



# Loveland High School Parent Newsletter

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As we move further into second semester, schools throughout Colorado are making preparations to take the state's accountability test commonly referred to as CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program). As you know, CSAP test results have become a significant state measure of how well schools are doing toward meeting the goals established by the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) mandate, and are the basis for the school accreditation process. The ultimate goal of NCLB is that every child across the country will be proficient in reading and math by year 2014. The Thompson District schools, including Loveland High School, are committed to reaching that target.

### *"Loveland High School Needs Your Support"*

A requirement of CSAP is that schools will work to achieve growth targets in reading, writing, and math on their journey to becoming 100 percent proficient. If the growth targets are not met, state sanctions will be imposed on the school to reform its efforts. Not meeting growth targets can become a negative mark for a school and community. Fortunately, Loveland High School has done very well over the last several years and has, in most cases, achieved all growth targets required by CSAP and NCLB. However, this last year's results (2009) did not measure up to the expected growth targets in some of our special populations and overall CSAP scores. Therefore, this year's focus will be to correct this trend and rally to ensure better test performance consistent with student ability. As we get closer to the 2014 deadline, more and more schools will struggle to meet proficiency goals and CSAP becomes more "high stakes" as a result. I personally do not think our students achieved at their maximum on CSAP in 2009. ***To remedy this, Loveland High School will need everyone's commitment to do the best we can on CSAP in 2010.***

### *"All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Must Take CSAP"*

Last year's school-wide CSAP results (even though OK) were again negatively impacted by too many students getting zeros on the test. This occurs for a couple reasons. First, some students refuse to take the test by not attending during the testing period or opting out of the test. The other variable that negatively affects overall school performance is a lack of serious motivation on the part of students. Some just randomly mark the test answer sheet just to get through the test. ***To overcome these pitfalls, we are asking that all 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students at Loveland High School take the test (there will be no opt outs) as required by Colorado law.***

Therefore as principal, I urge everyone in the Loveland community to support our efforts during the 2010 CSAP period. CSAP is "high stakes" and ***a strong commitment on the part of students to focus on doing their best is vitally important.*** There will be several attempts on the part of staff and students in the next month to get students focused on the importance of CSAP performance. Regardless of what happens at Loveland High School during the month of February, your support in making sure your student(s) are getting appropriate amounts of sleep and nourishment are critical. Also, in conversations with your students, please support the importance of CSAP and how their commitment translates into a positive message for our school and community. We have very capable students at Loveland High School. Supporting their efforts will be deeply appreciated.

Dr. Fred Dreier, Principal  
Loveland High School

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### Special Point of Interest

- **Feb 2nd**—SAAC Meeting
- **Feb 8th thru 11th** – current 11th Grade registration, Modern America class
- **Feb 15th** – No School
- **Feb 16th thru 19th** – current 9th Grade registration, Geo-Phys Lab class
- **Feb 23rd** – MYP on-site visitation
- **Feb 24th**- 3:15-8:00 Parent Teacher Conferences
- **Feb 25th** – 8:15-4:30 Parent Teachers Conferences ( No School )
- **Feb 26th**—No School
- **March 17th** - ACT Workshop
- **March 11th** - AP test registration deadline
- **March 8, 9, 10, 11,** — CSAP tests Juniors and Seniors late start
- **IB exam** Preparations
- **TBA**—Juniors, mandatory ACT registration 8:45 am - Auditorium
- **March 29 thru April 2** - Spring Break
- **April 28**—ACT mandatory test (Juniors)
- **April 19-** Senior and Parent Mandatory Meeting - 6:30 pm
- **May 3 thru 14** AP Exams
- **May 4 thru 24** IB Exams
- **May 23**—Graduation

## IMPORTANT CSAP CALENDAR

Loveland High School Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the Colorado State Assessment Profile (CSAP) as follows:

March 8, 9, 10, and 11. Testing will begin promptly at 7:38 for freshmen and sophomores. Juniors and Seniors will report at 11:45 on the first three days. Freshmen, Juniors, and Seniors will report at 11:30 on the last day. *\*\* Make up testing will be done as soon as the student returns to school.*

Only freshmen and sophomores will be in attendance during testing periods. Juniors and Seniors will have a shortened schedule all four days.

Loveland High School has a long and proud history of achievement. Our students have excelled in all areas of academic work. CSAP is another measurement of how well our students perform. We want LHS students to be recognized as among the best students in Colorado. CSAP is one of the indicators of excellence for our state.

Detailed schedule will be posted on our website.

**1st Semester Report Cards are now available on Campus Portal. If you need an access code please contact Karen Hamilton @613-5228**

**Parent/Teacher conferences** are fast approaching and this semester we are making efforts to make the process easier and more efficient for everyone.

