



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

November – December 2016

DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

We recently completed the first quarter and are quickly moving towards the completion of our first semester. Many great things have been happening at Longmont High in our classes and in our athletics and performing arts. Homecoming was a huge success with over 600 students attending, thanks to our outstanding Student Council and student body.

Additionally, we have held two conference nights for parents to meet with their child's teachers. Often times at the high school level parents begin to back away from the connections with the school and rely on their student to communicate how they are doing in class or at school. I want to invite all parents to be actively engaged with their child's education. Monitoring your child's progress and communicating the value of education is important. We know that diligence in work, attention to grades, responsibility for attendance and punctuality are key factors that you can help out with at home. Student progress can be accessed through Infinite Campus at any time. Monitoring your child's grades and attendance opens up opportunities to discuss with your child their academic goals.

Our staff at Longmont High is committed to providing a great learning experience for all students. Longmont High uses many sources of data to monitor student achievement. We recently completed grade level assessments using iReady, and PSAT and SAT practice tests. As a school we will use this data for baseline information in determining goals and instructional strategies. Parents and students will be given a report and can use the information to identify where students compare to the national average in core content areas. In the spring we complete the state mandated exams for the purpose of identifying students who are advanced, proficient, partially proficient, or unsatisfactory on state standards. Teachers are assessing students daily in their individual subject areas. Counselors monitor student grades and completion of coursework for graduation purposes. All of these forms of monitoring are done to help students prepare for college readiness and post-secondary education.

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Longmont High School offers opportunities for students to get individualized help in all their subject areas. Teachers are available before and after school and many times during their lunchtime. Teachers offer times for students to meet with them if they need individual help in the subject area. If you need to contact a teacher there is a listing of e-mail addresses on our website. Individual conferences can be scheduled with counselors and/or teachers. When students are absent, unexcused, or tardy to a class the automated phone system will call the parent contact number that evening to communicate attendance and tardies. If you have any questions on how your student is doing, maintaining communication with the staff is one way to ensure you have accurate and updated information.

One of the most important things that parents can do to help is take an active role in making sure their child is attending school. Good attendance is critical to their academic success and to a successful high school experience. When a student misses a class, he/she misses a learning opportunity, which cannot be recaptured. No single factor may interfere with a student's progress more quickly than frequent absenteeism. In addition, being on time to class is important as students arriving late disrupt the classroom when they walk in late and miss the introduction to the assignments for the day and warm-up activities. Parents are welcome to call our attendance clerk, their child's counselor or administrator anytime to get attendance information on their child. The attendance number is 303-682-7385 and the main number is 303-776-6014.

Congratulations to all the fall athletic teams for their accomplishments this season. It is very exciting as we still have teams competing for state titles. The students and coaches have put themselves in this position through hard work and dedication. Longmont High has an outstanding student body that continually makes us all proud.

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



LHS Athletics: Softball



LHS Orchestra Concert



Crowning of Homecoming King
Liam Moin

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

LHS Athletics Broadcast on the NFHS Network

Longmont High School athletics will now be broadcast by Blake Olson of Football America on the NFHS Network. This new partnership will provide parents, grandparents, alumni, and all individuals unable to attend Longmont High School athletic events the opportunity to watch live games and continue following the Trojans. We are excited about the opportunity to be a part of the NFHS Network! If you are unable to attend the game take advantage of the opportunity to watch the game by joining the NFHS Network and following the Trojans. Use the link below:

<http://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/longmont-high-school-longmont-co>

Library News

Three important reminders from the LHS Library:

1. Please update your iPad to IOS10 or higher. Several school apps will not work properly if you are still on older software.
2. Overdrive is a great place to check out books anytime, anywhere. We are always adding new titles. Be sure to check out a great book to enjoy over our upcoming breaks.
3. Never install a VPN on a school device at any time. It violates the LTP agreement and your iPad will get frozen if you do install a VPN. If this happens, come to the library at lunchtime and we will unlock it after you remove all non-school apps.

Drama Auditions

Monday, November 7th and Tuesday, November 8th!

Come and see Mrs. Miller to sign up for an audition or to be involved backstage.

Upcoming Concerts

Vivaldi Gloria Concert

Orchestra and Choir will combine forces to perform Vivaldi's Gloria on November 10th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

Winter Choir Concert

December 8th at 7:00pm in the Auditorium.

