

LORAIN HIGH SCHOOL

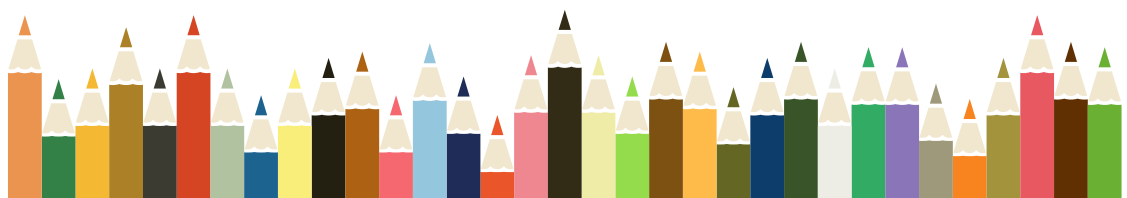
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Lorain High School - Parent Newsletter 10/10/20

Dear Families!

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of October! Although the nights might be turning a little crisper, I know that our students are heating up on the preparation and studies front. We cannot stress enough the importance of student engagement in both synchronous and asynchronous learning. Our teachers are progressing through the curriculum and it is imperative for students to keep up with their school work. Families, please be sure to check your student's progress in PowerSchool regularly. If you are unsure on how to do this, please consider attending one of our upcoming Parent Tech Academy sessions. We will be offering two live sessions this Thursday, 10/15 (11:30 am and 6:30 pm). Each time slot





The Fortnite in Preview

10/9 - NEOEA Day

10/12 - Board of Education Meeting @ 5:00 PM

10/15 - Parent Tech Academy
11:30 am session and 6:30 pm session.

10/16 - Last day of 1st Quarter

10/19-10/23 Lorain High School
Stay at Homecoming 2020

10/23 (3:30 - 6:00 pm) & 10/24
(10:00 am - 12:30 pm) Girls
Basketball Tryouts. Open Office
Hours for Tech Help (see email
from Molly Tyson)

will feature an English speaking session along with a separate session that will feature a Spanish speaking interpreter.

Meanwhile, it has been exciting to begin the process of planning for the potential return of our students. In this newsletter, you'll find important updates with respect to our Open with Care - Phase 2 process. We are actively working internally, and collaborating with local partners, in order to create the safest possible conditions for welcoming our student's back onto our campus.

As always, I encourage you to continue to refer to our school website, https://www.lorainschools.org/lorainhighschool_home.aspx, and our social media pages for the latest information and Lorain High updates.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their continued support and wish you and your family safety and health during these unprecedented times. I feel very confident that when we all return together, it will be with a greater sense of community and a renewed perspective for all of the values that make Lorain High School a special place!

Best,

Mr. Patrick Coleman
Principal – Lorain High School



Parent Tech Academy - 10/18/20!

PowerSchool 101 - Monitoring Your Child's Progress! - We are excited to introduce and kick off our Parent Tech Academy! Our first sessions will be held on Thursday, 10/15. The goal for each a session is provide info on authenticating to PowerSchool, and providing an overview on how to monitor your student's grades. We will be facilitating sessions at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm, with each time slot featuring an English speaking session, and a Spanish speaking session.

11:30 am session - Topic: Parent Tech Academy - Teacher Communication & PowerSchool

Time: Oct 15, 2020 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lorainschools.zoom.us/j/81771731525?pwd=OS8xNkYra3RwWW5TZoJXREtzREovUTo9>

Meeting ID: 817 7173 1525

Passcode: 790027

6:30 pm - Topic: Parent Tech Academy - Teacher Communication & PowerSchool

Time: Oct 15, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lorainschools.zoom.us/j/83540079121?pwd=VlVMbnRxQXJCMXB1NiJZeHEza09ldzo9>

Meeting ID: 835 4007 9121

Passcode: 633186

11:30AM Sesión - Servicio Tecnico para Padres

Time: Oct 15, 2020 11:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lorainschools.zoom.us/j/86770738846?pwd=TjBmWjlwVnZCWIE5NW1YUIUoVWFnUTo9>

Meeting ID: 867 7073 8846

Passcode: ayuda

6:30PM Sesión - Servicio Tecnico para Padres

Time: Oct 15, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://lorainschools.zoom.us/j/82289093918?pwd=VW5RQ2k5NmZDb0hITUVVYVR4NXFYdz09>

Meeting ID: 822 8909 3918

Passcode: ayuda

Help, I'm having technology or laptop issues??!!

