

The Lyons Tale

April 2011
Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES in April & May

Wednesday, April 6	Late Start Morning (See our webpage for schedule)
Thursday, April 7	MS Geo Bee, 6:30 P.M., Sunset Middle School
Friday, April 8	MS & HS Choir Cabaret, 6:00 & 8:00 P.M. Shows, Cafetorium
Thursday, April 14	HS Show Choir to CHSAA Show Choir Festival, Westminster MS Student Activists, 6:30-8:00 P.M., IMC
Friday, April 15	MS Talent Show, 1:00 P.M., Cafetorium
Saturday, April 16	9 News Health Fair, Cafetorium, 7 A.M.-Noon
Sunday, April 17	HS Show Choir, Earth Day, 12:30 P.M., Sandstone Park, Lyons
Monday, April 18	HS Band to Large Group State Finals
Wednesday, April 20	MS 7 th & 8 th Advanced Band to Large Group Contest
	Last Parent Teacher Conference, 3-7:30 P.M.
	Booster Club Lionswear Close Out Specials 3-7:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 23	Junior/Senior Prom and After Prom
Monday, April 25	Incoming 6 th Graders Orientation, 1:20-2:50 P.M.
Tuesday, April 26	HS AP Testing Pre-Administration 8:30 A.M., Cafetorium Superintendent's Feeder Meeting, 6:30-8:30 P.M., IMC
Wednesday, April 27	ACT Test for all Juniors in the morning at Lyons High
Friday, April 29	MS Reading Program, 8-10:30 A.M., IMC
May 3-14 th	AP Testing Window
Wednesday, May 4	Late Start Morning (See our webpage for schedule)
Friday, May 6	Deadline for Junior & Seniors to register for PSEO Fall Classes MS Drama Performance, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Saturday, May 7	MS Drama Performance, 2 P.M., Cafetorium
Tuesday, May 10	HS Jazz Band at Oskar Blues, 7 P.M.
Friday, May 13	MS Spring Dance 3-4:30 P.M.
Monday, May 16	MS Fine Arts Festival, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Tuesday, May 17	HS Fine Arts Festival, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Wednesday, May 18	HS Awards Night, 7 P.M.
Friday, May 20	HS Seniors Last Day & Graduation Practice
May 23-25	HS Finals Schedule
Tuesday, May 24	MS Awards, 7:30 A.M. (watch for invitations mid May)
Wednesday, May 25	Last day for students
Friday, May 27	HS Senior Night, 7 P.M., Main gym
Saturday, May 28	HS Graduation, 10 A.M., Football Field

Important Dates & the Lyons Middle Senior School Calendar are on our webpage
<http://lms.shs.stvrain.k12.co.us>

Principal's Page

The CSAP tests have been completed for this school year. The statewide ACT for all 11th graders will be on April 27th. I am confident the efforts of our staff, faculty and the student body this year will be seen in our 6th-10th grade CSAP scores and the ACT scores for our 11th graders. The scheduling of these tests creates a lot of challenges and our staff and students have done an amazing job of adapting to the changes. In addition, our parent volunteers have provided a ton of food and snacks for the staff during the CSAP testing... THANK YOU!

We are finalizing our course registration process and scheduling for next year. Given the reduced funding from the state of Colorado, I am planning for the worst and hoping for the best. My goal is to maintain the current course offerings, and even add a Personal Finance course. However, at this time, we will just need to wait and see how the budget cuts will impact our course offerings.

As we enter the last two months of the school year I hope you will continue to encourage your son or daughter to finish strong. Speaking of the 'finish line', we are preparing for graduation day for our senior class on May 28th.. (Seniors should have picked up their graduation announcements.)

Please take the time to review the calendar and take advantage of all of the events and activities going on here at Lyons Middle Senior.. I would also ask that you take a moment to review the following article which states the district policy on student dress.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger

BOARD POLICY- JICA – Student Dress

A safe and disciplined learning environment is essential to a quality educational program. District-wide standards on student attire are intended to help students concentrate on schoolwork, reduce discipline problems, and improve school order and safety. The Board recognizes that students have a right to express themselves through dress and personal appearance; however, students shall not wear apparel that is *deemed disruptive or potentially disruptive to the classroom environment* or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school.

