

The Lyons Tale

November 2011
Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, November 1	PLAN Test for all Sophomores
Wednesday, November 2	Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am HS Great Start College Prep 8:15-9:45 am (see page 6)
Monday, November 7	MS Girls Basketball sign up begins
Friday, November 11	HS Band, Veteran's Day Parade, 11:11 am, Longmont HS Winter Sports begin practice
Monday, November 14	MS Girls Basketball practice begins Booster Club Meeting, 6 pm, Conference room
Wednesday & Thursday, Nov 16,17	HS Play Performance, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Saturday, November 19	HS Play Performance, 2 pm, Cafetorium
Monday-Friday, November 21-25	THANKSGIVING BREAK
Monday-Friday, November 28-Dec 2	Scholastic Book Fair, Library
Wednesday, November 30	Parent Teacher Conferences & Book Fair 3-7:30 pm
DECEMBER	DECEMBER
Thursday, December 1	HS St. Vrain Jazz Festival 3-7 pm
Saturday, December 3	HS Band, Lyons Holiday Parade of Lights 6:30 pm
Monday, December 5	MS & HS Band Concert, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Wednesday, December 7	Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am HS Great Start College Prep 8:15-9:45 am (see page 6)
Thursday, December 8	MS & HS Choir Concert, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Friday, December 9	MS Reading Interviews, 8-9:30 am, Library Senior Portraits and Dedications Yearbook Deadline
Wednesday, December 14	Jazz Band @ Oskar Blues, 7 pm
Wednesday – Friday, Dec 14-16 th	HS Finals Schedule, revised HS schedule every day
Thursday, December 15	MS Drama Performance, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Monday, Dec 19 - Tue. Jan 2	WINTER BREAK for students
NO LATE START Day in January	NO LATE START Day in January

PLEASE check the Lyons Sports webpage for the most accurate schedules.
<http://lyonssports.org>

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Principal's Page



Welcome to the November edition of our school on-line newsletter. Please take the time to review the items found in this edition. Your involvement and support are critical as we move through this school year.

We are excited about the start of the school year and the number of parents and students we have involved in so many activities. However, we continue to have a need for more volunteers/members of our Booster Club. The Lions Boosters provide so much time, energy, and financial support for our school. If you are interested in being a part of this team of volunteers, please email me and I will get you signed up.

If you missed the Parent/Teacher Conference on October 3rd, please make sure you attend the next conference night on November 30th. Communication between parents, teachers, and the administration is very important in improving academic and social success.

As we enter the month of November, please take a few minutes to review the calendar and take advantage of all of the events and activities going on here at Lyons M/S.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger
Winger_greg@svvsd.org



2011 Turkey Exchange



The Town of Lyons' Youth Specialist (aka Paula Randazzo, Lyons MS Interventionist) is facilitating a Turkey Exchange for families and community members that would benefit from receiving a celebratory meal for Thanksgiving!!! If you are interested in *donating* or *receiving* a turkey and food box call Paula Randazzo at **303-823-6622 x16** and leave your name and number (names will be kept confidential). **Please reply by Friday, November 4th!!!!** Priorities will be given in the order the requests are received. Donors can put together a full meal, contribute cash or donate specific items. Please contact Paula if you chose to contribute to this event.

A Thanksgiving Food Box will include:

- A Turkey & a fresh pie
(sorry, no frozen pies this year)
- 2 boxes or bags of stuffing
- 3 cans of veggies (combo of corn/peas/green beans)
- 1 can of canned yams
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 or 2 cans or packages of gravy
- small bag of rice
- small bag/can of beans
- drink mix (i.e. hot chocolate packages)
- chocolates or sweets
- fresh potatoes
- fresh apples/oranges/pears
- rolls
- bag of nuts

Attendance

24 hour direct attendance line at Lyons Middle Senior 720-494-3844

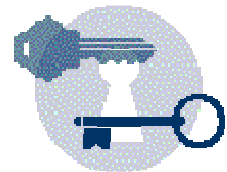
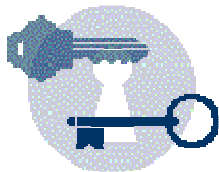
Please call the attendance line if your student is going to be absent.

