



LHS Update

November 5, 2021



Superintendent's Update

Be sure to check Dr. Burak's November update that is part of this week's information.

Weekends

This week we learned that over the Halloween weekend there were at least five large parties. We also learned that a number of things took place surrounding these events that were unruly, unneighborly, and regrettable. If, as parents, you believe character, integrity, respect, and one's reputation are important, perhaps your children did not misbehave at these events, and that is to be commended. We know that the reason why parties take place is so that young people can gather and that at parties, young people do misbehave. As parents I'm sure you know that too. The year is two months old and there are still a lot of weekends ahead of us. I'm not sure what will happen, but I do know that I've seen this before, and it does not end well for one or more people. Last year's missed activities can't be made up. Let's not try to make up for lost time this way. Let's be together on this, for our kid's sake as well as for the well-being of the community we love.

Parent/Teacher Conferences, Nov 23 and Dec 2

Be sure to read the letter at the end of this week's update.

Computer Device Reminder

The only computer devices that may be used by students in school are the district issued tablets. Other computing devices can only access the web using personal hotspots, which are not appropriately filtered and can lead to trouble. Students found using their own device risk having the device confiscated, and a parent or guardian will need to come to school to pick it up at the end of the day. We don't want any student to risk losing out on their ability to access the available technologies, so be sure to only use district issued devices while in school.

Student Dress

The policy on student dress in the district Code of Conduct is updated fairly frequently; the last changes to it were made two years ago with input from student representatives. Essentially the code requires that student dress be modest. It is clear with regard to the necessity of covering midriffs and more. I encourage everyone to look at the policy regarding student dress on page 12 of the following link:

https://www.lynbrookschools.org/Assets/Code_of_Conduct_Links/072021_Code_of_Conduct_Reviewed_and_Accepted_7-6-21.pdf?t=637623921427300000

Signing Out?

Other than during lunch or a free period, students needing to leave the building during the school day must sign out of school at the attendance window in the main lobby. Students wishing to sign out must bring a note to school and present it to the teacher of the class they will be leaving and must also hand the note in at the attendance office when signing out. Parents coming to the building to pick up their child must wait outside while their child signs out. Parents coming to school to pick up their child unexpectedly must also have a note which should be presented to the security guard in front of the building so that the child can be signed out. In all cases

attendance notes must include the following information: Student's full name; Date of absence or tardiness; Reason for absence or tardiness; a home, business, or cell phone number where the parent can be contacted during the day; parent/guardian signature and date.

Updating PowerSchool Contact Information

We still have a large number of students in the district who do not have updated contact and emergency information in PowerSchool. If you have not already created your PowerSchool Portal Account, you must do that first. Follow the instructions via this link

https://www.lynbrookschoools.org/parentsstudents/powerschool_for_parents then click on the 'create account' tab to begin.

If you have a PowerSchool Portal Account, visit <https://www.lynbrookschoools.org>, click on the PowerSchool Parent Portal icon and sign into your account. If you have forgotten your password, please contact your school directly.

From the Parent Portal:

1. Select the student you wish to register along the top.
2. Select the Student Contact Update link on the left side.
3. Enter the child's date of birth in the MM/DD/YYYY format.

You can use the navigation pane to move between pages to answer the questions and review the information. Required questions will be marked as "Required". When you have finished entering your information, click "Submit." This will send all the information you entered to the school.

Upcoming Dates & Events

November 10 – 7:30pm – BOE Meeting – Cafeteria
November 11 – Veterans Day – No Classes – Thank a Vet!
November 12 – Marking Period 1 Ends – PowerSchool Portal Closes
November 13 – 10:00 am - POWDER PUFF GAME – SJB Complex, Marion Street
November 15 – JV & Varsity Winter Sports Begin
November 17 – 7:30pm – HS PTA Meeting – Cafeteria
November 18 – 3:15pm – HS Compact Meeting – Conf Rm
November 19 – PowerSchool Grades Portal Reopens – 12:00pm

Have a safe and relaxing weekend,

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Lynbrook High School will be holding **Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, November 23rd and Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, from 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.** The purpose of these evening conferences is to enable parents and teachers to meet, to share information, and to better understand individual student learning styles at the conclusion of the first marking period. As you schedule conferences, please remember the following:

