

# ADA complaint version 2022 September/October Lancaster High School newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear Lancaster High School Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of the Lancaster High School Faculty and Staff, I would like to welcome everyone to the 2022-2023 school year. Hopefully, you have enjoyed the wonderful weather we have had this summer. The anticipation of school starting always brings with it excitement and apprehension. I would be remiss if I did not mention the end of last year and the launching point that it has provided for our building. Each day we saw event after event highlighting what makes this high school so special. Even with a tremendous amount of uncertainty and changes every program, concert, and event took place like in a standard school year. I mention this because we are well beyond where we should be and it is because our faculty, students, and staff would not be stopped. Because of that, we can move forward with our commitment to excellence for all students. This year a new “branch” will emerge. Our district has hired a new Culture, Climate, and Inclusivity Coordinator. This teacher on special assignment will work with each building to create a learning and working environment where all have an opportunity to succeed. We are particularly excited about how this will enrich the student experience and provide everyone with growth opportunities.

After a brief hiatus, we have major renovations being completed this summer to our campus. These are the continuation of the Capital project that voters approved and we once again thank you for your support. It is beginning to take shape and I'm sure you will be impressed with many of the improvements. One of the highlights is our new Family and Consumer Science (FACS) classroom which will feature impressive renovations. We cannot wait to see the impacts it has on the FACS program and the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism (AOHT). In addition, many of our science classrooms will undergo complete renovations throughout this summer and into the next school year bringing those classrooms into the next generation and offering exceptional facilities for all students. Many of our classrooms will also see some necessary updates as well. The outside contractors and our own maintenance and custodial staff have been working tirelessly to allow for as little disruption to opening day as possible and we thank them for their efforts.

Due to the construction, the majority of our summer school programs were hosted at William Street School this year. Each year this program has added more elements and offered increased opportunities for students. Last year, in collaboration with the Lancaster Police Department and the Lancaster Youth Bureau, a new Police Academy with an embedded Forensics course was piloted. A Social-Emotional Learning component was also offered for High and Middle School Students. Both returned once again and have thrived with student participation. This year summer school expanded into a full-day program and offered a series of workshops and classes for students of all grade levels. Despite the construction, our music program and athletic coaches have found ways to continue contact with our students to ensure the connection that many of them feel most passionate about remains.

On the administrative side, we are excited about our continued work to help support the Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP). Our goal, as always, is to provide students with a solid, well-rounded education and there is no better place than Lancaster High School and what it offers our students. We have a solid offering of Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit courses, 7 Academy Programs, a tremendous amount of offerings in all academic and special areas, and over 50 extracurricular clubs. This place truly has something for everyone. We ask that you please encourage your child to get involved. If you still have questions, please call the school at (716)686-3255 to obtain the needed information.

It goes without saying we are excited about this upcoming school year and we eagerly await the return of our students in a few weeks. Thank you for your continued support. Sincerely, Michael Candella

### Locker Registration, Agenda Planner Purchase and Chromebook Distribution

For the 2022-23 School Year you will be able to pick up your Chromebook, register your lock, receive your locker assignment and purchase your Agenda Planner on the following dates and times Underclassmen: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 8AM to 2PM - In the Cafe. Freshman Wednesday, August 31, 2022 - During Freshman Orientation 6:30PM-9:00PM. All students will need the following A Lancaster School District issued lock (must be a V58, V607, or V660 series) OR \$6.00 to purchase a lock \$4.00 to purchase an agenda planner. Any checks should be made payable to Lancaster Central HS. If you are not able to pick up your Chromebook, Locker Assignment and Agenda Planner on you assigned day you will be able to starting at 7:00AM on September 6th in room 122 (Freshmen ONLY) or in the Cafe (Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors).

Freshman Orientation for the Class of 2026. Who: All incoming Freshmen Legends. What-Students will experience a mock pep assembly, register their locks and get locker numbers, receive their chromebooks, and get a modified tour of the building. Due to construction we will be unable to give a full tour of the whole building but we will do our best to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible. Locks will be available for \$6 if your child needs to purchase one, the one they used at LMS is perfect, and they will be able to purchase their agenda for \$4. When - Wednesday, August 31 6:30-9p.m. Where- Lancaster High School-please use the North Lot and Loop for drop off and pick up (lot by the football field). We are looking forward to freshmen orientation and an amazing school year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact this year's co-chairs. Abby Maw [mawabigail@lancasterschools.org](mailto:mawabigail@lancasterschools.org), Elizabeth Kamrowski [kamrowskielizabeths@lancasterschools.org](mailto:kamrowskielizabeths@lancasterschools.org), Carly Zack [zackcarlym@lancasterschools.org](mailto:zackcarlym@lancasterschools.org).

