

LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL

2026 - 2027

Newsletter
Back to School!
August, September, October 2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

August

August 31

Transfer Student Program (10am-1pm)



September

September 1

Freshman Orientation (9am-7pm)

- *Sign up required, QR code on flyer*

September 3

- Freshman Orientation (9am-3pm)
 - *Sign up required, QR code on flyer*
- Locker Assignment / Agenda Planner
 - **8:00 am-2:00pm room 122 Enter at S-Wing Doors**
- Parking Permit Purchase
 - **8:00 am-2:00 pm room 122 Enter at S-Wing Doors**
- HS Open for Schedule Walk Through
 - **9:00am-2:00pm Use the Main Entrance Only**

September 8

First Day of School

September 10 & 11

Underclassmen School Portraits

September 11

Freshman Mixer (7-10 pm)

September 18

Courtyard Dance (9-11 pm)

October

October 8

LHS Open House

October 12

No School

October 19-23

Spirit Week

October 23

- Underclassman Portrait Retakes
 - *Library Media Center*
- Lancaster/Depew Football Game
 - @ Depew

October 24

Homecoming

October 23 & 26

- Senior Portrait Retakes
 - *Library Media Center*





NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

HEALTH OFFICE UPDATE FORMS

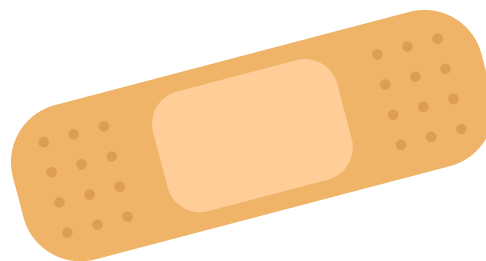
Please complete the Health Office Update Form mailed home in August for each High School student in your household. Completed forms should be brought to the Health Office starting on the first day of school. Additional forms are available in the Health Office or online at the

[Health Office Forms Webpage.](#)



DENTAL HEALTH

New York State requests a dental exam for all students entering 10th grade, as well as any student new to LHS. You can access the [Dental Health Certificate](#) online via the Health Office webpage. Please note that this documentation is requested, not mandatory.



IMPORTANT SCHOOL PHYSICAL INFORMATION

Mid-Year Physicals

If your student gets a physical during the school year, please submit the completed form to the Health Office right away.

Sports Eligibility

Students must have a current physical on file to participate in sports. Students will be ineligible to play if this requirement is not met. You can use your family physician or the school doctor. All exams must be documented on the Required NYS School Health Examination Form, which is available on the Health Office webpage.

- **Winter Sports:** If your child needs a physical for winter sports, they can get it at school this October.
 - School physicals are free. To schedule an appointment, you must contact the Health Office by Friday, October 9th:
 - **Phone:** 716-686-3266
 - **Email:** pscarpello@lancasterschools.org or dsirianni@lancasterschools.org

Mandated Grade & Working Paper Requirements

- 9th and 11th Grade: New York State law requires physical exams for all public school students in these grades. Please submit physicals to the Health Office by October 30th.
- Working Papers: Applicants must have a physical completed within one year of their application processing date.





NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

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HEALTH SCREENINGS

11th Grade Testing - Comprehensive height, weight, vision, and hearing screenings begin in late fall during physical education classes.

Grades 9, 10, & 12 - Per NYS Mandate, these grade levels will undergo height and weight checks only.

Important Reminder - Please ensure your 11th grader wears their contacts or brings their glasses to school regularly. This guarantees accurate screening results and prevents unnecessary trips to the eye doctor.

WINTER SPORTS INFORMATION

Sign-Ups: Online registration opens on **October 5, 2026**. Check the Athletic Department's web page frequently for updates .

Physical Exam Deadline: All athletes must have a valid physical (dated within one year of the season start) on file by November 1st. ***Late paperwork may delay your student's ability to start the season.***

How to Submit Physicals:

Student drop-off

Postal mail

Fax: 716-686-3268

Email: pscarpello@lancasterschools.org or
dsirianni@lancasterschools.org

SENIORS:

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE REQUIREMENT

All incoming grade 12 students must have an updated meningococcal vaccine per NYS mandate. Letters were sent home if your child is missing this immunization.

To prevent your student from being held out of school in September, please ensure their records are updated immediately.

SICK STUDENTS & ILLNESS DISMISSALS

Reporting to the Nurse

Students who feel ill must get a pass from their teacher and go directly to the Health Office.

Parent Contact Policy

For safety reasons, all parent/guardian communication regarding illness and pick-up arrangements must go through the Health Office.

Cell Phone Restriction

Students are strictly prohibited from using cell phones to call, text, or email to arrange their own pick-ups. Failure to follow this protocol will result in disciplinary action.

Questions?

