



LINCOLN ADDS NEW COURSES

New courses available to Lincoln High students in 2020-21 include English Language Arts pathway choices created to increase student interest and engagement.

“We’re really excited to be able to give our students more choice in the way they learn their literacy standards,” Lincoln Principal Lee Thennes said. “Kids need to be interested in what they’re reading.”

Teachers recently surveyed students on their interest in potential courses and created new Literature and Language choices based on nearly 900 responses. New ELA and other Lincoln courses include:

- Zoology
- Capstone in Engineering and Design
- Web Page and Mobile App Design
- Advanced Graphic Design/Illustration
- Journalism
- Film Studies/IB Film
- Sports Literature
- The Graphic Novel
- Music as Literature
- Mythology
- Literature for Change
- Spoken Word: The Power of Poetry



CHEF GIVES STUDENTS TASTE OF RESTAURANT BUSINESS

Some high school students take a culinary class to learn how to cook and eat their creations. For others, it may spark an interest in a hospitality career and that excites Mike Althen, an award-winning chef hired last summer as a Family and Consumer Science teacher at Lincoln High.

Known as ‘Chef Mike,’ Althen is mentoring a team of students to compete for the first time in a ProStart culinary competition, hosted by the Wisconsin Restaurant Association. They have an ambitious menu to prepare and a multitude of skills to learn.



“This is probably the best team I’ve worked with so far,” he said. Althen mentored students in Portage and Baraboo for years, with one team winning third place in 2017.

Althen wants to add a bakery and pastry class at Lincoln next year - and within three years offer a full ProStart program with student opportunities to earn industry certifications, scholarships and advanced standing credits for technical college pursuit of hospitality careers.

Principal Lee Thennes said students are fortunate to learn from someone with vast knowledge of the business. “He has a perspective on all the things students can be doing in the field,” Thennes said. “I’ve been impressed with what the kids are doing and learning.”

Althen has 38 years experience in operating restaurants, a bakery and a catering company in the Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo area. He was named Wisconsin Restaurateur of the Year in 1997 and Chef Par Excellence at the Taste of Elegance competition in 2016. From hog roasts to white-linen gourmet dining, his repertoire is vast.

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE:

Inspiration is one of MPSD's six core values we believe are critical to student success, and this school year has been full of inspiring moments:

- The courage of our students and staff moving to new schools for the grade alignment and making new friends and colleagues.
- The stories of sacrifice from our veterans shared during a wonderful Veterans Day ceremony.
- The dedication of the Lincoln community raising money for juvenile diabetes research in memory of 2015 alumnus Payton Hynek who recently passed away due to complications of Type 1 Diabetes.
- The increased student participation in fall sports and use of our renovated Rubick Field skyrocketing from 62 hours in fall 2017 to 484 hours this fall.
- The community partnerships that have funded innovations such as expanded school-based mental health services for our students this year.
- The relationships built as high school students visit and do monthly activities with elementary students.

As we head into second semester I continue to be inspired by our students, staff, families and community. Thank you for all you do to make Manitowoc a great place to live, work and play.

I am pleased that the Board of Education was able to approve a 2019-2020 budget that decreased the school district property tax levy rate by 1.09% to the lowest level since 2010. We continue to be fiscally responsible with our use of taxpayer dollars as we look for efficiencies while expanding opportunities for our students.

We warmly welcome the community to attend our sporting events, theater performances and concerts. We are offering two free tickets to the high school event of your choice. Simply fill out this form (bit.ly/mpsd-tickets) and we will email you the tickets.

I wish everyone a wonderful 2020 and hope it ushers in a decade of peace, prosperity, good health and learning for all of our MPSD families and partners.



Mark Holzman
MPSD Superintendent



Last summer he and his wife Debbie closed Elite Catering and he took the teaching job back in his hometown. (He is a graduate of Valders High and Fox Valley Technical College.)

Althen knows many students taking his classes aren't in it for a career. He focuses on basic life skills and learning helpful facts such as how to properly set your refrigerator thermostat. Mathematics gets involved with measuring, costing out recipes and budgeting for groceries.

His culinary class invited neighbors of the school to a Thanksgiving dinner where student maitre ds served the 41 guests a free turkey dinner with pumpkin pie and all the trimmings. Students hosted a Christmas tea and will prepare a Mother's Day meal. Their spring final will include preparing a business concept with menu and more.

After school on Tuesdays, about a half dozen Lincoln students are training for the ProStart competition to be held March 10 in Milwaukee. Their three course breakfast menu is more than a mouthful: an appetizer of smoked Alaskan salmon hash; pancake trio entree of French crepe cordon bleu, coconut/lime potato griddle cakes and whole wheat waffles with maple infusion; and for dessert, french toast wild berry shortcake.

The team gets 15 minutes to set up and one hour to prepare and present two identical plates. They are judged on knife skills, team work, sanitation, safety, menu presentation and taste.

"We need to make sure that everything is fully cooked and that it looks pleasing," said sophomore Mallory Hutchinson, who is preparing the potato cakes and crepe filling. She and sophomore Marissa Sleger agreed that time management is the biggest challenge.

"I just really enjoy working as a team," Sleger said, adding that Chef Mike "makes it fun and interesting. He makes a bunch of jokes and keeps it upbeat."

Junior Selena Renteria, who is making the dessert, said she was "nervous but excited at the same time." She prefers baking but has cooked often with her father who was a restaurant general manager. She's interested in architecture and engineering but hospitality remains a possibility.

