



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

Welcome Back Trojans!

September – October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We're off to another great start and I look forward to a rewarding school year. We welcomed the class of 2021 with over 300 students at Freshman Orientation. I want to thank our upperclassmen Link Leaders who were there all day helping the freshmen to familiarize themselves with Longmont High School. It is exciting watching these leaders share their pride in Longmont High School. The student council is already working to prepare for Homecoming and the week of activities; concluding with the Homecoming Dance on September 23rd.

Students, remember it is important to start the school year with a positive attitude. Longmont High has a strong tradition of academic and extracurricular excellence, and we want to continue that tradition. It is important for students to take ownership of their academic and personal goals. Success starts with three basic principles; Attendance, Punctuality, and Respect. These are keys to a strong educational environment.

Attendance is imperative for students to meet the academic challenges of high school. This one thing can be the difference in a student succeeding or failing. Therefore, I am asking that parents help the school by making sure your child attends school daily. Doctor and dentist appointments should be scheduled outside the school day every chance possible. Our classes meet for 90 minutes and the amount of material covered in that time is equivalent to two days' worth of work. The importance of attendance cannot be understated as the school, district, and state have strict attendance policies to convey this belief.

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Punctuality to class is also important to the overall success of a student and the climate of the school. Classes begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. with a 10-minute passing period between the first and second block, and second and third block. We provide a 40-minute lunch break between the third and fourth block. Students have plenty of time to get to class on time, and there is no reason why they should be late. Students who do not make it to class on time are making a choice to not be on time. This leads to my next point regarding respect.

Respect comes in many forms including respect for the school, respect for institutional rules, respect for other persons and their personal property, and respect for the staff. At Longmont High we expect students to respect themselves by respecting the things mentioned above. We need parental support to instill in students the importance of being respectful. We ask students to come to school with an academic focus, prepared to attend class and learn from the lessons being presented. The purpose of school is to get an education and to prepare for the next phase of the child's life.

PLC Days

The first PLC (Professional Learning Community) staff development day will be held September 6th with the first Wednesday of each month designated for PLC time and Late Start for students. Students will report to Longmont High to begin classes at 10:15 am on PLC days.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Our first Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 11th from 3:15-7:15 pm. Conferences will also be held at the same time on October 18th, February 15th, February 21st. Conferences provide a great opportunity for parents/guardians to meet their student's teachers. Communication between the school and home is a key factor in student success.

We look forward to a great school year filled with new challenges and accomplishments. The success of the students at Longmont High is a combined effort on the part of the student, parent/guardian, school staff, and community. Thank you in advance for your dedication to the success of the students and Longmont High School.

Sincerely,

Rick Olsen, Principal
Longmont High School



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Last Names: Pe-Z

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

Important Dates and Details

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is looking forward to a fun and busy semester! We are scheduled to meet at lunch in the Community Room on the following dates:

- August 29
- September 5
- October 3
- November 7
- December 5

There will be additional meeting times scheduled for committees of NHS students at dates and times decided by the group. All current NHS members must attend meetings in addition to completing their service hours. Please see Emily Knapp in room 217 with questions.

Library News

Parents, please make sure your students have done the following in order for the iPads to work most effectively:

1. iPads need to be signed into iCloud so that Find My iPad will work. If you do not know your Apple ID or password go to iforgot.apple.com.
2. Update the IOS Software to 10.3.3. Apps should be updated as well. Sometimes software does not work if the app or the operating software is not updated.
3. Please be sure to use Password Manager on Ceran to change your password. All students must change their school password by November 1st.

If you have any questions please contact Helen Robbins at robbins_helen@svvsd.org.

Homecoming 2017

The 2017 Longmont High School Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the LHS Gym. Tickets will cost \$15 and will be sold, in person and online, in the week preceding the dance. Students must have a student ID and a signed dance contract in order to purchase tickets. Online tickets will be sold on RevTrak and require that the student bring the printed receipt of purchase in order to exchange it for physical tickets.

Student Council will also host the annual Homecoming Carnival, starting at 4:00 pm, on Friday, September 22nd, before the Trojan football team takes the field against Mead High School at 7:00 pm. The Carnival is sponsored by more than a dozen Longmont High School clubs and organizations and features free games, food trucks, and treats for students and kids of all ages. We encourage you to stick around after the Carnival for some food and desserts before the game! The traditional Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at halftime of the football game. All school and community members are invited to attend. We'll see you there!

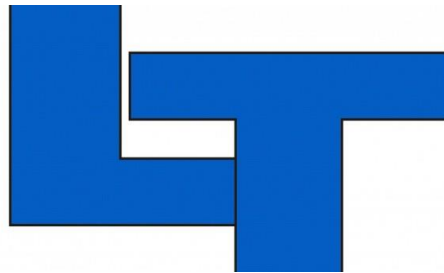
Winter Athletic Registration

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



**You can now purchase football tickets online at the
LHS Athletic Website!**

lhs-trojans.com

**To Contact the LHS Athletic Boosters: Facebook - @longmontbooster
Gmail - longmontboosters@gmail.com**

LHS Counseling

September:

- Remember to watch **CollegeVision** in the cafeteria for updates about upcoming events here and in the greater Denver area related to colleges; check **Family Connection** often for information topics related to college admissions.
- The huge **Denver National College Fair will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the Denver Mart.** Hundreds of college admissions representatives from the top colleges around the country will be there to meet with you. Sign up at <https://www.nacacfairs.org/> to register and get more information.
- **Seniors!** Log into your **Family Connection** account to add colleges to your application list, request transcripts and Letters of Recommendation, and sign up for college visits. All this can be done in the “Colleges” tab in Family Connection. Don’t forget to link your **Common Application to Family Connection**—watch the short video on your Family Connection homepage. Please see your counselor if you need assistance.

October is College Month!

- Many **admissions representatives from around the country** are scheduled to meet with interested LHS students right here in the building. Listen to daily announcements and/or check Family Connection online to learn which colleges will be coming; then sign up in the Counseling Office so that we can send a pass to your class. These sessions are a great way to learn about colleges and to help them learn about you!
- **Common Application Boot Camp:** Seniors, if you are applying to colleges that use the Common Application (there are over 700 of them nationwide, including CU, CSU, DU, Colorado College, Grinnell, Harvard, Yale, Davidson, Reed--you get the idea) we will be holding the annual Common Application Boot Camp (Date – TBA). Counseling staff will be on hand to help! Stay tuned to the Weekly Updates via email and school announcements.
- Juniors, the **PSAT** (pre-SAT) will be administered at LHS on **Wednesday, October 11th**. The PSAT will give you an idea of how you might perform on the SAT, and is the qualifying exam for the **National Merit Scholar Program**. The test costs \$16; come to the Main Office to register. Come to the Counseling Office if you would like to be considered for scholarship money to cover the cost of the test.
- **St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair:** All students, college fairs are a great way to gather information about many colleges in a short period of time. This year’s SVVSD event will be held at our very own Longmont High School! Plan to attend on **Thursday, October 19th, from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** Over 40 two- and four-year colleges and vocational and trade schools will be in attendance.

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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
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017
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
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017
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

Find more news and events at <http://lhs.svvsd.org>