Problems with your laptop? - Call the Help Desk at 440.830.HELP. They will walk you through some basic troubleshooting steps. If these are unsuccessful, they will refer you to our Main Office to come in and swap out your device. We are available from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm for swapping hardware. Important to note, you need to be referred from our Help Desk prior to swapping your machine. Make sure you've already connected with the Help Desk prior to coming into the Main Office.

Internet Issues? - Call the Help Desk at 440.830.HELP, they will work with you to determine which options can be utilized to support you.

Cash for College!!

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid/FAFSA is now available for completion. By completing this document, most Lorain seniors will receive free money from the government called a Pell grant. This Grant could be worth as much as \$6,300. For more information and assistance completing this document, email Mr. Newman/the College Guy at dnewman@loraincsd.org or text him at 440-308-7851.

College Now Resources!

College Now provides college access and financial aid support directly to LHS students. Specifically,

- ACT prep waivers (if student meets economic criteria)
- College application fee waivers
- College visits
- College and career exploration
- Summer Program opportunities
- Scholarships

Additional services available to all students and parents

- Help with test registration forms and access test prep materials and workshops
- Career assessments
- Assist with college admissions and financial aid applications
- Show students how to access local and national scholarship opportunities
- Explore financial aid resources and compare financial award letters from different colleges
- Hosting application and scholarship workshops during the school day
- FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) workshops

For more information on College Now and how you can access these resources, please reach out to our College Now Advisor, Dave Newman at dnewman@collegenowgc.org

ACT Support!

Seniors who want to improve their ACT score have the opportunity to do so twice this semester. The first is on Saturday, October 24th and the second on Saturday, December 12th. The test sites for October are Amherst Middle School and Avon Lake High School. We do not at this time however, have the waivers that make it free/"in the Mail".

Even though many colleges are "waiving" the ACT/SAT as an admission requirement for next year, these test scores will be used to determine merit scholarships. Schools will also be asking for letter of recommendation and essays in order to determine your worthiness if you choose not to submit test scores. So, start thinking about who you will ask and thinking about the elements of "your story" for the essay part.

Colleges are also beginning to accept applications and the FAFSA becomes available on October 1. If you need help selecting a major, determining colleges to apply for or ACT registration, text at 440-308-7851 or email at dnewman@collegenowgc.org. Remember, HE IS ON YOUR SIDE!

Needin a little help in Math?

Is your Math class is feeling a little bit overwhelming? For anyone needing a little extra support, please reach out to our Title I Math Teacher extraordinaire, Airyn Hunter! Mrs. Hunter is available for 1:1 or small group Zoom sessions. Email her at ahunter@loraincsd.org ASAP in order to get something set up!

LEO Club

Do you want your child to hone their leadership skills? Does your child need activities to include on their job applications and college applications? Have them consider joining Leo Club, supported by the Lorain Lions Club. Members of the Leo Club will have the opportunity to participate in leadership workshops, learn more about career opportunities, participate in virtual community service projects, and serve as mentors to other students in the district. Students who are seniors and are actively engaged in Leo Club activities can apply for college scholarships offered through the local and national Lions Club. If your student is in 9-12 grade and is interested in becoming a Leo Club member, have them complete the [Leo Club Registration Form](#). Questions?? Email Ms. Molly Tyson at mtyson@lorainschools.org.

Homecoming/Spirit Week - 10/19 - 10/23

While we will not be sponsoring a formal Homecoming Dance, we are excited to announce that we will be facilitating a Homecoming Court recognition and spirit week. This will take place during the week of October 19th - October 23rd. We've created the "Lorain High Stay-at-Homecoming 2020" Facebook page as a hub for the week's virtual activities.

Monday, Oct. 19th: Titan Spirit Day. Bust out your best and brightest Titan Gear. The bluer and grayer, the better! Take pics, post them on the fb page.

Tuesday, Oct. 20th: Favorite Character Day. Dress like your favorite character, take pics, and post them on the fb page.

Wednesday, Oct. 21st: Favorite T-shirt Day. Wear your favorite t-shirt, take pics, and post them on the fb page.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd: 90's day. Wear your favorite 90's gear, take pics and post them on the fb page.

Friday, Oct. 23rd: Color Wars. Seniors wear light blue, Juniors wear red, Sophomores wear purple, Freshmen wear yellow. Post pics on the fb page.

Stay tune sure to follow our "Lorain High Stay-at-Homecoming 2020" facebook page!

*****Also, we will run a virtual homecoming court campaign. Please tell your students about this - if they are interested in running for court, they need to email sdifranco@loraincsd.org - ASAP. Students will need to be passing all classes and be in good standing with respect to attendance.*****

Lorain High School Student Council!

