps of last year's reporter, finding Mr. Mess in his natural habitat, the Ceramics Studio. She sat down with him to get the details for the long-awaited update on Mr. Mess's facial hair, which has seemed to disappear over the last year. Can hair grow backwards? Or did Mr. Mess pull out the razors?

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

Pretty good, pretty good - it's been a good start to the new year.

**How does it feel to return to the clean shaven style?**

It feels fresh, I think it takes about ten years off my age when I shave.

**How long until we see the full on beard again?**

Well everyone does that no shave November and all those things we have heard over the years. I like to go against the grain. Maybe around the holidays I usually get a little fuzzy. With sweater weather I don't like to have an extra sweater on my face, but once it

starts getting to be that really cold Maine winter I like to let it grow.

**How long is your beard currently and have you tried to measure it?**

I have not tried to measure it. I would have to say right now it is about a millimeter. I shaved on Monday. It's Thursday. I would call myself a 9 pm shadow... a little after 5.

**Tell me about the sideburns and your little tuft.**

You know I've had sideburns on and off since the early 2000s. I like a little bit of something--something, not just a clean cut. You've got to have a little style, I don't know, maybe this is a little alt-country twang going on in my sideburns. Maybe a little homage to General Burnside. There is a General Burnside from some war in 18 something something, look him up. That's where they got sideburns. His are super puffy, and that's what I'm thinking. Maybe I will let the burns get really puffy. I would say they are about ¾ of an inch at the moment. You may notice that my sideburns are gray and my hair is more salt and pepper. SO the facial hair goes gray faster than the head.

**What is the most optimal beard length in your opinion?**

Well, I like it a little shorter

on the sides, letting the chin go a little longer. Maybe it's called a ducktail beard? I am experimenting a little more, maybe this year I will shave a little below the sideburns and just keep a goatee. So big sideburns, goatee, maybe connected through the mustache.

**What are your thoughts on mustache only?**

Mustache only reminds me of my uncle in the 1980s and I would not say that's a good thing.

**Last year you discussed who you would add to your Guild of Bearded teachers, how is that guild going and who else would you add?**

Oooo, well you always have to give a shout out to the beard brothers: Mr. A, Mr. Wynne and Mr. Going let it grow. Mr. Wise has a nice beard from time to time, well trimmed I may add. I'd like to send out a challenge to the non bearded folk. Maybe some of the new teachers would like to come back from the holidays in the holiday spirit with a little extra Santa on their face. If you have never grown a beard before maybe we should have a little beard off come the new year.

**Who has the greatest beard of all time?**

I don't even know his name, one of those guitarists from ZZ Top, they let it grow, they let it flow, it is long, it is proud and they rock. I can't even think of someone with a super long beard.....Santa?

*Madeline Kallin '24 is a member of the Talon editorial staff, and unlike Mr. Mess, she hasn't shaved her face in 17 years. She plans to take Mr. Mess's holiday beard challenge.*



# Homecoming 2023

## LA Parade Brings School Spirit Downtown



From left to right: Daniel Koelle '25, Oliver McNamara '24, Nick Russ '24 and others march in the band during the Homecoming parade.

Dylan Burmeister, Lilly Rosa  
On Friday, September 22, members of the Lincoln Academy community marched through downtown Damariscotta, displaying banners, yelling cheers, and throwing candy to spectators.

The parade was led by LA's marching band, who performed the theme song of the popular film *Pirates of the Caribbean*. The band was followed by the LA Spirit Float, the LA Jeep, fire trucks, and sports team floats. Each sports team had

a different float, ranging from antique automobiles to flatbed trucks. Phil Page, LA's Assistant Athletic Director and the spirit leader of the school, led cheers from the Spirit Float.

The LA Homecoming parade was a staple of the school's



LA Homecoming parade going through downtown.

Homecoming traditions until Covid-19 resulted in the cancellation of the parade in 2020 and 2021. The parade returned in 2022 and is now a much-anticipated event on the Homecoming calendar.

"The homecoming parade

was a lot of fun, with being able to throw candy and cheer with Mr. Page," said Aj Giberson '25.

Dylan Burmeister '25 and Lilly Rosa '25 are both members of the *Talon* staff. Dylan is a member of the *Talon* Editorial Board.

## Homecoming 2023 Dress Up Days: Where Pirates meet Barbie



Students dressed up as Barbie and Ken

Emma Castonia

During the week of September 18, 2023, Lincoln Academy students and staff celebrated Homecoming 2023 in various ways, including dress up days that included both classic and original themes.

Monday's theme was class colors. Each grade had an assigned color to wear. The freshmen wore yellow, sophomores red, juniors green, and seniors blue. The hallways were full of vibrant colors and students had their first chance to get photos taken during advisor period.

Tuesday's theme was an LA classic: Pajamas vs. Formal. Across the board, a majority of students and staff decided to choose comfort instead of fancy, but there was a good mix, and even some combinations of both. A popular combination was suit jackets with pajama

pants.

The pirate ships and the parrots showed up bright and early on Wednesday morning for pirate day, the overall theme of this year's homecoming. From puffy white shirts, stripes, and bandanas to parrots, pirate hats, and eye patches, Lincoln Academy delivered a strong pirate showing this year.

Thursday's theme was a new creation to this year, involving the beloved toy of childhood and inventors of the atomic bomb. Thursday's theme was Barbenheimer. This theme was inspired by the movies *Barbie* and *Oppenheimer* that came out in theaters on July 21, 2023. Because of their dramatic story plots and overall aesthetics, it has become a trend to merge both universes together in all kinds of ways, including a very successful dress up day for LA.

Amara Johnderson '25 said

that Barbenheimer was her favorite dress up day. "It was nice because it was something that became so popular over the summer," she said.

"It was a real pop culture moment, and it was a new theme which was cool."

To conclude this fun-filled week, Friday's theme was the classic black and white theme. Students and staff members decked out in black and white, embodying the spirit of Lincoln Academy that has been consistently going strong ever since LA's founding in 1801.

All in all, Homecoming 2023 was a huge success for Lincoln Academy, and will definitely be remembered in all its fun and glory.

Emma Castonia '25 is a member of the *Talon* staff and her favorite dress up day was Barbenheimer.



Students dressed up as pirates.