Any student deemed in violation of the dress code shall be required to comply with this policy and the school's individual standards by changing into appropriate clothing (or making arrangements to have appropriate clothing brought to school immediately), to remove the paraphernalia, or modify the appearance of the hair. If the student takes such actions to be in compliance, there shall be no further penalty for that offense. If the student cannot promptly obtain appropriate clothing, on the first offense, the student shall be given a written or verbal warning and an administrator shall notify the student's parents/guardians. The student may be held out of class or classes at the discretion of the administrator. On the second offense, the student shall remain in the administrative areas of the school for the day to do schoolwork and a conference with parents/guardians should be held prior to the student's return to class or classes to clarify the District and school's expectations with respect to dress and appearance.

Missed classes due to a second dress code offense will be considered similar to a suspension with regard to the student making up missed school work. On the third offense, the student may be subject to suspension or other disciplinary action outlined in the school discipline code.

Violations of Student Dress Code

The following items are deemed disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe and orderly school and are not acceptable in school buildings, on school grounds/property, or at school activities:

1. Any clothing or accessory that presents a reasonable threat or hazard to the safety of others in a school environment, e.g. sharp jewelry, some chains, etc.
2. Sunglasses and/or hats worn over the eyes inside the building.
3. *Clothing that bares or exposes traditionally private parts of the body including, but not limited to, the stomach, buttocks, back and breasts.*
4. Students are required to wear appropriate footwear to ensure the safety and health of the student and others while on District property.
5. Any clothing, paraphernalia, grooming, jewelry, accessories, or body adornments that are or contain any advertisement, symbols, words, slogans, patches, or pictures that:
 - Refer to drugs, tobacco, alcohol, or weapons
 - Are of sexual nature
 - By virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, or other attribute denote affiliation with gangs or which advocate drug use, violence, illegal activity, or disruptive behavior which is detrimental to the safety and welfare of other students
 - Are obscene, profane, vulgar, lewd, or legally libelous
 - Threaten the safety or welfare of any person
 - Otherwise disrupt the teaching-learning process
 - May be considered harassment or offensive to an individual in any manner

Counseling

The Counseling Staff of Lyons Middle Senior Welcomes Students and Parents...

If you would like to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call or email us:

Denise Rominger, Counselor rominger_denise@stvrain.k12.co.us

Paula Randazzo, Interventionist randazzo_paula@stvrain.k12.co.us

Kathy Slauson, Counseling Secretary slauson_kathy@stvrain.k12.co.us

Juniors: Mandatory ACT Testing

On the morning of Wednesday, April 27, 2011, the State of Colorado is requiring the testing of all Juniors on the ACT. Testing will take place at Lyons Middle Senior for our students only.

The State testing of the ACT will be paid for by the Colorado Department of Education, and will be administered like a national test. This means the test will be free to students, and they will get some of the benefits of taking the regular ACT.

The State ACT benefits are:

- Free reporting of scores to four colleges of the students choice
- Acceptance of these scores by all Colorado colleges and universities and acceptance by most colleges & universities across the country.
- The use of information from the Student Profile section to help with college searches.

For those not planning to attend a 4 year school, ACT scores are generally required for most 2 year schools as well.

AN FYI regarding ACT testing & timing: On average students take the ACT 2-3 times (the state mandated exam in April is the only one funded by the state).

- Some students take the ACT prior to the mandated April test as a practice for the April test. If the student earns a score in the range for their anticipated college choice they are done with the ACT. If not, they may take it again in the fall (usually September).
- Others treat the April test as a practice test and plan on taking it again first thing in the fall (usually September) to meet entrance requirements/deadlines for college.
- Just a reminder as you consider test dates, college application processes begin in October for many schools so it is highly recommended to sign up to take the September ACT test so scores are available for colleges.