Attention Please. LHS Mandated Parent Meeting for all Parents/Guardians of Freshmen, & Transfer Students. Lancaster & Depew Schools working together to keep our students safe! The Lancaster and Depew School Districts want parents to be as informed as possible about the many challenges that our students face in today's world. We have been collaborating with Depew Central Schools to provide information to help our students stay safe. These challenges do not only include drugs and alcohol, but the forever changing face of social media as well.

This meeting is a proactive attempt to confront these serious issues in order to help create a safe environment for all children. We also hope that parents/guardians will feel better prepared to discuss these issues with their child.

This year, guardians/parents have an option of attending an in-person meeting at Depew High School on Tuesday, August 23 @ 9 AM or Tuesday, September 13 @ 6:30 PM or viewing it online with a link that will be provided by Lancaster High School. The Mandated Parent Program will be held virtually and is roughly an hour in length. This presentation will be made available to all parents of our current freshmen, and transfer students for viewing in early September. Parents/guardians that are expected to view this mandatory presentation will be contacted prior and made aware that the link for our presentation is active and ready for them to access. This link will be active from September 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup>. We will also be sending a packet of reference material pertaining to our presentation to assist you in the future, should you need.

Please note that failure of the parent/guardian to either view this virtual presentation OR attend an in-person meeting scheduled at Depew High School will result in their student being unable to attend school sponsored activities and dances, such as Homecoming or Prom. Acknowledgement that you have completed the required viewing will be registered and on file at Lancaster High School.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office of Mr. Jamie Pernick, Assistant Principal at (716)686-3297 or by email at [JPernick@lancasterschools.org](mailto:JPernick@lancasterschools.org).

#### Message from the Nurse

From the LHS Health Office

Enclosed in this issue of the Lancaster high school newsletter is a health office update form. Please complete one form for each student attending the high school. If you need additional forms, they are available in the health office, or can be found on the health office webpage of the LHS website: [www.lancasterschools.org](http://www.lancasterschools.org), Lancaster high school, from the drop-down menu, our school from the black menu bar, health office, from the directory, health forms from the menu box on the left. Students should bring the completed forms to the health office beginning the first day of school. In addition, NYS is requesting that your child have a dental exam upon entry into grade 10, or for any new entrant into LHS. The dental examination form can be found on the Lancaster central school district website. Please note that this exam is requested, not mandatory. As of September 2016, all incoming grade 12 students are mandated by NYS to have an updated meningococcal vaccine. Please check with your physician to make sure your 12th grade student is current. Also, height, weight, vision and hearing testing will begin in October for all 11th graders. Testing will take place during physical education classes. Students in grades 9, 10, and 12 will only have their height and weight completed, as per NYS Mandate. Please remind your 11th grader to wear their contacts, or have their glasses with them on a regular basis. This will give us the correct results in our testing, and save you unnecessary visits to your eye doctor. As always, any sick student should report to the health office after receiving a pass from their teacher. All contact to a parent during the school day that is related to illness must be made through the health office only. Safety is our priority, with this in mind, students are not permitted to use their cell phones to call, text, or email a parent (or other) to make their own

arrangements. Disciplinary action will result. Please feel free to contact the nurse with any questions.

Notes from the counseling center. Student schedules will be available on the student/parent portal prior to the start of school. You will be receiving an automated telephone call advising when student schedules can be accessed. Every effort is being made to complete this process asap. Only when the process is complete will schedules be released. Counselor breakdown Please note there has been a change to the Counselor's assigned alphabet. The new breakdown is below. Please look this over to determine if it affects your student. A-Cos - Mrs. Hewett x3229, Cot-Gra - Mrs. O'Connor x3265, Grb-Kq - Mrs. Hejaily x3264, Kr-Moo - Mrs. Coleman x3263, Mop-Ph - Mr. Marchese x3853, Pi-Sta - Mrs. Tryjankowski x3261, Stb-Z - Mrs. Len x3299.

