



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

November – December 2017

DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

November 1, 2017

We have completed the first quarter of the 2017-18 school year. We have enjoyed a great start to the school year including a successful and fun-filled Homecoming week. Our athletic teams are moving closer to the regional and state competitions. It's exciting to see such great talent and accomplishments in all of our programs.

Some exciting announcements that we have learned about since the last newsletter: Congratulations to seniors, Diana Barila, Jessica Brause, and Michaela Wilson, for receiving Letters of Commendation from the College Board for their scores last spring on the AP Exams. We had 29 AP Scholars, 3 AP Scholars with Honor, 19 AP Scholars with Distinction, and 2 National AP Scholars.

The LHS Medical and BioScience Academy continues to grow and is a rigorous four-year program that includes courses in Introduction to Healthcare Foundations, Nutrition and Wellness, Anatomy and Physiology, AP Sciences, and a senior year internship. Longmont High has a Guaranteed Acceptance Agreement with the University of Colorado Denver and Colorado State University for any student completing the requirements of the MBSA program. For more information contact MBSA Coordinators Erica Hadden (hadden_eric@svvvsd.org) or Chris Chou (chou_chris@svvvsd.org). If you are considering graduating with an MBSA Diploma, the requirements are shown below.

MBSA Diploma Requirements:

- Minimum 3.25 weighted cumulative GPA (all 4 years)
- Honors or AP-level math and science classes (grades of B or higher)
 - 4 years of Math and Science at Honors or AP-level
 - Complete sequence of Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Completion of any 3 MBSA-related classes (Introduction to Healthcare Foundations, Nutrition & Wellness, Forensic Science, Anatomy & Physiology, Philosophy 2) no grade lower than a B
- Successful completion of a semester-long internship or capstone project
- Complete paperwork for MBSA diploma by April of graduating semester
- SAT minimum score of 1040 or ACT minimum score 22 composite

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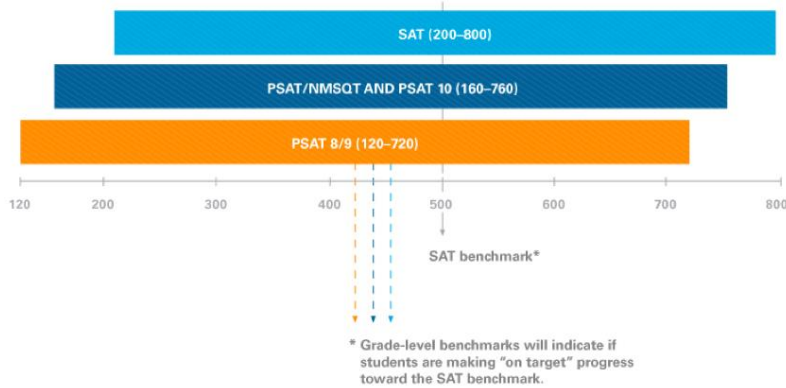
PSAT/SAT Testing and Preparation:

As we prepare students for post-secondary education, an important part of the admissions process is taking the SAT. The following assessments will be given spring semester:

- 9th Grade – PSAT 9 on April 11, 2018
- 10th Grade – PSAT 10 on April 11, 2018
- 11th Grade – SAT on April 10, 2018
- 11th Grade - CMAS – Science on April 17, 2018

Our teachers do many things on a daily basis to align their curriculum with the College Readiness Standards developed by the College Board. Teachers are integrating PSAT and SAT questions into their lessons and have taken the time to match our curriculum standards with the College Readiness Standards. Students in grades 9-11 have recently completed a practice test in PSAT and SAT. The results of those practice tests will help teachers support students in striving for the benchmarks in the graph below.

The following information is from College Board and will give you an overview of the benchmark scores. The [College Board website](#) is full of information ranging from helping students find a career path, to paying for college, to in-depth information about the exams.



I encourage all seniors and senior parents to meet with their counselors to make sure a plan is in place for post-secondary education. We also have a valuable resource in our counseling office that will provide assistance to students and parents in the college application process. Deb Schmidt is our College Center Coordinator and has a wealth of knowledge in the application process and researching colleges. The College Center is located in the counseling office whereby students and parents can access information, gain assistance, and build a plan for post-secondary options.

In closing, I hope that all students are enjoying the school year and are being challenged in their classes. As we move towards the second semester, I urge parents to communicate with your students about their class work, academic standing and personal goals for the school year. If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me so I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

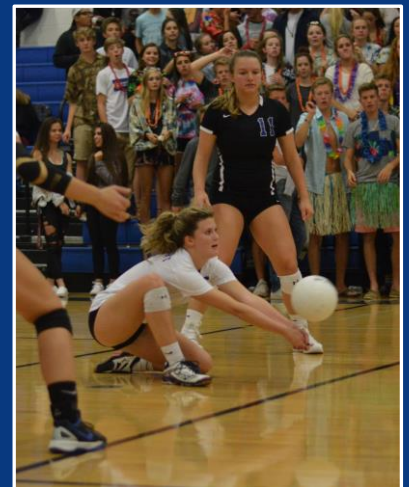
Rick Olsen, Principal
Longmont High School



The LHS Medical and BioScience Academy



LHS Jazz Band Performance



Trojan Athletics – Volleyball

Photos Courtesy of LHS Yearbook Staff

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

Two important reminders from the LHS Library:

1. The **iPad Troubleshooting Book** is a great resource to save to your iPad home screen. This way if you are having any problems you can fix it without leaving class.
2. With all of the time off in November and December, it is a great time to READ!!!! Our **District Digital Library** has thousands of books and audiobooks to choose from. Please contact Helen Robbins (robbins_helen@svvsd.org) with any questions.

