

# Panther Prowl

October 29, 2021

## Lecanto Celebrates Homecoming Week

Daniel Fellows, Director of Media — The week of October 11th brought homecoming celebrations to LHS [Lecanto High School], courtesy of the hardwork many of the clubs and sponsors put forth for the events.

The week kicked off with the “Panther Growl”, a festival with music from the Lecanto band, various competitions between the grades, and booths from various clubs and teams at LHS.

“I think the Panther Growl was a great start to the homecoming celebrations at LHS. We got to hear great music, support our clubs, and enjoy the night, I think students had a lot of fun and I’m excited to do this event again,” said executive president of the Student Government Association [SGA], senior Vincent Lahera,

On Thursday, LHS students came out in full force for the homecoming parade, featuring floats representing Lecanto clubs, sports teams, and the various grades.

“The Homecoming Parade was great this year, we had some really good floats and I think students, not only at LHS but from the other schools, were really excited to watch,” said senior and executive board vice president of the SGA Deep Patel.

Directly after the parade was the Homecoming Pep Rally, where LHS students were introduced to the homecoming court ahead of the final decision of who would become the new king and queen.

“I really liked the pep rally, it was a great experience, and I think it really showed Lecanto school spirit,” said senior Gerald Sparks.

Throughout the week, students from all four grades decorated hallways throughout the school and competed to have the best hallway.

“I organized a lot of the hallway competition and helped create the senior class hallway. I think that the hallways inspire school spirit and friendly competition amongst the grades, and it’s always a great activity for the week of homecoming,” said senior and historian for the SGA Joshua Brunk,

Homecoming celebrations at LHS have concluded, but it’s never too early to get ready for next year. With great events like the parade, pep rally, the Panther Growl and dance, students are sure to be excited for Lecanto’s Homecoming in the 2022 school year.

## Community Events

Lecanto High School Presents:

### Dr. Evil and the Basket of Kittens

Showtimes:

Friday October 29th - 7:00pm

Saturday October 30th - 1:00pm & 7:00pm

Tickets:

\$5 students \$10 adults

at Lecanto High School’s  
Curtis Peterson Auditorium



Lecanto High School [LHS] students watch the homecoming parade on Thursday, October 14th (Photo: Fellows).

## HOCO Dance a Success



Homecoming Court from left to right: Shelomith Manalili, Jenna Carlton, Leah Steffer, Elise Leturno, Isabella Kabacinski, Aubrey Gioe, Aatish Patel, Iain Dimech, Daniel Wheeler, Noah Ambrose, Dalton Inman, Gabriel Lewis (Photo: Hollie Dutcher).

Isabella Gardiner, Staff writer - Lecanto High School [LHS] finished off Homecoming Week celebrations on Friday, October 15th with the highly anticipated Homecoming Dance.

Both students and staff were able to relax and enjoy the dance despite the difficult times the students and school have faced for the past two years due to COVID and COVID restrictions.

“I saw kids, young people, students, smiling, laughing, and interacting that I haven’t seen smile, laugh or interact all year...I feel like this was kinda the “we’re officially done with COVID” I know were not but it felt like a real big step moving forward. That’s what I think the biggest success was—the coming together of the students.” said Coach Timothy Henson.

Some of our students at Lecanto High School are talented on the dance floor and many other students enjoyed watching the dance moves at the Homecoming Dance.

“My favorite memory from the dance was watching fellow student, Riley Rice break-dancing in a circle,” said freshman Logan Lewis.

While everyone was able to relax and enjoy themselves at the dance in different ways, most people just seemed to enjoy the fact that they could hang out with their friends and have fun. Stress is a big factor on students, even without the past two years, dealing with a global pandemic, but the Homecoming Dance was a large success and helped students de-stress.

“The best part of the dance was getting to have some time to hangout with my friends and to not worry about anything.” said Catalina Veldwijk, sophomore.



# Homecoming Fashion



The Homecoming Court show off their outfits at the Homecoming Parade prior to the Homecoming Dance (Photo: Daniel Fellows).

Emily Capasso, Staff Writer – Lecanto High School [LHS] students dressed up for the Homecoming Dance on Friday October 15th. Every year, the topic of debate for those wearing dresses to the dance is long vs. short dresses.

It is most common, and popular to wear a short dress to the homecoming dance. Some students chose a short dress over a long dress strictly for comfort for dancing the big night away.

