

The Lyons Tale



September 2010
Lyons Middle Senior High

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, September 1	Late Start Day (See Lyons webpage for times)
Monday, September 6	Labor Day, School CLOSED
Wednesday, September 8	Parent Teacher Conferences 3 – 7:30 P.M.
Thursday, September 9	Picture Day
Friday, September 10	15 th Annual Lyons Community BBQ at 4 P.M., Football game at 7 P.M.
Monday – Saturday September 20 - 25	Homecoming Week Football game Friday P.M. High School Dance Saturday P.M.
Wednesday, October 6	Late Start Day
Wednesday, October 13	PSAT Testing for HS, optional
Thursday, October 14	End of Quarter 1 for Middle School
Wednesday, October 20	Picture Retakes
Tuesday, November 2	PLAN testing for all 10 th graders
Wednesday, November 3	Late Start Day
Thursday, November 4	Parent Teacher Conferences 3 – 7:30 P.M.

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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 schools for 23 years.

Our CSAP test scores continue to be among the highest in the district. Our 6th grade CSAP scores were #1 in the district in Math, Reading and Writing. Our 7th and 8th grade scores put us in the top 5 of all middle schools in the district in nearly every category. Of the seven CSAP scores in 9th and 10th grade we were #1 in the district in all but one of the tests where we were #2.

Our ACT scores put Lyons High School at #10 of all public schools in the state of Colorado. In addition, 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. To this end, I 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

Lyons Lions Webpage

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



Bookmark this site! You will find the Infinite Campus Portal link, the Lyons Middle Senior Calendar for 2010-11, Staff Directory with emails, Newsletters, Booster Club information, Forms, Band information, Daily Schedules, and PLC (Late Start) Schedules on our webpage.

District Webpage

Bookmark this site! www.stvrain.k12.co.us We experienced a soft lockdown on Monday, August 30th. The district webpage posted a news release about the soft lockdown and then issued an update. Please refer to this site for information if there are future high alert messages sent to your email and phone.

Counseling

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The counseling staff at Lyons would like to welcome students and staff to the 2010-11 school year. If you would like to contact us with any questions, concerns, or suggestions, email or call us at 303-823-6631.

COLLEGE FAIRS & WORKSHOPS

St. Vrain Valley School District College Fair

Monday, October 4, 2010 6:00-7:30 P.M.

@ Silver Creek High School

Out-of-State College Nights

Wednesday, October 6, 2010 6:30-8:30 P.M.

@ Monarch High School

Thursday, October 7, 2010 6:30-8:30 P.M.

@ John F. Kennedy High School

College Fair/ Workshop

Saturday, October 9, 2010 10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.

Cherry Creek 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. All students are encouraged to explore college options by going to www.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 M/Sr. High also schedules visits from college representatives.
- 2010-2011 Scholarships will be available in the front office and posted in the newsletter monthly.
- 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. Please see Kathy in the office.

High School Student Grade Level Checklists will be given to students in 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 & PSAT 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
September 17, 2010	October 23, 2010	September 10, 2010	October 9, 2010
November 5, 2010	December 11, 2010	October 8, 2010	November 6, 2010
January 7, 2011	February 12, 2011	November 5, 2010	December 4, 2010
March 4, 2011	April 9, 2011	December 23, 2010	January 22, 2011
May 6, 2011	June 11, 2011	February 11, 2011	March 12, 2011
		April 8, 2011	May 7, 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.

PSAT Test: Wednesday, Oct. 13th. This test is voluntary and a prep test for the SAT. There will be a signup sheet in the front office if students are interested in taking this exam. The fee is \$15.00. Students need to listen to announcements for signup and deadline information. Registration deadline is September 20, 2010.

PLAN Test: Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. 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.

Gifted/Talented Identification: Student Nomination Information

Each year elementary and middle schools in St. Vrain Valley School District complete a process to identify students who demonstrate exceptional ability or performance in one or more academic areas and may therefore qualify for Gifted/Talented educational services. These students usually perform at least two years above grade level in their strength area(s) and require additional academic challenges in order to support their continued educational growth and progress. In addition, they usually demonstrate characteristics of unique creativity and high motivation in their strength areas.

