

UPCOMING EVENTS

9/21 Homecoming Parade 6:30
9/24 Homecoming Dance 7-9
9/25 Hall of Honor 2pm
10/5 Photo Retake
10/6 Choir Concert 7:30
10/12 Concerto Concert 7:00
10/13 Orchestra Concert 7:00
10/13 End of 1st Qtr
10/14 No School 9-12
10/14 LHS vs FSHS Football
10/17 Parent Teacher Conf
10/19 Parent Teacher Conf
10/20 No School
10/21 No School
10/27 The Visit Theatre 7:00
10/28 The Visit Theatre 7:00
10/29 The Visit Theatre 7:00
10/29 Mattress Fundraiser 7am
11/2 FYI Talent Show

LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

THE LION'S ROAR



September 2022 LHS
Newsletter

MS. BASSETT - LHS PRINCIPAL

Greetings, Chesty Lion Parents & Students

September is Attendance Awareness Month! We want you to know that your student's presence in every class matters. I want to share our process with you. Still, more importantly, we want you to know that your assistance with your student's attendance can help us avoid academic challenges. All students may suffer because the resulting classroom churn of absences hampers teachers' ability to engage all students and meet their learning needs. Please see LHS's policy for absences and tardies. As you read the policies, we hope you see where you can support us in supporting your student(s).

[22-23 LHS Student Handbook](#)

Homecoming is this month. We would love to see all of your students, families, and alumni participate. A homecoming events schedule is in this newsletter. We hope to see you there. Finally, parents, please help us relay to your students that these events are a privilege, not a right. Their behavior in classrooms, on campus, and at all school/district-sponsored events will play a role in if they'll be allowed to participate. We want to keep all events safe and fun. We want to know that we can trust that your student will make good decisions. Your student's behavior determines if they're allowed to attend. The onus is on the student.

Thank you for understanding and your support,

Jessica Bassett , Principal



Activities

Elaina Honas Assistant Principal/Activities Director
David Ruis Activities Secretary

Homecoming Information:

The Homecoming Parade and Rally around the Lion will be held on September 21st at 6:30pm. The parade will start at Ousdahl road and 21st street and will continue on 21st street to LHS. Rally around the Lion will be held immediately afterward.

The Homecoming dance will be held on Saturday, September 24th at 7pm between the two gyms. Tickets will be \$10 and are available to purchase during the week of the event and at the door.

****Guests:** If your student plans to bring a guest that is not an LHS student, they will need to have a guest form filled out prior to the event from their guest' school indicating they are in good standing and either emailed or faxed to us by the school. If the student is a Free State student, we will need to know their name ahead of time to verify their good standing. The guest form/information will need to be provided to us by noon on Wednesday, September 21st. Please see Mr. David Ruis in student services for the guest form.

Clubs

Our clubs are listed on the activities page on the LHS website.

Picture Make-Up day

Picture make ups will be held on Wednesday, October 5th.

Opportunity:

Futures Planning Community Engagement Process

The Lawrence Board of Education, on August 8, 2022, contracted with consultant RSP & Associates to provide school boundaries, community development, and housing analyses, as well as facility utilization and enrollment projections. RSP also will facilitate a Futures Planning Community Engagement process to develop recommendations to the board about aligning student needs with the board's strategic plan and available resources, including curricular and financial resources.

Rob Schwarz, RSP founder and CEO, explained that this would be a community-oriented process, backed by data, for examining solutions that will improve students' academic experience. He outlined [a six-month process](#) of committee meetings, school board updates, public input sessions, and a community survey. This Futures Planning Community Engagement process will begin in September and conclude by February 2023.

Lawrence Public Schools invites interested individuals to apply to serve on the Futures Planning Committee to be made up of students, parents/guardians, teachers and staff, and community members representing a broad cross-section of the school district and community. Interested in serving on the committee? Please [submit this application](#) by September 9. The committee's first meeting will be held the following week.

LHS Lions Pride PTO Update:

Thank you all for such a wonderful start to the school year. We have had a record-breaking fall for merchandise sales which funds projects and activities for students and staff.

Next up, we will continue to sell merchandise at home football games on Friday nights and at our online store. <https://lionspride-108327.square.site/>

We will also coordinate meals for teachers and staff during conferences October 17th and 19th. We will send up a sign-up genius for those opportunities as well as the first PTO general meeting in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please email us at lawrencehighlionspride@gmail.com. If you would like to help with teacher and staff appreciation which includes these meals, and you are not able to volunteer, you can always contribute here. https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=GPJT5ETF7WJMA

Elaina Honas

Assistant Principal/Activities Director

(785)330-2127

MEALS AT SCHOOL

Important: Congress did not extend free meals for all students to the 2022-2023 school year.