“With long dresses, you have to walk carefully, and it can get awfully uncomfortable, and hot especially while dancing,” said sophomore Ashley Gutierrez-Iraheta.

Some students prefer short dresses for homecoming for other reasons such as tradition, or the term “semi-formal”.

“I think most people think homecoming is short dresses simply because if you are a senior or even a junior going to homecoming wearing a long dress, your prom dress won’t be as exciting. I figured it would be easier because I’ve never been to homecoming, plus I think of homecoming as a semi-formal which to me is short dresses,” said freshman Sophia Perez.

On the other hand, some find long dresses to have more of an elegant approach when it comes to homecoming fashion.

“Longer dresses can make one seem taller, or longer, creating a more elegant and almost art-like form to a person. This is seen in many art forms and is particularly universally beautiful. The variety that can be styled and designed is also universal, as it varies, and modifies with passing trends,” said sophomore Maria Goff.

It all comes down to personal preference in the end.

“For me, longer dresses just stand out more. They look really good on a lot of people, and for me my preference. They are very elegant and beautiful,” said sophomore Ayla Gainey.

# Community Events

14th Annual

## Stone Crab Jam Music Festival

Saturday November 6th 2021 12:00pm - 10:00pm  
Tickets: Adults -\$15 CASH Children - 12 and under free  
560 North Citrus Ave. Crystal River, FL 34428

46th Annual

## Homosassa Arts, Crafts & Seafood Festival

Saturday November 13th 9:00 am - Sunday November 14th 4:00pm  
5530 S Mason Creek Rd. Homosassa, FL 34448

# Halloween Movie Favorites



Junior Lucas Padgett checks out which entertainment app has the movie Scream for later viewing (Photo: Xi'an)

Raven Xi'an, Staff Writer - Lecanto High School [LHS] students prepare themselves for this year's Halloween season of 2021 by reflecting on what Halloween movies they prefer to watch and plan to watch this year.

There are a variety of Halloween movies across all sorts of genres. There are two genres in particular which seem to be student favorites. Musical cartoons hit the nostalgia and cute factor for many students.

"Nightmare Before Christmas is my favorite movie to watch during Halloween because of the plot and songs, the songs are really nice, and the dog, the dog is super cute," said junior Lucas Padgett.

The other genre students at Lecanto seem to prefer for Halloween tends toward the spooky and horror side, though when a hint of nostalgia pops in from a favored character or actor, it certainly doesn't hurt.

"My favorite Halloween movie to watch during Halloween is Scream, my favorite part was when the killer was revealed and the fact it adds in horror movie tropes, and the fact that the dude from Scooby Doo, who played shaggy was in it," said freshman Cora Ford.

# A Rift in Time by Joey Herndon



While some may prefer horror for the spooky factor, some students appreciate the exaggerated effects and find the humor in it. Horror becomes comedy for these students.

"My favorite horror movie is The Conjuring three, the devil made me do it because the little kid is like wiggling in the air when they tried to perform an exorcism on him, and it was just really funny," said freshman Cara Maier.

Cult classics will never go out of style though and many will enjoy watching some older movies with their family or friends this Halloween.

"My favorite Halloween movie is the Adams Family because it's a movie my family and I used to watch when I was little, so it brings a lot of memories, and now that I'm older I can think back on that time, and it brings me a lot of joy," said freshman Elena Aleman.



# Halloween Wordsearch

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BAT	GHOST	PRINCESS	TRICK
BLACK	HAUNTED	PUMPKIN	VAMPIRES
BOO	OCTOBER	SCARY	WITCH
CANDY	ORANGE	SPOOKY	
CAT	PIRATE	TREAT	

# Halloween Reflections

Thomas Carbone, Staff Writer - Lecanto High School [LHS] students reflect on the Halloween memories that have stayed with them over the years.

Some students laugh at their childhood memories today that would have been pretty embarrassing to them as young children.

"I remember one Halloween when I dressed up as one of the characters from Alice of Wonderland and I was wearing high heels. First few steps going out of the house, my family turned around after hearing a loud thud. I had fallen after getting one of the heels stuck in a little hole," said junior Lucas Padgett.

Among the teachers with children of their own, favorite memories tend not to be about their own childhood trick or treating experiences, but about providing their children with Halloween memories.