The search for gifted/talented students begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for review. Once referrals are received, a team of educators review student CSAP data, standardized test scores, rating scales and other school data to determine student eligibility.

If you believe that your child qualifies and would benefit from district Gifted/Talented services, please pick up a nomination form from our school office, or contact our Lyons Middle Gifted/Talented liaison, Peggy McCarthy. mccarthy_peggy@stvrain.k12.co.us

PBS Positive Behavior Support Program

The start of the 2010-11 school year marks the second 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. To learn more about PBS, parents can visit www.cde.state.co.us/pbs/ and encourage their children in their positive behavior efforts.

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Homework Program for High School

During the week of September 6th, Lyons High School will begin the Homework Program to support students who need academic assistance. Teachers will refer students who have a failing grade in one or more classes. 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 the IMC (Library) from 3:00-3:30 P.M. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.
- 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 be notified of a failing grade every Friday and 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 Shauna Sliz at sliz_shauna@stvrain.k12.co.us



Health Office

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District School Nurse
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DISTRICT Medication Policy

Carrying drugs 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.

IMMUNIZATIONS: Colorado law requires children in school to have an immunization record on file and to have the required immunizations. Immunizations protect our children from disease. If your child cannot receive immunizations because of medical reasons, religious or a personal reason to exempt your child, the exemption line of the Certificate of Immunization must be signed and exempted vaccines must be listed. This certificate is available in the school health office. **PLEASE BRING IN COPY OF UPDATED IMMUNIZATION RECORD.**

VACCINE:	How many doses are required
DTP, td	5 doses are required unless the 4 th dose was given after the 4 th birthday
Tdap	1 dose is required, students will now be required to have a Tdap before entering middle school and high school
Polio (OPV/IPV)	4 doses are required unless the 3 rd dose was given after the 4 th birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses are required, first dose on or after 1 st birthday, 2 nd dose at least 28 days later, before entering school
Hepatitis B	3 doses are required before entering school
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1 dose is required unless your child has had the chicken pox. (6 th – 10 th grade only)

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 board policy states that parents are required to furnish an explanation for student absenteeism either in writing or orally within two school days or the absence will be recorded as unexcused. **Once a student reaches 12 days of absences, he/she will need documentation from a health care provider to be excused.**

Please refer to the August 2010 Newsletter for an explanation on tardies and district policies.

School Safety Improvements

By Deputy Brit Fell, School Resource Officer

The school improvements made possible by the bond issue have given the building a wonderful face lift, but there were also some significant improvements in the area of school safety.

There are some new security cameras that keep a watch on exterior doors, alarms were installed on more doors, new secure lockers were added in the high school wing and we now have only one access point into the school during school hours.

With these improvements safety still comes down to the human element. All St. Vrain Valley Schools should have only one point of entry into the building. At Lyons Middle Senior that is the front door. Parents, booster club members or any other visitors must come through the front door during the school day and check in with the office. Please visit with your student about not letting people in through other doors just because they knock. People that are allowed to enter through other doors have keyless entry cards. I wouldn't even want them to let me in if I forgot my card. Also, if your student sees somebody walking around the halls and they appear not to be a student or do not have a 'visitor badge', a staff member should be notified right away.

We are excited about the new safety additions in our building, but the number one item that makes a school safe is, and always will be, the students and staff inside.

Communication is the key.

If you have any questions about school safety feel free to contact me at the school.
Fell_brit@stvrain.k12.co.us

Lions BOOSTER CLUB

Here's your opportunity to become a vibrant part of your student's world. Join Booster Club! We provide a single-point for parent volunteers and parent involvement with our school. Through our BINGO, LionsWear and Concession activities, we raise funds to assist our school in numerous ways; Art, Awards, Band, Choir, Classroom, Clubs, Field Trips, Scholarships and Sports.

Go to <http://lyonsboosterclub.com> Click on Contact Sheet in the left hand column. You may pay or make donations via PayPal. The state requires us to have parents register and pay dues every year. Dues are \$5.00 per family. Registration forms are also available in the school office.