Please reach out to the school nurse at
716-686-3266.

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Call the Health Office at
716-686-3266 or 716-686-3343.



COUNSELING CENTER

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Student Schedules

Schedules will be available on the student/parent portal prior to the start of school. You will be receiving an automated telephone call advising when student schedules can be accessed. We appreciate your patience. Please know that teacher changes are not accommodated. For a variety of reasons, schedules will continue to change until the first day.

Counselor Caseload

Please note there has been a change to the Counselor's assigned alphabet. The new breakdown is to the right. Please look this over to determine if it affects your student.

A - Cop	Mrs. Hewett	X3229
Coq - Gro	Mrs. O'Connor	X3265
Grp - Kuo	Mrs. Hejaily	X3264
Kup - Nev	Mrs. Coleman	X3263
New - Po	Mr. Marchese	X3853
Pp - Stam	Miss Rinow	X3399
Stan - Z	Mrs. Len	X3261

Please visit the Counseling Center's Website for additional information.

<https://lhs.lancasterschools.org/our-school/counseling-center>

Course Description Guide

<https://lhs.lancasterschools.org/our-school/counseling-center/course-description-guide>

AP EXAMS

<https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/exam-administration-ordering-scores/exam-dates>

As a reminder, each student is offered **two free AP Exams** throughout the course of their high school career. Please keep this in mind as you are registering for the AP exams.

The deadline to register for AP exams is Friday, November 13, 2026.



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IMPORTANT CODE OF CONDUCT INFORMATION

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES -

“OFF & AWAY ALL DAY”

Personal electronic devices, including (but not limited to) cell phones, smart watches, internet-enabled devices, and earbuds/headphones, are not to be used during school hours (7:30am to 2:15pm).

Devices are to be “Off & Away All Day.” Students are expected to place their electronic devices in their school locker using this approved storage method. Annually, all students will be assigned a locker. District-issued devices, like 1:1 Chromebooks, are the only allowable devices to be used during the instructional day.

Violations:

Use of personal electronic devices during the school day may be subject to the following:

- **1st Offense: Written Referral** - The device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the day.
- **2nd Offense: Written Referral** - The device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the day. One night detention may be issued.
- **3rd Offense: Written Referral** - The device will be confiscated and kept until the end of the day. A parent/guardian must pick up the device. Two nights of detention may be issued. Students may be required to keep their device at home.

*Additional infractions may result in further disciplinary actions in accordance with the code of conduct.

**Inappropriate use of electronic devices may result in differing levels of consequences advancing beyond these initial incremental steps.

SUBSTANCE USE/ABUSE (INCLUDING TOBACCO PRODUCTS)

Possessing, distributing, or smoking a cigarette, e-cigarette or similar device, cigar, pipe or using chewing or smokeless tobacco on district property, at school sponsored or school related activities, and all athletic contests is prohibited. This may include property adjacent to school buildings. Any student in violation will be subject to discipline up to, and including, suspension from school.

E-cigarettes or similar devices that are confiscated will not be returned. They will be discarded by Lancaster Police.

Students are also prohibited from possessing or consuming energy drinks while on District property between 7:30 am and 2:15 pm.

Students are prohibited from possessing, being under the influence of, consuming, using, buying or attempting to buy, selling or attempting to sell, distributing, sharing or exchanging alcoholic beverages, tobacco (of any kind, see above), and/or other drugs (including the misuse of a prescription or over-the-counter medication or the consumption of medication or drugs for any purpose other than its intended use) on District property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, and athletic contests.

Prohibited substances may include, but are not limited to:

- any illicit drug prohibited by New York State Law
- inhalants



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- look-alike substances; look-alike substances are substances that resemble, imitate, are represented as, or are intended to be perceived as prohibited substances, and may be used to simulate drug-related behavior, regardless of their actual chemical composition
 - synthetic drugs/substances
 - unprescribed medications
 - medications prescribed for another individual
 - drug paraphernalia
 - over-the-counter medications

Students are prohibited from possessing, being under the influence of, consuming, using, buying or attempting to buy, selling or attempting to sell, distributing, sharing or exchanging paraphernalia used in connection with alcoholic beverages, vitamins, supplements, essential oils, herbs, tobacco (including matches or lighters), illegal substances or drugs (prescription or over-the-counter) on District property, at school-sponsored or school-related activities, and athletic contests.

Attendance Policy Reminders

Absence From School - A note for an absence must be turned in to the attendance office within 5 days. The note must have the date of the absence, student name, student ID number, and the reason for the absence written on it. Parents/Guardians do not need to call to report their child's absence; only the absence note is required to be brought in within 5 days.

Late to School - Any student who arrives late must bring a note from their parent/guardian **upon arrival**. After the third instance that a student is late to school without a note, detention will be assigned. Students must attend at least 5 periods to get credit for a school day to participate in that day's clubs, activities, and/or sports.

