

## "The Year of Upgrades"

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Lemont High School
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## Infrastructure

Network Layer3 / Layer2 / Servers - Wireless APs



### Infrastructure ...

- New Servers (brought online Jan 2024) updated to Server OS 2022 June 2024
- Expansion of L3 Core (aka the "router") fully redundant at copper & Fiber
- Primary Internet Connection via SOI/DOIT/ICN is now at 10Gb
- Comcast 1Gbs up/down Fiber ISP Backup
- Outdoor Access Points for Stadium/Concession
- HUDL installation in Press Box
- Press Box now connected at 10gb via Fiber back direct to MDF
- Dedicated stadium SSID for wireless use
- 5 new POS machines for cafeteria in their own "vlan"
- New Scoreboard connected and on the line "©"
- PRTG Monitoring actively monitors bandwidth usage across the entire network
- APC Power Management w/23x new batteries "no power = no fun"

### Layer 3 Edge/Firewall"s"



#### Layer 3 Core "Router"





## Cybersecurity

Segment / Secure and actively scan

## Cybersecurity ...

- Network Segmentation "vlans" are a happy place
- Abnormal Security used for Email Security (2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Layers)
- District Wide Phishing Campaigns via KnowBe4 (monthly) along with Cyber-Pools via Insurance Company (quarterly)
- GNC Module Employee Training
- Nexus Vulnerability Scans this application allows our team to actively scan internal resources – new to LHS SD210 for YR 2024

## Tenable Nessus®

## The first tool in your cybersecurity toolbox

Expose and close weaknesses across your constantly changing attack surface with the industry's most trusted vulnerability assessment solution.

#### A VLAN, or Virtual Local Area Network

"is a logical grouping of devices on a network that allows them to communicate as if they are on the same physical network, even if they are not."

#### **Key benefits of VLANs include:**

- **1.Improved Security:** By isolating sensitive data traffic, VLANs limit access to specific users or devices.
- **2.Reduced Broadcasts:** VLANs help minimize broadcast traffic, improving overall network performance.
- **3.Simplified Management:** They allow for easier network management and configuration changes without physical re-cabling.
- **4.Flexibility:** Devices can be grouped based on function or department, regardless of their physical location.

Overall, VLANs are an essential tool for creating organized, efficient, and secure networks.



## Instructional Technology

The Future is NOW!



## Instructional Technology Upgrades ...

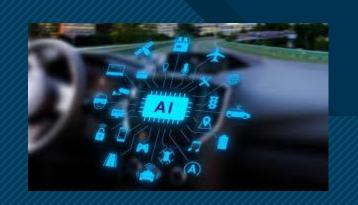
- Student Computer Lab Upgrades "Windows 11"
  - N211 Fine Arts Lab
  - N221 Business Lab/Programming
  - Robotics
  - CAD LAB
  - Woodshop



"New" CAD Systems



**N221** 



## Al in Education

Artificial Intelligence in the Classroom Helps Learning



## Artificial Intelligence...

- Curriculum Led
- Committee Formed
- Participants in Google Al Pilot
- Testing several applications
  - Brisk teaching
  - Canva
  - Adobe Creative Cloud
  - Google Gemini
  - Microsoft Co-Pilot





## What's Next?

The Future is NOW!



### In our Future ...

- Windows 11 Beta Testing CAD/Robotics/Programming/Graphics are all running win11 along with a handful of teachers
- Windows 12 incoming
- Upgrade Wi-Fi to 6e
- New Faculty Laptops Lenovo Yoga X13 Gen 5 configured to support Windows 12
- Incident IQ Ticketing System
- Hyper-V testing continues "may replace" VMWare (virtualization)
- Bell Road "Sports Complex" coming online at 10Gb: Outdoor Wi-Fi –
   Backup (appliance will be relocated there)
- Microsoft 365 to replace current licensing (provide ONE Drive/Office In-Tune – additional security features)



### **IT Department Mission Statement:**



Our mission is to empower our organization through robust and secure network infrastructure that enables seamless connectivity, collaboration, and innovation. We are dedicated to providing reliable technology solutions that support our EDUCATION goals and enhance user experience. By prioritizing network resilience, security, and scalability, we ensure that our digital environment fosters productivity and growth. We strive to anticipate and respond to the evolving needs of our users, driving operational excellence and creating a foundation for future advancements. Together, we build a connected community that thrives on technology.