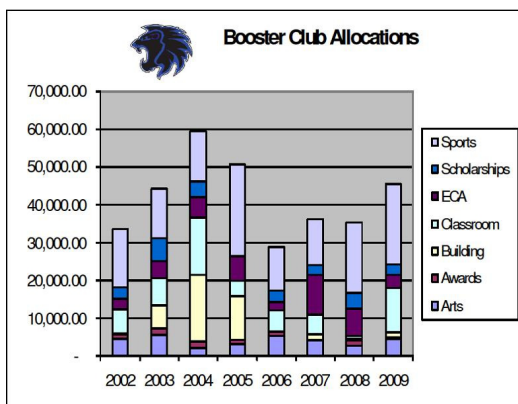
NEW SITE: Check out the new Lyons High sports calendar (under Athletics on the Booster Club webpage) or bookmark this direct link. <http://lyonssports.org> Support your Lyons Lions teams!

LIONSWEAR: Look for our booth at the Lyons Community BBQ/Football game on September 10th and other home football games this fall! We will be selling sweatpants, hooded sweatshirts, long sleeve T-shirts and more. You may view our Lionswear store on the Booster Club webpage. Please contact Jennifer Pena at 303-775-3342 / leecovill@comcast.net or Kelly Beveridge at 303-579-4853 / kbsparkleandshine@comcast.net if you would be interested in helping sell apparel.

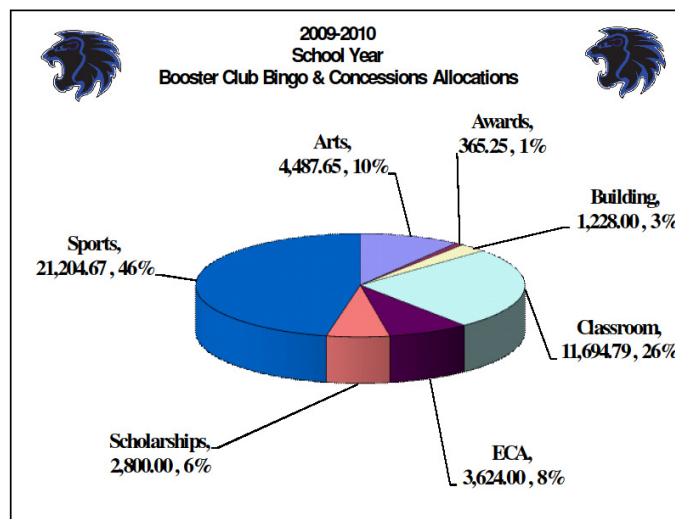
BINGO: The Lions Booster Club of Lyons Middle/Senior High School hosts Bingo every Sunday from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Longmont Bingo Alley, 640 19th Ave. (near 19th & Main) We need you! We have four teams that rotate, so the time commitment is only about four hours once a month. The entire student body benefits from this huge fundraiser. Last year we raised over \$40,000. Everyone on the Bingo team has a great time together! Volunteering for Bingo is also a great way to help earn a scholarship for your student (awarded in their senior year). Contact Jodi Hammans at jodi@lyonsboosterclub.com if you would like more information!

CONCESSIONS: Lyons Middle and Senior High groups are able to earn money by working at concession stands that are open during the sporting events. Sandi Engelhorn has everything very organized, but it takes many hands to make easy work. If you are interested in helping in any role, please contact Sandi at sandi@lyonsboosterclub.com.

NEXT MEETING: The next Booster Club meeting will be Wednesday, September 15th at 5:15 P.M. in the school office Conference Room. Any Lyons Middle Senior parent is welcome to attend.



ECA= Extra Curricular Activities



Yearbook News

Questions related to yearbook?

Contact Anna Marie Strzyz at: strzyz_annamarie@stvrain.k12.co.us or 303-823-6631

Important Date for

Seniors:

- **December 10th:**
Senior portraits
and senior
dedications due
- **November 8th:**
Early order
discount on senior
dedication

Important Yearbook

Order Dates:

- **Oct 29th:** Sibling
discount deadline
- **Jan. 21st:**
Early order yearbook
discount and
personalization
deadline

Yearbook Fundraiser – Save money and help keep the cost of the yearbook down.

