

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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 P/T Conf in Person

10/19 Hours 0-7 Regular  
Schedule

10/19 P/T Conf Webex

10/20 No School

10/21 No School

10/22 Haunted House  
Fundraiser

10/24 No School

10/27 The Visit Theatre  
7:00

10/28 The Visit Theatre  
7:00

10/29 The Visit Theatre

# LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

## *THE LION'S ROAR*

October 2022 LHS

Newsletter



### MS. BASSETT - LHS PRINCIPAL

Greetings Lion Family,

We are in full swing with instruction, activities, sports and the arts in 1st semester. Teachers are working to provide students with a first-class education. We truly believe there are unlimited possibilities in our students and we are seeking to cultivate each of their gifts, talents and intellectual abilities by providing “*excellence in leadership, learning and school culture*”.

One example of teaching excellence is **Lisa Ball**, a **2022 U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright Teacher for Global Classrooms Program awardee**. Fulbright teachers are trained to bring an international perspective to their schools through targeted training, experiences abroad, and global collaboration.

We are also proud of the excellence of our students. For example, we celebrate **Ayo Obadare** (Nation Merit African American Recognition Awardee), **Arran Kennedy Orive** (National Merit Hispanic Recognition Awardee), **Thomas Lushington**, **Shruti Mallik**, and **Eli Marburger** (National Merit Commended Awardees). These five students are just a few truly incredible and talented students we serve. We are proud of all of them.

Parents, we need your assistance in helping us continue to cultivate a culture of excellence. As we review our attendance data, we find that students are either *not attending or arriving late* to class. We ask that you speak to your student about their attendance if you receive attendance phone calls. If you are unsure about their attendance, please check it in PowerSchool. Students improve their attendance rates, academic prospects, and chances of graduating. Absences add up. **Missing just two days a month means your student misses 10% of the school year.** We want to partner with you as we make sure LHS is a school students want to be, lessons are engaging, and the whole child is supported. We need your help ensuring students come to school and attend classes on time.

To maintain a positive experience at our high school events. Both high schools ask for your assistance with a new safety and security measure to ensure that all fans can enjoy the games safely. Beginning Monday, October 3, 2022, **all elementary and middle school students MUST be accompanied by an adult to enter a high school athletic event and must be seated during the event.** *Students and adults failing to comply with this rule will be asked to leave the event, and refunds will not be issued.*

As always, thank you for your attention and support. It's these efforts that continue to make it a "GREAT DAY TO BE A LION!"

Respectfully

Jessica Bassett, LHS Principal



### **Youth Apprenticeships**

Peaslee Technical Training Center is the hidden gem in Lawrence, Kansas. Technical training is our area of expertise. The Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center is a 78,000-square foot training facility which includes training labs for automotive technology, construction, HVAC, plumbing, residential electrician, welding, robot technician and more. Additionally, there is an outdoor facility for commercial driver training.

Starting this year **high school seniors** in their **spring semester** can begin Youth Apprenticeships in the automotive industry or Pre-apprenticeships to become an electrician, plumber or pipefitter. Applications for these opportunities are due by November 30, 2022.

For more information contact your high school counselor or at Peaslee Tech contact Andrea Chavez, 785-856-1801, ext. 107. Her email is [Andrea.Chavez@peasleetech.org](mailto:Andrea.Chavez@peasleetech.org)

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**9th grade students will be taking their first state assessment during their biology classes in October. This test is the Pre-ACT test, and you can find additional information [here](#). This is a great opportunity for students to receive "an early measure of college and career readiness". [Use this link](#) for a list of all state and district assessments by grade level.**



### Activities

**Elaina Honas Assistant Principal/Activities Director**  
**David Ruis Activities Secretary**

**Parent teacher conferences** will be held in person on Monday, October 17th starting at 5pm by appointment with your students' teacher. Conferences will be held online on Wednesday, October 19th starting at 5pm. Teachers will share information regarding scheduling meetings in the near future. Conferences will be scheduled in 10 minute time blocks. **Preference will be given to those who have scheduled a meeting, but we will be flexible with walk-up appointments on 10/17 given our availability.**

**Picture retakes** will be on Wednesday, October 5th throughout the school day in the Learning Commons.

**Marching Band** will be performing a 100-year anniversary show at the home football games against Free State on October 14th and on October 21st at the home football game against Shawnee Mission West.

**Theater:** The Visit will have performances on October 27th, 28th and 29th starting at 7pm each night in the auditorium.

### **Clubs**

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

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## LHS BLOOD DRIVE

"This Halloween Pre-Med 2 students are looking for your blood!!

LHS is having the Fall Blood Drive on Monday, October 31st. The blood drive will be in the West Gym from 10:00 AM till 3:00 PM. This is a collaborative effort between the Kansas City Community Blood Bank and Pre-Med 2 students with help and support from the Pre-Med Club. At this time, the drive is open only to students and staff.

