

# The Lyons Tale

MARCH 2011  
Lyons Middle Senior High

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 1	HS Choir Concert, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Wednesday, March 2	Late Start Morning (See our webpage for schedule)
	MS & HS Band Concert, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Thursday, March 3	MS Choir Info-Cert, 7 P.M., Cafetorium
Friday, March 4	NO SCHOOL
Monday, March 7	HS Jazz Band, 7 P.M., Oskar Blues
Monday-Friday, March 7-11	MS Track Sign up in the office all week, \$55
Friday, March 11	MS End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Monday, March 14	MS Track Practice Begins
<b>Tuesday–Thursday, March 15-17</b>	<b>CSAP TESTING</b>
<b>Tuesday-Thursday, March 22-24</b>	<b>CSAP TESTING</b>
Friday, March 18	HS Improv Comedy Performance, 6:30-8:00 P.M., Cafetorium
Wednesday, March 23	MS Student Activists, 3:00-4:14 P.M.
Friday, March 25	2:50 P.M. SPRING BREAK BEGINS
Monday-Friday, March 28-April 1	SPRING BREAK
Wednesday, April 6	Late Start Morning (See our webpage for schedule)
Thursday, April 14	HS AP Testing Pre-Administration 8:30 A.M., Cafetorium
Friday, April 15	MS Talent Show, 1:00 P.M., Cafetorium
Saturday, April 16	9 News Health Fair, Cafetorium
Wednesday, April 20	Last Parent Teacher Conference, 3-7:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 23	Junior/Senior Prom and After Prom
Wednesday, April 27	ACT Test for all Juniors at Lyons
Friday, April 29	MS Reading Program, 8-10:30 A.M., IMC

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

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# Principal's Page

## From the Principal

No sooner do we finish the First Semester and it's time to register for next year's classes. We have added a few courses for next year (Personal Finance, Ceramics and Drawing/Painting). Remember, classes will only be offered if we have enough students request the class and we have the staffing to cover the classes.

Ms. Rominger and Ms. Slauson have reviewed the registration process with the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Students have started using the Infinite Campus system to input their course selections. (This process should be completed by March 3<sup>rd</sup>.) Using this process will enable us to create a master schedule that will meet the needs of the greatest number of students. We understand, however, that conflicts will occur in terms of course offerings. However, we hope to minimize the conflicts and use data to guide our decisions in building a master schedule in both the middle school and the high school.

CSAP testing is right around the corner. We will update you on the precise schedule next week via our school webpage, but testing will occur on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. All students, following the testing, will attend classes on a modified schedule. Remember, no cell phones or electronic devices will be allowed during the CSAP testing.

Speaking of cell phones and electronic devices...One problem that never seems to change in our schools and the problem seems to have increased across the district this year... is the theft of personal property. Anything electronic is the main target, along with wallets, purses, etc. Hopefully if all students take more precautions with their belongings – and keep expensive items at home – would-be thieves won't find the school such an easy environment for theft.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger

## February Parent Meeting Update

View the Power Point on our school webpage

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

# Li<sup>o</sup>ns BOOSTER CLUB



You can still join the Booster Club and be part of the electronic directory. Once you join, you will receive the super-secret password to get into the on-line directory!

**TO JOIN:** 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! The state requires us to have parents register every year. You may pay the \$5.00 dues in the school office or make donations via PayPal. The state requires us to have a paying membership.



**BINGO:** Because so many senior parents are leaving as Bingo volunteers at the end of this school year, we have been trying to get new volunteers through the local newspapers as well as Infinite Campus.

We've gotten some new volunteers, but still need about ten more! The time commitment is only about four hours once a month. Please help us out! Over half of our funds come from Bingo. Contact Jodi Hammans at [jodi@lyonsboosterclub.com](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**LIONSWEAR:** Order a sweatshirt, sweatpants, t-shirt, hat or other Lyons items now 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!

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Booster Club meeting will be on Wednesday, March 9 in the School Conference Room. If you have any questions about this information or anything related to Booster Club, contact us at [blaster@lyonsboosterclub.com](mailto:blaster@lyonsboosterclub.com).

# AFTER-PROM

**AFTER-PROM:** Junior parent Amy Donnell is the coordinator for this year's After-Prom party. Prom is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. After-Prom runs from midnight to 4:00 A.M. The Junior parents organize the event but any interested parents are invited to help.

For more information, contact Amy at [aggiedew@gmail.com](mailto:aggiedew@gmail.com).

## Junior and Senior Parents

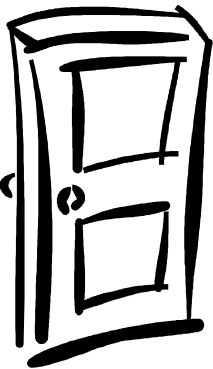
After-Prom is fast approaching! We are asking for \$25 donations from junior and senior parents to help fund this event for the kids. If you are interested in helping, chaperoning, or making food/desserts for After-Prom, please contact Amy Donnell at [aggiedew@gmail.com](mailto:aggiedew@gmail.com).

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.

There will be a tour of the Longmont Rec Center (where the After-Prom will be held) - on March 6th at 10:00 A.M. - let Amy know if you want to go. The next After-Prom planning meeting will be announced soon – please send an email to Amy to get on her list.



### Literary and Art Magazine

Attention high school writers and artists: "Behind Closed Doors" is now accepting submissions. We are accepting both artwork and literature until the deadline of March 15<sup>th</sup>. Submit your work to [lyonslitmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:lyonslitmagazine@gmail.com) or bring a copy to Ms. Strzyz. See Ms. Strzyz with any questions.