LHS News

Yearbook!

Yearbooks are still for sale for \$50! Pre-ordering is the only way to guarantee your student a copy of the yearbook.

Last year, we sold out of the book, and many people missed out on getting a copy. You can pay with cash, a check (made out to Longmont High), or by credit card through RevTrak. Prices will go up after Winter Break!

Yearbook Order Form: http://lhs.svvsd.org/files/2017%20Yearbook%20Order%20Form_0.pdf

Senior Parents!

There is still room available to purchase a senior dedication (baby ad) for the yearbook. This is a great opportunity to celebrate your senior. You can create a dedication for your individual senior, while some parents even choose to go in together to honor two or more seniors. The process is easy, select photos of your student, write them a message, and submit them with payment to the yearbook staff (longmontyearbook@gmail.com). The yearbook editors will design the dedication for you! Please make checks payable to Longmont High.

Senior Dedication Order Form: http://lhs.svvsd.org/files/Senior%20Dedication%20Information_0.pdf

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

National Honor Society

The remaining meeting dates for this semester are November 8th and 15th and December 6th and 13th at lunch in the Community Room. Service Hour logs are due at the December 13th meeting, and there are many options for students to earn service hours before the end of the semester. Students should see the NHS officers, Ms. Knapp, or our Schoology group page for information about service hour opportunities and college planning information for National Honor Society.

L-Town Café

The Cafeteria is open for breakfast before school from 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM. A second breakfast is served from 9:15 AM to 9:25 AM. Lunch is served from 12:35 PM to 1:15 PM. To pay for meals quickly and easily online go to myschoolbucks.com.

Registration for Winter Sports:

November 7th, 8th, and 9th

1st Official Day of Practice: November 11th

Winter Sports: Boys' and Girls' Basketball, Girls' Swimming, and Wrestling

Registration must be done ONLINE for each sport your athlete plays. Payment must also happen at the time of registration either online or in the office.

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

Instructions to Register:

- Go to the school Website: www.lhs.svvsd.org
- Scroll down to Online Payments
- High School Payment (Choose Longmont High School)
- Athletic Payments - Winter Athletics
- Choose Sport
- Register (Add your child and fill in the registration, you can pay online or in the office)
- Continue to Checkout and Complete Order

Cost per calendar year:

1st Sport - \$150.00

2nd sport - \$150.00

3rd sport - \$120.00

Family Max: \$500.00

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

When Registration is complete bring in your physical exam results to the office. You will still need to fill out a contract with Kellie, and take the blue emergency card, as well as the pink contract sheet, to your coach.

LHS Counseling

SENIORS!

College application deadlines are looming! Students should get their transcripts and letters of recommendation lined up BEFORE Thanksgiving break! Go to **Family Connection** on the LHS website. On the Colleges tab, add colleges to your list and request transcripts. Letters of Recommendation can be requested here too! If you need assistance linking/matching your Common Application to Family Connection, please see your counselor.

Upcoming opportunities for seniors and parents to complete the FAFSA:

The FAFSA is the gateway application to complete for financial aid and scholarship consideration for college. In other words, it is important to complete it!

This year, for the first time, families can complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) well ahead of admissions and financial aid deadlines. It is online now, and uses 2015 IRS tax data. If you need help completing the FAFSA, consider attending:

Arriba FAFSA Family Night:

Arriba is the LHS Latino college-bound student club. On **November 9**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room, bilingual financial aid officers from CSU will help families complete the FAFSA. A light meal and child care will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Deb Schmidt at schmidt_deborah@svvsd.org.

College Goal Sunday:

This is a national, annual event held at community colleges and other institutions around the country. This year's nearest event will be at Front Range Community College right here in Longmont on Sunday, **November 13**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Financial aid experts will be available to help you complete the FAFSA. Prizes, including scholarships to Front Range, will be awarded at this event. For more information, contact: collegegoalcolorado.org.

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Testing Dates 2016-2017

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

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
December 10, 2016	November 4, 2016
February 11, 2017	January 13, 2017
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
December 3, 2016	November 3, 2016
January 21, 2017	December 21, 2016
March 11, 2017	February 10, 2017
May 6, 2017	April 7, 2017
June 3, 2017	May 9, 2017

Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.com