## Homecoming cont'd from p. 1

characterized the week.

The Class of 2026 hosted the annual Homecoming Dance on Friday, September 22, following the parade and field hockey game.

Students and community members had the chance to show their school spirit during the parade on September 22 and at home sports events. Some estimates put the crowd at over 1000 spectators at the boys soccer game on Saturday night, though this estimate could not

be confirmed by press time. Concessions were sold by the Boosters and Alumni Council, including a new addition and very popular addition for 2023, lobster rolls. The Class of 2024 sold LA merchandise, including a limited-edition 2023 Homecoming shirt, to raise money for their yearbook, cap, and gown fund.

Dylan Burmeister '25 is a member of the *Talon* staff.

## Class of '26 Hosts HoCo Dance

Torren Nehrbooss

On Friday, September 22, the Class of '26 hosted this fall's homecoming dance from 8:00 to 10:00 PM in the gym. This event is part of a long standing tradition of Lincoln Academy's Homecoming, but more recently the dance has become a key fundraiser for the current sophomore class. Students danced the night away to songs from a variety of genres, all the way from "Cotton Eye Joe" and "Macarena" to some Barbie themed songs such as "Dance the Night" by Dua Lipa. The dance included a five dollar entry fee along with concessions ranging from bottled water to glow sticks.

Sophomore class president Greg Demeritt, class officers, Torren Nehrbooss, Amelia Rice, and Anderson Pierpan, and Sophomore class dean Ms. Phelps

helped to plan and organize the dance, with the guidance of Mr. Abbott. "I was so impressed with the Sophomores in the way they organized the dance and made it such a fun experience for the Lincoln Academy community," said Ms. Phelps. The event took place with the assistance of faculty chaperones, student volunteers, facilities staff, and Officer Fortin, LA's school resource officer.

Looking back at this fall's homecoming dance, the Class of '26 raised significant funds, students enjoyed a few hours of dancing, and faculty chaperones almost fell asleep.

Torren Nehrbooss '26 is a member of the *Talon* Editorial Board and helped plan the homecoming dance.



# Homecoming 2023

## LA teams find success at Homecoming '23



On Saturday, the Varsity girl's soccer team fought hard and strong but lost with a heartbreaking score of 0-2. This was our girl's kickoff to the game with the traditional run down the hill with many supporters cheering.

*Maddy Kallin, Julia Deitrick*  
Homecoming 2023 was a huge success not only with dress up days and class competitions, but also out on the field and the trail. Each team played at home bringing out droves of fans cheering and uplifting the LA community.

Cross country kicked off the week on Thursday with a fantastic showing in their one and only home meet. The girls placed 1st against strong teams from both Class A and Class B. Dylan Burmeister '25 led the girls team, finishing a close second to Shealyn Brochu of Morse who broke the course

record in 20:15.30. Rounding out the rest of the top 5 was Audrey Hufnagel '24 (3rd), Maddy Kallin '24 (6th) despite her shoe being claimed by a mud puddle, Annie Peaslee (13th) and Adeline Hall '24 (17th).

The boys team finished 3rd behind Camden Hills and Mt. Blue. Eliot O'Mahoney (2nd) broke the previous course record held by Jarett Gulden '20, losing by half a second to Mt. Blue's Henri McCourt, who set the new record in 17:16.10. Completing the boys' scoring 5 was Conor Glasier '24 (14th), CJ Savastano '24 (15th),



The boys JV team celebrated their first goal of the game made by Chase Coffin eventually bringing them to their win of 2-0 against Medomak.



The Boys Cross Country team started off their race with many supporters with Eliot O'Mahoney beating the course record and placing second in the race. The boys placed third in the meet behind Camden Hills and Mt.Blue.

Noah Arbuckle '26 (19th), and Will Clark '24 (20th).

The field hockey team brought home their first win of the season 3-2 over Mt. View for a thrilling homecoming game. Bailey Brewer '26 scored in the first quarter giving the Eagles an early lead. Early in the 3rd quarter Mt. View delivered an equalizer. Shortly after they sunk another one taking the lead 2-1. While roars from the crowd gathered on the spirit float, Brewer edged another ball into the goal with a second left in the 3rd quarter. The fourth quarter began with the Eagles tied 2-2. With four minutes left in the game Lexie Houghton '26 executed off a cross from Francis McGonigle '26 to secure the Eagles a homecoming victory.

Girls JV soccer kicked off the Saturday games with a tough battle against a strong Medomak team. Keeper Natalie Hannah '27 made 10 saves in net, but Medomak managed to find the net twice, taking the win 2-0.

Boys JV took the win 2-0. Chase Coffin '26 scored the first goal for the Eagles. With six minutes left in the game, James Hanley '27 found the back of the net as well, securing the win for the Eagles.

The girls varsity soccer team fought hard against Medomak, despite numerous shots on goal, one even bouncing off the post, and 13 saves from keeper Jillian Chadwick '24. The Eagles lost 0-2. "We knew it was going to be a tough game," said senior Abby Kopp. "We fought hard, and it wasn't the results we wanted, but we played really well."

The boys varsity soccer team had a decisive 4-1 victory over Medomak to close out the night. Pablo Ingleas-Martin '26 scored off a pass from Peter Thelander '25 early on. Casey Duncan '24 gave the Eagles a 2-0 lead off a cross from Connor Cass '24. Four minutes later Lucas Houghton '24 sunk another one off a direct kick from Duncan. Medomak scored off a corner kick ending the first half 3-1. Later in the second half Duncan hit the back of the net once more bringing the final score 4-1 for the Eagles. The Eagles' defense was strong throughout the game, only allowing Medomak 9 shots on goal to their 27. Keeper Marcello Endrizi '24 had six saves in net.

The fans came out to support all of the teams bringing great energy and showing a wonderful display of school spirit.

*Maddy Kallin '24 is a senior on the cross country team and had a blast cheering from the spirit float.*

*Julia Deitrick '26 is an avid sports goer that makes an effort to go to every home sports game to support her teams.*



The annual homecoming cross country meet at LA was held on Thursday, September 21, t. With many successes and a huge group of supporters to cheer our teams, we brought home a victory, Pictured here: the girls starting their run kicking off the start of the meet.