Ms. Cooper and Ms. Correthers will again be sponsoring our Lorain High School student council. For those interested in participating, the first meeting will occur on Thursday, October 22nd at 1:30 PM. Students, if you are interested in joining this meeting, please email Ms. Cooper (mcooper@loraincsd.org) or Ms. Correthers (ccorrethers@loraincsd.org) and they will share zoom credentials with you!

Athletic News! Girls Basketball Tryouts

Girls Basketball Tryouts - Girls Basketball tryouts are taking place on Friday, Oct 23rd from 3:30-6:00 and Saturday, Oct 24 from 10-12:30. Any girl wishing to tryout must have a completed physical and be registered on final forms prior to trying out. For any questions, please call the LCS athletic department (440.830.4008) or visit lorainathletics.org.

Lorain High School Bowling Team Info

Are you looking to STRIKE out on a new adventure? Then consider trying out for the Lorain Titans Bowling Team. Open Gyms are on the following days: October 19th, 21st, 23rd, & 26th @ 3:15 pm. Tryouts are Friday Oct 30 & Mon Nov 2 @ 3:30 pm. DON'T BE LATE!! Rebman Recreation 5300 Oberlin Avenue

ALL OPEN GYMS AND TRYOUTS COST \$6.00

You must be registered in final forms before attending an open gym. Use the following link. <https://lorain-oh.finalforms.com>

YOU MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL ON FILE BEFORE TRYING OUT

Head Coach – Chaz Velasquez

titansbowling@gmail.com

*****All Lorain High athletic coaches, athletes, and spectators will be expected to follow all safety protocols and guidelines, as determined by the OHSA and Lorain County Board of Health. This will apply for any practice, competition, or team gathering. Details on these protocols will be shared shortly via our athletic department.*****

Student Support Team Structure at LHS

Student Support Teams - Often in large comprehensive high schools, Assistant Principals, Guidance Counselors and in many instances Social Workers, serve students according to their current grade level. This results in students being re-assigned a new Assistant Principal, Counselor, etc.. at the start of each school year. We believe that the relationships that we develop with our students and families are as important as any other aspect of our work. To this end, we are going to be servicing students by alphabetical breakdown, whereas an Assistant Principal, a Guidance Counselor, and a Social Worker will serve as the leadership foundation for each of these *Student Support Teams*. Your child's Student Support Team assignment will remain consistent for their four years at Lorain High. This means students and families won't need to rebuild relationships with new AP's, Counselors and Social Workers each year. Additionally, our teams will sharpen their synergy and collaborative approach to supporting kids and families, as they develop deeper professional relationships over time. [Click on this link to view our Student Support Team breakdown](#),

Last Name	AP	Counselor	Social Worker	Secretary
A - E	Diane Rollins	Dennis Owen	Amy DiTullio	Nancy Reyes
F - Man	Takisha Jackson	Mark Stimecz	Elisha Neely	Elsie Andorka
Mao - Ri	Nancy Lecorchick	Melissa Clark	Laura Gooch-Brown	Michelle Survance
Ro - Z	Bryan Hilko	Trena Falencki	Markia Boone	Ruby Rivera

Daily Bell Schedule - Attendance Guidelines

We are facilitating synchronous (live) instruction on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. On these days students will follow an amended bell schedule ([linked here](#)) and will engage in live instruction with their teachers via a web conferencing application known as Zoom. Students need to attend these virtual classes on these days or they will be marked absent. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be asynchronous (work at your own pace) days. On “asynch” days, teachers will be available for extra support via office hours, and students will have the time and space to progress on assignments and projects. For more information on how each day will be structured, [click here!](#)

*****It is a violation of Ohio Revised Code/Child Labor laws for students to be scheduled for work during school hours. In alignment with the law, working during school hours is not permitted.*****

Open with Care - Phase 2!

Phase 2 Planning - We have begun internally planning for a potential return to school for our students. This past week involved district and high school administrators conducting site visits with neighboring schools that are currently implementing a hybrid model. This will continue next week as well. The objective of these visits is to learn from the successes (and hiccups) that others are encountering, so that we can create the safest possible plan for welcoming students back onto our campus. Of note, the high school will serve as one of the district's model restart schools. As we move further into our planning phase, Lorain High School will be hosting families on site in order to give you an opportunity to observe the safety protocols that will be put into place, and see first hand what the student experience will look like. Many families have asked, “why didn't you ask us about whether we want to return during your last survey”? The answer is that we want you to have as much information as possible, including an opportunity to see and experience these safety protocols, before asking you to make this important decision. We want your input on a school restart, but we feel it is critical for you to feel like it is as confident and informed a decision as possible. More to come!!