



Lee's Summit High School
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Dear Freshman Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to Lee's Summit High School. The Tiger faculty and staff are ready to begin working with your student. The purpose of this letter is to share some information regarding student registration and Freshman Transition Day.

Within this mailing, you will find important registration information. Additional information may be found on the LSHS website at lshs.lsr7.org. Once again this year, registration of students will occur online. Once online registration is completed, freshmen will pick up their 2017-18 schedule on Thursday August 3, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Freshman parent information sessions will take place at 2:00, 4:00, and 6:00 pm in the LSHS Brockman Lecture Hall.

I would like to call special attention to our 14th annual **Freshman Transition Day**. Set for **Monday, August 14 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 pm**, Freshman Transition Day is the first day of school for all freshmen. The day exists to increase each freshman's comfort level about coming to a large high school, and assisting him/her in finding paths to success. Our entire faculty and staff are committed to this goal.

Your student will get the opportunity to meet each of his/her teachers in their regular classrooms. Your student will also meet his/her academic coach and Tiger Mentors. In addition, your student will walk through the daily schedule, experience high school lunch, and sign up for clubs and activities.

Your student absolutely needs to get involved in a club, activity, or sport. If this happens, research is crystal clear that he/she will have a better high school experience. It is suggested that students interested in participating in a fall sport not wait until Freshman Transition Day to sign up, or express interest, as practice/tryouts begin Monday, July 31. If your student is interested in participating in a fall sport and does not know the details of the first practice or tryout, please reference the LSHS Activities, Clubs and Sports Information booklet found on-line at www.lshs.lsr7.org or call the activities office at 986-2107.

Special Points of Emphasis for 2017-18

1. **LSHS Online Registration Help:** Walk-in hours for technical assistance will be available from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday, beginning on July 6. Check website for locations.
2. **Schedule Change:** School will start and end five minutes earlier this year. In order to improve school transportation efficiency, all high schools in Lee's Summit will begin at 7:30 am and end at 2:23 pm.
3. **Fee Change:** The Lee's Summit R-7 Board of Education approved reductions in several student fees that will take effect during the 2017-18 school year. The \$10 per student activity and programming fee previously paid by families at middle and high schools is being eliminated; the student Chromebook fee will drop from \$30 to \$25 per student; the parking fee for high-school students will be reduced from \$25 to \$10 per year; the Athletic fee and Activity fee, previously \$50 each, have been combined into one singular \$50 fee per student.
4. **Parent Involvement:** Lee's Summit High School values parent involvement. To that end, we would like to invite you to attend our Freshmen Parent Information sessions (listed above) as well as **Back to School Night**, Thursday, August 17, beginning at 6:30 pm. Additional information can be found on our website.

5. **Student Attendance:** Students shall be allowed no more than nine absences per semester in any one class. On the tenth absence in any one class, the student may be denied credit for that class. The complete attendance and credit policy may be found on the LSHS website (lshs.lsr7.org) by clicking on the student life tab, followed by student handbook.
6. **Late Start Wednesdays:** For the sixth year, school will begin one hour late on Wednesdays (the first day of school, August 16, is an exception). Read about the impact of late-start Wednesdays on your student by reading the *Late-start Wednesdays* letter that can be found on our website under Registration. Unless coming for tutoring to make up a test, or a club/activity meeting, LSHS is not open to students until 8:10 am. Any student coming for one of the aforementioned purposes must check in at the southeast doors (closest to the Highway Patrol Station).
7. **Dress Code:** Before you choose to purchase new clothes for your student's return to school, be sure to review the dress code expectations explained within the document entitled *Inappropriate Dress for School*.
8. **Student Policies and Procedures:** The parent version of the LSHS student handbook, which includes policies and protocols that govern our students may be found at **the LSHS website:** lshs.lsr7.org: student life tabs, student handbook
9. **Additional Resources Found on our Website:** Athletic/Activity participation fee letter; Parking Rules 2017-18; 9th Grade Supplies List; Late-start Wednesdays letter; LSHS Groups on Twitter; 2017-18 Yearbook information including calendar with deadlines; Letter from the LSHS PTSA.

LSHS 2016-17: What A Year!

1. On May 15, LSHS graduated 430 outstanding seniors.
2. 2017 graduates earned 5.8 million dollars in scholarships. 44 graduates finished high school with a 4.0 or higher cumulative GPA. 37 were named Bright Flight Scholars. 82% are headed to college or some type of post-secondary education, 17 graduates will enter the military, and 4% will enter the world of work.
3. 19 sports and 45 sports and activities gave Tiger students a place to belong, connect, enjoy, and thrive.
4. Athletics: 3 district championships; 1 conference championship; 2 top-four team state finishes; and 18 all-state athletes.
5. Activities: 2 Blue Star nominations (theatre); Exemplary (1) ratings in band, choir, and strings; 6 all-state musicians; and a plethora of visual arts awards.

As you prepare for the school year, please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance. Your student's success depends on all of us in our school community working together. We look forward to working with you and your student!

Sincerely,



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