

# NEWSLETTER

## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

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Longmont High  
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We have completed the first quarter of the 2014-15 school year. Many exciting things have been happening and our students have been working hard in their classes and extra-curricular and co-curricular commitments. 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. As I am writing this letter, our music programs are preparing for their first concerts of the year to be held the week of October 12th - 18th.

During our last advisement schedule day, the 9<sup>th</sup> grade students met with their Unity teacher to look at their current grades and continue to build the relationship for support. These teachers will monitor students' progress towards meeting the standards in their classes and their transition to high school. We know it is very important for students to get a positive start to their high school career in order to graduate on time and be prepared for post secondary education. This team of teachers spends many hours developing curriculum, consistent instructional strategies implemented in every 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, and a strong message about the importance of education and the pride in being a Longmont Trojan. If you are interested in any information on the program or your child's progress please contact one of our coordinators of the program, either Jackie Bilan at [bilan\\_jackie@svvsd.org](mailto:bilan_jackie@svvsd.org) or Kerri Courtney at [courtney\\_kerri@svvsd.org](mailto:courtney_kerri@svvsd.org).

Longmont High is committed to meeting the needs of all students and offers college opportunities in all core academic areas as well as several elective options. Students can take courses that meet the rigorous academic requirements of college-level coursework beginning their sophomore year. In return, students may receive college credit through the Advanced Placement program or the CU Succeed Gold Program. Longmont High offers 20 Advanced Placement courses, 7 of which are in partnership with the University of Colorado at Denver. AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Biology, AP Environmental Science, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Literature, and AP Psychology are all certified CU Courses.

Now in its second year, our Medical and BioScience Academy is thriving. We currently have over 80 students enrolled in the academy. Students interested in careers in the Health Sciences can begin as early as their freshman year learning about the Health Sciences. This rigorous four-year program will include classes in Intro. to Health Sciences, Anatomy and Physiology, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, and a senior year internship. Longmont High has a Guaranteed Acceptance Agreement with the University of Colorado Denver for any student completing the requirements of the MBSA program. We are very excited about meetings taking place currently with Colorado State University to establish a similar partnership. We will be sure to communicate the development of this partnership. For more information, contact the MBSA Coordinator Chris Chou at [chou\\_chris@svvsd.org](mailto:chou_chris@svvsd.org).

We recently offered our sophomore and junior students the opportunity to take the PSAT test. We had approximately 200 students take the PSAT on October 15<sup>th</sup>. These scores should be available in the spring and we will pass this information on to the students and parents. The juniors who took the exam have the chance to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship while the sophomores gained valuable experience from the test.

As we prepare students for post-secondary education an important part of the admissions process is taking the ACT and SAT. Therefore, we offer the PSAT for students to familiarize themselves with the SAT. In preparation for the ACT our teachers do many things on a daily basis to align their curriculum with the College Readiness Standards developed by ACT. Teachers are integrating ACT questions into their lessons and have taken the time to match our curriculum standards with the College Readiness Standards. Each teacher has the College Readiness Standards posted in their classroom. Students should become familiar with these standards and apply themselves to improve in each area in preparation for the ACT. Additionally the St. Vrain Valley School District has purchased licenses for all students to access an ACT and AP tutor program called "Shmoop". All 11<sup>th</sup> grade students should have registered for Shmoop through their English class. This is a valuable tool that will help students improve their scores if accessed and used with fidelity. If you have questions about your child's progress towards meeting the ACT College Readiness standards please talk with their teacher and counselor.

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The following information is from ACT and will give you an understanding of the benchmark scores. These benchmarks are the minimum scores required for students to have a high probability of success in credit-bearing courses in College English Composition, Social Sciences courses, Algebra and Biology.

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The majority of colleges use the ACT test and a student overall GPA for their index scores and college acceptance. All 11th grade students in the state of Colorado must take the ACT given in April.

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.

This year seniors will take part in an important upcoming assessment called CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Assessment). This assessment will be given to all 12th grade students in November. The CMAS assessment measures student knowledge in *science* and *social studies*. The test format for each discipline has 3 separate sections.

These assessments will be conducted during different single block periods (only one per day) on each of the following days: November 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, and 13. Apart from the single block test period on each of these days, the school day will continue as normal and students will attend their other regularly scheduled classes. Thanks in advance for your support throughout the CMAS testing period. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

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

### Steve Margolin's U.S. Government Class

Please take a look at this great article and video about Steve Margolin's class and their work with CU Boulder Law Students and Constitution Day.

[http://www.timescall.com/news/longmont-schools/ci\\_26562125/longmont-students-among-colo-teens-learning-about-first](http://www.timescall.com/news/longmont-schools/ci_26562125/longmont-students-among-colo-teens-learning-about-first)

### Student of the Month from Twin Peaks Rotary Club

Congratulations to our own Amanda Arndt for receiving the Student of the Month award from Twin Peaks Rotary club. The theme for October was excellence in Music or Fine Arts. This photo will be in the Times Call.



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### DRAMA NEWS

The Winter play will be *Sherlock Holmes*. There will be an informational meeting on November 5th during lunch in the Drama Room. Auditions will be November 12th after school. Please sign up for a time on the Drama board in the hallway outside the auditorium starting November 5th.

For more information contact Coach Hansberry.

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## Library News

The LHS library is getting ready for the 1:1 iPad rollout. Here is a [google doc](#) that explains some apps that support our library resources. Additionally, stay tuned for next month's announcement about accessing the district digital library.

