



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

March/April/May 2017

DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

The winter season is wrapping up and we're moving closer to spring every day. Our students are mid-way through their second semester and our seniors only have a couple months until graduation. It is important to stay focused and attend school every day. During the month of April, Longmont High students will again be taking the state-mandated PARCC (9th grade) and PSAT (10th grade), and new this year, the SAT (11th grade). Because the tests/testing has changed I felt it was important to share the newest information.

- All 9th grade students will be taking the PARCC tests in English Language Arts and Math.
- All 10th grade students will be taking the PSAT test.
- All 11th grade students will be taking the SAT and CMAS Science tests.

See the following page for the complete testing schedule.

Students will be tested on their grade-level abilities in Reading, Writing, and Math. Additionally, 11th grade students will be tested in Science. The information from these tests is used in many ways. Longmont High School uses the data to help build individual student schedules, to get a clearer understanding of where students' academic strengths and weaknesses may be, and in determining curriculum needs. The Colorado Department of Education uses these scores to determine school accreditation and SPF (School Performance Framework). In turn, realtors use this information as a means of showcasing neighborhood schools with good ratings, which can influence home prices.

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The CMAS/PARCC exams are aligned with state standards and the students' scores represent where each student is in relationship to state standards. The SAT test will be administered to all juniors on Tuesday, April 11th. This exam is used by the majority of colleges around the country as an entrance exam and can determine whether a student is accepted to a particular institution. Along with the preparation students received in their individual classes during the past 3 years, Longmont High School has also provided additional resources to prepare our students for the SAT. All juniors who have been in attendance at Longmont High for the entirety of their high school career have been exposed to sample questions in their individual classes. Students have also been given the opportunity to take multiple SAT practice exams and get feedback on their scores. It is important to use any and all resources to prepare for this important exam.

I would encourage every student to do their best on these standardized tests, as these scores are important to you individually and to our school community.

Sincerely,

Rick Olsen, Principal
Longmont High School

State-Mandated Testing Schedule for LHS Students:

Grade 9:

April 12th and 13th

PARCC English Language
Arts & Math

Grade 10:

April 11th

PSAT

April 25th

PSAT Make-Ups

Grade 11:

April 11th

SAT

April 18th

CMAS Science

April 25th

SAT Make-Ups

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

Yearbook

There are only 40 more yearbooks available for purchase!

Yearbooks are still for sale for \$55! Yearbooks will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis. Once those 40 books have sold, we will not have any more books available for purchase. Please purchase the 2017 Yearbook as soon as possible! You can pay with cash, a check (made out to Longmont High), or by credit card through RevTrak.

Yearbooks will be distributed during the final week of school for Seniors in May.

National Honor Society

National Honor Society has lunch meetings scheduled for March 7th, March 21st, April 4th, April 18th, and May 9th. Potential new sophomore members can apply during the month of March (applications will be handed out and also available in room 217). Students will be notified of acceptance after Spring Break. The induction and recognition ceremony is scheduled for April 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

Please contact Emily Knapp if you have any questions!

Library

In partnership with Tattered Cover Book Store, students will hear a special presentation by author Estelle Laure at an assembly on Thursday, March 23rd. Estelle Laure is the author of young adult novels. If you would like to purchase one of her books, please stop in the library for more information. She lives in Taos, New Mexico with her family, where it is easy to believe in love and magic and the power of facing hard truths, which she does. Visit Estelle at www.estellelaure.com

Lost and Found

The LHS Lost and Found is currently overflowing! It is located in the small hallway outside of the custodian's office, and all students are encouraged to check there for lost or misplaced items.

Registration of the 2017-2018 school year will open on July 1st for the following sports:

- Football
- Volleyball
- Boys' Golf
- Boys' Soccer
- Softball
- Cross Country
- Boys' Tennis

Please refer to our website: lhs-trojans.com for summer programs and dates.

Meet Our New Head Track & Field Coach



Scott Dickinson was born and raised in Broomfield, Colorado and attended Broomfield High School where he played Football, Basketball, and ran Track and Field. Scott went to the University of Northern Colorado seeking a degree in Mathematics with an emphasis in Secondary Education. He also minored in Coaching and Psychology. As a college freshman he had the opportunity to walk on to the UNC Track and Field team, and ended up staying with the team throughout his four years at UNC. He competed in the 60m hurdles, 200m dash, 400m dash, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles, and numerous 4x400m relays. His strongest event was the 400m hurdles with a lifetime PR of 53.84 seconds. Scott is extremely excited to begin this Spring as the new Head Track & Field Coach at Longmont High School. He welcomes any and all students to join the Track and Field team, as well as any parents who would like to volunteer and help work during the four home meets of the season. Please contact Coach Scott Dickinson if you have any questions - dickinson_scott@svvsd.org.

LHS Counseling

Attention: Parents of LHS Juniors

Our annual Junior Parent College Admission Information Night will be held Wednesday, March 15, 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
- How to finance the college experience.

Please join the Counseling staff for this very important meeting!

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1

Longmont High Scholarships Available! - Seniors can log onto Family Connection, click on the "colleges" tab, scroll down to the bottom and select "scholarship list."

March 15

Junior Parent Night - LHS Community Room

April 6

LHS Scholarship applications are due by 3:00pm in the LHS Counseling Office.

April 11

State of Colorado SAT for all Juniors and PSAT-10 for all Sophomores

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Testing Dates 2016-2017

State-mandated testing dates for Longmont High School students:

- 9th grade students will participate in state PARCC testing the week of April 10th.
- 10th grade students will participate in state PSAT testing on April 11th.
- 11th grade students will participate in state SAT testing on April 11th, along with science CMAS testing on April 18th.

National testing dates administered by ACT and The College Board:

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
April 8, 2017	March 3, 2017
June 10, 2017	May 5, 2017

Register for the ACT at: www.actstudent.org

SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.com



St. Vrain Online Global Academy 2017-18 Information Evening

Interested in Learning More About a Virtual Education

St. Vrain Online Global Academy is the virtual high school (grades 9-12) in the St. Vrain Valley School District. This evening will provide you with the opportunity to meet our staff, as well as present information that includes, but is not limited to, our curriculum, student expectations, and whether or not an online learning environment will meet your student's individual needs.

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

6:00 p.m.

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