Pre-arranged Absence Reminder. Students and parents need to complete a pre-arranged absence form if the student knows in advance that he/she is going to be gone for **three or more** days in a row. District board policy states that if a student has poor attendance or poor academic performance, the principal may deny an excused absence for vacation purposes. The form is on our school webpage. <http://mshs.stvrain.k12.co.us>

District Webpage www.stvrain.k12.co.us

In the event of inclement weather or mechanical break down, school may be closed or the starting time delayed. The same conditions may also necessitate early dismissal or school closing.

Please check for announcements at the top of the **district webpage** or tune into TV Channels 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, and 16. Radio stations are listed on the district webpage under the quick link of school closures. Students are expected to be in class on time unless the district has announced a delayed start.



Latch Key Kids

School Resource Officer, Brit Fell

Lyons Middle/Senior High School has the highest percentage of any school in the district of open enrolled students. We are proud of this fact because it points out what a great school this is. Because parents of open enrolled students are responsible for transportation, there are a good number of students that are waiting for rides well after the school is closed.

We do have a large number of students involved in activities such as athletics or drama, and this is another fact we are very proud of. However, there are a growing number of students that are simply left waiting for several hours until parents get off work. The school does not have a supervised after school program to watch or be responsible for these kids. *The school locks the doors at 3:30 pm and kids that are not taking part in club meetings or practices need to be out of the building.*

With winter and cold temperatures around the corner this is a concern. Parents need to consider options for their students that do not get transportation services from the district.

6th & 7th grade students are eligible for the Lyons Elementary Kid Zone after school program. They could make arrangements to ride the High School 2:50 pm departure Bus #116 that drops kids off at the elementary. Registration & cost information is on the elementary community schools webpage. http://lyonses.stvrain.k12.co.us/comsch_announcements.php.

Please start thinking about this now before mercury drops below zero. Fell_britton@svvdsd.org

High School Counseling News:

Denise Rominger, H.S. Counselor rominger_denise@svvsd.org

Paula Randazzo, Interventionist randazzo_paula@svvsd.org

Kathy Slauson, Registrar/Secretary slauson_kathy@svvsd.org

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Juniors & Seniors

PSEO is now Concurrent Enrollment: Deadline is November 2nd.

PSEO= Post Secondary Enrollment Options. Juniors/ Seniors may take up to two college courses at Front Range Community College or CU-Boulder per semester. These classes must be a continuation of a student's high school studies after they have exhausted our available curriculum. Tuition costs will be reimbursed after they successfully complete the classes (C or better). Students received information in their English classes and need to submit their applications by the deadline.



Seniors

Senior Checklist: Please review with your parent. Make sure you are on track.

Look at websites for Colleges, Universities and Trade schools that you are considering and note both early application and standard application deadlines. Keep working on those **applications**, essays and letters of recommendation. ☺

Notice: Transcript Fees

The first transcript ordered for the school year is free. Each additional transcript is \$2.00. When applying to colleges, make sure your application is complete before requesting a transcript from the office. You are responsible for checking with each college to verify that your transcript has been received.

Technology Etiquette College Applications and scholarships are increasingly technology based. Be mindful of the appropriateness of your email address, Facebook profile or any other source that is a technological reference to you. You want to make sure that these are positive reflections of you as a person and potential member of a college or recipient of a scholarship.

College Opportunity Fund (COF) Seniors planning on attending a Colorado college next year should sign-up online at CollgeInColorado.org. Look for the COF and apply for the stipend. You must have a valid Colorado ID.



SAVE THE DATE! Want help completing financial aid (FAFSA) application? College goal Sunday, February 12, 2012 2:00-4:00 at Front Range Community College is a free opportunity to get this support. Go to www.collegegoalcolorado.org to find out what to do ahead of time and what you should bring with you.

Scholarship Opportunities Are posted on our district website as we are made aware of opportunities on an ongoing basis. **Go to the SVVSD website counseling.stvrain.k12.co.us** click on scholarships on the bottom left side.

Look for Scholarships on 3 different levels

1. **National Level** usually major companies (Coca-cola, Toyota) or foundations
2. **State/ Regional/ Local/Company**(family work place)
St. Vrain Local Scholarships will be posted on the district website mid January. Lyons local scholarships do not become available until March and information will be given to students at our school closer to that time.
3. **Institutional**- the University or College the student plans to attend.