" [The best part about halloween for me is] bringing my kids around for trick-or-treating," said Athletics Director Ron Allan.

While some at Lecanto reflect on memories of Halloween events, others think about the treat portion of trick-or-treat.

"Cookies and cream chocolates [are my favorite]. The flavor is really good and has a very nice crunch to it, and it's not too sweet," said senior Emma Maldonado

"[My favorite candy was nerds because] you can eat them while walking around trick or treating. They're in a box so they don't get your hands nasty while walking," said Assistant Principal Richard Crowell.

Remember these safety tips to check your candy before indulging:

1. Unusual appearance or discoloration
2. Tiny pinholes or tears in wrappers
3. Spoiled or unwrapped items
4. Homemade items unless you personally know the person who gave them
5. When in doubt, throw it out.

# Halloween Traditions

Joey Herndon, Staff Writer - Halloween traditions are an integral part of the upcoming holiday for most students. Halloween is a time where students can dress up, hang out or eat candy without judgment! Halloween is also the perfect time to create traditions.

Over the years the way students celebrate Halloween changes.

"I used to go trick or treating with family, but now I just go hang out with my friends," said senior Breanna Bryant.

Many Halloween traditions are not set in stone, and some students and families celebrate with spontaneous traditions which may become integral parts of Halloween celebrations in the years to come.

"Last year, we made pizzas that looked like monsters," said sophomore Rayne Accarch.

Traditions, however, tend to come and go and can do so year by year. Some students do not plan to celebrate Halloween this year. while others may just reminisce about past Halloween memories.

"It was amazing to see all the different decorations up north," said senior Chloe Grant.

Halloween is full of traditions big and small that become a part of our lives. Make sure to stay safe and Happy Halloween, everyone!

# The Jumble

**Solve the anagrams to reveal the letters for the final message.**

Solve the anagrams in the top part of the puzzle. Use the circled letters from the words in the top part to complete the final word or phrase at the bottom.

Each circled letter is used just once.

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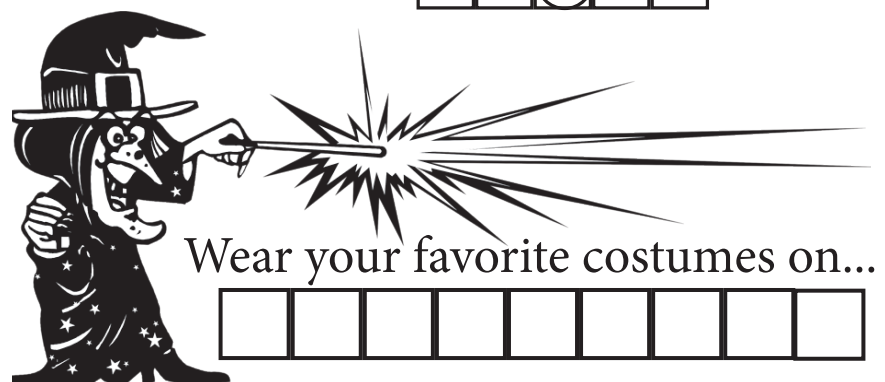
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## Motivational Quote #1

**"NEVER LET ANYONE TREAT YOU LIKE A YELLOW STARBURST. YOU ARE A PINK STARBURST!"**



# SGA: Community Leaders

Abcydee Rome, Staff Editor - The Student Government Association [SGA] at Lecanto High school has been coming up with amazing ideas and events to do throughout the school year to get students and staff involved. SGA plans events many student-favorite events such as homecoming, prom, and dodgeball games.

“Some of our upcoming events are Reindeer for residents , Panthers Be Nice Week, Prom, and Grad Bash said SGA Vice President Deep Patel.

Deep Patel is the SGA Vice President. His role is to fill in for the presidents and help out not only the president but also the other classes in what role they play within SGA.

In SGA it's not just about attending fun events, many members enjoy lifting others' mood and making a difference in the way we see people.

“I like to make sure our students' voices are heard and that we prevent bullying. What I also like about SGA is that I am around like minded people and people that are willing to share the same ideas as me by helping around the school,” said sophomore SGA member Brook Jung.

Many SGA members really enjoy giving back to the community.

