



# LORAIN CITY SCHOOLS

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Welcome back!

By now all of you are aware, Lorain High School will be starting the 2020-21 school year on a remote learning plan. I will tell you the same thing that I told our teaching staff at our opening staff meeting. As a teacher, I always looked forward to the summers. It was nice to have the ability to recharge my batteries a bit professionally, lean into some summer learning, broadening my professional tool belt, and it was certainly nice to have extra time to spend with friends and family. As a principal, summers are my least favorite time of the year! A school building is not meant to be empty and quiet. It slowly takes a toll on me being separated from the best part about our school, YOU, our students!

While I am sad that I won't see too many of you face-to-face, please know that our building is less quiet of late. Our staff has been working tirelessly over these past few weeks (and months) in order to ensure they deliver high quality instruction from a distance. Over the last three weeks, they have participated in technology focused professional development, becoming well versed on the tools they'll be using, and they are ready to deliver engaging virtual lessons to you!

This particular newsletter has a lot of information (apologies) but I wanted to ensure we are all on the same page as the school year begins. I'm sure there will be questions at various points during our first academic quarter as we adjust to remote learning, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at [pcoleman@loraincsd.org](mailto:pcoleman@loraincsd.org).

We are looking forward to working with you this school year!

Best,

Mr. Patrick Coleman  
Principal – Lorain High School



## New Administrative Structure at Lorain High School

We are excited to announce that we will be moving to a “Student Support Team” structure at Lorain High School this year! 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](#), complete with updated contact information!

## We are in Phase 1 of our Open with Care return to learning plan, what does this mean?

This means that all students will engage in remote learning from home, grades PreK - 12. You can find relevant guidelines and links for Phase I on our district website ([linked here](#)). Additionally, [this presentation](#) shares helpful details with respect to what your family should expect during our first quarter of remote learning (9/8 - 10/16).

## What will our daily schedule look like at LHS?

We will be 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. 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!](#)



## Our first day, 9/8, is an “asych” day. What should my child be doing on this day?

First, we are asking that all of our students log into their Lorain Schools email and check out their Google Classrooms by 8:45 AM on Tuesday morning so that they can find any instructions or messages shared by their teachers. Most of our staff are treating this day as a “soft opening” in which your students will have an opportunity to test out and troubleshoot using Zoom, and to briefly connect with their teachers. If there are any hiccups with logging into the various applications, we wanted you to have a day to get this figured out prior to our live instruction, [which will start according to our synchronous bell schedule on Wednesday, 9/10.](#)

## Ok, I have my laptop, and I want to get going, how do I get started?

[Please click here](#) in order to review our Quickstart Guide for Remote Learning! It’s definitely a good idea to review this document prior to Tuesday morning and get a head start on successfully logging into your different applications. If you run into any trouble at all, call the tech help line at 440.830.HELP

## I still don’t have my laptop, can I still pick it up?

Yes! We have hosted five separate laptop distribution pick up days, and we will be holding one more “make up” session on Tuesday, 9/8 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. We ask that you pull onto our Lorain High School campus via the Ashland Ave entrance, from there, signs will guide you to our auto lab area (south east corner of C building) where we will check you in and get you your laptop. A friendly reminder, an updated EMA will be required (we will have blank forms for you to fill out) and you will need to provide updated proof of address (a recent utility bill, mortgage statement, pay stub, bank statement, lease or rental agreement).

*No cell phone bills, no insurance bills, no medical documents.*



## My child is enrolled in Early College and I need to pick up supplies from the teachers? When can I do this?

There will be an Early College book return and book/materials distribution on Tuesday, 9/8. The times will be as follows:

Seniors - 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Juniors - 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Freshman - 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Of note, we will only be distributing materials that are not available online. All sophomore materials are available online, hence not being included in the distribution above. If you have any questions, email our Director of Early College, Amanda Haney at [ahaney@loraincsd.org](mailto:ahaney@loraincsd.org).

## Is it true that all sports at Lorain High School have been cancelled? Where can I get more information?

At our August 10th school board meeting it was announced that we would only be moving forward with two non-contact sports for the fall season, cross country and golf. Placing the highest possible priority on the safety of our athletes and staff, we determined that there wasn't a safe path for us to move forward with sponsoring Football, Boys & Girls Soccer, or Girls Volleyball. For more information, please reach out to our athletic director, Bryan Koury at [bkoury@loraincsd.org](mailto:bkoury@loraincsd.org).

## I heard that the Class of 2024 Virtual Orientation aired on Friday night, where can I find a link?

That is correct, our Virtual Orientation debuted on Friday, 9/4. You can find it on our TV20 YouTube page, [or by clicking this link!](#)



## Where can I find the most up to date information on meal distribution?

### Lorain City Schools/Aramark Bagged Meals for Students:

- Meals will be distributed **Tuesday and Thursdays ONLY beginning September 8th**
- **Meals are only for students enrolled in Lorain City Schools** – this will be verified by name of student, school they attend, grade and/or student ID number
- Students will receive a **2-day bag on TUESDAYS (4 meals)**
- Students will receive a **3-day bag on THURSDAYS (6 meals)**
- Each meal will be individually packaged and then placed into one large bag.
- There will be no meal service on weekends or holidays
- [Menu updates will be published through Nutrislice here](#)
- **Meals will be delivered in two different ways on Tuesdays and Thursdays, to ensure meals are more accessible to those we serve:**
  - **36 School Bus Stops out** in our neighborhoods from 12:00-3:00PM. [Click here to view the schedule.](#)
  - **Extended time to pick up meals** will be available from the parking lots of **Washington Elementary, Larkmoor Elementary and Southview Middle schools between 4:00-6:00PM**

For more information on meal distribution - [click here to land on the meal distribution page](#) at [www.lorainschools.org](http://www.lorainschools.org)

## Where can I find the most up to date information on community resources?

Please check out the Community Resources page on our district website ([linked here](#)). Whether it be clothing, social services, mental health support, employment services, utility bill support, food/brown bag pick ups... We are here to support you!



## 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](mailto:dnewman@collegenowgc.org)

Thanks for all of this information, but I still have a question or two!

[In addition to this link shared earlier](#), which outlines our Student Support Team structure and contact information, please consider [bookmarking this additional list of Lorain High School contacts](#). We are here to support you, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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