

The Lyons Tale

September 2011
Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday, September 5 | Labor Day, NO SCHOOL |
| Wednesday, September 7 | Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am |
| Friday, September 9 | Picture Day for all students |
| Monday, September 12 | Booster Club Meeting 6 pm., Conference Room |
| Friday, September 30 | STATE Student COUNT DAY for state funding, we need all students in attendance! |
| Friday, September 30 | Homecoming Football Game 7 pm |
| Saturday, October 1 | High School Homecoming Dance 8:30 – 11:30 pm |
| Monday, October 3 | Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7:30 pm |
| | Parent Update with Mr. Winger 6-7 pm, Cafetorium |
| Wednesday, October 5 | Late Start Day, start time 10:05 am |
| | St. Vrain Band Night |
| Monday, October 10 | MS & HS Choir Concert 7 pm |
| Wednesday, October 12 | PSAT Testing (see Counseling page 4 for details) |
| Thursday, October 13 | End of Quarter 1 for Middle School |
| Friday, October 14 | Non-Student Contact Day, NO SCHOOL |
| Thursday, October 20 | Picture Retakes |

PLEASE check the Lyons Sports webpage for the most accurate schedules. A few times and dates have changed from the original schedules that were posted in the August newsletter. <http://lyonssports.org>

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Principal's Page

Welcome to the September edition of our school on-line newsletter. Please take the time to review the items found in this edition. The scope and variety of the academic and co-curricular programming continues to amaze me, and I have been working in the world of education for 24 years.

Our CSAP test scores continue to be among the highest in the district. Our middle school students continue to score very well and our 10th grade scores were #1 in the district in all four tests. In addition, *Newsweek* magazine ranked Lyons High School at #7 of all public schools in the state of Colorado this past year. Furthermore, positive comments from past graduates, parents and guardians, and community members add to the feeling that we are successful in providing a safe and welcoming atmosphere with a strong emphasis on educational programming.

We are pleased with the beginning of the school year so far. Our focus continues to be the pursuit of excellence. We remain committed to serving the needs of our students in order to provide the highest quality educational opportunities with limited resources. I would encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers and the school administrators throughout the year regarding any concerns you might have.

Respectfully yours,

Greg Winger

PBS- Positive Behavior Support Program- Info for Lyons Parents

The start of the 2011-12 school year marks the third year that Lyons Middle School will be implementing the Positive Behavior Support Program (PBS). The PBS program is focused on teaching students about social interaction and expected behavior by acknowledging positive words and actions with rewards. All LYMS staff will have PBS coupons which they will hand out to students who are caught following the "3 B's", which are **be responsible, be respectful, and be safe**. This could include helping a fellow student in the hallway pick up dropped books or cleaning up the area around their table at lunch. The coupons are then put into weekly and monthly drawings where the students can win prizes. This program has been successfully adopted in many schools across Colorado.

At the HS level, the PBS program is being implemented through the LEAD program which stands for:

Show **L**eadership
Set a good **E**xample
Strength in **A**cademics
Make good **D**ecisions

This program will focus on teaching traits of good leadership to HS students through the classroom and our video announcements. Through a teacher nomination process, students will be rewarded with prizes from drawings for exhibiting LEAD traits.

To learn more about PBS, parents can visit <http://www.cde.state.co.us/pbis> and encourage their children in their positive behavior efforts.

Counseling

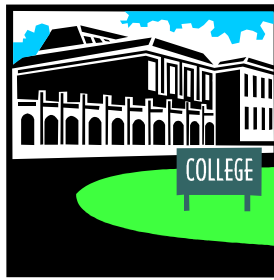
The Counseling Staff of Lyons Middle Senior Welcomes Students and Parents to the 2011-12 school year.

If you would like to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call us at 303-823-6631 or email us:

Denise Rominger, Counselor rominger_denise@svvsd.org
Paula Randazzo, Interventionist randazzo_paula@svvsd.org
Kathy Slauson, Counseling Secretary slauson_kathy@svvsd.org



Need Tutoring Help for your classes? Helpmates tutoring program offers free support for middle school and high school students. High school National Honor Society students are paired with the person needing support. You can pick up an application in the front office.



COLLEGE FAIRS & WORKSHOPS

Future Fair (Middle School & High School Students) Career/College & Financial Aid Session

Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 4:00-7:00 pm
@ Skyline High School (bilingual college fair)

Out of State College Nights

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, 6:30-8:30 Monarch HS **OR**
Thursday, October 13, 2011, 6:30-8:30 Kennedy HS

Saturday College Fair & Workshops

Saturday, October 15, 2011 10:00-2:00, Douglas County HS, Castle Rock

St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair

Thursday, October 27, 2011 6:30-8:30 @ Skyline High School

All High School students are encouraged to attend college fairs as it is never too early to start learning about the process and considering plans for the future. Students are encouraged to explore college options by going to <https://secure.collegeincolorado.org/>

SENIORS:

Update your resumes and get prepared to send College Applications.