### Bolder Boulder For Middle School

Mr. Martin and one of the cross country/track coaches, Mr. Boele, will be working with any Lyons Middle school students that want to participate in the Bolder Boulder.

Watch for an Infinite Campus message this month that will explain the steps to register on-line to save \$21 on the entry fee!



# 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](mailto:rominger_denise@stvrain.k12.co.us)

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## **St. Vrain Valley School District Job Career Fair is March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

See our webpage, click on "Career Fair Info" in the right hand column for details.

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

## **CSAP TESTING**

All 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the **CSAP tests on March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24 at Lyons.** It is very important that your student(s) complete the CSAP tests in sequence on the dates indicated. CSAP schedules and our altered school schedule for each grade level will be posted on our school website soon. Please reference these schedules to make sure that your student is attending school as needed.

## **ACT Preparation for Juniors During CSAP**

Juniors are required to attend ACT preparation sessions during CSAP. This is important preparation for the required ACT exam they will take on April 27, 2011 at Lyons High.

ACT Preparation Sessions will be from 8:30 – 11:10 A.M. March 15, 16, 22 and 23. See the 11<sup>th</sup> grade CSAP schedule that will soon be posted on our school website.

## **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

<b>ACT Registration Postmark Deadline by:</b>	<b>ACT Test Dates</b>	<b>SAT Registration Postmark Deadline:</b>	<b>SAT Test Dates</b>
		February 11, 2011	March 12, 2011
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](http://www.act.org) SAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://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**

The exam fee for each AP test is \$87.00 this year.

### **Important AP Test Deadlines:**

**March 18, 2011** Registration Deadline

**April 14, 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.

### Scholarships for Seniors

The district counseling website has scholarship opportunities listed by due date.  
<http://counseling.stvrain.k12.co.us>

Applications for the local Lyons scholarships are in the office.  
The due dates of the local scholarships are shown below:

Hilltop Guild	March 8
Joel Mack	March 11
LaVerne Johnson	March 11
Lyons Community Foundation	March 18
Lyons Lions Club	March 18
Lyons Chamber of Commerce	March 25



### Money for College/”Commitment to Colorado”

Colorado State University has announced a “Commitment to Colorado”.

Please visit their website at <http://sfs.colostate.edu> and click on Commitment to Colorado. The following paragraph is taken from the website:

“CSU's Commitment to Colorado is a promise to provide Colorado students who have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) of \$57,000 or less (and who meet other eligibility requirements) with grant funds from state and university sources to cover at least one-half the cost of student share of base tuition. In addition, students who are eligible for federal Pell Grant will receive grant funds from federal, state, and University sources to cover at least 100% of student share of base tuition and standard fees.”

Colorado State University-Pueblo has a similar Commitment to Colorado. If you are interested in attending CSU-Pueblo, please visit their financial services website at:

[www.colostate-pueblo.edu/sfs](http://www.colostate-pueblo.edu/sfs)

### **Education Foundation Advocate Opportunity**

The Education Foundation has an exciting opportunity for a few volunteers to serve as Advocates for the Foundation. We are looking for key individuals from each of the St. Vrain Valley District Schools to help us 'get the word out' on Foundation events. Your involvement would be helping us disseminate information about current news and events to other parents within your school. It could be through email, word-of-mouth, school newsletters, etc. If you'd like to serve as an Ambassador for the Foundation, please email Lora Lawrence, Business Development Director at [laura@stvrain.k12.co.us](mailto:laura@stvrain.k12.co.us). We'd love to welcome you as an Education Foundation Advocate!



## **2011 Encore Award Program**

### **Purpose**

This awards program, sponsored by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, provides the opportunity for students, parents, community members and business partners to recognize and honor individual teachers at the Pre-K–12 levels in the St. Vrain Valley School District who exemplify excellence in teaching. By paying tribute to the achievement of teachers who have an extraordinary impact on the achievement of students, the Foundation and the community hopes to pay tribute to the accomplishments of all teachers.

### **Award Winners**

One teacher from each St. Vrain Valley school will receive recognition. The Encore Awards are presented annually at the *Tribute to Teachers* celebration.

### **Award Nomination Guidelines and Deadline**

Nominations are accepted from students, parents, and volunteers at the school; as well as from community members or the school's business partners. The nomination form and a more detailed set of guidelines are available on the Education Foundation's website [www.efsvv.org](http://www.efsvv.org) and at each school office. Click on the word Nominations on the Home Page and you will be taken directly to the nomination form. For additional information, contact Lora Lawrence, Business Development Director, at 720-652-8208. Nominations may be submitted either through the mail or electronically. **Nominations must be postmarked or electronically date stamped no later than March 18<sup>h</sup>, 2011.** Nominations received after this date are not eligible.

### **Nomination Criteria**

In order to qualify as a nominee, the teacher must currently be a licensed educator in the State of Colorado and employed in a teaching assignment at a St. Vrain Valley School District campus for the current school year. For charter schools, highly qualified teachers are eligible. Both full-time and part-time teachers are eligible.

### **Presentation of the Encore Awards**

Encore Award recipients and finalists will be honored at the Education Foundation's fourth annual

**You're The Top! The Tribute to Teachers**  
**May 6, 2011 • Plaza Conference Center, Longmont**

## **Athletics**



**Congratulations to the  
Boys and Girls Lyons High School Basketball Teams!  
Both teams are District Champions!**

### **Off to Regionals:**

Standley Lake High School  
9300 West 104<sup>th</sup>  
Westminister, CO

### **Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**

Lyons Girls play at 3:00 P.M.

Lyons Boys play at 4:30 P.M.

Winners of Friday games return on:

### **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>,**

State qualifying rounds at 1:00 and 2:30 P.M.

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

Baseball & Track detailed schedules are in the February Newsletter