On **Wednesday, February 24**, we will have arena-style conferences where you are welcome to drop in anytime between 3:15 pm and 8:00 pm to visit with your child's teachers on a first-come, first-served basis. These conferences will be held in the gym and cafeteria and **not** in classrooms as they have been in the past.

On **Thursday, February 25**, we will be holding conferences **by appointment only** from 8:15 am until 4:30 pm. This is based on feedback from our faculty, parents, and others who have expressed a desire to have pre-determined conference times with teachers.

To give greater flexibility in scheduling parent/teacher conferences, Loveland High School has now made conference schedules available via the internet. Starting Wednesday, February 10, and running until 11:59 PM on Wednesday, February 24, parents will have the opportunity to access their teachers' calendars and schedule a convenient conference time.

The school welcomes you to come in and use one of our computers if you do not have internet access at home or work. Alternately, you may access the internet via the computers at your local library. Unfortunately, we do not have the ability to schedule conferences by phone so you must use the web-based conference system for the appointment-only conferences on Thursday, February 25.

Please be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to efficiently schedule your appointments. Remember, the appoint-

ments are available on a first-come, first-served basis. You will be receiving the easy to follow instructions shortly before the scheduling window opens on February 24th.

We look forward to the opportunity to meet with you in February as well as your input on this new, updated system.

*No School February 25 and February 26.*

### **Student Course Requests for next school year 2010-2011:**

Students will be receiving their registration forms during January and February so they can request courses for next school year.

The counselors will be going into the classroom by grade level to give a presentation about course offerings for next year, directions for students to enter their course requests on Campus Portal, and the registration forms.

Schedule for these presentations:

Week of January 11<sup>th</sup>, current 10<sup>th</sup> graders

Week of February 8<sup>th</sup>, current 11<sup>th</sup> graders

Week of February 16<sup>th</sup>, current 9<sup>th</sup> graders

Current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent night and forms will be picked up at the middle school starting the week of January 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Advanced Placement Tests:**

All students in Advanced Placement Classes should consider taking the **Advanced Placement Tests**. Students will receive instructions for online registration for AP exams in their AP classes. Please be aware of the following deadlines for registration, payment of fees and the test dates:

**Registration Deadline:** March 10, 2010

**Costs for each test:** \$86.00, \$15 late fee after March 10

**Test Dates:** Biology-Mon., May 10 (morning)

Calculus AB-Wed., May 5 (morning)

Calculus BC-Wed., May 5 (morning)

Chemistry-Tues., May 11 (morning)

English Lang.-Wed., May 12 (morning)

English Lit-Thurs., May 6 (morning)

Environmental Science, Tues., May 11 (morning)

Human Geography, Fri., May 14 (morning)

Macroeconomics, Thurs., May 13 (morning)

Microeconomics-Thurs., May 13 (afternoon)

Physics Mechanics-Mon., May 10 (afternoon)

Physics C-Elec & Magnetism Mon., May 10  
(afternoon-2:00 pm)

Psychology- Tues., May 11 (afternoon)

Statistics-Tues, May 4 (afternoon)

US History-Fri., May 7 (morning)

US Government- Mon., May 3 (morning)

Morning tests are administered at 7:30 am and afternoon tests are administered at Noon unless noted. The website for information on AP Tests for students is: [www.collegeboard.com/apstudents](http://www.collegeboard.com/apstudents). Students who need financial assistance may qualify for a fee reduction - see Carolyn Guernsey in the Counseling Dept.

2010-2011 Thompson School District Calendar is available on the website;

[http://thompson.k12.co.us/2010-2011\\_school\\_calendar.pdf](http://thompson.k12.co.us/2010-2011_school_calendar.pdf)

## SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAAC)

School Accountability and Advisory Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month (February 2)@ 7:00 p.m. in the LHS Library.

The responsibilities of the committee are:

- To advise in goal setting and monitor progress
- To advise in budgeting resources

Contact Dr. Dreir @ 613-5222 for more information.

## Thompson International Baccalaureate at LHS

Seniors are preparing to hand in their Extended Essays for submission the end of January.

The IB organization will have a review team in our district February 22 and 23 for the Middle Years authorization process. The team will visit with students, staff, administration, and parent representatives at Lucille Erwin Middle School and Loveland High School.

Seniors and some juniors are preparing for May, 2010 exams. Just a reminder to students and parents, exam fees need to be paid by January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Students will sit for exams as follows:

Tuesday, May 4 English Language A (am)

Wednesday, May 5 Mathematics SL/HL (pm)

Thursday, May 6 Mathematics SL/HL (am)

Monday, May 10 English Language A (am)

Tuesday, May 11 History of Americas (pm)

Wednesday, May 12 History of Americas (am)

Chemistry (pm)

Thursday, May 13 Chemistry (am)

Monday, May 17 Biology (pm)

Tuesday, May 18 Biology (am)

Wednesday, May 19 Spanish (am)

Thursday, May 20 Mathematics HL (pm)

ITGS SL (pm)

Friday, May 21 ITGS SL (am) Music (am)

Monday, May 24 French (am)

Exams will be taken at the Administration building on south Taft. Students will receive a detailed calendar in April.