On Friday, September 22nd the LA field hockey team brought home a huge homecoming win against Mt.View. With a score of 3-2, the girls won their first game of the season. Here, Bailey Brewer (18) is making one of the 3 goals of the night.



Both Boy's soccer teams brought home the win against Medomak on Saturday, September 23rd with a score of 4-1. This shows the traditional Varsity run down the hill before the game.



The girl's JV team fought hard and strong but lost momentum against Medomak with a score of 0-2.



# 2023 Fall Sports

## JV Girls Soccer



Back row, left to right: Madison Rinehart, Kadence Rogers, Charlotte Abello, Flannery Brady, Kylee Parlin. Middle row, left to right: Neptune Martin, Isabel Borho, Lilly Pinkham, Emma Moody, Fauna Appell, Coach Jason Adickes. Front row, left to right: Lee Anne Lord, Samantha Kopp, Natalie Hanna, Ali Frazier, Jozie Levensaler. Not Pictured: Caroline Allen.

### Season Update:

The JV girls soccer team has had a solid rebuilding year, coached by new Wellness teacher and experienced soccer coach Mr. Adickes. “We’ve grown a lot over the past couple months, and I’ve been very proud of how we’ve all improved both in skill and in teamwork,” said sophomore Neptune Martin.

This year’s team was mostly

comprised of ninth graders, so the future is bright for this LA Eagles squad!

## Varsity Girls Soccer



Back row, left to right: Samantha Kopp, Allison St. Cyr, Natalie Kaler, Zofie Day, Mariam DeLisle, Lindsey Powell. Middle row, left to right: Hannah Abello, Baylie Anastasio, Celia Brinkler, Abby Kopp, Ally Poole, Kadence Rogers, Laila Brady, Coach Lauren Ober. Front row, left to right: Rowan Coffin, Bronwen Coffin, Jillian Chadwick, Kendra Gladu, Natalie Crooker. Not pictured: Lucy Fowler, Ava Lord.

### Season Update:

The Varsity Girls Soccer team is wrapping up their regular season and beginning tournament play. “It’s been a growth year,” commented star forward Mariam DeLisle. “We had a rough start, and we haven’t all played together before.”

That said, the team recorded a handful of dominating wins this season. Finding the back of the net was a common occurrence for the canon-legged Eagles. “We’re improving,” added Zofie Day, a senior member of the team. “We changed our formation, and that helped.”

## JV Boys Soccer



Back row, left to right: Hamilton Pierpan, Caleb McArdle, Seamus Strout, Sol Obregon, Jacob Heidrick. Middle row, left to right: Koleman Cheseboro, Samuel Scott, William Frost, James Hanley, Kieran Roopchand, Owen Cotta, Coach Eric Organ. Front row, left to right: Michael Mitchell, Abe Guilford, Joey Crooker, Chase Coffin, Phineas Hansbury. Not Pictured: Breck Holladay, Malachi Farrin

### Season Update:

“This season has been very successful, having lost only one game because many team members were out sick,” said Sol Obregon ‘26. “It’s been fun, and we’ve worked together well.”

## Varsity Boys Soccer



Back row, left to right: Braxton Crockett, Conor Cass, Casey Duncan, Lucas Houghton, Adam St. Cyr. Middle row, left to right: Mica Houghton, EJ Hunt, Rath Schoenthal, Drew Hunt, Marcello Endrizzi, Breck Holladay, Peter Thelander, Will Bradley, Coach Jeffrey Burroughs. Front row, left to right: David Winchenbach, Oliver McNamara, Pablo Iglesias Martin, Nestor Powers, Yago Arribas Navarro. Not pictured: Tate Whitmore, George Siegel, Cole Workman.

### Season Update:

As of October 3, The varsity boys soccer team has a record of 7-1-1. “The season so far has been going extremely well,” said Drew Hunt ‘25. “When we hit roadblocks in our season we rebound, and when we find ourselves in tough situations we find ways to prevail. Overall we

have our eyes set on winning it all, but enjoying the journey along the way.” “The season’s been going great,” said Peter Thelander ‘25. “We had a tough game against York on Saturday, which is probably the best team we’ll play this regular season,” he said.



# 2023 Fall Sports

## Cross Country



Back row from left to right: Coach Angus Fake, Daniel Koelle, CJ Savastano, Eliot O’Mahoney, Nick Russ, Connor Parson, Chloe Anderson, Lilly Rosa, Dylan Burmeister, Emma Castonia, Owen Card, Conor Glasier, Jonas Stepanauskas, Will Clark, Helen Duffy, Flora Angyal, Freya Drum, Adrian Quinn, Luigi Sansone, Coach Andrew Combs, Coach Mary Boothby, Coach Boo Martin. Middle row, left to right: Coach John Eddyblouin, Coach Monique Boutin, Nathanael Clark, Nicholas Vanderbilt, Noah Arbuckle, Thomas Mickael, Huckleberry Huber-Rees, Ben Arnold, Aiden Roberts-Haven, Carlo Dikitanan, Fiona Duffy, Curtis Drake, Audrey Hufnagel, Violet Bailey, Annie Peaslee, Adeline Hall, Tessa McNamara, Noah Billings, Brennan Mathiau, Sebastian Morey, Logan Arzate, Shawn McFarland. Front row, left to right: Alec Buckley, Violet Holbrook, Margaret Thompson, Kennedie Anderson, Juniper Jacobs, Delia Saft, Madeline Kallin, Mya Bessey, Mercy Buchwalder, Joslin Gladu, Carmella Fraser, Karina Phipps, Trinity Delaney, Alva Gandler. Not Pictured: Arsen Mikaelyan, Russell Long, Joseph Levesque, Leif Gentalen, Arveragus Eddyblouin, Julian Deliso.

**Season Update:**  
The cross country team has had a successful season so far. The girls team has racked up three team wins and two second-place team finishes and the boys team has found success as well.

Both the girls and boys teams won the KVAC championships held at Messalonskee High School on Saturday, October 14. Eliot O’Mahoney ‘24 was the individual Class B champion and Dylan Burmeister ‘25 was the Class B runner-up.

