



Liberty Common Sense

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"Together We Will Rise"
Class of 2024 School Motto

Headmaster Message



Take Courage

By: **Bob Schaffer**, Headmaster

After the first three days of new-employee training, I'm pleased to report we have some wonderful educators who have joined our team. Liberty's newest classroom instructors, teaching assistants, and support staff, this week, have reported for duty.

Veteran employees will join their new colleagues on Monday for a full week of all-staff training and preparation culminating with that following Friday's annual festivities of "Torch Trek," the official kickoff to the school year. Though focused on

junior-high and high-school students, all LCS families are welcome to attend (details elsewhere in this newsletter).

Then, on Mon 21 Aug 2023, it's the first day of school. Take courage. We're ready for the students; they're ready for us.

After a peculiar summer of thunderstorms locally, wildfires on the continent, and depredation of war in Eastern

Europe, we anticipate LCS students returning as a tiny whispering sound. Like at Horeb, the faculty, administration, and I will stand at the school doors to welcome each child as a true blessing, an emblem of love.

From that happy day forward, young scholars will be guided by Liberty's professional classroom educators toward that which is true, beautiful, good, and perfect. Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.



Upcoming Events

Mon 14 Aug 2023 | New-Student Orientation | 6:30PM | Aristotle and Plato Campuses
Thu 17 Aug 2023 | Back-To-School Social | 6:00PM | Aristotle and Plato Campuses
Fri 18 Aug 2023 | [Torch Trek](#) | 6:00PM | Plato Campus to LCHS
Mon 21 Aug 2023 | First Day of Classes
Mon 21 Aug 2023 | Robotics-Info Meeting (Grades 4–8) | 3:30–4:30PM | Plato Campus
Tue 22 Aug 2023 | Back-to-School Night | 6:30PM | Aristotle and Plato Campuses
Mon 23 Aug 2023 | Robotics-Info Meeting (Grades 4–8) | 3:30–4:30PM | Aristotle Campus
Sat 26 Aug 2023 | Robotics Season Kick-Off (Grades 4–8) | 10:30–11:30AM | Plato Campus

Save-the-date for these upcoming all-school events:

Thu 7 Sep 2023 | Liberty On Tap | 6:00–8:00PM | LCHS
Wed 13 Sep 2023 | Night at The Exchange | 5:00–8:00PM | The Exchange Fort Collins
Sat 16 Sep 2023 | [Liberty-2-Liberty 5K](#) | 9:00AM–12:00PM | Plato Campus
Sat 7 Oct 2023 | [Festival of Ideas](#) | 9:00AM–3:00PM | LCHS

News



Don't Be A Stranger! The LCS Security Team is adding a new level of security on and around the school's properties involving a removable sticker to identify vehicles of all LCS families, student-drivers, faculty, and others (such as grandparents) whose cars appear regularly at any Liberty Common School campus. These security-device stickers will be distributed to all families at upcoming Back-To-School Nights. It is important all vehicles used for drop-off, pick-up, or which use LCS parking lots have one of

these stickers affixed to a rear window or bumper. Anyone requiring additional stickers may obtain them from the front office at no cost. After a few weeks, drivers of unstickered vehicles will be subject to heightened levels of scrutiny, inspection, and interaction by the school's Security Team and other employees who monitor traffic around the school; so, "Don't Be A Stranger!" Help make our students safer by getting your vehicle(s) tagged ASAP.

Welcome New Staff. Get to know the exceptional new instructors and support staff joining LCS. [Click here](#) to explore their brief biographies and join us in extending a warm Liberty-family welcome to these dedicated educators.

New Website. Liberty Common School strives to achieve excellence in all it does. This extends to our stunning new website. Be sure to visit www.libertycommon.org and explore the new features and design. Please use the [online form](#) to leave feedback (or report bugs) and help us ensure the best web experience.



Online Registration Available Soon. Through the school's annual-online registration, you can update your student's contact information and medical information, sign up for shuttle-bus riding, and provide other important information for a successful school year. The school requires annual registration of all students, both new and returning. This year we are implementing a new process where each family will create a PowerSchool Enrollment account. Creating the account is quick and easy, and this will streamline the registration process for all families going forward. Please watch your email in the next few days for personalized instructions on how to complete the registration for each of your students.

Student-Activity Fee. To streamline activity-fee collections, LCS charges a flat-fee rate of \$35.00 per LCS elementary student (K-6th grade) and \$50 per LCHS junior-high/high-school student (7th-12th grade). This annual one-time fee helps offset the cost of many of the special events at all campuses. This annual one-time fee is collected electronically via credit card, debit card, or electronic check through [RevTrak](#) or via your parent PowerSchool account.