“My role in SGA is to give back to the community and always be a helping hand. By the end of the day my main goal is to make sure I made a difference and put a smile on our community's face,” said senior SGA member Vincent Lahara.

The SGA senior class president is Yazmin Ramos Gonzalez. Yazmin's role as president is to lead SGA meetings and like Patel, help out with the other classes.

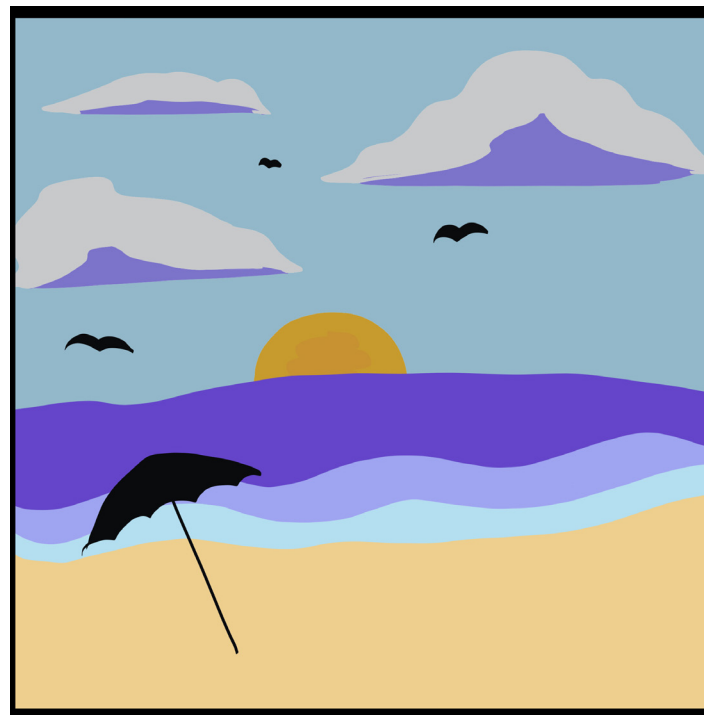
“As senior class president of SGA my main role is to lead SGA meetings and listen to everyone's ideas and thoughts. Being apart of SGA has been an amazing experience. I am able to give back to the community and bring joy to your students and staff by planning all these amazing events around our campus,” said senior class President Yazmin Ramos Gonzalez.



The fourth period Chorus class warms up their voices before practicing the musical numbers they will perform in a variety of events throughout quarter two (Photo: Glasco).

## Do you want to submit a picture, cartoon, or article idea to The Panther Prowl?

Email Mrs. Parente at [parentes@citrussschools.net](mailto:parentes@citrussschools.net)  
Make sure to submit early,  
or you may not see it in print.



“Have a Nice Day”  
by Joey Herndon



SGA students Emaleigh Lower , Jayden Baez, Jiselle Broughton, Adarsh Nagda, and work with National Honor Society students to clean up the campus at Lecanto High School (Photo: Hollie Dutcher).

## The Beauty of Music

Kaz Glasco, Staff Writer - Lecanto High Schools [LHS] has a variety of wonderful programs to choose from. Chorus students take pride in their program, having fun while still preparing to put on numerous events during the year.

For many Chorus is more than just a class that they take in high school. Students build relationships in Chorus that go beyond the walls of the classroom.

“My favorite thing about [Chorus] is probably the community and the family you build; just because a lot of people don't have that at home,” said senior Joy Evans.

Of course, relationships aren't built on hardwork alone. Students are able to have fun and enjoy themselves in class, even as they prepare for the big events. Emotions range over the full spectrum.

“A bunch of kids just started like goofing around during dance practice and someone yelled at us and I actually fell to the floor because of how scared I got.” said freshman Faith Sell, remembering an embarrassing moment.

Overall, students feel comfortable to be themselves in Chorus class and that is what creates the sense of community and family.

“It's a safe place for everybody to go and be their own thing and have their own outlet to go to.” said senior Raven Anderson.

There is no doubt that the Chorus program will continue to flourish and grow with so many students enjoying themselves and more who want to join in.

“I've really been dying to get into it my whole life,” said freshman Natasha Hoffman.



# A Disney for Everyone



Sophomore Evalyna Jaimes poses with one of her favorite apps to watch movies. (Photo: Raven Xi'an).