\$\$\$ More Scholarship Opportunities \$\$\$

Hispanic Annual Salute hispanicannualsalute.org

Applications in the office for Hispanic youth who recognize and encourage volunteerism.
Applications due Dec 2, 2011

Gates Millennium Scholars www.gmsp.org

Due date January 11, 2012

DAR, Daughters of the American Revolution

National scholarships at www.DAR.org; Political Science, history, government, economics and nursing.
Colorado scholarships at www.coloradodar.org/scholarships; American History, American Government, or nursing
Applications in the office. Many applications are due in December and January.

KFC Colonel's Scholars <http://www.kfcscholars.org>

Looking for seniors with financial need and an entrepreneurial spirit to qualify. Awards are up to \$20,000. Minimum GPA 2.75, must attend a Colorado public college, demonstrate financial need. Accepting online applications Dec 1, 2011 – February 8, 2012

Society of Women Engineers Scholarship, Rocky Mountain Section

Students planning to study engineering, computing, or engineering technology are eligible.
Application in the office. , Application due January 31, 2012

The Colorado Society of Mayflower Descendants www.coloradomayflowersociety.org

Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Having a Mayflower ancestor is not a requirement.
Criteria for selection: a written essay on the topic given in the application, evidence of activities, leadership, and honors received, GPA and class rank, and letter of recommendation. Application due March 1, 2012



ACT/ SAT Testing Information:

ACT (No Writing) \$34.00
 ACT Plus Writing \$49.50

SAT \$49.00

ACT Registration Postmark Deadline by:	ACT Test Dates	SAT Registration Postmark Deadline :	SAT Test Dates
November 4, 2011	December 10, 2011	October 7, 2011	November 5, 2011
January 13, 2012	February 11, 2012	November 8, 2011	December 3, 2011
March 9, 2012	April 14, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 28, 2012
May 4, 2012	June 9, 2012	February 10, 2012	March 10, 2012
		April 6, 2012	May 5, 2012
		May 8, 2012	June 2, 2012

Online registration is preferred: ACT www.act.org SAT www.collegeboard.com
 If you are unable to register online pick up a registration packet in the counseling office.

The Lyons H.S. Code Number is: 060-955

Late registration for the ACT and SAT is possible, however, late fees apply. Contact the counseling office for more details.

Great Start College Prep

**SAT/ACT Prep &
 Scholarship & Financial Aid Information
 for
 Seniors, Juniors & Sophomores at Lyons High**

Make the most of the PLC Late Start mornings and be a part of Great Start. During meetings you will have the opportunity to take practice tests, gain test taking skills, and get scholarship and financial aid information along with help on creating a resume, college applications, job interviews, and much more. All for free.

Contact Kurt Gattmann 303-931-8721 for more information.

Meetings are held in Mr. Roberts' room. Food is provided by Lyons Booster Club.

**November 2nd, December 7th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th
 8:15 - 9:45 am**

Yearbook News

Questions related to yearbook?

Contact Anna Marie Strzyz at: strzyz_annamarie@svvsd.org or **303-823-6631**

Important Dates for

Seniors:

- **December 9th:**
Senior portraits
and senior
dedications due
- **November 11th:**
Early order
discount on senior
dedication

Important Yearbook

Order Dates:

- **Jan. 8th**
Early order
yearbook discount
and
personalization
deadline

SENIOR PARENTS

Here are some important dates for you to keep in mind.

- Senior portraits are due **December 9th**. Please email electronic files of pictures or bring a hard copy to the front office.
- The senior dedication section (optional): You will have the choice between a half page and quarter page section – both will be in full color. The deadline for the dedications is **December 9^h**; however, we are offering a **15% early order discount** for dedications received by **November 11th**. Please see the order form in the forms section of the school website.

<http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co>

Attention students involved in sports/activities outside of Lyons High School:

The yearbook staff wishes to highlight the students who participate in sports or clubs at schools/organizations other than Lyons High School. Please submit pictures via email lyonsyearbook@gmail.com or in person to the front office.

Scholastic Book Fair

November 28th – December 2nd

Lyons Middle Senior Library

7:45 am – 3 pm M, T, Th

7:45 am – 1pm Friday

7:45 am – 7:30 pm Wednesday, Parent Teacher Conferences

Books make great gifts! Please support your school library!

Lions BOOSTER CLUB

Attention all parents! The Lyons Booster Club is for all parents of 6th-12th graders at Lyons Middle Senior. Please consider becoming involved in a great organization that contributes financially and in many other ways to all areas of the school.

