Principal’s perspective

Dear Viking Community,

As I look forward to this upcoming year as your principal I can’t help but think of what great possibilities lay ahead. Our Viking spirit is high as our academic scores showed even greater gains in the areas of literacy, mathematics and the sciences. I am grateful to be able to report LSHS continues to be a county leader in academic performance. This is a good time to thank the teachers and students for their incredibly effective and difficult work!

So what is next at LSHS? We are currently busy at the building implementing professional development using data to inform our instruction, applying research-based instructional strategies and preparing for the new Common Core State Standards which will be our new standard for student learning. We are also developing procedures to adopt the new District Strategic Plan. The first step in the adoption of the Strategic Plan will be to implement a transition strategy from 9th to 10th grade. This new approach, called the LINK Crew, will help ease the transition for incoming Vikings and surface the values and beliefs of our students and staff in the context of a safe and relaxing sophomore-only first day of school. We are expecting this program to help increase passage rates of 10th graders, reduce attendance and discipline referrals and create a warm and invitational tone for our new students. The LINK approach is a perfect fit for the Viking community!

The intent of this newsletter is to welcome you to a new school year and inform you of some upcoming events that may interest you. First of all, welcome back! I hope you have spent quality time together as a family and are ready to start this school year fresh and rejuvenated. Below are some key events and suggestions to help with your school year and make your transitions as smooth as possible.

- **Sophomore LINK Orientation September 4th**
  This is a SOPHOMORE ONLY DAY and will include FREE LUNCH AND BUS TRANSPORTATION. This is a mandatory school day for all sophomore students. This is a fun day intended on easing the transition from the mid-high to the high school. Staff, students and administration will welcome sophomore students with invitations to get involved in our activities and athletics, academic guidelines and suggestions for success, solutions for dealing with peer pressures and adversity!

- **First Day of School for ALL STUDENTS September 5th**
  Sophomore, Junior and Senior students will all begin school on September 5th. Bussing information is available on the LSSD website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu

- **Easy access to LSHS information**
  Access our website for up-to-the-date information regarding all things LSHS at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/lshs. This website is there to communicate with you by posting important information regarding LSHS including our daily bulletin, schools schedules, student handbook, staff contact information and more. Also, your students’ grades, attendance information, and other important academic information may be reviewed through Family Access. If you don’t have a Family Access Code please contact us at 425-335-1515 so we can help make sure you have full privileges in the system.

- **LSHS Student Schedule Corrections and New Student Registration**
  August 26:
  SENIORS Noon - 3:00 PM
  August 27:
  New Students 8:00 - 11:00 AM
  JUNIORS Noon - 3:00 PM
  August 28:
  New Student 8:00 - 11:00 AM
  SOPHOMORES Noon - 3:00 PM

- **Parents: Join the Purple and Gold Club**
  The P&G C is our partner in education consisting of parents and community supporters who meet monthly to determine ways and means of supporting the students of LSHS both academically and athletically. Please contact President Tim Posey at 425-330-3522 or see our website for details. Please consider this an invitation to join!

- **Come Meet Your Student’s Teachers**
  Attend Curriculum Night September 23rd at 6:30pm.

I hope this information is helpful in making the start of your year as smooth as possible. I am looking forward to seeing you at our events or you could attend our monthly parent meetings beginning in October in the Main Office at 5:30pm. The dates for these meetings are on the website calendar. Here is to a great 2013-2014!

With Viking Pride,

Eric Cahan
Principal
New Staff Members
We extend a big Viking Welcome to the following new staff:

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Senior Photo for Class of 2014
Here are some important details that you, your parents and your photographer need to know in order to ensure your picture makes it into the yearbook:

Senior Picture Deadline - Friday, October 11, 2013

Dimensions - 2.0" x 1.5" (this could be slightly altered due to the design of the yearbook page)

Head Size - 1"

(ideally head alone - 1" not your whole body)

Background – Any (outside, solid color, the choice is yours!) Photos must be in jpeg format with a minimum 300 dpi. You cannot save as Powerpoint, Word, Photoshop, gif, tiff, or PDF.

IMPORTANT: Beginning this year, it is PREFERRED that you email your pictures in jpeg format to emily_chilson@lkstevens.wednet.edu, however, PLEASE check to make sure you receive a CONFIRMATION email from Emily Chilson. If you do not receive a confirmation email within a few days, the picture WILL NOT be in the yearbook - thank you! You may also submit by disk, flash drive, or a printed copy of your picture - turn in to Emily Chilson's room (431).

Schedules – First Day of School
Please access your current schedule on-line through Family Access at our website (http://viking.lkstevens.wednet.edu).

Hard copies of your schedule will be distributed in first period on September 5th. Sophomore schedules will be available on September 4th at the LINK Orientation. If you would like to change your schedule or if you have questions please show up at the designated schedule change times listed to the left.

Payment Option
Once again we are allowing students to pay for certain fees or services through the mail. We have found this process to be efficient and time-saving. An order form for ASB card and yearbook is included in this mailing. Students with fines will not be allowed to make purchases until fines have been cleared.

Fall Sports Turnouts
August 19 – Football gear distribution
August 21 – Football starts
August 26 - Cross Country, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis, Girls Swimming, and Volleyball

Please call 425-335-1527 for additional information and times.

Students must have a completed eligibility form into the athletic office before turning out for any sport. The physical is good for two years, but a new eligibility form must be turned in each year.

Traffic Safety Information
Fall Traffic Safety will kick off with a parent night to be held on Tuesday, September 17th. Class begins Tuesday, September 24th and ends November 27th. Students must have turned 15 years of age by September 24th to be eligible for registration. The cost for the class is $400. Payment plans are accepted with a minimum of $200 for a down payment. Final payment is due upon the end of class.

Mark your calendars
Curriculum Night
September 23rd
6:30pm