# Weekly SFP Newsletter

# LPS Science Focus Program

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## **Upcoming Events at SFP:**

#### No School at SFP on November 7 due to PreACT

The PreACT assessment will be administered to 10<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday, November 7 at home high schools. All sophomores are expected to take the PreACT. The PreACT will give students the opportunity to take a practice version of the ACT that all students will take in April of their 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. There is no school for 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders on this day. There will be no classes at SFP on November 7.

#### Halloween Dance on November 1

The annual SFP Halloween Dance is Friday, November 1. The night begins at 6:00 pm, and ends at 9:30pm. Tickets are \$5 and include pizza, soda, and snacks. Students may enter at any point during the dance but need to plan to stay until 9:30pm once they are here. Costumes are encouraged, Dancing is required. If you want to help us have a great night, we would love donations of chips, candy, soda, or pizza.

#### Sample ACT at SFP

Sample ACT will be offered at SFP on Saturday, November 2 from 8am -12pm in the SFP multipurpose room. Please see Matt for details and to sign up.

#### **Humans of SFP: Jenna Levich**

By Ellie Nelson

The science-based environment at the Science Focus Program appealed to Jenna Levich, who is now a senior at SFP. She has always wanted to study marine biology thanks to influence of Tristan Guttridge from *Shark Week*. She became certified in scuba diving which will allow her to explore her passion in marine biology.

The hardest thing about high school for Jenna is balancing school, work, and sports and activities. Jenna participates in swimming *(continued on next page...)* 





## November 1

SFP Dance 6-9:30pm

#### November 2

Sample ACT 8am - 12pm

#### November 7

PreACT for 10<sup>th</sup> graders at home high schools, no school for 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 12<sup>th</sup> graders

#### November 25

SFP Annual Soup Lunch

#### November 26

Annual Bowling Field Trip

#### November 27

No School for LPS students November 27, 28 & 29 - Happy Thanksgiving!

## Spirit Week at SFP

It's officially Spirit Week at SFP! Show your school pride by dressing up each day:

- Monday: Dead Idols
- Tuesday: Harry Potter
- Wednesday: Decade by Grade
- Thursday: Costume
- Friday: Backwards

# Women in STEAM Tampon Drive

The Women in STEAM club is hosting a Tampon drive to benefit the People's City Mission. The club is collecting various women's hygiene products. Bring donations to SFP beginning November 4. More information to follow.

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because she has been swimming her whole life. She also participates in cross country because it's a stress reliever. And, she has classes that she looks forward to like Anatomy and Physiology. Jenna has two sisters, one that attends SFP, and she has a leopard gecko named Leo, a dog named Kona, and a cat named Fluffy. Jenna's best quality is her responsibility of getting her work turned in a timely fashion.

Jenna's advice to future SFP students: "try to make friends with everyone in order to help the community dynamics of SFP." where I'll just try to be nice with them if they've had a bad day and talk to them about it, make sure they're feeling better" is another way that AJ tries to help others in small ways.

### **Humans of SFP: Jacob Meduna**

By Isaiah Fox



"Learn to take the punches in life instead of trying to be perfect and win all the time," said Jacob Meduna, a senior at SFP. Jacob is built on the mindset of a hard worker and going through the tough times in life instead of trying to run away from them. Jacob is a senior at SFP and Lincoln East High School. Jacob loves SFP. It requires a lot of research which he enjoys. Jacob likes working with his peers and teachers to finish his job correctly.

Jacob has two siblings, his younger sister Emely and younger brother Eric. He also has a close relationship with both of his parents. He believes he can have a conversation with them about almost

anything. One of Jacob's hardest times in life was when he had recently lost one of his grandparents, he said that going through that was incredibly hard on him and his family. "A lesson I would tell my grandchildren is... work hard, and keep the people you can trust close."

Like a lot of us, Jacob is very busy. Everyday he works hard at school and goes to the gym on a daily basis. Jacob is excited for his future career and currently shadowing to become an orthodontist. The senior believes in helping people around him, and he is always trying to be there for them. Jacobs is the kind of person who gets things done, and gets them done right. He knows that if he doesn't, he will regret it. "In order to do great things, you have to put in the work." Jacob works hard at everything he does because he knows that you won't be able to dodge all of the difficult times and that you will eventually need to take them head on.



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