School picture information. Attention Seniors- LifeTouch will be at the High School on September 12-16, 2022 offering Senior Portrait Retakes. This will be your last chance to get your pictures taken for the yearbook. They will be in the media center each day from 7:30am-1:30pm. No appointment needed. The deadline to submit senior portraits is Oct 22, 2022. Please follow the instructions provided by LifeTouch with your portraits to select the image you would like to use for the yearbook. If you do not select an image by this date, one will be selected by LifeTouch for you. We are unable to select or change the image for you. Portraits not turned in by this date will not be included in the yearbook. 9th, 10th & 11th grade fall picture days 9/7-9/8: Student pictures during physical education classes 10/20: Picture retakes will be in the media center.

Message from the Science Honor Society

Science Honor Society fundraiser, flapjack fundraiser. Where: Applebee's 4967 Transit Road, Depew. When: Saturday, October 1st 8:00am-10:00am Cost: \$6.00 per ticket Tickets can be purchased from any science honor society member Also: Chinese Auction & 50/50 Raffle. All you can eat pancakes & beverages with an admission ticket. Please support our club.

You Arrrr Invited to the 42nd Annual Freshman Mixer! Class of 2026. You are invited to party like a pirate at this year's Freshman Mixer. The dance will take place on Friday, September 9th from 7-10p.m.! Tickets will be sold for 5 doubloons (\$5) in your mighty Freshman Foundations and throughout yerrr school halls by fellow students on Thursday 9/8, Friday 9/9, and at yerrr Freshman Orientation. The mixer will be held in the cafeteria and will include music, pirate games, and food. We hope to party with you soon!

Science Honor Society Great Lakes beach sweep

The Lancaster high school Science Honor Society will be participating in a 'Beach Sweep' on Saturday morning, September 17th from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at Woodlawn. Participants should arrive by 9:45 am with sunscreen and gloves. Members will collect litter and record the items found to compile data about contamination in the Great Lakes.

Message from the foreign language department. Dear Lancaster Community and Incoming Seniors, The LHS Seal of Biliteracy Committee is gearing up for its 7th year and getting very excited to usher in the new group of seniors who will become the next to graduate with this prestigious honor. This fall, seniors will soon be learning about an opportunity for them to participate in the NYS Seal of Biliteracy Program at Lancaster high school. There are many ways in which this excellent program is publicized. Thus, seniors should watch out for as many of them as possible in order to receive the necessary information on how to get involved. Information about the NYSSB is provided in hallway display cases, on classroom bulletin boards and posters throughout the building, as a morning announcement, in periodic newsletter articles such as this, and within videos and presentations made during senior English and World Language classes toward the end of October. The goals and benefits of the NYSSB: Identify graduates with language and biliteracy skills for future employers, provide universities/employers with additional information about applicants, prepare students with twenty-first century skills, recognize the value of foreign and native language instruction in schools, affirm the value of diversity in a multilingual society, and encourage the study of languages. Foreign Language: A few things to remember about the NYSSB: A student must show proficiency in English and at least one other world language. Any world language may be represented - not just the ones that are taught at Lancaster; In the past, the following languages were used to achieve the Seal of Biliteracy: Spanish, German, French, Vietnamese, Greek, Croatian, Polish, Bulgarian, ASL, and Ukrainian. There is no cost to families or students to participate. A number of students have achieved the Seal in more than one world language other than English. Any senior is eligible to apply, including former or current ENL students, special education students, students in LAP, students attending Harkness. Lancaster has been designated a GOLD badge veteran school district by NYS due to our many years offering this program. Submitted by Holly O'Connor, World Language Dept Chair/NYSSB Coordinator at LHS.

No smoking, no vaping. As a reminder possessing, distributing, or smoking a cigarette, e-cigarette or similar device, cigar, pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco on district property, at school sponsored or school related activities, and all athletic contests is prohibited. This may include property adjacent to school buildings. Any student in violation will be subject to discipline up to, and including, suspension from school. E-cigarettes or similar devices that are confiscated will not be returned to the students or guardians. They will instead be discarded by the Lancaster Police Department, due to the possibility of illegal substances being contained within them. For additional information regarding this policy please see the student academic planner.