2011-12 Membership

To JOIN Booster Club and our email Blaster: Go to our website <http://lyonsboosterclub.com> and click on **Contact Sheet** in the left column. If you were a member last year, just click on the button to find your information, check it over for accuracy and submit!

You may pay the \$10.00 dues in the school office or make donations via PayPal. The state requires us to have parents register every year. Registration forms are also available in the school office.



Lionswear:

Great gift ideas! T-shirts \$12 Hoodies \$30

See Ann in the office if you would like to purchase any Lionswear!

Junior Class parents & students: The junior class earns money for Prom (not After-Prom) by working Booster concessions at the HS boys and girls home basketball games. One set-up and one closing junior parent is needed for each game along with 4-5 juniors. Contact info and sign up for BB concessions will be available later this month.

AFTER-PROM Manager: Prom is April 28th this school year. After Prom is a fun and safe activity for our juniors and seniors to attend. After Prom is from midnight – 4:30 am. We are looking for a junior parent(s) to coordinate the various sub-committees. We have a detailed “What needs to be done” list so you would not be starting from scratch!

Please contact Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com if you have any questions!

BINGO: We are currently seeking a Booster parent to oversee the four Bingo teams that are already established. This parent would be a regular volunteer with one of the four established teams and help keep the communication between the four teams on the same page!

The Lyons Booster Club hosts Bingo every Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Longmont Bingo Alley, 640 19th Ave. (near 19th & Main). We have four teams that rotate so volunteers only need to work once every 4th week! Easy! Fun! \$\$ for the school! Great way to meet other parents!

Lyons students age 14 and above are also encouraged to volunteer.

Please email Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com if you have any questions about how you could help with Bingo. Bingo is our number one fund raiser for the school.

NEXT MEETING: The next Booster Club meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 6:00 pm in the school office conference room. Please join us! We need your input! Any Lyons Middle Senior parent/guardian is welcome to attend.

Winter sport practices begin Friday, November 11th. All participants need a current physical on file, code of conduct & district permission form signed by parent/athlete, emergency form for each sport, and \$150 turned in to the office PRIOR to November 11th.

LYONS WRESTLING 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Thursday,	December 1	Holy Family/Highland	Highland	6:30 pm
Saturday,	December 3	Air Academy Duals	USAF Acad.	9:00 am
Thursday,	December 8	University	home	6:30 pm
Saturday,	December 10	Badger Invitational	Limon	9:00 am
Thursday,	January 5	Berthoud	away	6:30 pm
Saturday,	January 7	Boulder Valley Invite	Niwot	9:00 am
Thursday,	January 12	open		
Saturday	January 14	Lyons Invitational	home	9:00 am
Thursday,	January 19	Estes Park	home	6:30 pm
Saturday,	January 21	Northglenn Invitational	Northglenn	9:00 am
Thursday,	January 26	Mead/Strasburg/EP	home quad	
		Lyons/Mead 6:00 pm	Strasburg/EP	6:00 pm
		Lyons/Strasburg 7:00 pm	Mead/EP	7:00 pm
Saturday,	January 28	Thin Air Invitational	Estes Park	9:00 am
Thursday,	February 2	Valley	away	6:30 pm
Saturday,	February 4	Highland Duals	away	9:00 am
Friday/Saturday February 15-16 Regional Tournament	February 10-11	Regional Tournament		
Thursday/Friday/Saturday February 16/17/18 State Tournament Pepsi Center				



LYONS BOYS BASKETBALL 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Friday,	December 2	Resurrection Christian	home	5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	December 6	Denver Lutheran	away	5:30, 7:00 pm
Friday,	December 9	Dayspring Christian	home	5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	December 13	Union Colony (DH)	away	4, 5, 6, 7:30 pm GJV, BJV, GV, BV
Friday,	December 16	Wiggins Tournament		tbd (2 games)
Saturday,	December 17	Wiggins Tournament		
Thursday,	January 5	Alexander Dawson (DH)	home	5:30, 7:00 pm JV, V
Tuesday,	January 10	Brush	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Thursday,	January 12	Berthoud	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Saturday,	January 14	Front Range Christian(DH)	away	1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30 pm GJV,BJV,GV,BV
Tuesday,	January 17	Strasburg (DH)	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm JV, C, V
Friday,	January 20	Platte Valley	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	January 24	Estes Park	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Wednesday,	January 25	Mead C Tourney	away	TBD
Friday,	January 27	Eaton	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Saturday	January 28	Mead C Tourney	away	TBD
Tuesday,	January 31	Valley	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Friday,	February 3	University	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	February 7	Mead	away	4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm
Thursday,	February 9	Weld Central	away	4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	February 14	Highland	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm JV, C team, Varsity
Friday,	February 24	District Semi-Finals		
Saturday,	February 25	District Finals		
Fri./Sat.,	March 2 or 3	Regionals		
Thurs./Fri./Sat. March 13-15	March 8-10	State Tournament		