Alexis Foley, Staff Writer - Lecanto High School [LHS] is full of students and staff who grew up watching Disney and many of them remember those times with fondness while many still sit down to bond over watching Disney movies with family and friends.

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“Disney definitely played a good role in my life and I remember my family and me watching Hocus Pocus and us dancing along,” said freshman Adrianna Balderas.

Many students feel that Disney has had a positive impact on not just their family bonding time, but also the way they grew up.

“Disney taught me a lot of lessons and I grew up with it so it’s something that just stays with you” said freshman Sophia Perez.

The cartoon empire brings people together in more ways than just on the couch. With the wide variety of characters and movies available, there is something for everyone.

“Disney movies and tv shows are just so relatable and have lessons that were great to learn as a kid,” said freshman Caitlin Gustafson.

Disney is such a successful company because it does not just cater to the kids as an audience. Disney is for adults too.

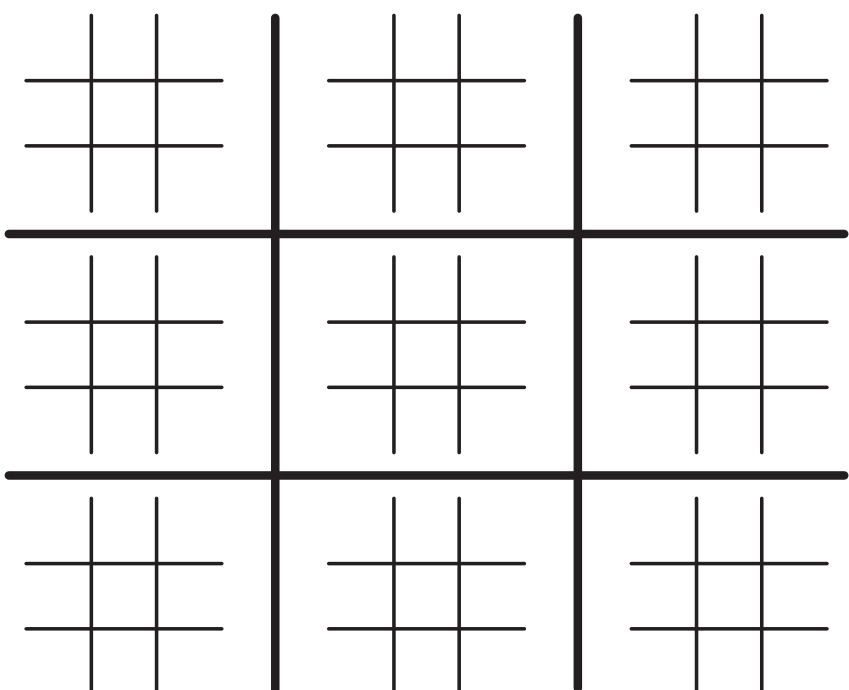
“They’re fun enough for adults to watch but yet entertaining enough for kids. So it bridges the gap between adults and kids because even when I was a kid I’d watch Bambi at the movies with my grandma,” said math teacher Ty Hamilton.

## Motivational Quote #2

**“DON’T TAKE LIFE TOO SERIOUSLY; YOU’LL NEVER GET OUT ALIVE.”**

**- ELBERT HUBBARD**

## ULTIMATE TIC-TAC-TOE



# Sudoku

(Beginner Level)

Complete the grid so each row, column, and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

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## Now Streaming....

Jonathan Patterson, Staff Editor - When it comes to watching television, Lecanto High School [LHS] students are always looking for shows and movies that are new, popular, and worthy to binge-watch.



Junior Ashley Griffith shows off her Netflix app. (Photo: Raven Xi'an).

For many, finding the new and most popular show is all the rage. Students may have different qualifications for what they find popular and interesting to watch.

“When thinking of what is most popular show right now, I would have to say it’s Squid Game. I have seen everyone talking about it. I find it interesting because it’s something different and it’s not something you would normally see,” said senior Cody Crocker.

But, other students may just have one particular movie or show they like to stick to as a go-to.

“I would have to say my favorite movie is the Lion King. I just love that movie, mostly because I’m a big animal gal myself, and that’s why I tend to stick to that movie,” said senior Natalie Anderson.

Students also say they tend to gravitate towards sports-themed films and series because they also play sports and they find the material interesting.

“I love playing football, and the show All American is all about football. It is the perfect series for me and anybody that takes an interest in football and sports in general,” said sophomore Donald Owens.

