

The Lyons Tale

December 2011/January 2012

Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday-Friday, November 28-Dec 2	Scholastic Book Fair, Library
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 9)
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
Saturday, December 10	State Cheer Competition, 7:30 am, Denver Coliseum
Monday, December 12	Open House for new 2012-13 students, 6-7 pm, Library Booster Club Meeting 6-7 pm, Conference Room
	Band/Choir Disney MANDATORY Meeting, 7 pm Cafetorium. Student and a parent required to attend this meeting per Dr. Gregg
Wednesday, December 14	Jazz Band @ Oskar Blues, 7 pm
Wednesday – Friday, Dec 14-16 th	HS Finals Schedule, revised HS schedule every day (see pg 2)
Thursday, December 15	MS Drama Performance, 7 pm, Cafetorium
Friday, December 16	MS Dance, 2:30-4 pm, Cafetorium
Monday, Dec 19 - Tue. Jan 3	WINTER BREAK for students
2012	2012
Wednesday, January 4	Students return for a full day of school, regular schedule NO LATE START Day in JANUARY
Thursday – Monday, January 12-16	HS Band & Choir Disney Trip
Monday, January 16	SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday, January 20	Final day for yearbook discounts
Wednesday, February 1	Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am HS Great Start College Prep 8:15-9:45 am (see page 9)

PLEASE check the Lyons Sports webpage for the most accurate sports schedules.

<http://lyonssports.org>

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Principal's Page

Welcome to the December/January edition of our school on-line newsletter. Please take the time to review the items found in this edition. Your continued involvement and support are critical as we approach the end of the first semester. We have less than three weeks until the semester ends!

As we move closer to the half way point I would encourage parents and students alike to monitor grades and attendance via the on-line Infinite Campus portal. This system provides a starting point for parents to encourage and dialogue with their students on their academic progress. We make every attempt to have updated grades posted by Thursday afternoon. This allows parents the opportunity to view grades (via Infinite Campus) and assist in planning an appropriate weekend for their son or daughter... If you know what I mean. ☺ When parents, students, and educators all work together great things are possible.

As we enter the months of December and January, please take a few minutes to review the calendar and take advantage of all of the events and activities going on here at Lyons Middle Senior.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger



High School Finals Schedule for 1st Semester

Wednesday, December 14th

P 1	7:30-9:00 am
P 2	9:10-10:40 am
P 3	10:50-12:20 pm

Thursday, December 15th

Make Up	7:30-9:00 am
P 4	9:10-10:40 am
P 5	10:50-12:20 pm

Friday, December 16th

Make Up	7:30-9:00 am
P 6	9:10-10:40 am
P 7	10:50-12:20 am

Middle School students will be in school from 7:50 am – 2:50 pm on all three of these days. If MS students carpool with HS students, please note the HS times for each day.

Scholastic Book Fair

ENDS Friday December 2nd

Lyons Middle Senior Library

Final days...

7:45 am – 3 pm Thursday

7:45 am – 1pm Friday

Books make great gifts! Please support your school library!

Attendance

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

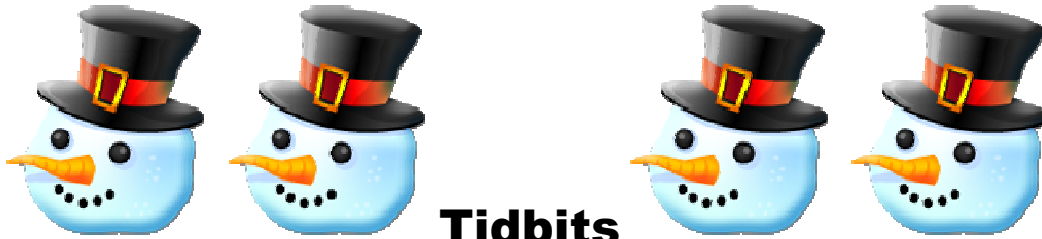
Please call the attendance line if your student is going to be absent.

Every 7 periods = 1 day at Lyons Middle Senior. Infinite Campus calculates a total of excused and unexcused absences and then generates a letter to alert parents when their student has reached 6 then 9 and then 12 days of absences. Once a student reaches 12 days of absences, the district policy states that he/she will need documentation from a health care provider to be excused from any further absences the remainder of the school year.

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.



Tidbits

Town of Lyons Community Spirit Award

The Town of Lyons Community Spirit Award is granted to one female and one male youth who demonstrate commitment and service to their school and community. It is a way that the Town of Lyons can recognize and honor the youth in our community that stand out as leaders.

Both winners this year have been chosen because they consistently display loyalty to their school, respect to others, service to school & community, and integrity through their daily actions. This year's winners are **Madison Myers** & **Marcos Rodriguez**! Congratulations to both! Both Madison & Marcos will be honored during the annual Parade of Lights, in Lyons, on December 3rd.