- Families who do not qualify for free or reduced-price meals will need to ensure funds are available in their students' meal accounts *by the first day of school*

We encourage all families to complete the online application for free and reduced-price meals: [Apply Now.](#)

La solicitud de comidas gratis y reducidas para el año escolar 2022-23 ya esta disponible: [Aplica aquí](#)

Add money to your child's meal account here:

Please reach out to our Nutrition and Wellness staff with any questions or concerns at 785-832-5000. Thank you for the opportunity to serve your family!

Julie Henry, MS Ed.
Director, Nutrition & Wellness



PSAT/NMSQT

The national PSAT/NMSQT test dates are the following:

Juniors will test on Wednesday, October 12, 2022.

Sophomores will test on Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

Both tests take place during school hours and students will miss their morning classes. The test cost is \$20. Juniors who qualify for free and/or reduced lunch can test free. This option is not available to Sophomores. If you have further questions about what the PSAT is and how it can benefit your child, please check out their website: <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt>. To register for the exam, please do so through Total Registration: <https://user.totalregistration.net/PSAT/171690>. Registration closes Friday, September 9th.

Amy Brown

CALL: 785/832-5050 x 2146



Intertribal club will meet Wednesdays after school at 1:45 in room 350. Our goal is to spread awareness of current issues in the Indigenous community and showcase the beauty of our culture at LHS. All are welcome.

Heidi Woods, MS. Ed.

785-832-5050 Ext 1404

Attention! Students and/or parents interested in traveling, please fill out this survey:

<https://forms.gle/CVaVKswkwahFrMK7>

Students interested in joining the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) club please fill out this survey:

<https://forms.gle/TGJc6mfQxhyX975Z8>

Sylvia Trevino-Maack, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LCP (she, her, hers)

785/832-5050 x2540



National Honor Society Updates:

Invitations to join the LHS Chapter of The National Honor Society were mailed to eligible juniors and seniors in July. Completed application packets are due in Student Services on or before October 1.

Lori Stussie, Licensed School Counselor

785-330-4607

22-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

The 2022-2023 community calendar is available on the district website under PARENTS & STUDENTS or the link below
[22-23 LPS Community Calendar](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LHS Student Media Classes and Room 308 Productions present student announcements every Monday, Tuesday, and Friday via the Room 308 Productions YouTube Channel [Room 308 Productions YouTube Channel](#)
Check it out!

ATTENDANCE

Call the Attendance Line at 785-330-4968 or email lhsattendance@usd497.org to report an absence or check a student out during the school day - **Please allow a minimum of two hours to excuse students during the school day**

Students will be released by their teacher only when notified by a pass from the office

Please leave a message if you get voicemail or you may email lhsattendance@usd497.org - Both voicemail and email are monitored continuously during business hours

**Only parent(s)/legal guardian(s) listed in PowerSchool may excuse students
Students may not excuse themselves or check themselves out**

Students who are ill must first check out through the Health Office in Room 140. The School Nurse, Carol Casteel, will contact the Parent/Guardian and inform the office staff that the student is checking out.

The Health Office line is 785-330-2704.



HEALTH OFFICE

Covid infections: Presently students must isolate at home for 5 days from the onset of covid symptoms. On day 6 and if covid negative (rapid test), the student can return. The student will need to wear a mask for days 6 through day 10.

Immunizations:

Meningococcal: All students should have a record of at least one dose of Meningococcal vaccine for grades 9th and 10th and 2 doses for 11th and 12th.

Tdap: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis: One dose -usually given in middle school. If your student missed this dose, please make sure they have this before school starts.

Asthma Inhalers: High School students can and should keep their asthma inhalers with them at all times. They do not need to be kept in the health office. The high school includes lots of walking to different parts of the building and classes such as Band, PE, and sports may cause an increased need for their inhaler. Please make sure your student has updated inhalers.

Epi Pens: Please make sure the nurse knows that your student is keeping an EPI Pen with them in their backpack. If they have need for emergency EPI PENS, they should have one with them at all times. Please notify the nurse about any changes or new diagnosis.

Seizures: Please notify the nurse if your student has been diagnosed with a seizure condition and has emergency medication to keep at school.