Some watch shows not expecting to enjoy them, but then become hooked on that series.

“Ted Lasso is one of a kind series. I wasn’t expecting much at first, but it’s funny, and I like the character development,” said junior Tyler Cornell.



# Girl's Golf Goes to Districts



Freshman Haley Holderfield hits it out of a sandtrap (Photo: Angel Smith).

Evelyn Larsen, Lead Editor - The Lecanto High School [LHS] girls golf team won district runner-up at the District 2A-9 Tournament this past Monday. This win qualifies them for the Region 2A-3 Tournament next week, and that could potentially qualify them for the State Tournament.

The team played very well at the tournament, especially with the difficulty of the course, and the level of competition. English teacher and girls golf coach Stephanie Smith was really impressed with the improvements of game and attitude of the team during the tournament.

“Our new additions have come a long way. Their confidence and their game has grown. Most importantly our team has grown together! Our girls work together and support each other; they represent what true team dynamic should be,” said Smith.

As a freshman, this is Haley Holderfields first District golf tournament. While it may seem intimidating, she did not let the pressure get to her. She shot the lowest score she has ever scored in an 18-hole tournament at Districts. Still, there are differences between smaller matches and a tournament like Districts.

“The District tournament has better players and teams, which makes it a lot more competitive than other matches that I’ve played in,” said Holderfield.

Even for more experienced players, there are always ways to improve and prepare for upcoming tournaments.

“My game was decent. There are certain aspects I can definitely improve, like having more accurate drives and more consistent wedge play,” said sophomore Maegan Pungsuwan.

“My game this season started off alright, but recently I haven’t been playing as well. I’m hoping to recover and get my game back during Regionals next week,” said junior Lexis Smith.

The team is definitely excited for Regionals next week, and they all have different goals for what they want to achieve during that tournament.

“I think the growth in the girls game and their team bond will be the key to keep them moving forward,” said Coach Smith.

“My main goal for next week is for us to play well and hopefully move on to states!” said Holderfield.

“I look forward to improving my score, gaining more experience, learning more about my game, and having fun with my teammates and my coach,” said Pungsuwan.

The LHS girls golf team will have their Regional Tournament next Tuesday at the Dubsdread golf course in Orlando. Good luck Panthers!

## Motivational Quote #3

**“IN CASE NO ONE TOLD YOU TODAY, YOU DESERVE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND HAPPINESS.”**

## Technology Resource Center

Daniel Fellows, Director of Media, Joey Herndon, Staff Writer - At Lecanto High School [LHS] students use all forms of technology, from Canvas to computers, in the course of their school day. To keep everything running smoothly in the school district, the Technology Resource Center [TRC] offers technical support, repairs, and updated textbooks to teachers and students.

“The TRC is the central hub for computer/iPad repair, support technology, and educating teachers on how to use Canvas, Skyward, and other software used by the schools,” said administrative secretary Lisa Stewart.

While the TRC focuses mainly on technology, it also serves as a meeting place for teachers discussing what new textbooks to use in their classrooms.

“At the moment the TRC is working on textbook adoptions, where teachers meet and discuss what new textbooks they should use in their classrooms. In addition to purchasing new textbooks, we are also working with textbook companies on moving to digital versions of their books, so students can access everything they need from their iPads,” said Stewart.

The TRC also employs Instructional Tech Coaches, who aid teachers physically or virtually via Zoom. Tech coaches educate teachers how to better utilize Canvas and other products in the classroom setting, as well as troubleshooting various issues that may arise.

“The role of the tech coaches here at the TRC is to better educate teachers on the systems that we use, like Skyward, Microsoft Office, and Canvas, so they can not only take better advantage of them and better improve their classes, but can also troubleshoot and fix issues that may arise in the classroom,” said Eileen Jenkin, Instructional Technology Coach.

In addition to running important services for the school district, like Canvas and Skyward, TRC technicians also repair computers and iPads if they malfunction or are damaged.

“While the TRC manages a lot of software and services across the district, we also repair devices, such as student iPads, that might break or get damaged. We have a group of technicians that stays at the facility, and another group that travels to the district schools and conducts repairs on-site,” said Lance Fletcher, TRC director.



Director Lance Fletcher stands in the storeroom at the TRC (Photo: Fellows).