- Each family will be able to schedule conferences for **three** of their child's **core course teachers** and **three** conferences for their child's **elective course teachers for each evening**.
- Parents with two or more students in the high school will be able to schedule up to six conferences for each child (3 core courses and 3 elective courses) during each evening session.
- *Each individual conference will last four minutes.* In order that the maximum number of parents benefit from this evening, it is important that everyone abide by the four-minute time frame established.
- When scheduling conferences, be certain to build in time to get from one appointment to the next. Scheduling three conferences in eight or twelve minutes may result in not getting to one or more appointments.
- *Drop-in appointments are not possible during these evening conferences.*
- Teachers will be simultaneously monitoring who is entering, who is exiting, who is waiting as well as the time, so please be patient. With technology there are bound to be hiccups.
- If you were unable to schedule conferences because all times were taken, please contact the high school guidance department and your child's counselor to schedule appointments with your youngster's teachers.

Sign-ups for BOTH evening conference nights begin on Monday, November 8th at 9:00 AM and close on Saturday, November 20th at 9:00 AM.

The website <http://www.TeacherReacher.com>, *which can be accessed using the Parent/Students tab at the district website*, is where parents may sign up for evening conferences using a secure username and password. Instructions and tutorials available at TeacherReacher.com guide parents through the step-by-step process of obtaining a username and password. All that is required is a valid and accessible e-mail address. Once registered, parents can sign up for evening conferences beginning the day access to the site becomes active. This method of signing up for conferences is efficient, fast, and fair. Once parents make their appointments, they will be emailed a unique WebEx link that will allow them to enter a waiting room in WebEx for their evening conferences.

In order to create an account parents must complete the following steps:

1. Click the "SignUp" link in the upper right corner
2. Select your school district
3. Enter your first and last name
4. Enter your email address
5. Enter a password
6. Enter the Captcha code
7. Check your email account for an activation email from donotreply@teacherreacher.com

An e-mail response will be sent to you at the e-mail address you entered when registering. This email will contain your "Activation Link." Click on this link to complete your registration. Once you have activated your account, log onto the web site and add your children to the system.

After you have entered your children into the system, you can sign up for conferences by completing the following steps:

1. Click on "*Click to make appt.*" link under your child's name. If the words "**Scheduler Closed**" appear, please click the "Scheduling Dates" link at the top of the page for registration times.
2. Choose the Academic Department and Teacher by clicking on the desired department and desired teacher.
3. Choose an appointment time from those available by clicking on the button to the left of the desired time.
4. Click on the "SUBMIT" button.

Once Parents/Guardians click "Submit," they will return to the Conference Scheduler and the conference just submitted will appear on the left side of the page. As you schedule your appointments, they will appear on your appointment list. Next to each teacher's name in the list is a "Click Here" link, under the heading Video Conf. Link. Click that link the evening of the conference to join the video parent/teacher conference. Additional conferences can be scheduled by again clicking on the "*Click to make appt.*" link and following the steps listed above.

We look forward to this evening of sharing between two key components of student's academic success, and we anticipate that this will be a fruitful evening for all. If you need assistance signing up and making appointments, please check the Teacher Reacher tutorial document at the LHS correspondence tab. If you need to speak to someone regarding Parent/Teacher Conference Night, please call the high school at 887-0200.

Sincerely,

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From the NYS PTA President

HUGE NEWS! NEW LGBTQ+ Statewide PTSA Unit!

In line with our continued support for the LGBTQ+ community, NYS PTA is thrilled to announce plans to charter a statewide LGBTQ+ PTSA Unit open for parents, families, students, community members, and educators!

AND YOU'RE INVITED! We welcome ALL parents, families, educators, community members, and most importantly - students!

Please join us for an Informational Meeting on Thursday, November 11th at 7pm where we plan to discuss the process of chartering the new unit and general operations of a state-wide unit, as well as soliciting YOUR feedback!

If you are interested in learning more or want to become involved in this exciting New Statewide Unit, please register for the meeting here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZUvdeCprzMoHtBj387K2_HjiCOF8sIV_5rQ

