



# The Spartan Newsletter

May 2025

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# Principal's Message

Hi Sierra Families!

It is already May and we are in the true homestretch of the school year. It has been a fun and exciting year and our hope is to finish the busy year on a positive note with our students.

In the month of May, students have a lot of academic items to get accomplished. April 28 - May 10, 2025 students will be completing the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. (state testing) Please help support our students give their best effort on this testing by having them get a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep. Sierra has traditionally had great school wide results from this assessment and our hope is to continue to have students shine with this assessment.

Students will also be assessed with I Ready, the district assessment for English Language Arts and in math. This will happen over the last couple of weeks of school.

Please remember the following criteria for 8th grade Promotional Activities and for students to participate in 7th grade day:

- 2.0 GPA or higher in 4th quarter
- No F's on report card for 4th quarter
- CUM GPA of 2.0 or higher
- No more than 3 days of suspension in 4th quarter

We are proud of our 8th grade class as they begin the transition to high school. They have consistently worked hard and have been a great group of leaders. We are excited to see our current 7th graders take on this strong leadership role as they move to 8th grade.



## Important Dates


05/01-05/09 CAASPP Testing  
05/05 Orchestra Performance  
05/12 Sierra Band Concert  
05/13 CJSF Ports Game  
05/14 Lincoln Olympics  
05/14 PTSA Pizza Fundraiser  
05/16 Beach Party Rally  
05/19 Choir performance  
05/22 8th Grade Promotion Dance  
05/26 Memorial Day  
05/27 8th Grade Promotion  
05/28 8th Grade Sunsplash/7th Grade Day  
05/29 Last day of School



## Associated Student Body News

Rally May 16th

Lincoln High School AND Sierra Middle School  
**Spring Orchestra Concert**  
 May 9th, 2025  
 Lincoln High School Performing Arts Theater  
 Shane Kalbach, director



Sierra Orchestra - 6:30pm

Deep Sea Fandango-----Deborah Baker Monday  
 I Wan'na Be Like You (from Disney's Jungle Book)-----Sherman Bros arr. by Larry Moore  
 Gap of Dunloe-----Chris Thomas  
 Phantom of the Opera Selections-----Andrew Lloyd Weber arr. by Larry Moore  
 Swan Lake-----Horkine  
 Tchaikovsky arr. by Michael

**A MOSTLY 60'S**  
**Choir Concert**  
 Featuring the LHS Concert Choir and  
 the Sierra Middle School Choirs

Monday, May 19, 2025  
**7:00pm**

Located at the Lincoln High School  
 Performing Arts Center

- Choir students, meet in the LHS Choir Room by **6:30pm**
- Students are to dress nicely in black and white or all black.
- Students may dress in 60's attire.
- Clothing must follow school dress code and be free of writing and logos.

Please contact Mrs. Nguyen with any questions:  
[jnguyen@lUSD.net](mailto:jnguyen@lUSD.net)

# Sierra Middle School Orchestra Concert

Join us for a evening of music

# Sierra Choir Concert Information.

Join us for an evening of music.



# Sierra Band Concert

Monday May 12th  
 6:00 PM in the Sierra Courtyard.

# LINCOLN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## PARENT WORKSHOPS MAY DATES

### IN-PERSON

05/07  
10:00 AM

How to keep  
students active  
over the summer

05/21  
10:00 AM

How to keep  
students active  
over the summer

### VIRTUAL

05/14  
3:30 PM

How to keep  
students active  
over the summer

05/28  
3:30 PM

How to keep  
students active  
over the summer

**PLEASE RSVP TO:  
ADELITA MARGO-  
RIVERA  
209 953 9552  
SNACKS AND DRINKS  
WILL BE PROVIDED**

**IN PERSON SESSIONS WILL BE  
HELD AT:**

**2020 W. Swain Rd.  
Stockton, CA 95207  
Room 402**

**SCAN QR CODE  
TO RSVP:**



### LHS FRESHMAN ORIENTATION 2025-2026

**Monday, July 28, 2025**

**LAST NAMES A - L**

Opening assembly:  
8:00 AM in the main gym  
Campus Tour with LINK Crew leaders:  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30 PM at the end zone  
Orientation: 12:30 - 2:00 PM



**Tuesday, July 29, 2025**

**LAST NAMES M - Z**

Opening assembly:  
8:00 AM in the main gym  
Campus Tour with LINK Crew leaders:  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Lunch: 12:00 - 12:30 PM at the end zone  
Orientation: 12:30 - 2:00 PM

#### OPENING ASSEMBLY/CAMPUS TOUR - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Freshman will meet in the LHS Gym where they will be welcomed by selected 11th and 12th graders (LINK crew leaders). These students will serve as mentors for the freshman. There will be large and small group activities to help students get to know each other and become familiar with the campus. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable clothes (school dress code) and eat a healthy breakfast!

#### LUNCH - 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

A pizza lunch will be provided for the students at the End Zone to enjoy outside on campus!