All levels will prepare for 2010-2011 registration during January and early February. Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to an evening to answer the question "How do I navigate high school?" with my student. Several asked at the fall Family Night for this information so hope to see you at 7 pm in room 504 on February 3. Students are invited to attend with their parents.

Parents of juniors are invited to their night in preparation of senior year on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in room 504. Juniors are encouraged to attend with their parents .

## LHS SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Loveland High School has a new school events calendar. To view this calendar follow the steps listed below;

1. On the Loveland High school website  
<http://lhs.thompson.k12.co.us>  
click on "LHS Calendar of Events"
2. Follow the directions
3. Bookmark this page for future reference

If you need assistance contact Ken Gwynn @613-5246

## COLLEGE INVEST SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

Students are invited to visit [www.collegeinvest.org](http://www.collegeinvest.org) to apply for one of 125 scholarships available as part of the 2009-10 Scholarship Program. There will be 38 \$1,000 scholarships and 27 \$6,000 service-based scholarships awarded. Unlike many other programs, there is no long application to fill out and no need to write an essay. Winners will be drawn randomly with finalists announced in May. **Seniors are eligible but students must attend a Colorado college.**

### Apply for Financial Aid!

**\$1,000 scholarship awarded at each site!**

**What:** Get **FREE** help in completing the federal financial aid application.

**When:** Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 2 - 4pm **Where:** Front Range Community College

4616 S. Shields - Blanca Peak Building  
Fort Collins, Co 80526

**What do I need to bring?** Bring your and/or your family's 2009 tax return or the information to complete the tax return.

**Website:** For other sites and resource options go to [collegegoalcolorado.org](http://collegegoalcolorado.org)

**Why should I attend?** If you are considering going to college or vocational school next year you should apply for financial aid *even* if you haven't applied for college yet. Get free help in completing the federal financial aid application. A \$1000 scholarship will be raffled off—it could be yours.

**Questions?** Email: [jeanne.schnader@colostate.edu](mailto:jeanne.schnader@colostate.edu) or [Carolee.Goldsmith@frontrange.edu](mailto:Carolee.Goldsmith@frontrange.edu)

**Visit the Counseling Office for a flyer and further information. Don't miss out.**

**You CAN afford to go to college! Make your parents proud.**



## Students don't miss out on important information about school events and scholarships!!

If you don't have class or are unable to hear school announcements during second or sixth periods you can read all the announcements on the LHS website;

<http://lhs.thompson.k12.co.us/>

Students or parents may also pick up a written copy of the daily announcements at the Information Booth.

# Senior Scoop:

**Community Scholarship applications** are now available in the Career Center. This is one application for several scholarships. They are due back on March 11<sup>th</sup>, so don't delay! There will be **NO EXCEPTIONS** to the final deadline.

## How to Apply for Financial Aid:

1. Complete both the Parent and Student 2009 tax returns as early as possible.
2. FAFSA worksheets are available in the Career Center. Paper copies can be obtained from FAFSA but online is highly recommended for accuracy. To apply online or request a paper copy go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
3. Helpful hints for applying
  - Complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan 1.
  - List your top school choices on the FAFSA.
  - Complete and submit your application to the federal processor before your school's priority deadline. (Check with the Financial Aid office at the schools you are considering.)
4. Respond in a timely manner to requests for additional information from your chosen college(s).
5. Watch for your financial aid award notice that will be mailed to your home beginning in mid to late March (for early applicants).

*NOTE: Using FAFSA on the Web can reduce processing time by at least 1/2. It is best to use actual figures but estimates maybe used in order to file in a timely manner. You can go back and make corrections at a later date.*

## IMPORTANT:

**The FAFSA is a free application. If you are on a site that requires a fee, exit immediately. The only approved site is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).**

**ADDITIONAL STEP FOR COLORADO STUDENTS:** Any student who plans to attend a college in Colorado is encouraged to apply for the "**College Opportunity Fund**" referred to as COF. Applications can be completed online at: [www.collegeincolorado.org](http://www.collegeincolorado.org)

**This is a crucial step in applying for school next year.** In the past colleges have automatically received assistance from the State to offset education costs. A change occurred in fall 2005 and now those funds will only be transferred to the school if the student has applied for the COF. Students who do not apply, will be responsible to cover the amount usually provided by the State. For next year this is estimated to be \$95.00 per credit hour. Don't risk losing out on this money. **APPLY FOR THE C.O.F. TODAY!**

**Honor Scholar Diploma:** One last reminder, Seniors must complete their final checklist with their counselor by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**GRADUATION:** This is the first of several announcements that the mandatory graduation meeting with seniors and their parents will be Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the LHS gym. Prior to that meeting seniors will pick up their caps and gowns in the cafeteria. Seniors will also pick up a graduation packet that contains all the graduation information, dates and deadlines. Following the meeting, seniors will have their panoramic picture taken in the gym wearing their caps and gowns. Remember, it is vital that both seniors and at least one parent attend this meeting!