One word SUMMARY: We are here to build an AUTOBAHN for Lemont HD SD210

### IT STAFF



Google Workspace

Admin



Technology Support Specialist Help Desk Admin

#### **Our "Conduit" to the Educators**



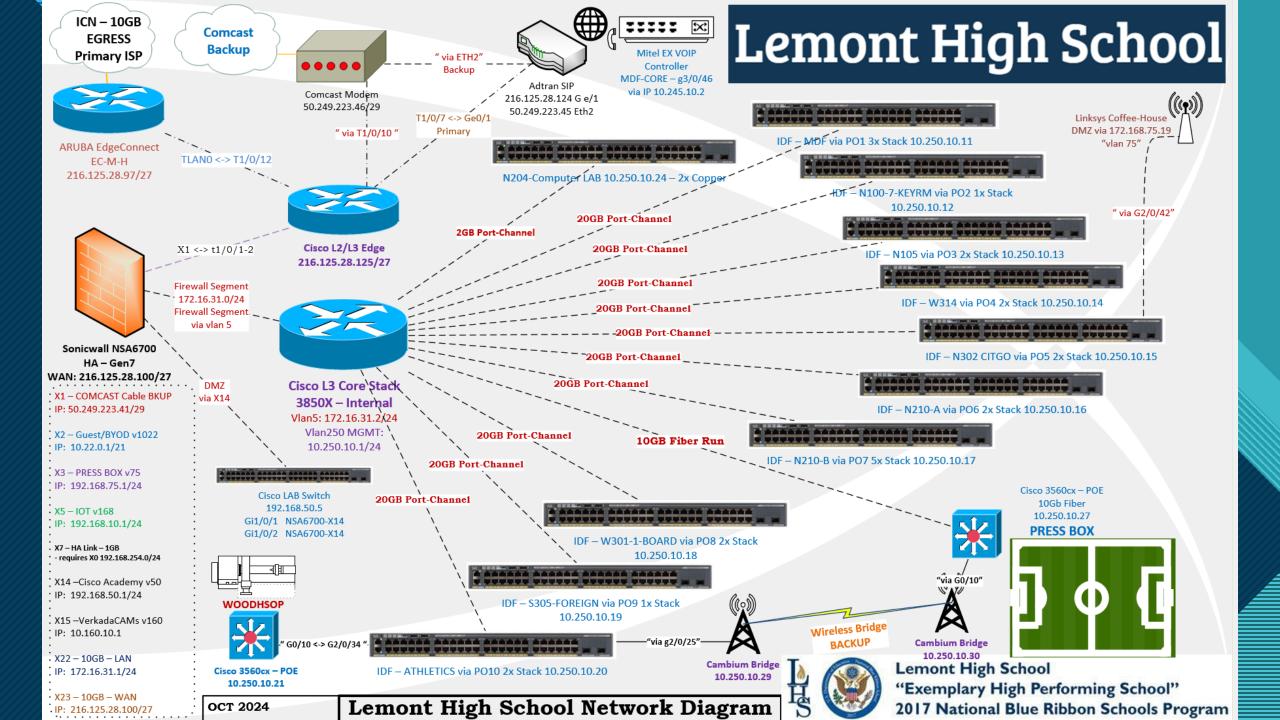
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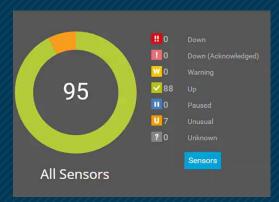
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for Q & A



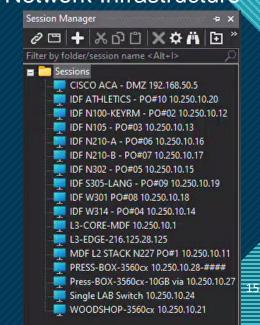








### SecureCRT for Secure Remote Access to the Network Infrastructure





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This concludes our presentation for tonight!

