



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

January - February 2018

DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

As we begin the second semester and the New Year we have many celebrations from first semester. During the first semester the Tradition, Pride, and Excellence of Longmont High could be observed and felt in the hallways, classrooms, playing fields, gymnasium and auditorium. The senior leadership has been outstanding from the very beginning of the year. From Homecoming festivities, spirit weeks, movie nights, intramural sports, and door decoration our STUCO has made the school environment exciting and a fun place to be a student and staff member. The Fall athletic programs enjoyed great successes and made us all proud. The music programs are enjoying record numbers of student involvement and students being selected as All-State and District Honors in Band, Orchestra, and Choir. The Drama club has already had one production this year and will be performing a musical this Spring. All in all the students are extremely involved and demonstrating the excellence of our school every day.

If there was one thing that I believe would make things even better it would be student attendance. There is an epidemic in this country and it is Chronic Absenteeism. As a school we have a 92% daily attendance rate. Attendance in school is extremely important and is the number one factor in student and school success. It doesn't matter if it is excused or unexcused, when a student misses a class they miss a learning opportunity. A student may be able to make-up an assignment, but they will never get the full context of the lesson when absent. Did you know that missing school 10% or 2 times a month is considered Chronic Absenteeism? Research shows that when a student is absent two times a month it can negatively affect test scores, reduce academic growth, and increase a chance a student will drop out of school.

To explain this further there were 76 days in the first semester. If a child missed 7.6 days of school they are considered to be chronically absent. Out of the 76 days of school with the alternating block schedule a student is in each class approximately 38 days. Missing a single class more than four days can be detrimental to their learning and overall grade.

Second semester started January 2nd, and it is an opportunity for every student to start new classes, a new grading period, and a renewed lease on a great education! I encourage you to contact your child's counselor and or administrator if you have any questions regarding attendance, grades, schedules or anything to help them be successful.

Sincerely,

Rick Olsen, Principal
Longmont High School

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Attendance Policy

It is recognized that students miss school for a variety of valid reasons. When this happens, only the parents/guardians should call the school the morning of the absence. **THE ATTENDANCE LINE IS 303-682-7385.** All absences must be reported within 48 hours after returning to school. Absences not explained within two days (48 hours) after returning to school shall be recorded as unexcused absences, unless unusual or extenuating circumstances exist as determined by the principal. It is also important that appointments with doctors, dentists, etc. be scheduled outside of school time when possible.

The district may require suitable proof regarding any of the above, including written statements from medical sources.

Homework Requests:

Homework requests can be made by contacting the individual teacher via e-mail. Students may access the email address of an individual teacher through the school's web page at <http://lhs.svvsd.org> and clicking on staff. When emailing a teacher, please put the student's name in the subject box.

Leaving Early:

When students need to leave the building during the school day, thereby missing one or more class periods, students must sign out with the attendance clerk. **If your student has a scheduled appointment, please send a note to the teacher asking permission to leave class at the arranged time.** The student then must take the note to the attendance clerk and complete the checkout process.

Pre-Arranged Absences:

When a student is aware that he/she will be missing school for more than two consecutive days, a pre-arranged absence form must be filled out one week prior to the absence (extenuating circumstances will be taken into consideration). The student must first obtain the form from the attendance clerk and have each teacher complete and sign it, and second, take it home and have a parent read and sign it. The student then turns the completed form in to the appropriate administrator for approval. If the student is failing classes, a parent contact will be made prior to the form being accepted.

School Related Pre-Arranged Absence:

If it is a school-related absence, the above procedure must still be followed. The final signature must be made by the appropriate sponsor and the sponsor turns in these forms one week prior to the absence. If the student is failing classes, a parent contact will be made prior to the form being accepted.

Excused Absences, Excused Tardies, and Leaving Early:

- Illness (up to 3 days w/o doctor's note)
- Illness (over 3 days with doctor's note)
- Medical/dental appointment for student
- Take Your Child to Work Day
- School District sponsored events
- Religious observances
- Family emergencies/ hardship
- Absence required by a legal body or social agency (court, juvenile authorities, public health department, or police)
- Family funeral
- Funeral for a district student

Unexcused Absences:

- Sleeping In
- Parent running late/not able to get up
- Illness (over 5 days w/o doctor's note)
- Vacation without principal's prior approval
- Missing the bus/ car trouble
- Going to a parent's appointment
- No transportation
- Relatives/ friends visiting
- Care of siblings

LHS News

Follow LHS on Social Media!