ACT/ SAT Testing Information:

ACT (No Writing) \$33.00

ACT Plus Writing \$48.00

SAT \$47.00

ACT Registration Postmark Deadline by:	ACT Test Dates	SAT Registration Postmark Deadline:	SAT Test Dates
March 4, 2011	April 9, 2011	April 8, 2011	May 7, 2011
May 6, 2011	June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	June 4, 2011

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. There is a late fee that applies to each. Contact the counseling office for more details.

Advanced Placement Test Info

April 26, 2011 Students are **required** to attend an AP Pre-Administration session at 8:30 A.M. held at Lyons Middle Senior

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING SCHEDULE MAY 2011

Date	Test	Time to Report
Tuesday, May 3	Spanish Language*	7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 4	Calculus AB	7:45 a.m.
Thursday, May 5	English Literature	7:45 a.m.
Friday, May 6	United States History	7:45 a.m.
Monday, May 9	Biology	7:45 a.m.
Tuesday, May 10	U. S. Government/Politics	7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, May 11	English Language/ Composition	7:45 a.m.

*All testing except for Foreign Language exams will be held in the gymnasium at Main Street School, 820 Main Street. Parking is behind the school on the east side of the building. Spanish Language testing will be completed at Longmont High School, 1040 Sunset Street, Longmont.

Lyons Middle Senior Yearbook

Parents: Purchase your yearbook now and ensure a copy for your family! This year's book is full of great memories.

See the order form on our school webpage under forms, <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us> or pick up an order form in the front office, or go to <http://www.jostensyearbook.com> to purchase your yearbook.

Yearbooks purchased before distribution in early May are \$55. If there are extra copies available after distribution, the cost will be \$60. If you have any questions, please contact Anna Marie Strzyz.
Strzyz_annamarie@stvrain.k12.co.us



Literary and Art Magazine

Attention high school writers and artists: "Behind Closed Doors" is now accepting submissions. We are accepting both artwork and literature and have extended the deadline to April 9th. Submit your work to lyonslitmagazine@gmail.com or bring a copy to Ms. Strzyz. See Ms. Strzyz with any questions.

SENIOR SLIDE SHOW INFO

Senior Parents: I am in the initial process of putting together the senior slide show which will be presented on senior night. A letter will be sent soon with more details, but please start thinking about pictures you'd like to include in the slide show.

Traditionally, parents submit 3 photos of their son/daughter growing up for the first section of the slide show. (Many parents choose to use the same photos that were submitted for the dedication pages in the yearbook.) In addition, group pictures of seniors at any age will be accepted. I will fit in as many of these pictures as I can. Due to the time needed to scan pictures and create the slide show, the deadline for submitting photos is April 22nd. Please email or call me with any questions. Anna Marie Strzyz
Strzyz_annamarie@stvrain.k12.co.us

Lions BOOSTER CLUB



LIONSWEAR: In Stock Close-Out Specials!



Look for discount prices on selected in stock items at the next Parent Teacher Conference on Wednesday, April 20th from 3-7:30 P.M.

Online ordering is available every dayOrder a sweatshirt, sweatpants, t-shirt, hat or other Lyons items at <http://lyonsboosterclub.com/store>. After you order an item, you'll receive a notification of when it will be available for pick-up at the school. No shipping charges!



BINGO:

We are inching closer to getting the needed number of volunteers for Bingo, but are still short. The time commitment is only about four hours once a month. Please consider getting your family or friends together to hang out at Bingo Alley just one Sunday afternoon every month!

Over half our funds come from Bingo.

Contact Jodi Hammans at jodi@lyonsboosterclub.com for more information.

Or, if you want to play Bingo and support the Lyons Lions, join us every Sunday from 1:00-3:00 PM at Longmont Bingo Alley, 640 19th Ave.

Next Meeting: The next Booster club meeting will be on Monday, April 11th at 5:30 P.M. in the IMC. If you have any questions related to Booster Club, contact us at blaster@lyonsboosterclub.com.

AFTER-PROM

AFTER-PROM: Junior parent Amy Donnell is the coordinator for this year's After-Prom party. After Prom will run from midnight to 4:00 A.M. at the Longmont Recreation Center after the Prom on Saturday, April 23rd. The Junior parents organize the event but any interested parents are invited to help.

