

Ranger Roundup

Lakewood High School 14100 Franklin Boulevard, Lakewood, Ohio 216.529.4028

September 2019

A Message from the Principal's Desk

Before anything else is said, I want to thank our staff, parents, and students for an outstanding beginning of the school year. The year started off with loads of excitement as we welcomed our new freshmen and then welcomed back our returning students. The year started off very smoothly and we got to the business of learning immediately. The positive vibe could be felt by all as we kicked off the 2019-2020 school year!

Attendance is the First Step

Although we are just in the first few weeks of school, I don't think it is too early to talk about the importance of daily attendance. The research is clear on the negative impact chronic absenteeism can have on a student's learning. The data reveals that chronically absent students are at a greater academic risk for missing early learning milestones, failing courses, and not graduating on time. It may not seem important if a child misses a day or two each month, but at that rate a student would miss up to 18 days a year. That equates to over 100 hours of lost instructional time! With the rigorous curriculum students are taking, the impact of this lost time cannot be overestimated.

We all realize students will be sick and need to stay home from school at times. However, please be aware that staying home a day here and a day there has serious academic consequences. Students can always get missed assignments, but they will never be able to make up the lost instructional time. If you have questions about whether you should keep your child home, please refer to the guidelines found on our Health Services page on the LCS website.

Thank you and here's to a healthy school year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Walter

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#RangerPride

Lakewood High School Principal

Follow Mr. Walter and other LHS staff and teachers on Twitter, @Lkwd_LHS ,for school and class updates

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the new school year! We are so excited to begin the year with our new strategic vision - ***Vision of a Lakewood Graduate*** - in place. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff will now be engaged in the exciting work of bringing the ***Vision*** to reality.

The input that we gathered from the community that contributed to the development of this vision came from Listen and Learn sessions, facilitated discussions and online and telephone surveys administered in March and April of 2019. Our teachers, administrators, support staff, and community said loud and clear that for our graduates to be prepared for the future they need to be: critical and creative thinkers, effective communicators, collaborate with others, demonstrate empathy, have a growth mindset, and possess global awareness/citizenship.

Why is this ***Vision*** important? The ***Vision*** of a Lakewood Graduate moves LCS students and staff members to look beyond the high stakes testing environment and to help our students develop skills, abilities, and habits of mind to succeed and compete in this complex and rapidly changing world. The Vision of a Lakewood Graduate transforms a traditional organizational vision from a set of words and sentences on a page to a concrete set of outcomes that our District and stakeholders can expect to see in our graduates. The ***Vision of a Lakewood Graduate*** will assist our District in providing all students the opportunity to develop each competency of the ***Vision*** to his or her fullest potential.

With our new ***Vision*** in place, we are eager to begin working on these priorities and will continue to keep our stakeholders informed of our progress and how we are continually striving to support the whole child and every child.

Michael J. Barnes
Superintendent

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Lakewood High School

www.lakewoodcityschools.org/1/Home
Twitter @Lkwd_LHS
Many groups and organizations also have Twitter and Facebook pages



Call the LHS main office at (216) 529-4028 or find direct numbers under the "Phone Numbers" link on the LHS home page

Office Lines	House 1: 529-4045	Bookroom: 529-4047
	House 2: 529-4128	Westshore: 529-4163
	House 3: 529-4144	**Attendance: 227-5991**

Lakewood High School
School Counseling Department

Welcome!

The LHS School Counseling Department would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2019-2020 school year. As a reminder, your child's school counselor is here to help students in the areas of academic and social emotional development, as well as college and career planning. The Counseling Department would like to also welcome our two newest members of our team: Mrs. Leah Kapsalis, School Counseling Secretary and Mrs. Deb Dalton, School Counselor.

Important Events for the Year

Please mark your calendar for upcoming events:

- Financial Planning for College with Mr. Michael Daso at LHS- September 24th, 6pm
- FAFSA Night at LHS with College Now- September 30th, 6pm
- OACAC Greater Cleveland West Suburban College Fair at Baldwin Wallace College- October 7th, 6:30-8pm
- LHS Showcase Night- October 8th, 6pm
- College Credit Options with College and Career Fair at LHS- March 3rd, 6pm

Grade Level Meetings with Counselors

School Counselors will be visiting 11th-12th grade English classes in September to discuss important grade level information with each class.

Naviance

We are fortunate to have Naviance as a college and career planning tool. Please remember to log into your Naviance account to explore college and career resources. Parents and guardians also have access to their own Naviance account. If you are unsure of your username and password, please contact your child's school counselor directly.