Student Activists:

Kids Who Care is a community service club for middle school students. There are 20 students in the club this year and they have been very involved with several community service projects since September.

The students have made fleece blankets and motivational posters and cards for children with cancer. They planned, prepared and served a "Farm to Table Dinner" to over 30 elderly residents of Lyons. They created a "Teacher Appreciation Day" and also provided support for certain families in crises. They also prepared Thanksgiving Food Baskets for local families in need.

If any middle school student would like to join the club, please see one of the staff advisors: Mrs. Busby or Ms. Sittner. The club will run through the month of April with more community service projects to come such as anti-bullying, working at the Community Food Share, working with the mentally challenged and an environmental project.

CSAP Testing Dates for 6th – 10th Graders at Lyons Middle Senior

March 13, 14, 15 and March 20, 21, 22

Please plan any appointments around these six days. Thank you!



KINDNESS FOR KIDS

About Kindness for Kids

Each year, the hardships that prevent many of the families in the St. Vrain Valley School District from having enough food, proper clothing, or school supplies, also prevent them from having many of the joys of the holidays.

Together with church members, hundreds of volunteers, organizations, and businesses in the community, Kindness for Kids is able to make sure the wishes of hundreds of children come true, by providing toys for low-income families living in the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Participating agencies include: Center for People with Disabilities, El Comit , GENESIS Program, Imagine!, Inn Between, Safe Shelter of St Vrain Valley, and the OUR Center.

Who is Eligible?

Families in the St. Vrain Valley School District, with low income and very limited access to holiday gifts are eligible to register for toys.

How to Register

- ⚡ Pick up a registration form at a participating agency, or download and print the form from the website at www.kindness-for-kids.org.
- ⚡ Bring the completed form on distribution day at the time corresponding to **your** last name, along with a photo ID, proof of residence in the St. Vrain School District, and proof of each child's legal name and birth date.
Note: Forms must be turned in by the custodial parent or legal guardian of children 14-years-old and younger.

Toy Distribution Day Schedule

- ⚡ Distribution Day: Friday, December 16 & Saturday, December 17
- ⚡ Distribution Location:
Boulder County Fair Grounds (9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont, CO)
- ⚡ Distribution Times:
Last names beginning with the letters A–L, Friday, Dec. 16.
Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.; Toy distribution from 7–9 p.m.
Last names beginning with the letters M–Z, Saturday, Dec. 17, 8–11 a.m.
Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.; Toy distribution from 9–11 a.m.

Dinner & Breakfast is for registered families only!

Donations

⚡ Gift Donations

Gift tags will be placed on giving trees in area churches, local businesses, Twin Peaks Mall, and Walmart. Choose a gift tag and purchase the suggested gift (\$30 limit).

Return the unwrapped gift to the Twin Peaks Mall.

⚡ Monetary Donations

Cash donations are always accepted. To make a cash donation:

⚡ Make checks payable to:

Longmont Community Foundation
Kindness for Kids

⚡ Mail checks to:

401 Main Street, Suite 102
Longmont, CO 80501

⚡ Volunteer

Call Michelle at 303-204-9734, to find out how you can help!

For More Information

Contact Lisa:

720-864-9209

www.kindness-for-kids.org

High School Counseling News:

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Kathy Slauson, Registrar/Secretary
slauson_kathy@svvsd.org

SVVSD Counseling Website

<http://counseling.stvrain.k12.co.us/>

High School Schedule Changes for 2nd Semester

To all High School Students:

Schedule changes for second semester must take place before the Holiday break the week of December 12th. High School students may submit requests as detailed below. If the student needs to meet with the counselor they may do so the week of December 12th during lunch, free period or the afternoon of finals when classes are not in session.

The deadline for making a change for 2nd Semester is Friday, December 16, 2011.

Process:

1. Look at your schedule on Infinite Campus.
2. Look at list of available classes, posted outside of the counseling office.
3. Fill out a schedule change request form.
4. Have parent sign permission for the change.
5. Leave request in the bin on the counseling office door.
6. If the change is problematic due to credit requirements etc., Ms. Rominger will contact the student to meet.



Financial Aid

Do you have questions about Financial Aid? Here are options for you to get the answers you need:

Visit the website... www.collegeinvest.org

College Invest is a not-for-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education. They offer free resources and support. Visit their website to find tools for: Understanding Financial Aid, All about the FAFSA, College planning timeline & checklists and Scholarship information.



ATTEND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

January 11, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for the St. Vrain Valley School District presented by College Invest. Silver Creek High School will be hosting this event. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn about funding for college and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

ATTEND COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY

February 12, 2012 2:00-4:00 pm at Front Range Community College, Longmont Campus. A free one day event for students and families to get professional help with completing the FAFSA process.