For more information, contact Amy at aggiedew@gmail.com.

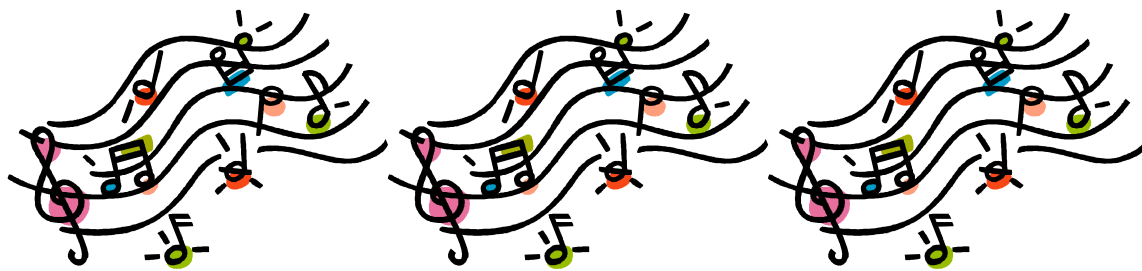
Junior and Senior Parents

After-Prom is fast approaching! We are asking for \$25 donations from junior and senior parents to help fund this event for the kids. If you are interested in helping, chaperoning, or making food/desserts for After-Prom, please contact Amy Donnell at aggiedew@gmail.com.

You can give your money to the School Office or send to: Lyons MS High School 100 South Second Avenue; Lyons, CO 80540.

Please make checks out to Lyons After-Prom. Thank you so much for your support!

The past years have been very successful and give the kids a safe and fun place to hang after Prom.



Band/Choir trip to Disney World **January 12-16, 2012**

If you have a student currently in 8th-11th grade and who has been in band or choir for the past 2 years, they are eligible to go on the music department trip to Walt Disney World in January 2012. This is an educationally-based trip (each group will perform a concert and participate in a world-class workshop & recording session) but will be loads of FUN!

If you intend to participate but have not yet registered, please contact Dr. Gregg as soon as possible to get registration information. Gregg_Karen@stvrain.k12.co.us

If you are registered for the trip, please make note of the following important information:

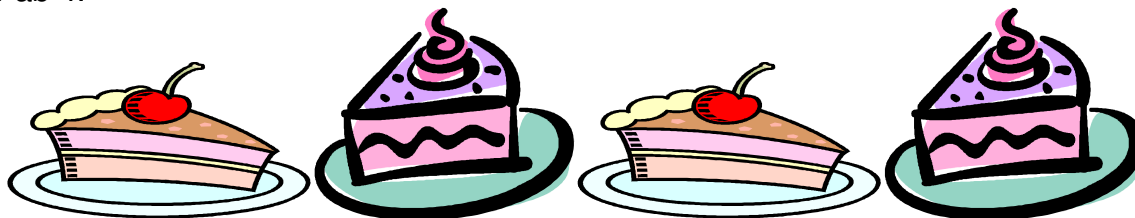
Trip Dates: January 12-16, 2012

Payment Schedule:

- First payment: \$100.00 per person due March 18, 2011
- Second payment: \$200.00 per person due May 31, 2011
- Third payment: \$200.00 per person due July 31, 2011
- Fourth payment: \$300.00 per person due September 30, 2011
- Final payment: balance (approx. \$400) due November 30, 2011

Fundraiser for Choir's Trip to Disney 2012:

Our Cabaret Concert consists of Beatles music and luscious desserts. On Friday, April 8th, there will be two shows, one at 6 P.M. and one at 8 P.M. in the Lyons Middle Senior cafetorium. Students will serve and perform. Admission is \$5 per person, \$20 for families of 4 or more. Come eat to your heart's/stomach's content and reminisce with the music of the Fab 4.





Band News



From Dr. Gregg

Concert Dates

As we head into the home stretch, please be reminded of the spring performances. Make sure these are on your calendars!