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School Counseling Department

Seniors Applying to College

Seniors! This is an exciting, yet busy time of the year for you. We are looking forward to assisting you in the college and career process. Please begin adding colleges into Naviance that you have applied to or are planning on applying to.

Also, please remember to complete the GOLD transcript request form located in the Counseling Department after applying to schools. This allows your school counselor to be notified of what important documents need to be sent to the college(s) that you indicate.

As a reminder, we also ask that you give your teachers and counselors at least a 2 week notice when requesting to write a letter of recommendation.

ACT/SAT Information

Please see the dates for the ACT and SAT listed on the following page. The ACT/SAT are both important College Entrance Exams. All Juniors should begin registering for dates to take the exam this year. All Seniors interested in improving their score should consider registering for an exam this Fall.

The following link includes information for Impact, which is a program that provides PSAT/SAT/ACT test taking strategies, guides students through college and career research, and gives students access to various opportunities including internships, college visits, career visits, and service learning projects.

Link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/impactfall2019

Dear LHS Student Caregivers:

We're excited to welcome everyone back for another school year. We want to make sure that 2019-20 is the best and most successful year for LHS students. You are invited to join the LHS PTA on this amazing journey.

I am Missy Toms, and this is my second year serving as president of the Lakewood High School PTA. I am so impressed by the level of our parents' involvement and the commitment to funding special experiences. PTA helps make a good school great.

And that's what PTA does for Lakewood High School. Your **LHS PTA membership** and **gifts to the Painless Project** fund:

- Teacher classroom grants
- After Prom
- Student Council
- Fresh Start
- Student clubs
- Teacher conference dinners
- H2O
- Scholarships
- Senior Reception

Imagine Lakewood High School without all these activities that help make Lakewood not just good, but incredible.

We invite you to attend our first meeting, **Tuesday, September 24, 7 pm**, in the Ranger Café Classroom. Please enter Door 2. This is your opportunity to be an active member in the Lakewood High School Community.

For the most up-to-date information, "like" the *Lakewood High School PTA* Facebook page. Any questions? Email us at lakewoodhighschoolpta@gmail.com.

Thank you, and we look forward to working with all of you.

LHA PTA Officers

President – Missy Toms

1st Vice President – Regina Westlake

2nd Vice President – Mark Walter

Recording Secretary – Elizabeth O'Brien

Corresponding Secretary – Mary Dunne

Treasurer – Aaron Milenski

Council Delegate – Cathy Livingston

Council Alternate – Laura Bunevich

LHS PTA Committee Chairs

Membership – Laura Whitkofski

Reflections – Mona Atfield and Megan Nagel

Educator of the Year & Helping Hands – Mona Atfield

Newsletter Editor – Lisa Majeski

Staff Appreciation/Hospitality – Melissa Kress

Join LHS PTA today!

The support of parents, teachers, staff, and community is very important to the success of Lakewood High School. Joining the **PTA** is a great way to be involved and show your support. Everyone is welcome! Your **$12 dues**, and your **Painless Project donation** help support a variety of activities and programs for the LHS community including: Staff Appreciation events, After Prom, Senior Reception, Reflections, Educator of the Year, Teacher Grants and many other student projects.

We schedule four meetings each year:
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Tuesday, November 26, 2019
Tuesday, January 28, 2020
Tuesday, March 31, 2020
All meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the Ranger Café Classroom. Enter door 2.

Please return the completed form below with your *dues and/or Painless Project* donation to:

Lakewood High School, Attn: PTA Membership
14100 Franklin Blvd. Lakewood, OH 44107
*Please make checks payable to **Lakewood High School PTA**.*

For more information, contact **Laura Whitkofski, Membership Chair at lakewoodhighschoolpta@gmail.com**

YES! I/We would like to become a member(s) of the Lakewood High School PTA.

Name(s) _____

Student Name(s): _____ _____ Grade(s):_____ _____

Street Address:_____ City_____ Zip:_____

Phone:_____ Email: _____
Please note: To apply for a PTA Scholarship in the spring, a parent must be a member.

□ CASH □ CHECK #_____(Payable to LHS PTA)

Number of Memberships: _____@ $12.00 per member = $_____

+ Painless Project Donation*: $_____

Total Enclosed: $_____

* This donation helps us offset approximately $7,500 in the annual budget used to support parents, students and staff at LHS. See other side for details. Our memberships only raise about $1,400 per year. Thank you for your donation!