[Pay Student Fees](#)

Torch Trek. The 2023 Torch Trek will be on Fri 18 Aug 2023. All LCS students, families, alumni, and friends are invited to attend an evening celebration to officially kick off the school year and to issue a special welcome to rising 7th graders. [View the flyer here.](#)

Downloads and Resources

[2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook \(Plato Campus\)](#)

[2023-2024 Student/Parent Handbook \(Aristotle Campus\)](#)

[Printable 2023–2024 Calendars](#)

[School-Supply Lists](#)

[2023–2024 Elementary Dress-Code \(PDF\)](#)

[2023–2024 Transportation Information](#)

[Food-Services Information](#)

[After-School Care](#)

[Front-Office Procedures \(Plato Campus\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Front-Office Procedures and Attendance Protocol \(Aristotle Campus\) \(PDF\)](#)

[Yearbook Ordering \(Aristotle Campus\)](#)

[Yearbook Ordering \(Plato Campus\)](#)

[Carpool-Interest Form \(Aristotle Campus\)](#)

Health Services

[Health-Office Letter \(PDF\)](#)

Health Plans and Medications. All medication given at school, whether doctor-prescribed or over-the-counter (including cough drops and any type of natural supplements) must be accompanied by a [medication-permission form](#), signed by both the parent/guardian and a physician. Medication must be provided and brought to school by the parent, in the original prescription bottle or over-the-counter container, and must not be expired. If medication changes or medication is discontinued during the school year, please have the child's doctor fax the new or correct orders. Asthma inhalers or medication to treat severe allergic reactions may be carried by the student as long as this is agreed upon by the child's healthcare provider, parent, and school nurse, and a healthcare plan is in effect. Authorization for medication administration must be completed yearly and healthcare plans updated annually for each school year. Only high-school students may carry medications with a permission form.

Immunizations. Colorado requires all students entering school be up-to-date on all immunizations. Please make sure these are in order and upload all required forms during annual registration. Contact your healthcare provider with any questions regarding what your student may be missing. Personal-immunization exemptions require a doctor's signature on the official form and/or completion of the state-required learning module annually. Please access more information [on our website](#). Children with an exemption may be kept out of school during a disease outbreak if recommended by the county. Medical exemptions require a physician's signature and need to be submitted only once. Without proof of current immunizations, your child may not start school.

Athletics (6th Grade Only)

All-Sports Parent Meeting. This informational meeting will be held on Thu 10 Aug 2023 at 6:00PM. This will be an opportunity for parents and athletes to meet coaches, acquire important information, and kick off the 2023-2024 athletic seasons. We will start with dinner at LCHS and then have an information session and breakout meeting in the Colosseum and classrooms. If your students intend to play a sport this year, please plan on attending.

Athletics Registration. [Registration for athletics](#) is open and available through [RevTrak](#). The Athletics Department is offering sports physicals through **Dr. Abrahamson's** office this year Mon 24 Jul—Fri 28 Jul 2023. Call the office directly to schedule during this time frame. Please see specific information and a year-long calendar of important dates in the linked documents below.

[2023-2024 Sports-Registration Packet](#)

[Fall-Athletic Information](#)

[Year-Long Athletics Calendar](#)

[Intent to Participate in a Sport for Another School and Early-Dismissal Form](#)

Transportation. Middle-school and junior-high practices may be held at our elementary-school campuses. Please complete an intent-to-ride form during your annual registration if you would like your child to ride the shuttle to one of our campuses.

Opportunities

[Volunteer Registration](#)

[Substitute-Teacher-Interest Form](#)

[Host a Foreign-Exchange Student](#)

Robotics. The [FIRST Lego League Challenge Robotics program](#) at Liberty Common School provides an excellent experience for students in grades 4–8. Download the following forms for additional information.

- [Parent Letter](#)
- [Student-Application Form](#)



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Chessmates. Chessmates strives to teach kids the game of chess with a positive outlook and focus on character-building along the way. The club welcomes students of all skill levels and encourages excellence.

- [Parent Letter](#)
- [Aristotle-Campus Registration](#)
- [Plato-Campus Registration](#)



**Always be one
move ahead.**

Orchestra. Students in 4th–6th grade at the Plato campus currently enrolled in private string lessons are welcome to join a free after-school orchestra club. The group will meet on Tuesdays in the Apollo Theatre from 3:15–4:00PM. The first orchestra meeting will be Tue 12 Sep 2023. Please email [Mercedes Kartchner](mailto:Mercedes.Kartchner) with interest or questions.



Liberty T-Shirts

The 2023–2024 Liberty t-shirts are in and will be available for purchase at the Back-To-School Social on Thu 17 Aug 2023.

2023-2024 T-Shirt Dates

Aug 25, Sep 22, Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec 15, Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 22, Apr 26, May 17

These dates are subject to change and additional dates may be added throughout the year. Watch for upcoming dates in future editions of the *Liberty Common Sense*.

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Upcoming Board Meeting – Thu 31 Aug 2023 | 6:00PM | LCS Aristotle campus Agora

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