Performances for Middle School Bands:

Wednesday, April 20	TBD	Advanced Band – Large Group Contest
Monday, May 16	7:00pm	Middle School Fine Arts Show
Saturday, May 28	10:00am	Graduation (required for grades 8-11)

Performances for High School Concert Band:

Monday, April 18	TBD	CBA Large-Group State Finals
Saturday, April 23	TBD	Solo & Ensemble Festival (optional!!!)
Tuesday, May 10	7:00pm	Jazz Band at Oskar Blues (Jazz Band only)
Tuesday, May 17	7:00pm	High School Fine Arts Show
Friday, May 27	7:00pm	Senior Night
Saturday, May 28	10:00am	Graduation (required for grades 8-11)

CMEA Performance

Hopefully you have all heard that the High School Concert Band gave a knockout performance at CMEA in January! I am still fielding emails complimenting the kids' incredibly mature playing. Additionally, the world premiere of our commission "Chase the Morning Sun" was a huge hit. The piece is currently being prepared for publication and will be available to the public by the fall!

I need to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of the parents who made this experience such a smashing success. So many of you volunteered your time to go as chaperones, prepare food, ask for donations, drive the equipment truck, hear the concert, and just support us – and without that help this experience would not have been possible. Thank you!!!

CBA State – High School Band

For the first time in Lyons history, the High School Band has been invited to perform at the Colorado Bandmasters Association State Concert Band Festival. We scored high enough at the Regional Festival to be offered an official invitation to perform as the small school invite. This will happen on April 18th and kids will miss the entire day. We will be back before 4:00 P.M. Details are coming!

Honor Band Participants

We have had an absolutely outstanding year for honor band participation. For all groups, kids must prepare an audition and compete for a spot in the group. The band typically rehearses for 1-2 days before giving a final concert. It's a wonderful musical opportunity and a great learning experience. Here are this year's participants for each honor band:

St. Vrain Valley Middle School Honor Band

Matthew Dillon, percussion
Kevin Mattes, trumpet
Mikayla Roth, trombone
Ryan Smith, trombone

CSU Honor Band
Maddie Doering, flute

CU Middle School Honor Band

Brian Dillon, tuba
Matthew Dillon, percussion
Mikayla Roth, trombone
Ryan Smith, trombone

All-State Band
Keith Albertson,
trumpet alternate
Maddie Doering, flute
Reed Gattmann, horn

St. Vrain Valley High School Honor Band

Keith Albertson, trumpet
Jacob Anderson, percussion
Meagan Chriswell, tenor sax
Ian Courtney, clarinet
Maddie Doering, flute
Piper Doering, trumpet
Reed Gattmann, horn
Kimy Harrison, alto sax
Clint Hirschfeld, tuba
Yani Ortega, clarinet
Ethan Pomeroy, bass clarinet
Steven Schopen, trombone
Maggie Smith, clarinet
Claire Stark, horn
Hayley Theriault, trombone

Combined League Honor Band

Jacob Anderson, percussion
Meagan Chriswell, tenor sax
Ian Courtney, clarinet
Piper Doering, trumpet
Reed Gattmann, horn
Clint Hirschfeld, tuba
Kelly Herbst, tuba
Ethan Pomeroy, bass clarinet
Claire Stark, horn

Athletics

Lyons High Sports Schedules <http://lyonssports.org>

Please check this website often! Game revisions will be posted on this site under each sport. Directions to baseball games and track meets are available when you click on a specific date.



Spring & Summer Football Info Please bookmark the Lyons High Sports site noted above.

Coach Nichols will be posting future information & dates on this site during the spring & summer.

Spring 2011 Lyons Football News for 2011-12 Freshmen-Seniors

The pride and tradition of Lyons Football will not be entrusted to the timid or the weak!-
O.S.T.Old School Tough

Dear Lyons Football Players and Parents,

Below is a list of tentative times and dates for our May through August football workouts and early September game schedule. I wanted to send this out now since many of you are starting to plan your spring and summer activities.

There are a few changes to previous summer schedules, so please mark these on your calendar and feel free to contact me with questions. CU no longer will hold a team contact camp, so we will be attending the CSU-Pueblo camp during the same time slot, which will be June 12-15. Parent drivers are needed to make sure the boys get there and back safely.