#### ORIENTATION DETAILS - 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

- Students pick up schedules in front of the Student Service Center
- School pictures for yearbook and ID card (dress picture-ready)
  - See dress code information in the student handbook on our website for more details
  - You must have your picture taken. Lincoln High ID cards are required to pick up your class schedule.
- Chromebook pick-up (have a backpack) in the library.
- Locker Registration - bring a lock and buddy before registering for a locker.
- Option to buy the following:
  - \*AP Exam Donation \$98 This is for students who are taking AP courses.
  - \*Yearbook is \$65 (will be \$75 after orientation)
  - \*PE Shirt \$8 and PE Shorts \$10 These can be purchased at the student store.
  - \*Activities Sticker \$60 in the Activities Office - Room 1424 \*Activities stickers will include free admission to all sporting events, except for championship games. Discount on dances & other activities, free entry to rallies, free LHS Spirit T-Shirt

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Cash, checks or credit cards
- Parents should drop their child off, as this is a student only event.
- Bring a backpack to put your textbooks and PE clothes in.
- Bring a water bottle. Students will be on campus for 5-6 hours.
- If you have any questions, please call Cathy Tinapple in the Student Service Center (209) 953-8934

#### NEW PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

- There is a new parent orientation meeting in the LHS Gym on **Thursday July 31, at 6 pm.**

## Sierra Promotional Dance Information:

Event: Sierra Promotional Dance

Date: May 22, 2025

Time: 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Location: Sierra Multi Use Room

### Dance Information

The 8th Grade Promotional Dance will be held on Thursday May 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Sierra Multi Use Room. This year's theme is Hollywood Red Carpet. Students will be able to eat, dance, play games, and have their pictures taken at the event. The suggested dress is business casual and can be related to the theme. No students will be released early from the event unless parents have made arrangements in advance with Mr. Tatum and have proper ID at the time of pick up. We regret that students who do not meet the promotional requirements will not be eligible to participate in the ceremony or the dance. **Students must be picked up by 7:00 PM after the dance in the main Sierra Middle School parking lot.**

#### Sierra Promotion Information

Hi Sierra Families! We are excited to share 8th Grade Promotional Information for 2025.

Event: Sierra Promotional Ceremony 2025

Date: Tuesday May 27, 2025

Time: 6:00

Location: Lincoln High School Oak Trees (just north of Sierra campus)

#### Promotional Ceremony Information

Culminating ceremonies at the end of high school and college are true graduations and should be kept special. With this in mind: formal dresses, including strapless dresses, and tuxedos are inappropriate for our promotional ceremony. **Students not adhering to dress standards will not be permitted to participate.** If in doubt, ask well before the day of the promotion, so you don't spend money on clothing which is inappropriate for the ceremony. Balloons are Not allowed at the ceremony. During the ceremony students are Not allowed to wear leis or other similar items.

#### Promotion Dress Requirements

Dressy clothes, but no formals. Skirts, dressy slacks, blouse, dresses, collared shirts, ties optional.

**NO shorts, jeans, mini-skirts, formals, strapless, spaghetti strap, tank top less than 3 finger wide, or off-the-shoulder dresses or blouses.**

**When in doubt take a picture or bring it in and check with Mr. Tatum, Mrs.**

**Cardiel.** Dress shoes with LOW heels. Heels must be **2 inches or less** from the seam between shoe and heel block on the **outside**

Shoes higher than 2 inches will be taken before promotion and given back to students after the promotion ceremony. Students must go up and down steps during promotion, heels make that difficult.

#### Rehearsal is A Must!

Promotional rehearsal will be held the day of promotion, May 27, 8:00 - 12:00. It is important that your student be present for the entire rehearsal. Please do not schedule outside appointments during this time. This is a regular school day with dismissal at 2:35 p.m.

#### Photography

Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony. A professional photographer has been hired and will take a photograph of each student as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided to each student on the last day of school with their promotional certificate.

#### Sunsplash Trip:

Date: Wednesday May 28, 2025

Time: 8:00 - 5:00

Location: Sunsplash - Roseville

Students will leave Sierra at 8:00 AM and be bused to the water park. Students will return approximately between 4:30 and 5:00 PM.

#### Requirements for all Promotion Activities:

- 2.0 or higher GPA in 4th quarter
- No F's on 4th quarter report card
- 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- No more than 3 days of suspension in the 4th quarter





## Memorial Day

Remember there is no school on May 26th.

## Last Day of School

May 29th is the last day of school. School will be released at 1:35 pm



### Sierra Middle School

#### After School Academic Programs

**MATH INFUSION**  
Wednesday in the library  
Thursday Room # 10  
2:35pm-3:35pm  
Students receive help with math and can complete their math homework.

#### Homework Club

Library:  
Quiet Homework Environment  
Monday thru Friday 2:35-3:35 PM

#### Summit

Open Monday-Friday- Before School and at lunch

All students must be off campus by 1:45 p.m. on Monday and 2:45 p.m. Tue-Fri unless attending one of our Academic Programs.

Parents do not need to sign students up.

Students will sign in and out and can leave when they are finished.

Does your student need some additional academic support? Does your student need a quiet space to complete work before or after school? Check out our support programs, times and locations.



A quick reminder that your student should be in one of our after school programs or headed home by 2:40.



## PTSA NEWS

David's Pizza Fundraiser May 14th

### Comments & Replies

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