LYONS GIRLS BASKETBALL 2011-12 SCHEDULE

Friday,	December 2	Resurrection Christian	away	5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	December 6	Denver Lutheran	home	5:30, 7:00 pm
Friday,	December 9	Dayspring Christian	away	5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	December 13	Union Colony (DH)	away	4, 5, 6, 7:30 pm GJV,BJV,GV,BV
Friday,	December 16	Wiggins Tournament		Tbd (2 games)
Saturday,	December 17	Wiggins Tournament		
Thursday,	January 5	Alexander Dawson (DH)	home	5:30, 7:00 pm JV, V
Tuesday,	January 10	Brush	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Friday,	January 13	Berthoud	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Saturday,	January 14	Front Range Christian(DH)	away	1:00, 2:30, 4:00, 5:30 pm GJV,BJV,GV,BV
Tuesday,	January 17	Strasburg (DH)	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm JV, V, C
Friday,	January 20	Platte Valley	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	January 24	Estes Park	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Friday,	January 27	Eaton	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	January 31	Valley	home	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Friday,	February 3	University	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	February 7	Mead	home	4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm
Thursday,	February 9	Weld Central	home	4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm
Tuesday,	February 14	Highland	away	4:00, 5:30 7:00 pm JV, C team, Varsity
Friday,	February 24	District Semi-Finals		
Saturday,	February 25	District Finals		
Fri./Sat.,	March 2 or 3	Regionals		
Thurs./Fri./Sat. March 13-15	March 8-10	State Tournament		

🎵 Band Notes 🎵

Upcoming Events: Remember that all events are REQUIRED unless indicated otherwise.

Sat, Nov. 5	1:00 pm	Home playoff football game – HS only
Fri, Nov. 11	11:11 am	Veteran's Day Parade – HS only
Sat, Nov. 12	1:00 pm	Home playoff football game – HS only
Thurs, Dec 1	3:00 pm	District Jazz Festival, location TBD – Jazz only
Sat, Dec. 3	6:30 pm	Lyons Holiday Parade of Lights – HS only
Mon, Dec. 5	7:00 pm	Winter Band Concert – ALL BAND KIDS
Wed, Dec. 14	7:00 pm	Jazz Band at Oskar Blues – Jazz only

Fundraisers!!

We have 2 fundraisers coming up:

Qdoba: For all Disney-bound kids. Sales begin November 1st until all sheets are gone.

Wreaths and Holiday Greenery: For ALL BAND KIDS. Disney-bound kids can earn money towards their trip and all other kids are encouraged to participate in an effort to raise much needed money for the band program.

- November 3: Pre-order sales begin!!
- November 15th: Orders and \$\$ due to Dr. Gregg
- December 2: Items arrive at the school!

🎵 Disney Updates for Band & Choir 🎵

Registration:

If you are planning on going on this trip (as a student or as an adult chaperone) and have not yet registered, we need you to do this immediately! We need to get final numbers so that we can secure airfare and lodging reservations. Contact Dr. Gregg immediately if you need more information.



Payments

Your trip must be paid IN FULL by **November 30th**! All fundraiser profits will be sent in before this deadline. Please refer to the New Horizons website to see your balance and individual account information.



Moving truck needed!!



In an effort to avoid extraordinary airline luggage charges we will have a parent drive a moving van to Orlando that will carry all uniforms (band & choir), instruments, and ALL luggage (yes, you read that correctly). If we can find a way to *borrow* a 17'-26' moving truck, that will save us a few thousand dollars. If you have one (or know someone who does) and would be willing to let us use it from January 9-20, please contact me ASAP!