



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

March/April/May 2018

Dear St. Vrain Valley Families:

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to advance the well-being and academic success of our students. We are very fortunate to have such committed families, outstanding students and dedicated teachers and staff that make our community a highly engaging and supportive environment for our children to thrive.

Student safety is a top priority across St. Vrain Valley Schools. This is the core of our work and we are committed to a consistently proactive approach to fulfilling our highest responsibility – ensuring the well-being, safety and growth of our children. We have implemented many programs and protocols to ensure the highest levels of school security, many of which are being replicated across the state and nationally. Along the way, we have heavily involved our community in shaping the safety and quality of our learning environments. In the past year alone, we have **featured stories** in district publications, developed news articles, earned **media coverage**, delivered school presentations and hosted 12 public meetings across every community in our district – all emphasizing our work to increase school safety and support student advancement.

As we continue our drive for increased community engagement and public participation across our schools, we invite you to join us for one of this year's annually scheduled Bond Update and School Safety Town Hall Meetings. These public events are designed to share current security features and protocols; discuss how school officials, law enforcement, parents and students can work together to further strengthen school safety; and show the progress of construction projects and other 2016 bond program plans.

Community members may attend any or all meetings to ask questions, make suggestions and/or provide feedback. Light refreshments and childcare (ages 3-12) will be provided. To reserve childcare for the event, please RSVP at stvra.in/childcarersvp.

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Family engagement is essential to the success of our schools and ensuring that we continue to advance excellence in serving our students, families and community. Please feel free to contact me at 303-682-7205 or the Department of Communications at communications-group@svvsd.org if you have any questions or suggestions prior to the upcoming meetings. It is an honor to continue serving our St. Vrain Valley families, students, teachers and staff – together, we will continue advancing public education.

Sincerely,

Don Haddad, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Upcoming Community Meetings

Erie Middle School
650 Main St.
Erie, CO 80516
Monday, March 5th
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Timberline PK-8
233 E Mountain View Ave.
Longmont, CO 80504
Wednesday, March 7th
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Frederick High School
5690 Tipple Pkwy
Frederick, CO 80504
Thursday, March 8th
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

Silver Creek High School
4901 Nelson Rd., Longmont,
CO 80503
Thursday, March 15th
6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

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 Reminders

School Safety

Please be reminded that we will continue to ask that students carry their Longmont High student ID card with them at all times. We also ask that all visitors, including parents, volunteers, and other guests, have a photo ID with them and check in with the main office upon entering our school building during the school day. Visitor badges will be issued at the front desk and we ask that you display them in a visible manner while you are visiting Longmont High.

Yearbooks are still available for purchase!

There are only 75 books left until we will be sold out.

There are two ways that you can purchase a yearbook:

1. Fill out the order form (available on the yearbook website), and bring \$60 cash or check to the main office at Longmont High (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.

Click [here](#) for an order form.

Affordable Internet at Home

Question: How can I get affordable internet at home?

Answer: Low cost options for Internet access are available from the following entities:

- [Comcast Internet Essentials](#)
- [Century Link Internet Basics](#)

Note: These providers will NOT use the district's Internet filtering

Upcoming Dates and Events

Testing Dates and Information

March

- March 12-23: Post-Test PSAT/SAT (During Classes)

April

- April 10: SAT (11th Grade Only)
 - 7:45 AM -11:45 AM
 - Lunch begins at 11:45 AM for all students with a modified afternoon schedule
- April 11: PSAT (9th and 10th Grade Only)
 - Lunch begins at 11:45 AM for all students with a modified afternoon schedule
- April 12-20: PSAT Make-Ups
- April 17: CMAS Science (11th Grade Only)
 - There will be a modified schedule for grades 9, 10, and 12
- April 18-27: CMAS Make-Ups
- April 24: SAT Make-Ups

May

- May 7-18: AP Testing

Prom

Tickets will be on sale April 18th, 19th, and 20th during lunch and after school.

Prom will be on April 21, 2018.

Students must pick up and sign a permission slip from the front office during the ticket sales week in order to receive a ticket

Library Update: iPads

Be Sure to Back Up Your iPad!