Prescription medications that are controlled substances (such as those for ADHD, anxiety, depression), must be administered by the nurse or health office assistant during the school day. Please contact the health office if your student will need these during the school day.

Please let the nurse know of any updated health situations that your student may have. We want to keep them healthy and successful for the school year!

LHS Health office: 785-330-0721

Carol Casteel, RN, MSN (ccasteel@usd497.org)

Nancy Rothwell, CNA, Health Office Assistant



We're Here for you! Whether you need resources for your family, are worried about a friend, or simply need someone to talk to, a member of the **LHS Mental Health Team** is here for you. We are located in Student Services. [LHS Mental Health Webpage](#)

PARKING REMINDERS

Students may not park in spots designated for visitors or staff (blue lines). Student parking is designated by WHITE lines. Parking Permits are available for purchase from the Finance Office M-F **Parking Passes are \$10.00.**

FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR 2022-2023

All athletic forms must be submitted ONLINE at www.registermyathlete.com (RMA)

*The First Day to Take a Physical for 22-23 Sports is May 1, 2022
Per the KSHSAA physicals taken prior to 5/1/22 can NOT be accepted*

22-23 TRYOUTS/PRACTICES

Unified Bowling

- Required Forms DUE by Monday, September 19 on RMA
- Practices for Unified Bowling begin Monday, September 26
- Questions? Coach Larry Burton <mailto:larry.burton@usd497.org>

Winter Sports – B/G Basketball, B/G Bowling, B/G Wrestling, Boys Swim/Dive

Tryout Information will be posted on the **MORE** menu of our athletics website www.lawrenceathletics.org as it becomes available.

- The DEADLINE for WINTER SPORTS is Monday, November 7
- Tryouts and practices for WINTER SPORTS begin November 14.

REGISTER MY ATHLETE (RMA) REGISTRATION

If your student already has an RMA profile do NOT create a new profile. Log In, select the athlete, select 22-23 in the 'Select Year/Sport' drop down menu. Register for every sport the athlete might want to do in 22-23. It will save a step later on! **Be sure to review that all previously entered information is still correct.** The grade level should roll over when 22-23 become live on RMA. First time LHS athletes/managers must complete a profile before uploading forms.

STUDENT MANAGERS

Student Managers are an important part of a team. If your student would like to be a student manager in 22-23 please note the following...

1. must have a current physical, taken after May 1, 2022
2. must be covered by health or accident insurance
3. must register on www.registermyathlete.com just like an athlete. They would register for the sport(s) they are interested in and coaches will notify the athletic office who managers are
4. Must have permission from the head coach of the sport to be a manager

TENTATIVE 2022-2023 ATHLETICS DATES AND DEADLINES

Fall Sports - Rosters CLOSED

Winter Sports

Forms DEADLINE: Monday November 7, 2022

First Day Tryouts/Practices: Monday November 14, 2022

Last Day to Join Non-Cut Winter Sports: Monday, November 28, 2022

Spring Sports

Forms DEADLINE: Monday February 20, 2023

First Day Tryouts/Practices: Monday February 27, 2023

Last Day to Join Non-Cut Spring Sports: Monday, April 10 2023

SCHEDULES AND ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Lawrence High Athletics Department Website www.lawrenceathletics.org

The place to go for sports info

Schedules and Cancellation Information www.sunflowerleague.org

The official schedules for LHS Athletics – Updated M-F 8:00am-3:00pm

Submission of Required Athletics Forms www.registermyathlete.com

All forms must be submitted electronically – Registration paper may not be submitted in person to the Athletic Office, Main Office, Coaches, or Summer Coaching Staff

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FAQ

Q: What forms are required for athletes and managers?

A: *Every athlete and manager must complete the KSHSAA PPE Physical Form and the LPS Proof of insurance form and upload them to RMA. A participation agreement, concussion release, and LPS Code of Conduct will be viewed and electronically signed on RMA.*

Q: Can I turn in paperwork to the Athletic Office?

A: *NO. All athletic paperwork must be submitted online at www.registermyathlete.com (RMA)*

Q: Do managers need to submit any paperwork?

A: *All managers must submit the same paperwork as athletes*

Q: Can I participate in a tryout/practice before submitting paperwork?

A: *NO. All forms must be submitted on RMA, approved, and athlete profile on RMA marked 'complete' to participate in any tryout or practice. All forms submitted online are reviewed. Approval is not immediate. Incomplete forms or forms missing information are not accepted.*