Did you know you can follow Longmont High on social media for the latest news, events, and celebrations?

[Facebook](#)

[LHS Twitter](#)

[LHS Athletics on Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

Library Reminders

Parent Teacher Conferences will be here before we know it. I invite you visit the library during this time to learn more about Virtual Reality (VR). VR has the potential to truly revolutionize education. It immerses students in learning and blocks outside auditory and visual distractions. When students are in the VR headset they are fully engaged with what is there. I also encourage you to remind your students to join the VR Club. We meet Mondays and Wednesdays at lunch. Members can come as little or as often as time allows. Here are some of the things we do in the VR club:

1. Find VR content that connects to the curriculum
2. Train student VR ambassadors who will be in charge of setting up and using the VR systems for student learning
3. Set up VR stations that relate to curriculum content

Yearbooks are still available for purchase!

There are two ways that you can purchase a yearbook:

1. Fill out the order form (available on the yearbook website), and bring \$60 cash or check to the main office at Longmont High. Please make checks payable to Longmont High School.
2. Pay for the yearbook online through your student fees account - this will allow you to use a credit card. Click [here](#) to go to the RevTrak site.

Click [here](#) for a Yearbook Order Form.

High School of Business

Join High School of Business today and be a part of
FBLA!



High School of Business students will be opening a spirit wear store next year, and we are looking for students to be part of this! Students will be designing, printing, and customizing the merchandise that will be for sale. If you are interested in being part of HSB and working in the store, please apply here: [Application](#)

A Special Congratulations!

Congratulations to Alec Northouse, Jimmy McConahy, Blake Williams, Gabe Schulz, and Lincoln Hutchings! YSA (Youth Changing the World) and The Walt Disney Company issued a \$500 Disney Be Inspired Grant for their project, Hoops for Health. Students used the money to host a basketball camp where they promoted a healthy lifestyle through physical activity.



Spring Athletic Registration

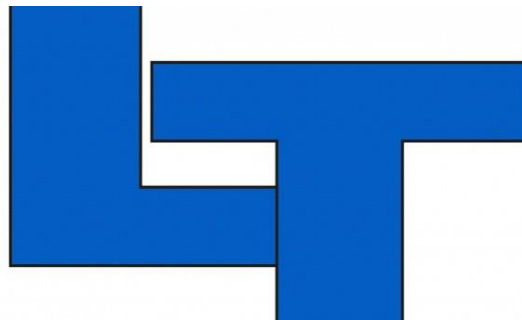
February 22nd and 23rd
At Lunch and After School

The 1st Official Day of Practice is February 26th for
the following sports:

- Baseball
- Boys' Swimming
- Girls' Soccer
- Girls' Tennis
- Track

To register go to lhs.svvsd.org.

*Registration should be completed prior to the first day of practice



Parent Meeting – February 20, 2018
5:30 PM in the following rooms:

Track - Community Room (526)
Baseball - Rm. 301
Girls' Soccer - Rm. 302
Boys' Swimming - Rm. 303
Girls' Tennis - Rm. 523

LHS Counseling Office

SENIORS!

THE SVVSD LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE POSTED!!!!

Seniors can find the SVVSD local scholarships as well as other regional, state and national scholarship opportunities inside Family Connection. Scholarship opportunities can be located at the bottom of the Colleges tab in Family Connection.

Parents of LHS Juniors: Save the Date!

Our annual Junior Parent College Admission Information Night will be held Wednesday, March 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. You'll learn how to support your student in the process of applying to and affording college. Topics include: how the college selection process works, how to put together a realistic college list, the role of standardized tests, how to make the most of a campus visit, the role of teacher recommendations and personal essays, and how to finance the college experience. Please join the Counseling staff for this very important meeting!



Need to make up classes?

e-Credit recovery is available at LHS after school. There is a mandatory Parent Orientation meeting in January. Please go to the website for classes and locations.

www.ecreditrecovery.com

Spring Registration for **SENIORS** is January 8-14, 2018
Spring Registration for grades 9-12 is January 15-26, 2018

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Testing Dates 2017-2018

These are national test dates administered by ACT and The College Board:

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018

Register for the ACT at: www.actstudent.org

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.com