Starting next year, the district will be adopting a new Mobile Device Management (or MDM) system for managing student and teacher iPads. The company we currently use has been sold, and the software we use will no longer be supported. There are several important implications.

When students turn in their iPads this year they will need to wipe the iPad clean and set it up again at the start of next year. Therefore, all students are encouraged to back up their existing iPad data or risk losing it entirely. Here is a link to the [Self Help iPad Resource Book](#) with information, and the section on backing up has also been included below.

There are three general ways to back up:

1. Google Drive: This can be time consuming if you try to do it all at once. But, you should be in the habit of loading videos, files and photos up to google drive as they are created so that if something unexpected happens to your iPad you will not lose everything.
2. iCloud: This will only work if you have enough storage space to back-up everything.
3. iTunes (on your computer): This requires a computer with iTunes.
 - Connect your iPhone or iPad to your computer with a cable and launch iTunes
 - Make sure iCloud is turned off on your iPhone or iPad. You can't create backups using iTunes when iCloud is enabled.
 - In iTunes, right-click (or Ctrl-click) on your device, which appears in the leftmost pane under Devices. Choose Back Up.

If you happen to have an account with a cloud storage service such as Dropbox that would also be an option.

How to Register for a Sport:

- You can register online [here](#).
- Registration for 2018-2019 will open July 1st.

Important Dates:

April 25th - 8th Grade Athletics Night

July 19th - Football/Boys' Golf Registration in the LHS Main Office (10:00-2:00 PM)

July 19th - \$30 Physicals at registration (12:00-3:00 PM)

August 2nd - Fall Parent Meeting (6:00 PM in the LHS Auditorium)

August 6th&7th - \$30 Physicals at Trojan Photo Day (8:00 AM -12:00 PM)

First Practice Date

Fall Sports: August 13

- Football (August 6th)
- Volleyball
- Cross Country
- Cheer
- Boys' Golf (August 6th)
- Softball
- Boys' Tennis
- Boys' Soccer

Winter Sports: November 9

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

Spring Sports: February 25

- Baseball
- Girls' Soccer
- Boys' Swimming
- Track
- Girls' Tennis

How to Purchase an Activity Pass:

Activity Passes can be purchased at lhs.svvsd.org (Quick Link: Athletic Season Pass)

The form must be printed and brought to Trojan Photo Day.

Student Only Pass: Students are admitted to all home games at LHS (excluding post-season games).

Cost - \$60

Family Pass: Up to six family members receive a pass for entrance into all home games at LHS (excluding post-season games).

Cost - \$155

Summer Athletic Activities

Check the Athletic website for summer opportunities (lhs-trojans.com).

LHS Counseling

Attention: Parents of LHS Juniors!

Our annual Junior Parent College Admission Information Night will be held Wednesday, March 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Community Room. You'll learn how to support your student in the process of applying to and affording college. Topics include:

- How the college selection process works
- How to put together a realistic college list
- The role of standardized tests
- How to make the most of a campus visit
- The role of teacher recommendations and personal essays, and how to finance the college experience

Please join the Counseling staff for this very important meeting!

IMPORTANT DATES

March 1st

Longmont High Scholarships available—seniors can log into Family Connection, click on the “colleges” tab, scroll down to the bottom and select “scholarship list.” Look for scholarships listed as “LHS Scholarship.”

March 14th

Junior Parent Night—LHS Community Room

April 5th

LHS Scholarship applications due by 3:00pm in the LHS Counseling office

April 10th

State of Colorado SAT for all Juniors

April 11th

PSAT-10 for all Sophomores

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Testing Dates 2017-2018

State-mandated testing dates for Longmont High School students:

- 9th grade students will participate in state PSAT testing on April 11th.
- 10th grade students will participate in state PSAT testing on April 11th.
- 11th grade students will participate in state SAT testing on April 10th, along with science CMAS testing on April 17th.

National testing dates administered by ACT and The College Board:

ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
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
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018

Register for the SAT at: www.collegeboard.com