“The girls team is performing really strong so far, with an impressive 9th place finish out of 61 teams at Festival of Champions, along with wins in the regular season,” said senior runner Mya Bessey. “I think we’re on track for a

very successful postseason. We have a tough and competitive squad of runners who are more than capable of competing well in our upcoming races,” she said. “Each one of our unrivaled coaches keep spirits high and

inspire us to improve,” said senior runner Will Clark. “And watching our underclassmen boys develop a love of running and a passion for the sport has been one of my greatest joys.”

## Field Hockey



Back row, left to right: Coach Lindsey Herring, Francis McGonigle Dow, Vivian Burns, Lila Neptune-Benner, Lauren Lee, Bailey Brewer, Olivia Crooker, Lexie Houghton, Bella Collamore. Front row, left to right: Lucy Nolan, Layla Musial, Amelia Starbird, Emily Tibbetts, Teagan Bryce. Not pictured: Grace Ward, Claire Ward.

**Season Update:**  
The field hockey team won their first game of the season at homecoming with a 3-2 victory. “I was so proud of everyone the night of the homecoming game when we got that victory,” said Vivian Burns ‘25. “We worked so hard for it and it was truly deserved.”  
The team lost 11 seniors from last year’s team. “This year

almost half the team is brand new and were brave enough to take on this unfamiliar sport,” Burns said. “This year is our building year and I see great potential in all these girls for next year with everything we have learned this season. The team is such a fun bunch of girls and I’m so excited for next season,” said Burns. “We did as best we could given the circumstances,” said

Lexi Houghton ‘26. “We’re grateful we could at least have a team and play together this year.”

## Golf



Coach Todd Brackett, Liam Butler, Harrison Thompson, Cameron Macleod, Kris Edgar, Gabe Hanley, Kellan Adickes, Damon Ellinwood. Not pictured: Annabella Slemarova, Asa Falla, Zane Adams, Claudia Alvarez Cami, Kayleb Oliveras, Gideon Thomas, Jorge von Schmadel Bueno de Camargo.

**Season Update:**  
The golf team finished their season after the state meet on October 6. Junior Kellan Adickes and senior Damon Ellinwood qualified to compete at states, and Kellen placed third and qualified to compete at New Englands.

“The season’s been going pretty well,” said Kris Edgar ‘24. “Kellen has had quite a season. This was my first season playing golf, and it’s been lots of fun, with lots of good moments, and lots of okay moments.”



# Campus Life

## Lunch Rules



Students having lunch in the Lincoln Academy dining commons.

During the 2021-2022 school year, lunch had strict rules to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. LA has returned to normalcy since and the lunches have too. The lunch rules this year have some modifications. When students are in the hallways during lunch, they can be loud, disruptive to teaching, and leave messes from the food.

This year, LA has some new rules such as, “don’t cut in line, bring your barcode, and if you don’t have your barcode, take a picture of it, we really want people to clean up their tables when they are done” says Mr. Abbott in an interview, “The big change from last year is that food is either in the dining commons or in the courtyard”,

Mr. Abbott then goes on to add that students should “stay in the lunch area until the official end of lunch.”

When asked who deals with all of these rule additions and modifications, Mr. Abbott said “I am sort of the rules person for the school in terms of students, but I don’t generate it myself.” He later added that the rules “comes from the administrative team.”

Abbott also said that “things like this come from community conversations.”

Now, thanks to Mr. Abbott, we know a little more about what the lunch rules and why they are important this year, so that people are able to follow these rules to the best of their ability.

*Amelia Starbird ‘26 is a frequent visitor of the Dining Commons.*

## Mr. Abbott on the New Sophomore Parking Policy

*Tillmann Seibel*

LA’s Policy on the student parking lot and parking for Sophomores has undergone several changes from last year to this year. The Talon contacted Mr. Abbott, who is a key part of creating the parking policy.

**Hello Mr. Abbott, we are happy that we can have this interview with you. The first question would be what makes you responsible for the parking lot policy of LA?**

“As the dean of students I’m responsible for most aspects that impact student life including things like student vehicles and parking.”

**Ok maybe as a second question so that everyone knows what we are talking about, what was the parking lot policy for Sophomores last year?**

“There were no ...special rules. Sophomores could park everywhere... which caused a lot of frustration when there was less parking space for upperclassmen.”

**And what exactly did change this year?**

“Sophomores that drive and earn their license over the school year can still park on campus but they have to park down at the tennis field and baseball court.”

**Why have these decisions been made and what aim should they achieve?**

“The decision was made to provide better parking for upper classes. And it was done with the awareness that we don’t have a lot of parking.”

**Is there a reaction from the side of the students so far and, if yes, how did it turn out?**

“When I told them the room was quiet... but there also were no student drivers. So it’s still gonna impact them in the year.”

**How well do the students follow the new rules so far?**

“Very well!”

**Do you expect changes in this situation?**

“I think we will have to continue to be creative and to be flexible according to parking because of the limits our campus has on Parking”

**What do you mean by “Limits” ?**

“What I mean by this is we mostly have more cars than parking (...) So we just don’t have enough.”

**Do you think this will change throughout the year?**

“No I think It’s probably gonna stay the whole year. There are some exciting opportunities for Seniors during homecoming week. But it will probably not change for sophomores.”

**Do you expect a backlash from student sight?**

“No I don’t. I know that they are respectful with rules and expectations and I think they are going to do a great Job with them”

**Thank you for the interview!**

“You’re welcome. I’m glad I could help.”

*Tillman Siebel ‘26 is a first year writer on the Talon staff.*

## Lockers: To Love or To Loathe

*By Paytyn Dyer*

Lockers. To use or not to use? That is the question that has faced Lincoln Academy students as school has resumed. The number of students utilizing lockers has decreased in past years. What could be the culprit for this storage shunning? Lousy locations, the pandemic, or lack of necessity?

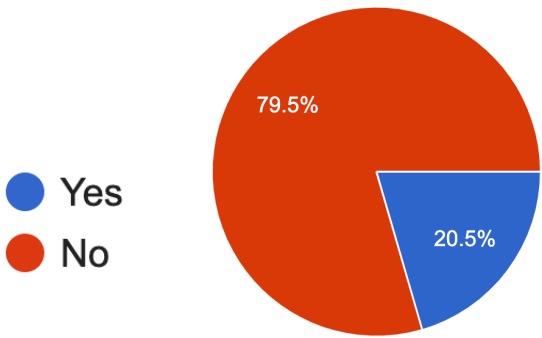
Lockers are located in practically every corner of the school, such as the math, science, and history wings, and every floor of Hall House. Lockers are even located in the conference room in the basement.