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# Al "Artificial Intelligence" in Action "DEMO" BONUS SLIDE....

Utilizing "https://notebooklm.google.com/?pli=1"



I fed the AI engine a .pdf that was created from the PowerPoint, 2 things occurred: it created "A Briefing" and a "PODCAST"

Lemont High School Information Technology: "The Year of Upgrades" – "A Briefing" generated by Al

This briefing document summarizes the key themes and facts presented in the "The Year of Upgrades" IT presentation delivered by Wesley Rozanski, IT Director of Lemont High School, on October 21, 2024.

The following SLIDE "bonus" #2 has the entire "briefing/summary" posted





## The Briefing....

#### 1. Significant Infrastructure Upgrades for Enhanced Connectivity and Security:

Robust Network Infrastructure: The school has implemented a 10Gb primary internet connection through SOI/DOIT/ICN, a 1Gb Comcast fiber backup, and expanded the Layer 3 core for full redundancy at both copper and fiber levels. This ensures high-speed, reliable connectivity for all users.

Stadium Connectivity Enhancements: The stadium now boasts outdoor access points, HUDL installation in the press box, and a dedicated 10Gb fiber connection back to the MDF, enabling seamless streaming and data transfer during events

Enhanced Security Measures: The implementation of PRTG monitoring actively tracks bandwidth usage, while APC power management with new batteries ensures uninterrupted operations.

#### 2. Cybersecurity Takes Center Stage:

Network Segmentation: VLANs are employed to segment the network, enhancing security by isolating sensitive data and restricting access. The presentation emphasizes: "Network Segmentation "vlans" are a happy place."

Multi-Layered Email Security: Abnormal Security provides robust second and third layers of email security, protecting against phishing and other threats.

Proactive Security Training and Vulnerability Scanning: Monthly phishing campaigns through KnowBe4 and quarterly cyber-pools via the insurance company ensure staff awareness and preparedness. Additionally, the newly implemented Nexus Vulnerability Scanner actively identifies and addresses potential vulnerabilities within the school's network.

#### 3. Instructional Technology Investments for Future-Ready Learning

State-of-the-art Computer Labs: Student computer labs have been upgraded to Windows 11, with specialized labs for Fine Arts, Business/Programming, Robotics, and CAD, providing students access to the latest software and tools.

Embracing AI in Education: The school is actively exploring the potential of AI in the classroom. A dedicated committee is participating in Google's AI pilot program, testing applications like Brisk teaching, Canva, Adobe Creative Cloud, Google Gemini, and Microsoft Co-Pilot.

#### 4. A Vision for the Future:

Preparing for the Next Generation of Technology: The IT department is beta testing Windows 11 in select labs and preparing for the upcoming Windows 12 rollout.

Further Network Enhancements: Plans are in place to upgrade to Wi-Fi 6e and connect the new Bell Road Sports Complex with a 10Gb connection and outdoor Wi-Fi.

Streamlining IT Support: Implementation of the Incident IQ ticketing system and exploration of Hyper-V virtualization are key initiatives to enhance efficiency and support.

Comprehensive Software Solution: Transitioning to Microsoft 365 will provide a unified platform with OneDrive, Office suite, In-Tune, and enhanced security features.

#### 5. A Dedicated and Mission-Driven IT Team:

Empowering Education Through Technology: The IT department's mission is clearly articulated: "Our mission is to empower our organization through robust and secure network infrastructure that enables seamless connectivity, collaboration, and innovation. We are dedicated to providing reliable technology solutions that support our EDUCATION goals and enhance user experience."

A Skilled Team: The presentation highlights the key roles within the IT team, including Cybersecurity/Server Engineer, Google Workspace Admin, Technology Integration Specialist, Technology Support Specialist, and Help Desk Admin. The Technology Integration Specialist is specifically referred to as the "Our "Conduit" to the Educators," underscoring the team's commitment to supporting teaching and learning.

Overall, the presentation underscores Lemont High School's commitment to providing a secure, robust, and future-ready technology environment that empowers students and staff to thrive in the digital age.