



AN ADVANCED PLACEMENT FOCUS SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

September – October 2016

DEAR TROJAN PARENTS, STUDENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

Welcome to the start of the 2016-17 school year! As a staff we are excited for the school year. The support from our school community is always outstanding and a huge part of Longmont High's success.

The distribution of iPads to all of our students took place the first full week of classes. This is our second year with 1:1 iPad implementation at our school. Additionally, this is the final year in the Technology Plan to complete the 1:1 initiative to all high school and middle school students in the St. Vrain Valley School District. We are very fortunate to have this educational technology available to our students and staff. It would not be possible without the continued support from our community. The value placed on public education in St. Vrain allows our students access to great facilities, incredible teachers and staff, and the latest innovative instructional technology.

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 course of 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 23 Advanced Placement classes, as well as Honors classes in all core content areas at all grade levels. We also have a partnership with the University of Colorado Denver and offer eight (8) classes through the CU Succeed Gold Program. Through this program students can earn college credit while completing the class at Longmont High School. Our teachers of these classes are certified adjunct professors through CU Denver. Through the Advanced Placement Program students can also earn college credit by taking and passing Advanced Placement Exams. Many of our graduates finish their high school career with a semester or more of college credit completed.

Longmont High School has a guaranteed acceptance agreement with the University of Colorado Denver and Colorado State University for students graduating with a MBSA Diploma. Our partnership with Longmont United Hospital allows MBSA students an opportunity to complete an

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internship during their senior year. Many local professionals also volunteer their time to be guest speakers in our Introduction to Health Careers class.

This year Longmont High is kicking off a new nationally recognized program in business education. The High School of Business Academy is a four-year program developed through MBA Research to prepare students for post-secondary programs in business. The academic programs at Longmont High School will challenge students and prepare them for post-secondary educational success. If you have any questions, or would like to learn more, please contact the school for a tour or meeting with a counselor.

All students are highly encouraged to get involved in extra-curricular and co-curricular activities. Research shows that students involved in these activities have higher grades and are more engaged in school than those who do not participate. There are many programs, teams, and clubs in which students can be involved. We are proud that a large majority of our student population regularly participates in one or more extracurricular or co-curricular activities throughout 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 child'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.

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.

I invite each and every parent to be involved with Longmont High School and in the education of your students. We have many volunteer opportunities for parents on committees, in booster clubs, and in other ways that support Longmont High. Many parents are involved in the music and athletic booster programs, and we also have 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 our 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 myself 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

LHS Administration



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Principal



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Students: 10th - 12th
Last Name: 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 & Details

October Late Start has been CANCELLED!

The Colorado Department of Education has identified Wednesday, October 5 as the official statewide October Count Day for the 2016-2017 school year. To comply with this state mandate and ensure maximum attendance, **Longmont High School will have a full day of school with a normal start time (7:45 AM) on Wednesday, October 5 in place of the previously scheduled late start day.**

Homecoming

The 2016 Longmont High School Homecoming Dance will be held on Saturday, October 22, from 8:00 pm to 11:00 pm in the Main 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, October 21 before the Trojan football team takes the field against Northridge 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 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!

National Honor Society

Current Junior and Senior members of National Honor Society! The first mandatory meeting of the school year will take place on Tuesday, September 6 in the Community Room during lunch. Future meeting dates will be announced, and election of junior officers and current service hour opportunities will be discussed. Please see Ms. Knapp in room 217 or email knapp_emily@svvvsd.org with questions. Thank you!

Bus Transportation – Zpass

Zpass+ is a free service for St. Vrain Valley School District parents. Zpass+ can send parents both text and email notifications when their student scans on and off the school bus. Parents can also set up permissions to allow others to receive the same notifications. When loaded on your mobile phone, the Zpass+ App will enable you to see a geographical map location of where your student scanned on or off the bus.

You can set-up an account by going to www.zpassplus.com

Yearbook

Yearbooks are now available for purchase!

There are two ways that you can purchase a yearbook:

1. Fill out the order form (available online), and bring \$50 cash or check (payable to Longmont High School) to the main office.
2. Pay for the yearbook online through your student fees account. This option will allow you to pay with a credit card. The link for the RevTrak website is:
<https://stvrain.revtrak.net/tek9.asp>

The yearbook is \$50, if purchased before winter break. Starting in January, 2017, the cost will be \$55.

Attention Senior Parents!

SENIOR PHOTOS:

To submit your child's senior photo, please email it to longmontyearbook@gmail.com. The deadline to submit a senior photo is October 18, 2016. You will receive a confirmation email when we receive the image. The larger the file size, the better!

SENIOR BIOGRAPHIES:

This year we will be collecting Senior Biographies for all senior students. 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/LHSseniorbio2017>

SENIOR DEDICATIONS:

Senior Dedications are an opportunity for you to honor your senior's accomplishments. Senior Dedications are sold on a first come first served basis, if you submit your dedication before December 18th it will guarantee your spot in the yearbook.

Here is a link to the Order Form: <http://lhs.svvsd.org/files/Senior%20Dedication%20Information.pdf>

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

Registration for Winter Sports:

November 3rd and 4th

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.

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

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 on topics related to college admissions.
- The huge **Denver National College Fair** will be held on **Sunday, September 25, 2016, 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 learn more.

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. 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 -- you get the idea) come to the annual Common Application Boot Camp in the LHS Library from **12:35-2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11th**.
- Sophomores and Juniors, the **PSAT** (pre-SAT) will be administered at LHS on **Wednesday, October 19th**. 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 registration deadline is September 28th, and the costs is \$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**: 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 SVVSD event will be held at Mead High School. Plan to attend on **Friday, October 21, from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** To see which colleges will be represented, come to the Counseling Office.

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Longmont High School Education Foundation (LHSEF) *Build a Foundation. Leave a Legacy!*

We are proud to support the educational excellence that continues at Longmont High! Whether you're a family with a freshman settling in to high school life, or a senior soon to be embarking on their next journey, we're here to support you.

"What Can I Do to Help?"

There are four ways to get involved. Choose what's best for you:



Donate.*

Straightforward, little time involved, and the funds go straight to helping the students!

You can donate to LHSEF directly on our website, www.supportlhsef.org.



Get a Paver.

Sponsor a brick on the Trojan Pride Walkway. Available in three sizes—your team, family, or graduating class might like to leave a larger footprint!

Honor your Senior with a completely unique gift that will last a lifetime!



Join Us!

We are always SEEKING NEW BOARD MEMBERS for the LHSEF.

Interested parties may contact Foundation President Amy Stoehr at 303.682.1072 or amy@mcleaninternational.com.



Volunteer.

Extra hands are always valued, from promoting the Walkway at live events to helping with mailings, calls, or teacher tributes. We can do so much more with your support!

***Celebrate Tradition...
Support Excellence...
Inspire the Future!***

Visit www.supportlhsef.org, where you'll find information about who we are and what we do, and a convenient DONATE button!

** Check donations should be made out to LHSEF and mailed to
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