FOR PTA OFFICE USE ONLY:
FILE DATE: _____

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Your PTA dues and Painless Project dollars at work...

Teacher Grants – *LHS PTA donates monies to staff to supplement classroom and club activities. Past donations paid for: new microscopes, supplemental computer math programs, CPR classes for students, Barnstormers and to support a mock election.*
Ranger Roundup – *The PTA puts this newsletter together & ensures that the newsletter is complete & on time.*
Staff Appreciation Breakfast – *a great breakfast to show our great staff how much we appreciate their work*
Reflections – *Reflections is a National PTA-sponsored art contest that covers art, photography and literature. Each year, hundreds of Lakewood students from all grades participate to showcase their artistic talents. LHS PTA supplies our school winners with a reception or a small token of recognition.*
Conferences – *a hearty dinner for teachers before conferences (so the staff has time to eat and keep their strength up to answer all our questions).*
Educator of the Year – *thank-you gifts and appreciation awards to the best of our best. One teacher is chosen each year in addition to one "Helping Hands" recipient, recognizing our wonderful administrative staff which is then sent to our PTA Council and are recognized at that level.*
After Prom – *financial support to keep our prom attendees safe and happy*
Senior Reception – *reception for seniors to sign yearbooks & say farewell to their high school friends*
Lots of Love Desserts – *an afternoon reception specifically for the attentive Custodial and Security staff*
General Donations – *The Lakewood High School PTA contributes to the **H2O Camp Fund**, the **PTA Council,** Pumpkin Palooza, etc. And this list doesn't even begin to address the National and State PTA organizations' child advocacy programs and available information, resources and training.*
Scholarship Fund – *Award of four $10,00 scholarships to seniors whose parents (or students) are members*

Other membership notes and ways to be involved:

- ❑ Check if you are a staff member at LHS
- ❑ Check if you would like a PTA Membership Card
- ❑ Check if you are interested in being on the PTA Board or a Committee
- ❑ Check if you will join the rewards program for LHS at Heinen's or Giant Eagle (expires annually)
- ❑ Check if you are willing to make a Painless Project donation above your $12 membership to help us reach our $7500 annual budget. (Membership only accounts for about $1,400 of our revenue.)

I'd like to volunteer! Please contact me about helping with food donations, set-up or clean-up for the following events:

- ❑ Staff Appreciation Dinners for Parent/Teacher Conferences
- ❑ Staff Appreciation Breakfast in May
- ❑ After Prom Committee
- ❑ Senior Reception on their last day of school
- ❑ Lots of Love February Desserts for Custodial & Security staff
- ❑ I'm not sure yet, but remind me when those 4 PTA meetings are happening

What is a Painless Project??

IT'S A BAKE SALE.....without the baking! IT'S A CARNIVAL.....without the planning!
IT'S A BOOK, T-SHIRT, OR MAGAZINE SALE.....without the selling!
IT'S A WAYS AND MEANS PROJECT to support PTA activities...without the work!
And by which all parents can support PTA activities benefiting their students!

So please take a minute to donate the cost of a cake and frosting, or the price of a paperback book, and send in your Painless Project donation today, along with your PTA dues to LHS, with your student, or mail it to:
Lakewood High School PTA at 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107

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Dear Students, Families, and Friends,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer.

My name is Wendy Hoppel, and I am president of the Music Boosters this year. I am proud to be a part of one of the best music education programs in the United States under the direction of our many talented music educators.

As many of you are aware, the Lakewood Music Boosters supports not only Lakewood High School, but the middle and elementary schools as well, for a total of 70 plus programs. We hope you will consider becoming a member of the Music Boosters and volunteer for the many music programs throughout the year. The membership form is attached, and you can pay by check or PayPal. We will have four meetings, and all members are welcome to attend. The meetings are on Mondays at LHS in the Keyboard Room and begin at 7:30 p.m. The meetings dates are September 16, February 10, March 9, and May 11.

You can follow the Music Boosters on Facebook (Lakewood Music Boosters), Instagram (lakewoodmusicboosters), and Twitter (LakewoodMusicBooster@LkwdMusicboost). We have a group of dedicated board members. Our contact information is below should you have any questions.

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Clint.steinbrunner@lakewoodcityschools.org

Michael Whitkofski
Membership
mwhitkofski@gmail.com

Our first event is PA Feet to the Streets on Saturday, September 7.