Are the inconvenient locker locations to blame? Students can choose to use a locker. Their advisor is assigned a block of lockers, so the location isn’t purely by choice. There is some control over your locker, but you can’t pick a locker at random. These assigned locations are easily obnoxious. If a student only enters Hall House once a day a locker in that building would be impractical. Same goes for a locker in the basement, where no classes occur.

This trend of decreasing locker use isn’t new this year. It seems that this trend has been occurring since the pandemic. During the pandemic students would carry all their belongings in their backpack. So this backpack-only behavior may be a remnant of the Covid-19

**Do you use a locker at LA?**

161 responses



A one question, 24 hour poll of LA students showed that only about 20% of current students use lockers.

pandemic.

A Lincoln Academy Alumni offered some perspective on pre-covid locker use. Aspen Dyer remarks she used her locker “as a freshman, daily.” However during “Sophomore year, [she used it] 50%. And during Junior and Senior, maybe 10% if at all.”

Aspen offers insight to why lockers are useful to freshmen. She thought “it was useful my freshman year when I thought I needed to carry 1000x things, but I think that was the only year I used it. I cannot remember using a locker my last few years of high school because I knew how much stuff I actually needed each day, and

I stopped moving textbooks around.”

Are lockers simply unnecessary? The majority of classes offer online resources. Even classes that hand out large textbooks don’t require them to be brought every class. As the digital age continues to take over it seems the need for a locker is lessening.

To summarize, many factors have contributed to the overall decrease in locker use at Lincoln Academy. The inconvenient locations, Covid-19, and lockers no longer being useful all seem to be culprits for this decline. Only time will tell, if this trend continues.

*Paytyn Dyer ‘26 is a member of the Talon staff and loves using siblings as sources.*



A street view of the Lincoln Academy parking lot.



# Performing Arts

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



The fall 2023 Lincoln Academy production of *The Crucible* opens during the last weekend of October. In the meantime, beware of witches in your local neighborhood.

hard to prepare to show it to the public later this fall.

*The Crucible* is a very intricate play with a lot of political, religious, and personal relationships that drive the plot forward. It touches on dark, mature, and intense themes that create a wide range of challenges for the cast.

Benno Hennig '24, who plays John Proctor, commented on the challenges. "What I've been noticing more and more as I go further into this process is the attention to detail, which is prevalent in interpreting all characters but more so in this show as its relationships are all very intertwined."

The cast consists of 25 people with students from every grade, generating a mixture of experience and responsibility levels. *The Crucible* is a play that has a name and a sense of a reputation surrounding it, which creates an amount of pressure to 'do it right' and to bring this remarkable show to life.

The show was casted in early June, giving the cast the summer

to memorize their lines and start thinking about their characters. Unlike other shows from the last couple of years, this play has speaking roles and acting opportunities for everybody in the cast. Rehearsals started the first day of school and will continue all the way until the opening of the play on October 26th.

In the beginning of the rehearsal process, the main goal was to be able to run through scenes with an understanding of lines. After that, it is much more about fine tuning individual moments and character relationships. Later, the costumes, lighting, and set pieces come together as the show takes on its final shape.

This is the first time in many years that the fall production has not been a musical, and is instead a full length play. In past years, there has always been a fall musical followed by either a short, one act play or a play designed for the Maine Drama Festival in the winter and spring season.

"Choosing to put on a play

this year has brought our cast back to the foundation of acting," said Sophia Scott '25. "It has encouraged us to narrow in our focus on strict interpretation and delivery. Through this process, we are strengthening our skills for future projects."

This year, Braley decided to switch it up to give the cast a more hands-on acting experience to prepare the students better for the Maine Drama Festival and the level of competition that surrounds that.

Tickets for *The Crucible* go on sale when? Contact (207) 563-1373 or [boxoffice@heartwoodtheater.org](mailto:boxoffice@heartwoodtheater.org) to reserve tickets. Make sure to come see this exceptional and spooky show during the last weekend of October and the first weekend of November!

Lila Drewes '25 is a member of the Talon staff and in the cast of *The Crucible*.

## Facing the Music: State & District Auditions Challenge LA Musicians



Members of the combined LA bands proudly play their instruments while marching down Main Street, Damariscotta during Homecoming.

Maggie Thompson

The Maine Music Educators Association (MMEA) is introducing significant changes for the 2023 District auditions, scheduled for October 16 at Maranacook Community High School.

Traditionally, chorus and percussion auditions have aligned with the All-State material for district auditions. In contrast, wind instruments have followed a separate curriculum.

However, this year MMEA is deviating from tradition by incorporating some All-State material into the wind instrument district auditions. This introduction of collegiate-level music for wind instruments presents an exciting challenge for students.

Nevertheless, this change might not be permanent and may be the last time district auditionees will face this

challenge. "This is a trial," said performing arts director Ms. Matta.

"This is round one, and we may modify it for next year because the material now, though the other material of other years for wind instruments has been challenging, this year it is essentially collegiate-level music."

The 2023 changes in the MMEA's District auditions mark a bold step towards enriching the music education experience for Maine's young musicians. Despite the challenges, the Lincoln Academy Band, under the guidance of Ms. Matta, ensures students are well-prepared for this significant change.

Maggie Thompson '26, is a member of the Wind Ensemble and the Talon staff.

## LA Performing Arts: Upcoming Events

### The Crucible:

October 26-28 & November 2-4. Shows will begin at 7 o'clock pm in Poe Theater

### Winter Band Concert:

Sunday, December 3

### Winter Choir Concert:

Sunday December 10



The Lincoln Academy Lincolnaires perform the National Anthem at a September Community Meeting. They will perform their Winter Concert on December 10 at St. Patrick's Church.

## GOT NEWS?

The Talon wants to hear from your Club or Class. Email [talon@lincolnacademy.org](mailto:talon@lincolnacademy.org) to put your news in the paper!