Early Dismissal - For an early dismissal, a note signed by a parent/guardian is needed noting the student's name, date, time of release and reason for early dismissal with a verifying phone number. Early dismissal notes should be turned in to the Main/Attendance Office by 8:15 am to receive an Early Dismissal Pass. As long as the student has an Early Dismissal Pass, their transportation does not need to come into the building to sign them out. If a student forgets their note or has an unexpected early dismissal, only a parent/guardian or listed emergency contact in eSchool will be permitted to sign out the student. ID is required and checked in the Main Office before students are released. Emergency contacts can be viewed and updated on the Parent Portal [Parent Portal Information - Lancaster Central School District](#).

Attendance and Course Credit: Regular attendance is essential for student success and earning course credit. Students must attend at least 85% of each course to remain eligible to complete coursework, take tests, submit assignments, and earn credit. This means students may not exceed 28 absences in a full-year course, 14 absences in a half-year/half-credit course, or 38 combined absences in a course with a lab.

All absences, including both excused and unexcused absences, count toward these totals.

Academic Eligibility

- A student must maintain an overall quarterly average of 72.00% to participate unconditionally in all extracurricular activities and sports.



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INFORMATION SERVICES

Chromebooks - Students are issued a Chromebook device and power supply cord for use during the school year. There is no cost to receive these items as it is a primary educational tool. Damage and or loss of device due to failure to properly care and maintain the device will result in repair and/or replacement charges being levied to the student.

For IT assistance and/or questions regarding the following areas, please contact us through the appropriate email below:

Parent Portal: eschoolportal@lancasterschools.org

Student Portal: eschoolstudentportal@lancasterschools.org

Damaged Device Invoicing: elarning@lancasterschools.org

LOCKERS AND SCHOOL ISSUED LOCKS

All students will be issued a locker and a new school lock, free of charge, to be used for the remainder of their time at LHS. Upon graduation (or leaving the district) the lock shall remain on the locker.

LOCKERS & BACKPACKS

School lockers are school property and remain, at all times, under the control of the school. Students are, however, expected to assume full responsibility for the security of their lockers. All students will be assigned a locker and students will be required to use this locker for any specific purpose(s) as determined by the code of conduct or administrative direction. Students should not expect privacy regarding items placed in school property because school property is subject to search, by authorized employees, at any time without notice. Students are strongly encouraged to lock their personal belongings in the physical education lockers.

At no time should a backpack be left unattended anywhere on school grounds.

Teachers may request that student backpacks be stored in lockers during their class period(s) and those expectations will be communicated at the beginning of the school year. If permitted by teachers, it is expected that all students must be able to store their backpacks under their desk, table, or chair and classroom aisles are clear.



PARKING INFORMATION

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Junior & Senior students may
purchase a parking pass.



How to purchase a parking pass:

Please read the parking rules listed below carefully.

Step 1: Complete the Parking Registration Form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dn1vg7-ylb5YKXeDNlyCSIIQPabVMGF_DCcKVPxXfgk/edit

which can also be found on the Lancaster High School Webpage.

To access the form, students must be logged in with their Lancaster account.

The form will open on August 20, 2026.

Step 2: Pick up Parking Pass in Room 122 on **September 3rd** from **8 AM - 2 PM**.

Enter through the S wing doors. Students will need to bring the \$50.00 parking fee.

We accept checks made payable to Lancaster Central School District (LCSD) or EXACT cash.

We DO NOT have change to give, if you are paying in cash please have exact payment.

We are not set up to accept credit card payments. If a student can not come on the above dates, they may report to room #102 (Assistant Principal's office) at the high school on the first day of school.

Step 3: Your parking pass **MUST** be displayed on your rearview mirror facing out whenever you are parked on campus.

LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL DRIVING/PARKING RULES:

- 1) Driving to school is a privilege, not a right. All general rules of the building also apply to the parking lots and school grounds. Violation of any school rules/policy, including the Driving/Parking rules, may result in parking privileges being suspended or revoked without a refund. This will be reinforced by administration.
- 2) The parking hang tag issued to the student must be visible at all times, on the rear-view mirror facing out.
- 3) If your car breaks down and you borrow a car temporarily, you may move your parking pass from your primary vehicle to your temporary vehicle. Parking hang tags cannot be transferred to other students, if done, the hang tag will be confiscated without a refund.
- 4) It is the responsibility of the student to report lost or stolen permits to room #102. Lost/stolen permits found in use will be confiscated.
- 5) Students must obey the posted speed limit and drive in a prudent and safe manner.
- 6) The school retains the authority to conduct routine patrols of the student parking lots and inspections of the exterior and interior of student vehicles while on school property.
- 7) All parking violations/tickets are issued by the Lancaster town police department. The parking violation fine is \$25.00 and is payable to the Lancaster Town Court, not the school. It is up to the discretion of the Lancaster police if a parking ticket is issued, warnings are not given.
- 8) Students may park in any student spot in the north lot, south lot or field house lot. There are plenty of student parking spaces available. Please DO NOT park in a faculty spot, in front of the building, in the dumpster lot or in an unauthorized area. This may result in a parking ticket and/or tow.
- 9) Please report vehicle make/model and license plate number changes to room 102. Lancaster High School reserves the right to perform checks to ensure that the vehicle registered at the time of the parking permit purchase is the same.
- 10) Lancaster town police supervise the outside campus area. Please keep your cars locked at all times. Lancaster high school is not responsible for lost/stolen property or damage while on school grounds.
- 11) **Parking permits from previous school years are not valid.**



