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DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

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Welcome to the start of the 2015-16 school year. We have had a great start to the school year. Thanks to the support of our community, Longmont High distributed iPads to all of our students during the first week of classes. The iPads will be utilized extensively in classes as the year progresses. This is a monumental time in the education of our students. The St. Vrain Valley School District is a leader in innovation and progress with technology. We are very fortunate to have a supportive community and the leadership it takes to provide our students with the best opportunity to learn 21st century skills.

As students begin their classes and meet their teachers, they will be taking another step toward their ultimate goal of graduation and preparation for post-secondary success. Over the four years that students are in high school they have an opportunity to take 32 credit hours of classes. As an Honors and Advanced Placement Focus School, Longmont High School offers 21 Advanced Placement and Honors classes in all core content areas at all grade levels. We also have a partnership with the University of Colorado Denver and offer seven classes through the CU Succeed Gold Program. Through this program, students can earn college credit while taking the class at Longmont High School. Through the Advanced Placement Program, students can also earn college credit by taking and passing the Advanced Placement Exam. Many of our graduates finish their high school career with a semester or more of college credit completed before they enter college.

Longmont High School has a guaranteed acceptance agreement with the University of Colorado Denver and Colorado State University for our students graduating with an MBSA Diploma. Our partnership with Longmont United Hospital allows MBSA students an opportunity to complete an internship during their senior year. Many local professionals also volunteer their time to be guest speakers in our Introduction to Health Careers class. The academic programs at Longmont High School will challenge students and prepare them for post-secondary educational success.

All students are highly encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Research shows that students involved in extracurricular or co-curricular activities have higher grades and are engaged in school more than those who do not participate. There are many programs, teams, and clubs in which students can participate. We are proud that a large majority of our student population regularly participates and is involved in one or more extracurricular or co-curricular activities during the school year. This is the standard for our school and it speaks volumes about the teachers, programs, coaches, sponsors, and our students.

Attendance and being on time to class are very important factors in a student's success. The instructors develop extensive lesson plans for every 90-minute block. When a student misses a class, or part of a class, they miss valuable information. Parents are asked to know their student's schedule and the start times for each block and have students at school on time and ready to learn. Infinite Campus is the online program parents and students can access to monitor grades, assignments, and attendance.

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The Safety and security of our students and staff is our number one priority. For the safety of our school community, cameras are used in and around the building. Along with external cameras, we have internal cameras in the hallways and common areas that provide surveillance to monitor the areas and help in the protection of our students and staff.

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I invite each and every parent to be involved with Longmont High School and in the education of your students. We have many opportunities for parents to volunteer on committees, in booster clubs, and in other ways to support Longmont High. The School Improvement Committee meets monthly and I welcome any parent to join this important committee that oversees the school's academic goals. Many parents are involved in the music and athletic booster programs as well as the Longmont High School Education Foundation. These organizations allow parents and families to volunteer their time or donate monetarily for the benefit of our school and students. If you would like to be involved, there is a volunteer form you can complete or you can call and speak with any of my assistant principals or me for additional information.

I look forward to a school year filled with learning, successes, and memorable times for the student body of Longmont High School.

Sincerely,

Rick Olsen, Principal

Longmont High School

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Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors: College-Related Activities Ahead!

September

St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair: Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors, college fairs are a great way to gather information about many colleges in a short period of time. This year's event will be held right here at Longmont High! Plan to attend on **Wednesday, September 23, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** To see which colleges will be represented, come to the Counseling Office.

Common Application BootCamp: Seniors, if you are applying to colleges that use the Common Application (there are over 500 of them nationwide, including CU, CSU, DU, Colorado College, Grinnell, Harvard, Yale, Davidson, Reed—you get the idea) come to the annual Common Application BootCamp in the computer lab in the LHS Library anytime from **12:35-2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29.** Counseling staff will be on hand to help!

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 the **Trojan Nation calendar** 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!

The huge **Denver National College Fair** will be held on **Sunday, October 11, 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 www.nacacnet.org/ncfstudent to register and to get an overview of the fair.

Sophomores and Juniors, the **PSAT** (pre-SAT) will be administered at LHS on **Wednesday, October 14.** The PSAT will give you an idea of how you might perform on the SAT, and, more importantly, is the qualifying exam for the **National Merit Scholar Program.** The registration deadline is September 25. The test costs \$16; a limited number of scholarships to cover the cost of the test are available. Please come to the Main Office to register.

A special **College Affordability program for parents** will be held **October 27, 6:30 p.m.** in the Community Room. Our speaker will be John Gudvangen, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment and Director of Financial Aid at the University of Denver.