Most colleges and universities have daily tours and information sessions available to prospective students. Lyons Middle Senior High also schedules visits from college representatives, listen for these in the daily announcements.

2011-2012 Scholarships will be posted on the district counseling website <http://counseling.stvrain.k12.co.us/> & available in the front office as well.

Transcript Fees: The first transaction 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.

If you are wanting to take the ACT or SAT, make sure to take the September or October test so scores are processed prior to college application deadlines.

High School Student Grade Level Checklists will be given to students early September and posted on the Lyons Website for your convenience. These checklists provide important steps pertinent to the students' current grade level and helpful websites to visit. Please review this with your student and make plans accordingly.

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 |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| September 16, 2011 | October 22, 2011 | September 9, 2011 | October 1, 2011 |
| 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 High School 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.

PSAT Test: Wednesday, Oct. 12th. This test is voluntary and is a prep test for the SAT. Sign up/registration deadline is September 19th in the front office on a first come first serve basis. The fee is \$15.00. The counselor will present information in Honors 9th, all 10th, & all 11th grade classes. Students also need to listen to announcements for signup and deadline information.

PLAN Test: Tuesday, Nov. 1st. This test is mandatory for all Sophomores. This is a prep test for the ACT, which is required by the state for all Juniors. A career interest inventory is also part of the exam. There is no sign up necessary and no cost to students.

TIDBITS



Lyons Middle Senior High School Art Club coming your way soon! Watch for details or contact Mrs. Busby at [busby_stephanie@svvdsd.org!](mailto:busby_stephanie@svvdsd.org)

New Turn Lane to Ease Traffic

Deputy Brit Fell

Many of you have already noticed the new right turn lane to enter the front loop of the school. In working with the St. Vrain Valley School District and the Town of Lyons, this turn lane is in response to concerns about the traffic back-up at the end of each school day.

No parking will be allowed along McConnell between Welch and the beginning of the front loop. This will create room for the 'right turn only' lane for those parents who pick up their students. With the high percentage of open enrolled students we have a lot of parents that are responsible for transportation to and from school which has added to the traffic problem.

Please use this lane if you intend to drive into the loop. Do not leave your car unattended along the curb in the lane. Hopefully this will help the traffic jam at the end of the school day.

'Safe-2-Tell' Making Schools Safer

Deputy Brit Fell / SRO

Safe2Tell is an organization that started in Colorado after the tragic occurrences at Columbine High School and is brain child of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General. Now that they have joined forces with Colorado Crime Stoppers this is the only true conduit for anonymous tips about safety concerns in the school.

Callers will not be asked their names and can choose to be anonymous.

By calling **1-877-542-SAFE** or logging into www.safe2tell.org the information will be forwarded directly to the school in question. Any type of safety concern will be followed up as best as possible.

There will be posters posted around the school with the phone number as well as the web site. Student safety is always a big priority here at Lyons and we want to make it possible for all students to know that safety issues can be reported and will be followed up.

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.

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.](#)



High School Homework Club

During the 5th week of each semester, Lyons High School will begin the Homework Program to support students who need academic assistance. Students who have a failing grade in two or more classes will need to attend a study hall session. Students will be required to meet with their teacher in order to obtain the work that needs to be done to raise their grade.

- Homework Program will be held in Mr. Robert's room from 12:20-1:00 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Students need to report to Mr. Robert's room first at 12:20 before getting lunch.
- Attendance is required for all three days. Failure to participate on any of the days will result in a disciplinary referral to the principal's office.
- Students will have the weekend to finish work before Homework Program becomes mandatory.
- If a student is able to finish work over the weekend, or is able to raise their grade during the week, he/she can obtain an "Off the Hook" form to be signed by their teacher and will not have to attend the Homework Program the rest of the week.

This program is to help students raise their grades and get caught up with their school work. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Schlesinger, Assistant Principal.

Schlesinger_dan@svvsd.org

Health News

Lyons Middle Senior Health Clerk

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District School Nurse

Chris McNiff, RN

DISTRICT Medication Policy

Carrying medication without authorization is subject to consequences outlined in the District Code of Conduct.

The District will give medication at school ONLY if the following steps have been completed – NO EXCEPTIONS.

1. Medication form must be completed for EACH prescription or non-prescription medicine. Forms are available in the school health office.
2. Medication forms are for the CURRENT school year only.
3. The medication form must be completed by both the PARENT and Licensed Health Care Professional before medication can be given at school.
4. There must be a valid health reason which makes administration of medication advisable during school hours or during such time that the student is under supervision of school officials.
5. Medication must be supplied to the school in its ORIGINAL container.
6. The medication and completed medication forms are to be brought to the school BY AN ADULT.
7. NOTE: Any medication not picked up by the last day of school will be disposed of.

