



LHS Update

August 27, 2021



School reopens Thursday, September 9th!

Dear LHS Community,

I hope this update finds you and your family well, and that summer gave you the opportunity to rest, to recharge, and to visit with family and friends. As you know construction and renovations at LHS have been in full swing and will be wrapping up just in time for the opening of school after Labor Day. On August 11th the Board of Education approved the recommendations of the community task force regarding the start of school. In summary the approved recommendations are:

- ALL students and staff are back for in-person learning.
- We are returning to our pre-COVID schedule, including arrival and dismissal times, bell transitions, locker and locker room use.
- We are NOT requiring the daily health screening; however, if you feel sick, stay home!
- We still have the portable washing stations, and frequent hand washing and use of sanitizer is encouraged.
- We will maintain three feet of social distancing where possible, including in the music content areas.
- We require all students and staff to wear masks for all indoor instruction and activities. This includes bus



transportation. Masks must be worn on buses. Masks are not required for outdoor activities.

- We will NOT conduct contact tracing in classes since the wearing of masks is a requirement. We will NOT quarantine healthy individuals if masks are worn.
- When eating in the cafeteria, masks are not worn but 6 feet of space must be maintained. If one is vaccinated and is exposed at lunchtime, quarantine will not be necessary if no symptoms are exhibited. However, one needs to get tested 3-5 days after exposure. Proof of vaccination will be required.
- We have eliminated the polycarbonate partitions except for speech classes, where viewing one's mouth is vital to instruction and masks are necessarily removed.

As we reopen a number of things are on the minds of the staff of the high school. Our areas of focus for the year include:

- Re-establishing pre-Covid building procedures and practices while simultaneously being ready to make changes should it become necessary.
- Helping students adapt back to the rigors of the daily home/school routine.
- Identifying students in need of support as well as the areas of support required.
- Providing academic as well as social/emotional support for all students throughout the year.

Schedule Changes

Students interested in making a schedule change may still email their request to:

lhs.scheduling@lynbrookschools.org

All requests for course changes must contain the following information:

Student name and grade, Name of Guidance Counselor, Course(s) to be dropped, Course(s) to be added, Parent name, and Telephone number.

In order to accommodate the academic needs of all students, the following schedule change requests will not be honored: Start of day or end of day, Specific lunch period, Specific free period, Teacher change

Be sure to include student name, grade, and counselor name in the subject line of the e-mail.

The last day to request a change in schedule is Wednesday, September 15th.

9th Grade Orientation

Orientation is set for this coming Tuesday, August 31st @ 10:00AM in the HS Gym. All incoming 9th graders should try to make this event. In addition to meeting many of the people you need to know, students will receive their locker assignments and get a tour of the building. Masks need to be worn by all attendees. The program ends at 12:00pm.

Class Materials and Extra Help

Both of these are currently being collected from the staff and will be made available on the HS site as soon as they are ready. With regard to materials, we recommend that students plug in and leave on their tablets so that the technology department can update the machines. Mr. MacDermott will be sending you a message about this. On day one, all students should bring a pen, pencil, a notebook, and their tablet and charger.

Summer Reading

If you have not already done so be sure to complete your summer reading assignment. Click on the Summer Reading tab on the LHS main page.

Picture Day

Student photos will be taken Thursday, September 9th and Friday, September 10th in all Phys Ed classes.

Renumeration of the building

As you may have heard, with the construction and renovations taking place, the location of whole departments changed, and we have renumbered every classroom in the building. New room lists and updated maps of the high school have been emailed to all student email accounts. Students should download the room list and maps to their phones for easy reference.

COVID Testing

The district will be offering rapid COVID testing on September 9th for all who wish to be tested before the year begins. The link to use to submit your information prior to testing

is: <https://tiny.prophasedx.com/LynbrookSchoolDistrict> If you sign up for this testing, this initial submission will be valid for the entire year. You will not need to resubmit your information. Based on the number of people who take advantage of this service, we may offer the testing on a routine basis during the school year.

Building Entrances Procedures

In the morning there will be two ways for students to enter the building; the front entrance on Union Avenue, and the entrance by the Athletic office. The Athletic office entrance will close at 8:10 am each morning. After 8:10 all students and staff are to enter and exit the building using the main entrance only. The main entrance is the set of doors directly adjacent to the crosswalk to the parking lot.

All visitors to the high school must have an appointment in order to gain entry. Before entering the building, all visitors are to check in with the guard outside the main entrance. Visitors must be masked and will need to sign in at the foyer window and must wait to be escorted into the building.

9/11 Remembrance

On Saturday, September 11 the varsity football team begins its 2021 campaign with a home game at Marion Street. The High School Student Government Association is sending the following message out to all families:

Dear Lynbrook Families,

For the twentieth anniversary of September 11th, the 2021-2022 the Lynbrook High School Student Government Slate is selling t-shirts to raise money to donate to the organization, Tunnel to Towers. The link to purchase the t-shirts is as follows: <https://lynbrookswag.com/collections/lynbrook-sga/products/gildan-9-11-t-shirt>

We would love for you and your family to take a picture wearing the t-shirts with the hashtag #lynbrookneverforgets and post it on social media. Also, feel free to tag @lynbrooksga so we can re-post it, and please wear your commemorative t-shirt to the game.

Additionally, on Saturday, September 11th, there will be a home football game at Marion Street. We are going to be doing a ceremony at half-time to remember all those who perished that day, especially the members of our own community.

We believe it is important that we come together, as a reminder to never forget, and as a reminder that are all here for each other.

Together in Remembrance,

The 2021-2022 LHS SGA Slate

Emma Leighley - President

Emma Ward - Vice President

Sophie Ward - Secretary

Harrison Kirby - Treasurer

Upcoming Dates & Events

August 30 – Varsity and JV Sports Begin – 7:00am - HS Sports Physicals in Trainer's Office

August 31 – 10:00am - 9th Grade Orientation – HS Gym

September 1 – 7:30pm – BOE Meeting - TBD

September 1 & 2 – Superintendent Conference Days – Staff Reports

September 9 - Schools Open

September 14 – 7:30pm – HS PTA Meeting – Cafeteria

September 20 – 3:15pm – HS Compact Meeting – Conference Room

September 22 – 7:30pm – BOE Work Session – TBD

September 30 – 7:30pm – Special Education Parent Welcome – Cafeteria

October 1 – District Emergency Drill – 1:00pm Dismissal

October 2 – 8:00am – SAT @ LHS

I hope that you too are looking forward to the start of the year and a return to more “normal” routines.

See you soon,

J. Rainis