To help with easy registration and donor movement, this year the Blood Drive is by appointment only. To sign up please stop during lunch by the sign up table in the cafeteria or scan the QR code on the Blood Drive posters that have been put up around school. To be eligible to donate, you have to be 16 or older, and weigh at least 110 lbs. Students who are 16 - 17 will need a signed parental consent form. On the day of the drive - bring a photo ID, and the signed parental consent form (if you are 16 or 17).

For questions reach out to Mrs. Subramanian in room 141 or email [asubrama@usd497.org](mailto:asubrama@usd497.org)"

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### LHS Lions Pride PTO Update:

We invite you to the first PTO meeting this Wednesday 10/5 at 7PM in the Learning Commons at LHS. We plan to include 15-20 minutes of social time with refreshments and hold an informative meeting for about 30-45 minutes. This is the first in person PTO meeting in almost three years, and we look forward to seeing you all. We are offering a webex/zoom option for those who would like to attend remotely.

Join from the meeting link

<https://meet298.webex.com/meet298/j.php?MTID=ma32002f017facac26fc1c95972b9d203>

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](mailto: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](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**



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

There are only a few spots left for the 2023 England, Scotland, Ireland, and 2024 Germany, Austria, and Switzerland summer trips.

For more information, fill out this form!

<https://forms.gle/xyT31ZcNR6wRNPrL6>

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

**785/832-5050 x2540**

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**Panel Discussion on Post-Secondary Services for Students with IEPs and 504 plans.**

**October 13th, 2022 5:30pm-6:30pm**

**Lied Center of Kansas**

Stick around after the panel to check out the College & Career Fair 6:30 pm-8:00 pm with over 70 representatives from Universities, Community Colleges, Technical Schools, and The Armed Forces.

This workshop is sponsored by the Lawrence Public Schools, in partnership with the Lied Center of Kansas and the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO). For more information contact Rachelle Preston (LHS) at 785-330-4833 or [rachelle.preston@usd497.org](mailto:rachelle.preston@usd497.org) & [Elizabeth Crickard](mailto:Elizabeth.Crickard@FSHS)(FSHS) at 785-330-4996 or [ecrickar@usd497.org](mailto:ecrickar@usd497.org)

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## **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](#)

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## **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!

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# ATTENDANCE

Call the Attendance Line at 785-330-4968 or email [lhsattendance@usd497.org](mailto: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](mailto: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**



# HEALTH OFFICE

Please make sure your student's emergency contact information is up to date in powerschool. This includes having an emergency contact person and accurate phone numbers.

## **Immunization updates:**

Students should have an updated Tdap and Meningococcal (MCV) vaccines. All high school students need at least one MCV. If your student received any during the summer, please send a copy to the health office.

**Covid infections and vaccines:** Please get updated boosters as you are able. Many pharmacies and the health department are giving these and should be free. If you have covid, please stay home and isolate until day 6 when you can return if you can wear a mask through day 10. Please call the health office if you have any questions.

Flu shots are also helpful in keeping your student healthy.

**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](mailto: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](#)

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## 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.**

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## FROM THE ATHLETIC OFFICE

### WRESTLING MEETING:

There will be an information meeting for wrestling on Oct. 11 at 3:30pm in the Project Center. The meeting will last about 30 minutes. Please make sure to have your forms uploaded to the AKTIVATE site by Nov.7. Make sure all the forms are signed when you upload and check all the sports you will participate in. Alpha Weigh-ins will take place on Nov. 8 and Nov. 10 in the West Gym.

Please contact Coach Patrick Naughton with any questions, Email: [pnaughto@usd497.org](mailto:pnaughto@usd497.org), Cell PH 785-691-8837

## SPORTS PHYSICALS FOR 2022-2023

All athletic forms must be submitted ONLINE at [www.registermyathlete.com](http://www.registermyathlete.com) [www.registermyathlete.com](http://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*

## REGISTER MY ATHLETE NAME CHANGE

RegisterMyAthlete is undergoing a name change. The new name is aktivite. For the remainder of the year you will still access RMA at [www.registermyathlete.com](http://www.registermyathlete.com)



## 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](http://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
- The last day to join non-cut sports is Monday, November 28 (Boys Swim/Dive, Boys Wrestling, Girls Wrestling)

### 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](http://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](http://www.lawrenceathletics.org)

*The place to go for sports info*

Schedules and Cancellation Information [www.sunflowerleague.org](http://www.sunflowerleague.org)

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

Submission of Required Athletics Forms [www.registermyathlete.com](http://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*

Twitter **@LawHS\_Athletics** Follow us!

## **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](http://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.*