Visit www.collegegoalcolorado.org to find out what you can do to prepare now, what tax information to bring with you and more information.

FAFSA... www.fafsa.ed.gov

The application for the FAFSA is available online. They recommend that you send it in electronically. FAFSA forms must be filled out with year 2011 tax information, and cannot be processed before January 1st. You can apply for a PIN # now so it is available to you when you are ready to enter your tax information. While the application can be processed anytime during the school year, many colleges and Universities have a priority deadline of approx. March 1st for accessing grant and scholarship money; these funds are first come first serve.



Seniors

College Applications: Make sure you have checked each school you are applying to for their deadlines, it is often best to have college applications sent in by December 31st. Many applications have a counselor/ registrar portion that may need to be completed in addition to sending official transcripts. In order to meet late December/ early January deadlines we will need to have your application/ transcript requests the first week of December (to be processed prior to Winter Break).

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. Students are responsible for checking with each college to make sure that their transcript has been received.

NCAA: If you are planning on attending a Division 1 or Division 2 School to participate in an athletic program, you must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse before coaches can begin formally recruiting you. You can register online at: www.eligibilitycenter.org

*****Technology Etiquette**

College Applications and scholarships are becoming increasingly technology based. We want to remind you of the appropriateness of your email address, Facebook profile or any other source that is a technological reference to you and your family. 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.

Scholarship Opportunities for Seniors

Hispanic Annual Salute hispanicannualsalute.org

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

BK Scholars http://www.haveyourwayfoundation.org/bksp_scholarship_eligibility.html

High School Seniors, Burger King employees and children of Burger King employees are eligible to apply. Deadline January 10, 2012.

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 due Jan 15, 2011, but dates vary.

All-in-One Applications Scholarship Competition www.allin1apps.com

Two \$1000 merit scholarships. Deadline January 15, 2012.

Ronald McDonald House Charities, U.S. Scholarship Program www.rmhc.org

Exemplary role models in their communities and have the initiative to fulfill their educational goals. Deadline January 27, 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 Jan 31, 2012

KFC Colonel's Scholars 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

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

Colorado Garden Show application in the office

Full ride scholarship for a student studying Agriculture Education, Horticulture, Floriculture, Landscape Architecture, Botany, Environmental Concerns, etc. Application deadline March 15, 2012.

Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association www.coloradoyoungfarmer.com

Major in agriculture Application in the office. Deadline March 15, 2012.

Colorado Association of Legal Support Staff www.calss.org

\$1000, application in the office. Applications accepted from Dec 1 through April 15.

Please see Kathy Slauson if you have any questions about the above scholarships.



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	November 8, 2011	December 3, 2011
January 13, 2012	February 11, 2012	December 30, 2011	January 28, 2012
March 9, 2012	April 14, 2012	February 10, 2012	March 10, 2012
May 4, 2012	June 9, 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 Mornings

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

Make the most of the 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.

December 7th, February 1st, March 7th, April 4th
8:15 – 9:45 am

The **Career Development Center**, located in Longmont, will be hosting an Open House for any high school student interested in taking CDC classes for the 2012/2013 school year.

The date of the open house is Sunday, January 29th from 12:30- 4:30 pm.



Yearbook News

Questions related to yearbook?
Contact Anna Marie Strzyz at: stryz_annamarie@svvsd.org or **303-823-6631**

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

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

Attention 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 (lyonsyearbook@gmail.com) 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 9th**.

Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!

You can now order your yearbooks online or in person. For online credit card orders, simply go to www.jostensyearbook.com and follow the prompts. To pay by cash or check, go to the front office. Order your yearbook before Jan 8th and the cost is only \$55. After that, the cost of the yearbook is \$60.

Personalize your yearbook! A variety of personalization options are available for purchase. See the order form or website for information on how to make your yearbook unique. The deadline for personalization orders is Jan 8th.



Looking for ideas for holiday gifts?

Why not give the gift of memories?

Purchase a yearbook by Dec 9th, and receive a gift certificate to give your son/daughter as a gift.

If you have purchased a yearbook already and would like a gift certificate, email Anna Marie Strzyz, and one will be waiting for you in the front office. Strzyz_annamarie@svvsd.org

Li^ons 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.

We need your voice at the Booster Club meetings! We make monthly decisions on various allocation requests and need your input! Recent allocations were approved for middle school science scales, middle school novels for a Language Arts class, high school Robotics, and the MS & HS special education department for equipment needed for the Reading 180 program.

NEXT MEETING: The next Booster Club meeting will be Monday, December 12th at 6-7 pm in the school office conference room. Please join us! We need your input! Any Lyons Middle Senior parent/guardian is welcome to attend.



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 \$\$\$ 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. The juniors will be signing up for concession spots this week.

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. **The Longmont Recreation Center has been reserved** for After Prom 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! There is \$\$ in the account! Please contact Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com if you have any questions!