# Students of the Month

## September 2023 Students of the Month



Lincoln Academy Students of the Month for September 2023. Back row from left: Senior Annie Peaslee, junior Olive Siegel. Front row from left: freshman Zoe Hufnagel, and sophomore Amelia Rice

*Helen Duffy*  
The September Students of the month were announced on Friday, October 13, in Community Meeting. They were senior Annie Peaslee, junior Olive Siegel, sophomore Amelia Rice, and freshman Zoe Hufnagel.  
Annie’s nomination said “Annie has really come into her own this year as a hard-working, competent, and positive voice at LA. She is representing her class on Student Council, where she has been very proactive in initiatives like the Homecoming senior parking spaces. She joined the cross country team as a senior, and immediately jumped to the varsity seven on a strong team. She is doing work-based learning at a local boatyard and actively pursuing her dream of working on Maine’s working waterfront after she

graduates. Most of all, she is a positive, hardworking, can-do participant in everything she takes on.”  
Olive’s nomination said “Olive is an active participant in a variety of LA activities as well as a talented musician. She is a member of Lincolnaires, the KVAC and state championship tennis team, Ambassadors, and the Talon staff as well as an excellent student. Last year she played a very memorable Madame Thenardier in Les Mis, and she also performed a song over the summer in the Linaca music festival.”  
Ameila was nominated twice. Her nomination said “Amelia is a kind, positive presence on the Library Team, sophomore Class Officers, Crucible cast, and Talon Editorial Board. She is extremely reliable in everything she does, and an excellent writer who is passionate about journalism and freedom of speech. She gave an impressive speech last spring about banned books as part of the Achorn Prize Speaking competition. Her smiles brighten up every room she enters!”  
Zoe’s nomination said “Zoe stands out in the freshman class for her articulate and mature approach to all of her activities and classes. She was elected as a representative to Student Council, a member of the Talon staff, and she also helped represent the admissions office during the presentation at St. George school, where she went to middle school. All in all we are lucky that Zoe chose Lincoln! She is certain to be a real leader in the Class of 2027.”  
Congratulations to all of the September Students of the Month.  
*Helen Duffy ‘26 is a member of the Talon Editorial Board.*

## Staff Profile: Mr. Adickes, Wellness Teacher



Mr. Adickes is a new teacher in the Wellness Department at Lincoln Academy

*Cecil Rittall*  
Here at Lincoln Academy, Mr. Adickes teaches in the Wellness Department. Specifically, he teaches fitness & weight training, cooperative team games and introduction to wellness.  
He enjoyed sports through high school and college, so it made sense for him to become a physical education teacher and coach. While it has been a while since he taught in a high school, he’s come to remember why he loves it so much. Mr. Adickes has spent 22 years in education, two of which he spent as a principal. He spent the other 20 as a physical education teacher. Mr. Adickes is coming from teaching at an elementary school, so the difference is big. He thinks that Lincoln has a lot of character, history, and student body diversity. He loves the community and feels very connected to LA. Mr. Adickes describes what he is looking forward to with a tiny story: “I once knew a teacher who had a coffee mug that said ‘The three best things about teaching: June, July and August.’ So I could say summer break...but for me, I am looking forward to getting to know as many students as possible throughout the year.”  
Mr. Adickes was born and raised in Maine, a small town in central Maine of only 850 people called Harmony, where he graduated from Dexter Regional High School. Later on in life, Mr. Adickes went to the University of Maine at Presque Isle where he received

his undergraduate Bachelor of Science degree in physical education. Then attended American Public University for his Master’s degree in sports management. Finally, he attended St. Joseph’s College for his certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in education administration.  
Mr. Adickes’ favorite movie is Tombstone, specifically stating that “Kurt Russell and Val Kilmer are fantastic in that movie.”  
His favorite fictional character is Captain James T. Kirk from Star Trek as he loves Star Trek. Mr. Adickes has never really thought about what animal might be his kindred spirit, so he isn’t sure what it is. Outside of school he enjoys spending time with his family as well as hunting, since it’s one of his favorite activities. His pet peeve as a teacher is when students who have so much potential don’t give their best effort. Lastly, he loves being a whitewater rafting guide; furthermore, he’s guided on the Kennebec and Dead Rivers during summer since 2001.  
*Cecil Rittall ‘26 is a third year writer at the Talon.*

## 2023-24 Res Life Update



Many of the 2023-24 Res students posed together on Homecoming Pajama Day

*Arsen Mikaelyan*  
As we know, one part of Lincoln Academy being unique is that we have a Residential Life program, which is about a variety of students coming from different parts of the world to study and live here.  
Starting with the 2023-2024 academic school year, the dorms, where the international students live, welcomes twenty five new students and nine returning students as well.  
This year we have students from; Armenia, Brazil, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, USA, Vietnam and a new country Uganda. We are really excited to have you all here, welcome!  
Here are some quotes from new Res Life students, “I miss my home and family, but I am here to achieve my dreams on and off the basketball court” said Terry Welle ‘25, a student from Uganda. He added, “I would like to excel in my studies and give back to my parents everything they have done for me, also to meet new people and explore different cultures.”  
“I love it here!” said Jorge Camargo ‘25, a student from Brazil. “I think Lincoln Academy is good for me. Living in the dorms has been helpful for me as I get to interact with different people who are also going through the same experience as I am. I am able to improve my English skills, get to know new people, and become more self-reliant during my stay here.”  
And now let’s ask some returning students “I am very excited to be back, and start my senior year.” said Nandi Gero ‘24, a student from Hungary. “I was kind of worried about coming back as a returning student with the responsibility to build a good community at the dorm with the newcomers, but I feel like we are all getting along really well. I can’t wait to see what the rest of the year will bring for all of us!”  
We wish you all an amazing experience at Lincoln Academy, have fun!  
*Arsen Mikealyan ‘25 is a returning Res Life student. This is his second year at Lincoln and in the Talon.*



# Student Council News

## Student Council Updates Fall 2023

*Greg Demeritt*  
StuCo had a summer meeting on August 31st  
The group participated icebreakers and learned about general Student Council goals and ideas for the 23/24 school year  
Student Council planned the dress-up days for Homecoming Monday-Class Colors Freshman-Yellow, Sophomores-Red, Juniors-Green, Seniors-Blue Tuesday-PJ's VS. Formal Wednesday-Pirates Thursday-Barbenheimer (Barbie and/or Oppenheimer) Friday-Black and White (school spirit)  
Student Council created a Lincoln Academy Student Council Instagram page  
Follow @lastuco on Instagram for up to date information about events around school and school spirit activities