Remember to watch **CollegeVision** in the cafeteria for updates about upcoming events here and in the greater Denver area related to colleges; check the LHS website for our **weekly blog** on topics related to college admissions.

In addition, the **Counseling staff will be available all month to help you learn more about colleges, work on your applications and essays, and learn how college can be affordable for you and your family!**

Attendance Policy

It is recognized that students miss school because of certain 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.

Excused Absences, Excused Tardies/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

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 teacher's email addresses 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 obtain the form from the attendance clerk and first have each teacher fill out 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 student pre-arranged 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 student pre-arranged form being accepted.

TROJAN ATHLETICS

Winter Sports Registration Instructions

Registration for Winter Sports will Open October 15th, 2015

Please pick up a blue Emergency Card in the Main Office. This will need to be filled out and accompany a copy of your physical to complete registration.

YOU MUST STILL BRING IN A COPY OF YOUR PHYSICAL TO KELLIE IN THE OFFICE

Instructions to Register:

Go to the school athletic website: lhs-trojans.com

Click on Trojan HQ

Longmont High Athletic Registration

Winter Athletics

Choose Sport

Register

Add your child and fill in the registration: you can pay online or in the Main Office.

Hit Checkout

Hit Go to Checkout

Hit Continue

Hit Complete Order

**You must print out a copy of the receipt or save a copy to your phone to show in the Main Office.

When registration is complete, bring in your physical to the Main Office. You will still need to fill out a Contract with Kellie in the Main Office. You will need to take the blue Emergency Card and the pink Contract Sheet to your coach.

Cost per calendar year:

1st sport - \$150.00

2nd sport - \$150.00

3rd sport - \$120.00

Family Max: \$500.00

Sport Schedules can be found at lhs-trojans.com

Library News

Now that most of our students have iPads, let's get them reading!

Here is a reminder of how to get on Overdrive:

Google [Longmont High School Library](#) (Encourage students to hit the share button and Add to Homescreen- this way all the library resources will be right at their fingertips.)

Click on [Overdrive](#) Icon

Login is the same as their district computer login

Browse and Borrow! (Note: Now that we have so many titles for K-12 it helps to filter by interest level under levels to remove all of the Dr. Seuss choices!)

Student Council

Student Council will be hosting our annual Homecoming Week festivities, Monday, October 5 through Saturday, October 10. Students and staff are welcome and encouraged to participate in our Spirit Week festivities by "dressing up" on various theme days throughout the week, the "themes" of which will be announced prior to Homecoming Week. On Friday, October 9, we start off the weekend right with our annual Homecoming Carnival, which is free, and open to the community, with candy and prizes provided to students of all ages who participate and engage in games and competitions run by Longmont High School student groups, clubs, and athletic teams. And don't forget the Homecoming football game, Friday, October 9, at 7:00 pm, against Loveland High School. The Homecoming King and Queen will be announced at halftime and our own marching band will have a special performance. Homecoming weekend concludes with the Homecoming Dance, Saturday, October 10, from 8:00 to 11:00 pm. Tickets for the dance will be sold on the days prior to the Dance, details of which will be announced as the event gets closer. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement of ALL things "LHS", and we hope to see the entire community, Friday, October 9!

Choir News

CSU Men's Choir Festival - Wednesday, September 23rd @ CSU

Fall Choir Concert - Tuesday, October 13th @ 7:00 in the auditorium

SVVSD Choir Festival - Wednesday, October 21st @ 7:00 @ Frederick HS

LHS Halloween Concert - Wednesday, October 28th @ 7:13 in the auditorium

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are now available for purchase!

There are two ways that you can purchase a yearbook:

- Fill out the order form (available on the yearbook website), and bring \$50 cash or check to the main office at Longmont High (make checks payable to Longmont High School).
- Pay for the yearbook online through your student fees account--this will allow you to use a credit card.

The yearbook is \$50, if purchased before winter break. Starting in January, 2016, the yearbook will be \$55.

Attention Senior Parents!

To submit your child's senior photo, please email it to trojanpriamYBK@gmail.com

The deadline to submit a senior photo is November 13, 2015. You will receive a confirmation email when we receive the image. The larger the file size, the better!

This year we will be collecting Senior Biographies for all seniors. This information will be printed with each student's senior photo in the yearbook and will serve as a record of the activities each senior participated in while at Longmont High.

Here is a link to fill out the Senior Biography form:

<http://tinyurl.com/trojanbio2016>

If you have any questions, please email Annie Gorenstein-Falkenberg (falkenberg_ann@svvsd.org)