## IMPORTANT:

Seniors who have not yet ordered their caps and gowns will have to go directly to Unique Recognition at 333 E. Fourth St. in Loveland to place their orders.

**Denver  
Spring College Fair**  
Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
1:00—4:00 PM  
University of Denver  
Ritchie Center

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with hundreds of representatives

## **\*NO TIME TO SLUMP, SENIORS**

Once you have a college offer in hand, you may get the urge to coast through the rest of the school year, or maybe you've already decided to slack off. It's your senior year and you deserve it, right?

Before you give in to senior slump, you should know that the college may be watching you.

Colleges, especially selective universities, have been known to withdraw offers of admission to students who drop college prep classes or begin earning uncharacteristically low grades. If you've slumped, but not too far, colleges might send you a warning letter and add certain stipulations to your admission, such as requiring a 2.0 grade point average during the first year of college.

Taking an extended breather during your senior year can make your freshman year in college difficult. So have fun your senior year, but don't give up on your college preparation. Study hard!

*\*ACT website*

## **CSU Visit Day Programs**

Visit Colorado State, attend one of the following Visit Day Programs, hosted by the Admissions Office, and discover Colorado State University opportunities:

- High School Junior Visit Day— Friday, March 26, 2011 and Mondays, April 5 and 12, 2010
- Engineering Days, Saturday February 13, 2010
- Veterinary Medicine Open House— Friday and Saturday April 9-10, 2010.
- All Open House Events are free, some may require registration.
- For additional information contact Sarah Daniels 970-613-5278, LHS Career Center



**LHS HEALTH OFFICE-YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS REQUESTED**

**NEW 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIRMENT**

A change in state rules and regulations pertaining to the immunizations of children attending school requires all students entering 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade or any student entering a Colorado school for the first time to have the TDAP immunization **BEFORE** school entry August 2009. We are still missing some 10<sup>th</sup> grader immunizations and a few 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders'.

**Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) is a new immunization required for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders.**

Pertussis or whooping cough can be a very serious disease in infants and small children. It has been found that frequently, siblings who have pertussis disease can expose other children in the household. Colorado ranks 5<sup>th</sup> among all states in the country with this disease.

If your child has not had the required immunizations, they may be received through your usual health care provider or any County Health Department. Your insurance may or may not cover these immunizations. If your insurance will not cover the cost, Larimer County Health Dept. administers all required immunizations at no or lower cost. (No one is turned away for inability to pay.) A parent or guardian must accompany the child and bring past immunization records. .

***PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER  
YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION***

**Please send all new immunization information to the school health office.**

The Colorado Department of Education requires us to notify our public about the release of the district's Annual Report to the Community for the 2009-2010 school year. It will be posted on our Web site by Jan. 18.

In the past, we have published our annual report and notified the community by sending out the report or notification of the report by mail. Printing and mailing costs during this economic downturn make this prohibitive so we are notifying people through as many avenues as possible.

**H1N1 Flu**

LHS now has cases of H1N1 but so far has avoided large numbers. Please help us avoid an outbreak at LHS by following these recommendations:

\*Keep your student home from school if your student has a fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea until symptoms have been gone for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medicines). Monitor other children in the home for fever and other symptoms of flu.

\*Identify whether your family members are at increased risk of flu complications. These include being under 5 years of age, having asthma or other heart or lung disease, diabetes, neuromuscular disorders, a weakened immune system or being pregnant. Contact your doctor for advice in dealing with H1N1 for these individuals.

\*Consider obtaining vaccination for seasonal flu now. The H1N1 vaccine which should be available soon.

**Things to know**

- Messages for students will not be delivered to classes unless a valid emergency exists.
- Deliveries for students - no gift delivery. We do not take responsibility for individual student gifts. Classrooms will not be interrupted for personal deliveries. Deliveries should be made to home addresses.
- Health Service - Students who become ill or injured should report to the nurse's office . No medication can be given to students. After one class period, students are required to return to class or go home.
- The lake is off-limits between classes AND during open periods.
- Lost & Found Items are held for 2 weeks, if unclaimed they are donated.
- Posters must be approved by administration and displayed in designated areas only.

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