Gavin Peck '24' (Student Body President, 2023-2024) interviewed Head of School Mr. Burroughs about the dress code during Community Meeting  
Takeaways:  
Dress code is less than strict to allow students to express their individual identities  
Student Council and the LA Student Body can interpret the dress code in their own way  
Student Council discussed the upcoming Hyde Leadership Day happening in late October at the Hyde School in Bath  
Student Council started planning a Halloween Open Turf for the LA Student Body  
Newly elected Freshman Representatives and the Freshman Class President were welcomed to student council  
StuCo purchased pizza and drinks to celebrate the 2023-2024 Lincoln Academy Student Council

Pictures were taken of each of the representatives and presidents and used to create the new LA StuCo Instagram Profile Picture  
Student Council took notice of suggestions from the suggestion box, a warning bell was added at 7:55 a.m. was added to remind students that it is time to get to class  
Have a suggestion? Email your Student Council Representatives or drop a suggestion off in the suggestion box in the main office  
*Greg Demeritt '26 is the Sophomore Class President and highly supports the idea of pizza at every Student Council meeting.*

## LA introduces new StuCo position



Eren Eybas '24 is the first Dorm Representative to Student Council.  
*Arsen Mikaelyan*  
Student council has played a huge role in Lincoln Academy for a very long time. Each year the classes elect representatives for various positions. In addition to student body president, each class elects presidents and their representatives and officers. This year for the first time in Lincoln Academy's history, we have a representative of the dorms! If you live under a rock and still don't know what dorms are, it's the school's ResLife program, where students from different parts of the world live and study together.

Last year the Student Council started actively talking about ways of engaging dorm students more in the school and giving them a voice to express their opinions on current events and issues in the school. The decision to create the position of dorm representative on student council was made in order to improve issues in school, and also to have a wider perspective, such as international one.  
September 13, 2023 was the day when dorm elections occurred, and Eren Aybas '24 was elected as a '23-24 Dorms representative.  
"I am excited to be a part of the student council," Aybas said. "I am looking forward to some challenges to overcome and improve dorms and school life."  
He also added that "one of the things that I am planning to do is to make stronger connections between dorm students and day students."  
*Arsen Mikaelyan '25 is the junior class president and an international student.*

You Are Invited!

OPEN TURF

Sponsored by Student Council

Friday, November 3, 5-7 pm

FREE!

Food & apparel available to purchase supports class fundraisers

## '27 Officers, cont'd from page 1

the Class of 2027, explained. "The Class of '27 is very interested in being involved in what happens to their class and in what happens in this school! The Class Officers truly have an amazing group to work with and have a unique opportunity to come up with some bold ideas and actually execute them. The Student Council Reps are both highly motivated and will bring great energy with them every time Student Council meets."  
Eva Whitmore has been elected to serve as the Freshman Class President. "I wanted to make sure that if someone had an idea, or issue that they could come to me and I could do my best to make changes suitable for the situation" Whitmore explained in a recent interview. Eva is excited this year to represent her class this year fairly. When asked about what she is most excited for this year as Class President, Eva explains "One of the things that I am most excited for this year

is having the opportunity to represent my class in a way that feels fair to everyone." Eva wants to make sure Freshman can come to her with concerns and she can address those concerns in the best manner possible.  
In terms of priorities, Whitmore is thinking about the future she wants to set her class up for success over the coming years. "I feel that one of the biggest priorities is to help prepare for whoever the president may be next year and the years after, so they're not scrambling to raise money," Eva answered.  
The Freshman Class Officers this year will be Carlo Dikitianan, Josephine Shea, and Shayla Pheng. The Freshman Student Council Representatives will be Francis DeGeer and Zoe Hufnagel.  
*Greg Demeritt '26 is the Sophomore Class President and congratulates the newly elected freshmen.*

### Answers to Connections

- Expose: Blow, Leak, Uncover, Reveal

Fashion Slang: Swag, Fresh, Drip, Fire
- Hamilton Songs: Burn, Non-Stop, Hurricane, Satisfied

Homographs: Match, Wind, Attribute, Subject

### Answers to Talon Trivia

1. Jonas Stepanauskas

2. November 3

3. Eren Eybas

4. Mr. Addicks

5. 25 people

6. By the Baseball Feild.
7. 2 goals

8. Lincoln Academy Merch

9. Mr. Mess, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Anastasio, and Mr. Going

10. Earnest the Eagle

11. Eva Whitmore

12. 600 pounds



# Pets of the Month

## September/October 2023

Edited by Maggie Thompson '26

Dog of the Month

Cat of the Month

Miscellaneous Pet



Odin, submitted by Lex Gale '27, won the dog category with 33 votes. Odin is Lex's dad's service dog.



Moxie, submitted by Amelia Rice '26, won the cat category with 34 votes. Moxie likes to climb up curtains.



Eggbert, submitted by Harrison Thompson '26, won the miscellaneous category with 73 votes. Eggbert is very evil and likes to attack people.

## Vehicle of the Month



Jonas Stepanauskas's '24 1980 MGB Roadster was featured in LA's 2023 homecoming parade, despite numerous mechanical challenges in the moments before the parade.

*Nathanael Clark*  
Jonas Stepanauskas's '24 1980 MGB Roadster was chosen to be featured in this October's edition of the Talon. His vehicle has been an iconic fixture of the LA student parking lot and led the cross country team in the 2023 homecoming parade.  
Jonas bought the car for \$1000 from his neighbor who was clearing out his barn. The vehicle had not been used in four or five years, and as a result, it needed a lot of work. Jonas restored the car over the past couple months. According to Jonas, he mostly learned as the project progressed, sometimes making educated guesses.

He replaced the fuel lines, fuel pump and tires, fixed the electrical work, and changed the gas and oil. The car is now operational, though it recently needed a belt replacement. The MGB only gets about twenty-two miles per gallon, but has a stick shift, so it is fun to drive, according to Jonas. Come check out the car in the student parking lot this month.  
*Nathanael Clark '26 is a sophomore and member of the Talon staff.*  
Want to nominate your vehicle or someone else's for Vehicle of the Month? Watch for a Google form in your inbox!