YEARBOOK & SCHOOL PICTURES



School Picture Information

Upstate Images photographers will be at LHS

Picture Dates:

September 10 & 11, 2026 - Grades 9,10,11 & Staff - Java Gym

October 23, 2026 - Retakes Grades 9,10,11 & Staff - Media Center

10/23/26 & 10/26/26 - SENIOR Retake Dates - Media Center

Questions, please contact customer service at
1-855-773-3321 (M-F from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm).

Senior Baby Patrons

Senior Baby Patrons will be available for purchase for the 26-27
yearbook in September.
Information will be mailed home this Fall!

Picture Thursday, September 10, 2026 (Original Date)
Date(s): Friday, September 11, 2026 (Original Date)

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Yearbooks
Don't miss out!
*Yearbooks will be on
sale this Fall!*
*Information will be sent
out soon!*



MORE INFO

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Food Service

<https://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=1500949764145>

Questions about Food Service?

email: adenver@lancasterschools.org or jszepetyk@lancasterschools.org



High School Activities

Lancaster High School has many events and activities year round.

In order to get the latest information check out the school website: <https://lhs.lancasterschools.org/>



Water Safety

As per Education Law section 926: Effective July 1, 2026, requires school districts to provide electronic or written information on water safety to parents/guardians at the beginning of the school year. Additionally, the school district has published this information on its website (<https://www.lancasterschools.org/district/annual-notifications/water-safety>).

In addition, the New York State Department of Health has created a tip card titled Safe Swimming Tips for Everyone for the purpose of providing information regarding drowning prevention, water safety, and safe and healthy swimming. Please review this information with your child.



During The School Year

All students are to enter the building through the main entrance doors and Attendance Office before 7:10 am and after 7:30 am.

*****IMPORTANT*****

If you have a change of address, phone number or email address you must contact the Registrar's Office.
(716)-686-3218 or registrar@lancasterschools.org

Annual FERPA Notification

<https://www.lancasterschools.org/district/annual-notifications/ferpa>



STUDENT LIFE

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Freshman Orientation: September 1

Must RSVP for a spot!

**LANCASTER'S
FRESHMAN
ORIENTATION**

**START YOUR FIRST YEAR
WITH CONFIDENCE!**

RSVP FOR A SPOT:

SEPTEMBER 1
9-10AM, 11-12PM, 12:30-1:30PM,
2-3PM, 6-7PM

SEPTEMBER 3
9-10AM, 11-12PM, 12:30-1:30PM,
2-3PM

50 STUDENTS PER TIME SLOT
PERSONALIZED TOUR!
TIPS FROM UPPERCLASSMEN!

BRING:
\$5 FOR AN AGENDA
\$5 FOR A FRESHMAN MIXER TICKET

1 FORTON DRIVE
ENTER THROUGH MAIN DOORS
CASUAL DRESS



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Transfer Student Program: August 31

Must RSVP for a spot!

Lancaster High School



RSVP to Luci Green at (716)970-3861 or Jelani Codjovi at (716)986-1903



Transfer
Student
Program

Pack your enthusiasm!

AUG | 31 | 2026

10:00AM – 1:00PM

Bring \$5 to purchase an agenda

Lunch provided

Dress Casual

Come through the main
doors

Tours of the school, walk your schedule, find your locker, meet
students, teachers and administrators!



STUDENT LIFE

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Freshmen Mixer:

Friday, September 14th

45TH ANNUAL

FRESHMEN

MIXER

FRIDAY, SEPT 11TH

7-10 PM

HELD IN LHS CAFETERIA

TICKETS: \$5

SOLD IN FOUNDATIONS CLASSES,

CAFETERIA, AND ROOM 124

Games!

Prizes!

**Lets kick off the school
year right with the
ONLY dance for just for
YOU!!!**

**Food
Trucks!**

Music!

**DRESS IN YOUR FAVORITE
SPORTS GEAR!!**



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