Join Lakewood Music Boosters

Support our 70+ Music Groups

Choose your membership level, fill out your contact information, enclose with your check made out to Lakewood Music Boosters and mail to:

Lakewood Music Boosters
PO Box 770782
Lakewood, OH 44107

Or visit www.lakewoodmusicboosters.com to join using PayPal

Member's name: _____

Name to appear in the concert programs: _____

Address:_____

Phone 1: _____ Email 1: _____

Phone 2: _____ Email 2: _____

By supplying your email address, you give consent for the Lakewood Music Boosters to contact you via email to provide information on news, events, fundraisers or membership

Your student(s): Grade/School

_____ _____

_____ _____

_____ _____

$500 Corporate Level $100 Gold Level $40 Ensemble Level

$200 Fortissimo Level $60 Purple Level $20 Solo Level

Date of membership: _____ Choose your membership level: $ _____

Ask your employer if they offer a Matching Donor Program. *

(501(c)(3) Employer Identification No. 23-7163428)

Become a SCHOLARSHIP BENEFACTOR

Gilmore Fund (Summer Lessons/Camps) $_____

Additional Donation $_____

Total donation of membership level and scholarship: $_____

(How the membership was paid: Cash/Check/PayPal)

Membership runs 7/1/19-6/30/20

Children of active members (need to volunteer) in good standing **by 1/31/20** are eligible for the Gilmore Scholarship

LAKEWOOD Athletic BOOSTERS

{ booster
[**boo**-ster]
noun
• a person or thing that boosts, especially an energetic and enthusiastic supporter. }

Why join Lakewood Athletic Boosters?

When you join Lakewood Athletic Boosters, you join a team of parents, guardians, coaches, teachers, and community members who support middle school and high school athletics in the Lakewood City School District. Thanks to the Athletic Boosters' fundraising efforts, Lakewood's pay-to-participate fees are among the lowest in Northeast Ohio! Concession stand sales and our annual Night at the Races event raise thousands of dollars annually.

Member benefits include:

- Earn $2.50 in BOOSTER BUCKS for every hour *you or your student* volunteer. BOOSTER BUCKS can be used to offset the cost of your student's pay-to-participate fees. You or your student can volunteer to work in the concession stands, helping to operate the Ranger Shop, or serving on one of our committees. Best of all, your BOOSTER BUCKS won't expire as long as you keep your membership current!
- 10% discount in the Ranger Shop
- Scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors

Ways to join the Lakewood Athletic Boosters

Visit our website LakewoodAthleticBoosters.org, click on the Membership tab and use PayPal or a credit card

OR

Complete this form, enclose with your check payable to *Lakewood Athletic Boosters* and mail to:

Lakewood Athletic Boosters
ATTN: Membership
P.O. Box 771031
Lakewood, Ohio 44107

Name: _____ If you are an LHS graduate, indicate the year_____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Your Student Athlete(s):	Grade:	School:	Sport(s)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Select your Membership Levels:

___ $15 Basic	___ $ 75 Purple	(includes 2 school athletic event passes)
___ $25 Friend	___ $100 Gold	(includes 4 school athletic event passes)
___ $50 Partner	___ $150 Ranger	(includes 6 school athletic event passes)
	___ $200 Star	(includes 8 school athletic event passes)

___Please contact me about purchasing advertising signage at Lakewood Stadium

Membership is valid through July 1 – June 30



West Shore Ranger Cafe & Beachwood Bistro

COOKIE CUP CHALLENGE

Choose from:

Premium Classic Chocolate Chip (No Nuts) - $6

Baked or Take-and-Bake Baker's Dozen

Signature Ranger Cafe Chocolate Chunk, Almond & Sea Salt - $7

Baked Bakers's Dozen

Orders accepted until Monday, September 16th. Cookie pick-up will be Friday, September 20 from 10am-5pm at the Ranger Cafe at Lakewood High School. Submit orders at: https://forms.gle/vrNHZmwjPo3b8HAG9

MasterCard/Visa, debit cards, Diner's Club, personal check or cash accepted. No pre-payments.

All proceeds will benefit: Greater Cleveland Food Bank

LKWD RIDES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

A COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE TO KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Join Mayor Summers and Superintendent Barnes for a leisurely ride from Lakewood High to Lakewood Park. Meet in front of the LHS Cafeteria at 8:15 a.m. Ride begins @ 8:30. Join us afterward for some light snacks in the Kiwanis Pavilion.

#OneHeartbeatOneLKWD

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LAKEWOOD OHIO