## Puzzles and Fun

## September Caption Contest



Winner:

“Well Mr. Burroughs, I’m guessing you’re wondering why you’re in my office today.”  
Paytyn Dyer '26

Runner Up:

“Mini microphone, BIG discussion”  
Hailey Hobbs '26

Edited by Mercy Buchwalder '26. Watch for the next Talon Caption Contest in your email!



Puzzles and Fun

Crossword:

1	2	3		4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12	13	
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67							68						69		

This month’s crossword puzzle was created by Ms. Wright. Interested in puzzles? Join the Talon puzzle team!

Sudoku:

1	5						7	3
	8	7	5	1	3		6	2
					2	4		
		3			7			
7	1		9		4		8	
2								
9	2		7				4	6
		5		9			3	
8		4	2	6	5		1	

Introducing a new game:  
Connections

Made by Maddy Kallin

Directions:

Find 4 groups of four items that have something in common.

Category Examples:

Fish: Bass, Flounder, Salmon Trout

Fire\_\_\_\_: Ant, Drill, Island, Opal

Inspired by the New York Times Connections Game

(answers on p. 13)

Match	Leak	Non-Stop	Fresh
Drip	Hurricane	Swag	Wind
Burn	Reveal	Subject	Uncover
Satisfied	Blow	Fire	Attribute

Across:

1. \_\_\_\_-rock
4. Finishes filming
9. Softly, in music
14. Big \_\_\_\_
15. Corrode
16. Terminated
17. \_\_\_\_mode
18. Type of poem
19. Put two and two together
20. Eagerly awaited fall drink
23. What an oozy thing might ooze
24. Poke fun at
28. Native American Olympian
31. Photograph, for short
33. Campus VIP
34. Trick or treat?
36. Fryeburg Police Department
37. Boxing great
38. It’s enough to make you cry
41. Plains Tribe
42. Prevail
43. Emerald City Visitor
45. A delightful place
47. An abbreviation for something
48. A compacted mass or lump of something

49. Barren land with little rainfall
51. The investigative bureau for the US government
52. Where pumpkins grow
59. A japanese seaweed wrapped delicacy
62. Half the diameter of a circle
63. Roman Numeral 3
64. Word for a bird to clean itself
65. To chose someone for a public office position
66. To put food in your mouth and swallow
67. An imperfection
68. Another word for annoying
69. Abbreviation for Save Our Souls

Down:

1. Pronto
2. \_\_\_\_lemon
3. People jump and tumble on these
4. Where one is vulnerable
5. Hindu Royal
6. Whole bunch
7. Cushions
8. Staircase part
9. Freedom from war
10. For sure
11. Sum up
12. Originally called
13. Uneven
21. A knitting stitch
22. Abbreviation for Incorporated Business
25. Defect
26. Kind of computer
27. Donates
28. Defrosted
29. Chemical compound
30. A female sheep
31. The thing on which a bird roosts
32. A name that means to be guarded by Ing
35. Not west
39. Curve
40. What some wallow in
44. It’s south of Florida
46. Sister’s son
47. Master of Sacred Theology
50. Debris
53. Ready
54. Iron-rich leafy veg
55. Bad day for Caesar
56. Former second librarian at LA
57. Goodbye
58. Bops
59. Sunscreen letters
60. Web address
61. Ocean



# 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  
Maddy Kallin '24

“LA is my mojo dojo casa  
house”  
-Gavin Peck '24

“What if the next time I  
get a haircut is when I’m a  
cadaver?”  
-Will Clark '24

“The smit has been smited”  
-Jonas Stepanaskus '24

“I hate the future”  
-Gavin Albert '24

Otto Schoenthal '25: “You  
know what makes me sad?”  
Mr. Hauptman: “Looking  
in the mirror?”

“I use babies as weapons”  
- Dana Lee '24

“I’m fireproof guys”  
- Benno Hennig '24

“Are the Puritans okay with  
Rotaries?”  
- Noa Burchesky '25

“I was having an internal  
battle with my granny  
smith”  
- Will Clark '24

“There are healthy ways to  
eat vegans”  
-Maddy Kallin '24

“My favorite biome is Texas  
roadhouse”  
- Noa Burchesky '25

“He gives off Kenergy”  
-Eli Melanson '25

“If you’re in a coma I’ll give  
you extra credit!”  
-Sra. Bass

“I aspire to be an elderly  
British woman”  
-Mya Bessey '24

“Suck it up and be  
barbaric.”  
-Maddy Kallin '24

“My job is to basically  
depress you”  
- Mr. Going

“That would make a great  
all inclusive gender neutral  
man cave”  
-Shawn McFarland '26

“I feel like we’re back in the  
caves dude.”  
-Connor Cass '24

“Those face creams are  
expensive but death is free”  
-Jhordania Ebanks '25

“Oh your computer’s dead.  
Sounds like a skill issue.”  
-Sra Bass

“Egypt is the Hannaford of  
the ancient world”  
- Mr. Going

“There is nothing better  
than luke warm herb water  
first thing in the morning.”  
-Neptune Martin '26

Maggie Thompson '26:  
“Shh, it’s okay little man, it’s  
okay”  
Greg Demeritt '26:  
“Ummm.”

“ You always buckle up your  
chainsaw, Duh”  
- Joeseeph Levesque '25

“David Attenbourogh, I’d  
follow him through a brick  
wall”  
- Rath Schoenthal '24

“Garfield is his own being, a  
demigod one might say”  
-Sophie Drum '26

“Helen, are you editing my  
edits?”  
-Torren Nehrboss '26

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

1. Who drives an MGB Roadster?

2. What day is the Open Turf?

3. Who is the new Dorm Student Council Representative?
4. Which teacher is a whitewater rafting guide?

5. How many people are in the cast of *The Crucible*?

6. Where do sophomores need to park?
7. How many points did the Boys JV Soccer team win by at their homecoming game?

8. What did the class of 2024 sell during Homecoming?

9. Who are the members of the Guild of Bearded Teachers?
10. Who is Eddy the Eagle’s younger cousin?

11. Who is the class president of the class of 2027?

12. How much does the bell tower bell weigh?

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