Student parking information. Junior and senior parking permits for the 2022-2023 school year. Any Junior or Senior that has a drivers license may apply for a parking permit. Please complete the following steps: Complete the electronic parking registration form found on the district website - high school page. Click the link for 22-23 Student Parking Registration Form. Beginning August 15th, students may report to Lancaster high school between the hours of

8am-2pm. Students will need to bring with them the \$50.00 parking fee, payable with exact cash or a check made out to LCSD.

LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL DRIVING/PARKING RULES. Driving to school is a privilege, not a right. All general rules that apply to the school building also apply to the parking lots and school grounds. Violation of any school rules/policy, including the driving/parking rules, may result in parking privileges being suspended or revoked without a refund. The parking hang tag issued to the student must be hanging on their rear view mirror anytime the vehicle is on campus. If your car breaks down and you borrow a car temporarily, you may move your parking pass from your primary vehicle to your temporary vehicle. It is the responsibility of the student to report lost or stolen permits to the Assistant Principal's office, room #102, Lost or stolen permits found in use will be confiscated. Permits cannot be transferred to other students. Students must obey the posted speed limit and drive in a safe manner. The school retains the authority to conduct routine patrols of the student parking lots and inspections of the exterior and interior of student vehicles while on school property. All parking violations are issued by the Lancaster town police department. The parking violation fine is \$25.00 and is payable to the Lancaster town court, not the school. Students may park in any student spot in the north lot, south lot or field house lot. There are plenty of student parking spaces available. Please do not park in a faculty spot, in front of the building, or in an unauthorized area. This may result in a parking ticket and/or tow. Please report vehicle make/model changes to room #102. Lancaster high school reserves the right to perform checks to ensure that the vehicle registered at the time of the parking permit purchase is the same. Outside police security is used to supervise the outside campus areas. Please keep your cars locked at all times. Lancaster high school is not responsible for lost/stolen property or damage while on school grounds.

LHS reminders: absence from school- A note for the absence must be turned in to the attendance office within 5 days for an absence to be considered an excused absence. The note must have the date of the absence, student ID number and the reason for the absence written on it. If a parent/guardian calls the school to report their child will be absent, a note is still required to be brought in within 5 days. Late to school- Any student who comes to school late must bring a note from their parent/guardian upon arrival. After the third instance that a student is late to school without a note, detention will be assigned. Students must attend 5 periods (more than half the day) to get credit for a school day to participate in that day's clubs, activities or sports. Early dismissal - a note from a parent/guardian is needed with a verifying phone number. The student will need to turn in the note to the attendance office by 8:15 am. Academic eligibility for athletics- a student must maintain an overall quarterly average of 72.00% to participate unconditionally in all extracurricular activities and sports. Chromebooks- Students are issued a Chromebook device and power supply cord for use during the school year. There is no cost to receive these items as it is a primary educational tool. Damage and/or loss of the device due to failure to properly care and maintain the device will result in repair and/or replacement charges being levied to the student.

Cell phone policy: Cell phone Usage: Students are permitted to possess and use cell phones during the school day. Classroom use is at the discretion of the teacher. Cell phone usage must

be appropriate at all times. Taking pictures or videos of other students without their permission is prohibited. The student is required to turn over the cell phone to the teacher when asked. Inappropriate use of cell phones or other electronic devices during the school day will be subject to the following: Offenders: The phone will be confiscated and will be returned only to the parent/guardian. Detention or suspension may be assigned at the discretion of an administrator.

Safety, As we progress towards the beginning of the 2021-22 school year, we will continue to follow state mandates regarding school safety and continue to inform students and staff and implement best practices. State mandates require that schools perform 4 lockdown drills and 12 fire drills during the school year. Bus drills and emergency release drills will also be completed at various times during the school year. Building administration, along with our school resource officer will coordinate a plan to complete these drills in a timely manner. We will also continue to train and implement ways to improve our practice and ensure that safety remains the first priority here at LHS!

High school activities: Lancaster high school has many events and activities year round. In order to get the latest information, please check out the school calendar at [lancasterschools.org](http://lancasterschools.org).

A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. The slate is clean and anything can happen. Written by Denise Witmer.

Welcome back to school. Classes begin Tuesday, September 6th. Legends are born in Lancaster. Lancaster Legends.