Longmont High School Boosters Silent Auction

November 15th, 2017 5:00pm-8:00pm

- Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased in advance or at the door
- All proceeds support the student athletes, student clubs, and the Booster Club
- An all you can eat soup and dessert bar is included in the price of the ticket

Invite family and friends to support Longmont High School!

LHS News

Yearbook!

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 \$50 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.

The yearbook is \$50 from August 1st - December 31st. Starting in January, 2018, the yearbook will be \$60.

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

SENIOR DEDICATIONS/SENIOR TRIBUTES:

Senior Dedications/Tributes are an opportunity for you to honor your senior's accomplishments. Senior Dedications are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, if you submit your dedication before November 20th it will guarantee your spot in the yearbook. Here is a link for [Senior Dedication Information](#).

If you have any questions, please contact our yearbook adviser, Annie Gorenstein Falkenberg (falkenberg_ann@svvsd.org)

Intramural Sports

Student Council will be having Intramural Sports every Thursday during lunch! A variety of sports and activities will be offered. Incentives will be offered for students that attend on a regular basis.

High School of Business

Longmont High School Students among Top Business Students in the Country!

Two students at Longmont High School scored among the top business students nationwide on rigorous exams to test their business knowledge. The exams are part of the school's *High School of Business*™ program, a national accelerated business administration program of MBA Research and Curriculum Center. Approximately 6,000 students from across the nation participated in the program during the 2016-17 school year.

Receiving top scores were: Luca Capaldi for Wealth Management and Nik Kassogue for Business Economics.

Students participating in *High School of Business*™ complete real, hands-on business projects through a series of six courses. The program also includes observational internships, opportunities to earn college credit, and local oversight via a steering team of college faculty, business professionals, and school personnel.

High School of Business™ is a program of MBA Research, a non-profit organization specializing in educational research and the development of business and marketing curriculum for high schools and colleges across the U.S. The accelerated program is designed for college-bound students with interest in business administration careers, such as marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, or management. For more information about the national organization, visit www.MBAResearch.org/HSB. Locally, contact Jamey DeWitt at dewitt_jamey@svvsd.org.

The Little Free Pantry

High School of Business students, Alexia Meza and Sophia Manning, adopted the Little Free Pantry for the month of October for a service-learning project in their Leadership class. The Little Free Pantry is located at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church on 803 3rd Ave. in Longmont. The pantry holds food and is open to the public; meaning anyone can come and take food that they need. Alexia and Sophia collected canned goods and toiletries to replenish the box.



LHS Student – Luca Capaldi



LHS Students – Alexia Meza and Sophia Manning



The Little Free Pantry

Winter Athletic Registration

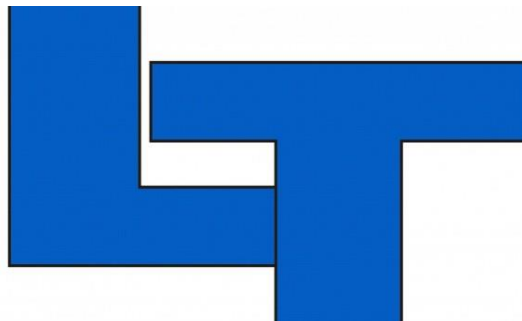
November 8th and 9th
At Lunch and After School

**The 1st Official Day of Practice is November 10th
for the following sports:**

- Boys' Basketball
- Girls' Basketball
- Wrestling
- Girls' Swimming

To register go to lhs.svvsd.org.

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



**Parent Meeting – November 6, 2017
6:00 PM in the LHS Auditorium**

LHS Counseling Office

SENIORS!

Front Range Community College FAFSA Fun Day is an opportunity for students and parents to get free help filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is the first step, and a federal requirement, for all college students who plan to pay for college with the help of Federal Student Aid like grants, work-study and federal student loans. Students who complete their FAFSA at the event can enter to win one of six \$1,000 scholarships to Front Range Community College for the 2018-2019 school year!!!

Front Range Community College FAFSA Fun Day will be held at each campus location (see below) on **Sunday, November 12th** from **1-3pm**. Spanish speakers will be available to assist with completing the FAFSA.

Boulder County Campus
2121 Miller Drive
Longmont, CO 80501

Larimer Campus
4616 South Shields St
Fort Collins, CO 80526

Westminster Campus
3645 W. 112th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80031



St. Vrain Valley School District local scholarships will be posted in Family Connection in December. Stay tuned!

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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
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017
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
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017
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