The yearbook students are selling Gold C books for \$10. These coupon books are filled with over \$800 worth of savings. Some of the coupons included are for ski resorts, fast food restaurants, and golf courses. Email Anna Marie Strzyz if you are interested in purchasing a Gold C book.

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 10th**. 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 10th**; however, we are offering a **20% early order discounts** for dedications received by **November 8th**.

Yearbooks 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, complete the order form found on our Lyons Lions webpage under forms. <http://lms.hs.stvrain.k12.co.us> Please bring the completed form and payment to the front office.

Order your yearbook before Jan 21st and the cost is only \$50. After Jan 21st, the cost of the yearbook is \$55.

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 October 29th. Drop of 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 21st

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).



The 15th Annual Lyons Community Barbecue & Football Season Opener



How do you kick off a football season and say good-bye to summer? Well how about an old fashioned barbecue. This will be our 15th year of holding the Lyons Community Barbecue just before the first home varsity football game. A group of Boulder County Sheriff's Deputies volunteer their Friday afternoon to cook over 2,000 meals. You can choose from brats, all beef hotdogs or burgers. The food line starts at 4:00 pm and runs until kick off at 7:00 pm.

For the normal football gate fee into the game, the barbecue is free!
Adults \$5, Students (K-12) \$4, and senior citizens over 60+ are no charge.

Then don't forget to support the defending North Metro Conference Champions, your Lyons Lions as they take on the Estes Park Bobcats in the "Battle of the Canyon". It should be an exciting year for Lyons Football.

So come on out to John 'Jet' Johnson Field on **September 10th** for some great food, music and football.

Deputy Brit Fell, School Resource Officer

Athletic Information & Fall Schedules

Athletic Fees for 2010/2011: High School athletic fees are \$150 per student per sport. If an athlete is in three sports, his/her third sport is \$120. The family maximum is \$500. The middle school intramural fee is \$55 per student per sport.

*Approved free and reduced lunch students will have their fee waived if an information release form has been completed by the parent.

Sport ticket Prices: The Patriot League sets our ticket prices.
\$5 for adults, \$4 for students (K-12) and senior citizens 60+ are free.
Family season passes may be purchased in the office for \$150. A \$25 discount is offered to active bingo workers, concession managers and banquet managers.

Fall Sports Schedules: See the August 2010 Newsletter or <http://lyonssports.org>

NEED STUDENT INSURANCE?

St. Vrain Valley School District has selected the Student Insurance Plan from UnitedHealthcare to make accident and/or health insurance coverage available to parents. If you don't have other insurance, this plan may be a resource to consider. If you do have other coverage, this plan can help fill gaps caused by expensive deductibles and co-pays. Coverage may be purchased at any time during the school year by visiting <https://www.k12studentinsurance.com/Default.aspx>, or by completing and mailing a paper form which is available in the school office.

School Lunches



Meal Charging Policy

It is very important to keep you child's account current. If you have any questions about the account, please call Vicky, Lyons school kitchen manager, at 303-823-6631

Anyone needing financial assistance (even for a temporary period) may fill out an application for [free or reduced price meals](#). All schools have applications in the office, cafeteria, or you may call the Nutrition Service department at **303.702.7793** to request one.

- **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO CHARGE 2 MEALS ONLY**
- **SECONDARY STUDENTS GRADES 6-12 ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHARGE ANY MEALS.**
- **STUDENTS EXCEEDING THE ALLOWABLE CHARGE WILL NOT RECEIVE A FULL MEAL. THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE WHITE MILK AND DESIGNATED ITEMS FROM THE SERVING LINE WITHOUT COST.**

THIS IS A LIMITED SERVICE TO HELP THE CHILD UNTIL ANOTHER ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE.

- **IF YOU CANNOT PAY THE CHARGES OWED YOU MUST SEND A LUNCH FROM HOME.**
- **ONCE THE CHARGE HAS BEEN PAID THE STUDENT MAY RESUME BUYING LUNCH.**

For more information on how we may assist you, please call Shelly Allen at Nutrition Services, 303-682-7255