Hutchinson, who helps her family make weekend dinners, said she appreciates that Althen helps students if they struggle with a new skill. "He has high expectations," she said, adding: "He does really well with demonstrating stuff and he's always there to help you."



CELEBRATIONS

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Students Use Hydroponics for Indoor Gardens

Monroe Elementary first-graders and Wilson Middle students are learning how to grow lettuce and herbs in classroom hydroponic and aeroponic towers. Students have measured the plants height, checked the water's pH balance and learned about healthy eating. Thanks to partners UW-Manitowoc Extension FoodWise and Grow It Forward.



New Football Coach Leads Team to Playoffs, Two Sign with D1 Schools

The Lincoln Ships football team competed in playoffs for the first time since 2014, led by new Head Coach Greg Enz. Lincoln defeated Notre Dame Academy 37-0 to earn a playoff berth, and lost in the first round to the Milwaukee Marquette Hilltoppers. Players Davis Heinzen and Tanner Wigand became the 15th and 16th Shipbuilders to sign with D1 schools (Central Michigan and Toledo).

Superintendent Recognized for Grade Alignment Leadership

MPSD Superintendent Mark Holzman was named one of the *Herald Times Reporter's* 2019 People of the Year for his leadership in grade alignment. Read about the 2019 People of the Year: <http://bit.ly/manty-people>



Senior Makes History with Registered Apprenticeship

Lincoln High senior Cody Konik became the 2nd student in Manitowoc County history to start a Registered Apprenticeship before graduation! Cody signed with Kaysun Corporation to start a Mechantronics Registered Apprenticeship in January. Mechantronics is a branch of engineering that works with automation and robotics. Cody also completed a 2-year Youth Apprenticeship.

Teacher Earns President's Award

Leeann Klein, art teacher at Lincoln High and Wilson Middle Schools, was honored with the Wisconsin Art Educators Association (WAEA) President's Award at its fall 2019 conference. Read more about Klein in a March 2019 *Herald Times Reporter* feature story: <http://bit.ly/mpsd-klein>.



Nine Students Win Scholastic Art Awards

Lincoln freshman Sophia Winget and senior Belinda Yang won 2020 Scholastic Art Silver Key Awards for digital art and painting, respectively. Receiving Honorable Mention Awards were freshman Dayana Girelle Valdez-Vargas and sophomores Nyomi Brantley, Alexys Fischer and Riley Thomas for photography; juniors Branden Berry and Bruce Thao for digital art; and senior Desiree Zimmerman for drawing and illustration.



Brass Ensemble Performs in State Recital

Three Lincoln High students were selected to perform with the Honors Ensembles in October at the Wisconsin State Music Association (WSMA) Conference: Mike King (Choir), Joey O'Connor (Band) and Ian Zabel (Orchestra). A trombone quartet of Owen Bashaw, Liam Berry, Sam Jacobson and Joe Wetak performed in the Exemplary Recital.



Volleyball Player Gets Full Ride to D1 School

Ships senior Katie DiRaimondo received a full ride to attend Tennessee Tech University. She plans to study Pre-Dentistry to pursue a career as an orthodontist. Katie was volleyball FRCC Player of the Year, 2nd Team All-State, AVCA Region-6 Honorable Mention and 3-Time All-Conference.

MPSD Adds School-Based Mental Health Services

School-based mental health services are being offered this year at Lincoln High School, C.G. Stangel Learning Community, Washington and Wilson Middle Schools, and Franklin, Jefferson and Jackson Elementary Schools. The district has partnered with Kimberley Welk & Associates LLC, Family Therapy Center and Holy Family Memorial Behavioral Health to provide services in the schools. Learn more at <http://bit.ly/mpsd-health> or reach out to your school counselors.



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4-Year-Old Kindergarten

Learn about our FREE 4K and wraparound care options by attending our 4K Open House on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, 1:30-2:30 p.m. at four locations: Riverview Early Learning Center, Lakeshore Child Care Center, Head Start and YMCA. Registration for 4K will be held Feb. 10-14, 2020 at the Riverview Early Learning Center, 4400 Michigan Ave., Manitowoc. Learn more at manitowocpublicschools.org/services/4k.

ENROLL toDay

ENROLL IN MANITOWOC PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

MPSD warmly welcomes students from all families, whether or not you live in the district's boundaries. We are now enrolling for 2020-2021. We welcome children who are 4 years old or who will turn 4 by Sept. 1, 2020 to our 4-Year-Old Kindergarten Program.

Your child can thrive in MPSD where we offer a multitude of curricular and co-curricular opportunities with personalized learning and attention. Our dedicated, award-winning staff care about our students and are committed to their success.

Open Enrollment

If you live outside the Manitowoc Public School boundary but wish to attend our schools next fall 2020, complete and submit a state Open Enrollment form (at dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment) between Feb. 3, 2020 and April 30, 2020. There is no tuition cost. Parents must provide transportation. Learn more about our neighborhood schools at manitowocpublicschools.org.

Class of 1964 Honors Lincoln Design

A plaque commemorating the 100-year anniversary of the decision of the Manitowoc Board of Education on September 26, 1919 to design Lincoln High School now hangs outside of the school office. Thank you to the Lincoln Class of 1964 for the donation of such a beautiful reminder of the rich history of Lincoln High School.



Get FREE Sports or Theater Tickets



We welcome the greater community to our events and love to share our students' talents, on the game field, the stage and more. We are giving away free tickets to one event of your choice - just fill out the form at bit.ly/mpsd-tickets and we will email you two FREE tickets to your choice of a Lincoln High School sports or theater event. Enjoy!



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