## TROJAN ATHLETICS

### Longmont Tennis Team

Congrats to Jake Fell, CJ Fryberger and Luke Johnson: Jake is going to State for the 4th year in a row at 1 singles and CJ and Luke took 3rd place at regionals!

## Winter Sports Registration Instructions

### Registration for Winter Sports opened October 1st, 2014

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 District Website: [www.svvsd.org](http://www.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.

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 office.**

When Registration is complete bring in your physical to the 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

**Registration deadline is November 30th**

**SPORT SCHEDULES CAN BE FOUND AT [www.trojanathletics.org](http://www.trojanathletics.org)**

## Health Clerk News

This is a friendly reminder of SVVSD policy regarding medication:

\*Students are NOT allowed to carry medication unless the proper forms are on file in the Health Office.

This includes Ibuprofen, Cough Syrup, Allergy Medication, etc.

\*All medication must be brought to the Health Office by the parent/guardian.

\*Medication needs to be in a sealed box/bottle.

\*A Permission for Medication Form must be filled out by parent/guardian and doctor.

If your child has a medical condition including Asthma, Diabetes, a Severe Allergy or a Seizure disorder, an **Individual Health Plan** needs to be filled out by their doctor. All IHPs will be distributed to your child's teacher to help assist and protect your child.

To obtain these forms or if you have any questions please contact Melissa Lisenbe, Health Clerk at LHS.

# LHS Counseling

**Registrar:** Linda Westerlind: westerlind\_linda@svvsd.org. 720-494-3907

**Counselors:**

LR Powers (A-G): powers\_luther@svvsd.org

Lea Phillips (H-Pa): phillips\_jane@svvsd.org

Karen McKay (Pe-Z): holmesmckay\_karen@svvsd.org

Elizabeth Fossum (9<sup>th</sup> grade): fossum\_maria@svvsd.org

**Intervention Specialist:** Abby Ruble: ruble\_abigail@svvsd.org

**LHS Counseling Web Site:** <http://lhs.svvsd.org/academics/counseling>

\*College application deadlines are looming! Students should get their transcripts and letters of recommendation lined up BEFORE Thanksgiving break.

\*Need help applying to college? Please see our college advisor, Deb Schmidt.

\*Searching for scholarship? Check out the new scholarship box in the Counseling Office. New scholarships are coming in everyday and are organized by the month they are due. Students can also register at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to get scholarship opportunities delivered to their email boxes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October

#### College Application Month

31<sup>st</sup> Concurrent Enrollment due for Spring 2015 semester.

### November

17<sup>th</sup> Daniel's Fund Scholarship due([www.danielsfund.org](http://www.danielsfund.org))

### December

TBD Scholarship Quick Start

TBD ACT Prep

### January

14<sup>th</sup> District Financial Aid Night, 6:00-7:30 at Skyline High School

### February

8<sup>th</sup> College Goal Sunday

Local St. Vrain Valley scholarships due

18/25<sup>th</sup> FAFSA support meetings at parent conferences

### March

25<sup>th</sup> Junior Parent College Information Night, 6:30 community room

### April

28<sup>th</sup> State ACT, mandatory for all juniors  
Concurrent enrollment due for fall 2015

Longmont High Scholarships due

### May

1<sup>st</sup> National Admissions Candidate Reply Date

# LHS Counseling

## ACT & SAT DATES

<u>ACT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
December 13, 2014	November 7, 2014
February 7, 2015	January 9, 2015
April 18, 2015	March 13, 2015
June 13, 2015	May 8, 2015

\*Register at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

<u>SAT Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
December 6, 2014	November 6, 2014
January 24, 2015	December 29, 2014
March 14, 2015	February 13, 2015
May 2, 2015	April 6, 2015
June 6, 2015	May 8, 2015

\*Register at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

## YEARBOOK NEWS

### Senior Photo Submission:

\*Senior photos should be submitted electronically: <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/Index.jsp>  
Longmont High School Code: 7344

\*All senior photos must be submitted on or before **December 12th**. Student ID photos will be used after that date.

\*Photos should be 300 dpi in resolution and saved as a JPEG file.

### Senior Dedications:

Please submit all senior dedication pictures through <http://www.hjeshare.com/eShare/Index.jsp> or upload photos and send them to [albert\\_rebecca@svvsd.org](mailto:albert_rebecca@svvsd.org) along with the written dedication.

Room for senior dedications is predetermined and granted on a first come, first served basis. Therefore, we cannot guarantee how long there will be space available. There will be updates regarding available space throughout the fall.

1/8 1 picture, 30 words \$50

1/4 2 pictures, 75 words \$100

1/2 5 pictures, 200 words \$200

\*Checks should be made payable to LHS.

### Yearbook Purchases:

Online through Herff Jones at: <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com> or at Longmont High School in the main office.

Prices are subject to change after January 1st.

\*Checks should be made payable to LHS.

<http://albertsenglish.yolasite.com/yearbook.php>

# Longmont High School Education Foundation (LHSEF)

## Over 20 YEARS of SERVICE!

We are proud to support the educational excellence that continues at Longmont High! We actively seek to fund projects that would not happen in today's budget-constrained environment.



Recent grants have included lab coats for the new Medical BioSciences Academy (MBSA) teachers, Nook eReaders for the library, and a Google Chrome mobile lab laptop cart. We can do so much more with your support! Visit [www.supportlhsef.org](http://www.supportlhsef.org) today and donate!

One exciting way to donate and at the same time leave your mark in the community is to sponsor a brick in the Trojan Pride Walkway. Whether it's for an individual student, your entire LHS alumni family, or a local business, your contribution of a brick will be a lasting reminder of your commitment and loyalty to Longmont High School.

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