Also, Denver Lutheran will shut down at the end of this school year, so instead of playing them week 1, we will play Lutheran-Parker at home a week earlier on August 26th. This will also be the day of the Community BBQ.

We will try to have a scrimmage the first weekend of September if one can be arranged. I will give you an updated game schedule at our **parent meeting on May 23**. For the most part, our varsity schedule is the same as last year except the home and away games are switched. The JV schedule is still in the works.

We have young and hungry players competing for the spots vacated by our seniors, coupled with new schemes on both sides of the ball. Hence, we need your son to be as committed as possible to our spring and summer schedule. I will be flexible to work around his and your summer activities and work commitments.

It is nice to know we have so many young and talented players, many of whom received valuable experience last season. The coaches are excited to mold these young men into a strong team that can compete deep into the playoffs.

Sincerely,

John Nichols

Nichols_john@stvrain.k12.co.us

KEY football EVENTS AND DATES:

April 20, 27, May 4, May 11: Wednesday lunch football meetings, Pizza will be provided

May 16: Brief HS football players meeting in the weight room, 3:00 p.m.

May 23: 1st Spring practice 3-5 pm and 5:15 parent meeting in the Aux. gym

May 24: 2nd Spring practice 3-5 pm

May 25: 3rd Spring practice 3-5 pm

May 26: 4th Spring practice, testing, gear check and team pizza party 3-5:30 pm

May 25 & 26: (Dates will be confirmed in May) FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

May 31 (Tue): Start summer lifting Tue, Wed, Thurs. mornings 7-9 am.

If your son is going to the CSU Pueblo camp, we will be lifting and practicing for the camp during these workout times. Please have him there if he is not out of town. His attendance will influence his playing time at camp.

June 1 and 2: 7-9 am Pre-camp workout

June 6 (Monday): 7 on 7 at Frederick in the morning (time TBA)

June 7,8,9: 7-9 am Pre-camp workout

June 11: Matt Chanlynn will play in the All-state football game in Alamosa

June 12-15 CSU- Pueblo Camp: We need parents to drive there and back!!!

June 16- July 4: Football Dead Period. No official football workouts. Players are encouraged to run and lift on their own, and if possible please schedule your vacation during this time. Coach Landis will have a workout available.

June 19-23: Hopefully there will be wrestling and basketball camps during this week. See Coach Sullivan and the new basketball coach (TBA)

July 5-August 12: Resume lifting and running as a team (Tue, Wed, Thurs 7-9 am).

July 30: 7 on 7 tournament at University High School (Time TBA)

Early August: Speed camp at Dawson Park in Longmont- TBA

August 8: 7 on 7 here vs. Silver Creek (Time TBA)

August 10 (Wed.): Registration for fall sports 6-8 pm, Cafetorium

August 11 and 12 (Thur. and Fri.): Pre Season Training camp 7-10 pm (lights)

August 15: Football Begins, 3-6 pm practice

August 15 (Mon.): Parent meeting at 6:15 after practice

August 16-19 (Tues-Fri) One practice per day 3-6 pm

August 20 (Sat): 8-11 am Intrasquad Scrimmage, team photo and meal and fund raising blitz.

August 26: Zero week, first game vs. Lutheran Parker 7 pm Community BBQ

Sept. 2-3 (Fri-Sat.): Intrasquad Scrimmage or scrimmage another team (TBA)

Sept. 9: Game 2 at Estes Park

Youth Football: If your son is interested in playing Middle school football this fall (next years grades 6-8), there will be a youth football camp , August 4-5 from 5-7 pm at the high school.

The cost is \$15, which covers the expense of the awards to be given. Feel free to call me for more information. Registration is on the field starting at 4:45 on the 4th. This will be in conjunction with NFL Punt Pass and Kick.

Registration for the Lyons Youth Football team will be on Tuesday July 26 from 6-9 pm at the Lyons Town Hall (6th, 7th and 8th grade).

FYI- At some point the boys will be fitted for mouth guards. Time and Day TBA.