Yearbook News

Questions related to yearbook?

Contact Anna Marie Strzyz at: strzyz_annamarie@svvdsd.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:

- **Sept 12th:** Sibling discount deadline
- **Jan. 8th:**
Early order yearbook discount and personalization deadline

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:

You will be receiving a letter about the senior sections of the yearbook shortly. In the meantime, 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: 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**; however, we are offering a **15% early order discount** for dedications received by

Yearbooks On Sale Now!

You can now order your yearbooks online or in person. For online credit card orders, simply go to <http://www.jostensyearbook.com> and follow the prompts.

To pay by cash or check, complete the order form posted on our school webpage, <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us>. It can be found under Lyons forms. You may bring the completed form and payment to the front office

Order your yearbook before Jan 8th and the cost is only \$55. After Jan 8th, the cost of the yearbook is \$60.

Do you have more than one student at the school? If so, take advantage of this limited time offer. Order more than one yearbook for a family and receive an additional \$5 off **each** yearbook. This offer can only be applied in person (no online discount available). Offer ends September 12th. Drop off order forms in the front office.

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

Lions BOOSTER CLUB

It's all about the KIDS!

TO LEARN MORE: Go to
<http://lyonsboosterclub.com>

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 to all areas of the school.

We are currently seeking several vice presidents. If you have any questions about Lions Booster Club and want an opportunity to become a vibrant part of your student's world, please contact our club president, Teresa Hoffman at Teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com

2011-12 Membership

To JOIN Booster Club and our email Blaster: Go to our website (above) 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.



Parent Teacher Conference Meal Coordinator & volunteers needed for October 3rd Conferences.

Booster Club parents have always provided a buffet table of food for the teachers to eat during conferences because they do not have time to take a real dinner break. One parent coordinates the meal theme and then 5-10 other parents donate one of the theme food items. Previous themes have been pasta night, soup/salad, Mexican, etc. Please contact booster@lyonsboosterclub.com if you can help in any way! THANK YOU!

BINGO: The Lions Booster Club of Lyons Middle Senior High School hosts Bingo every Sunday from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Longmont Bingo Alley, 640 19th Ave. (near 19th & Main).

We need help! We have four teams that rotate, so the time commitment is only about four hours once a month. Or, find a friend to split the rotation and work only once every other month. The entire student body benefits from this huge fundraiser. Over half of our funds come from Bingo. Plus, everyone on the Bingo team has a great time together! Contact teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com for more information.

NEXT MEETING: The next Booster Club meeting will be Monday, September 12th 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.

♪ Band Notes ♪

Handbook and Agreement Form:

Please go to the school website (<http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us/>) to review the Band Handbook. This document outlines all of the expectations & policies of the band program, in addition to a complete performance schedule for the year. After reviewing the handbook, please click on “Band Handbook Agreement Form”, fill out all information, and submit!

Bingo Volunteers needed!

The Booster Club Bingo team is looking for more volunteers to help with Sunday afternoon bingo sessions. This is a tremendous fundraiser for the school, and the band program has been lucky to receive wonderful financial support from the bingo profit allocations. If you volunteer, you will only work one Sunday per month. Please consider donating some of your time to this great organization. If you'd like to help, please email teresa@lyonsboosterclub.com

Blue Band Jackets for all new High School Band students:

Per the handbook, all High School Band members must own a blue band jacket; this jacket will be worn at all outdoor events that don't require a formal uniform (football games, some parades, Disney trip, etc). If you don't yet own one, please send in \$40 (checks to “Lyons Band”) and your preferred size by Friday, September 2nd. I would like to have the jackets in time for our next football game on September 16th. Parents & siblings are more than welcome to purchase these jackets as well!

Welcome to Mr. Romig!

I am excited to welcome Mr. Matt Romig to Lyons as our new choir director! Mr. Romig has been working hard to get the choirs off to a great start this year. He will be leading the choirs on the Disney trip and already has some great fundraisers planned. Please welcome him to our great school: romig_matthew@svvsd.org



Band/Choir Disney Trip!



January 12-16, 2012

You heard that right – it's time for a band trip to Walt Disney World! Every four years the High School Band Program travels to Orlando to participate in the Disney Magic Music Days Festival. We will perform a full concert on a world-class stage, march down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom, participate in a clinic led by professional recording artists, and record the soundtrack to a Disney cartoon in a real recording studio. We might even ride a few rides. This is the trip of a lifetime and you don't want to miss out! However, our deadline is fast approaching for adding new members. If you are interested in participating in this trip (and are a member of any of the high school bands or choirs), please see Dr. Gregg. We also still have room for some adult chaperones; let me know if you'd like to join us. Gregg_karen@svvsd.org