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Welcome Lincoln Families:

Welcome to all returning students and especially our incoming freshmen class of 2022! Please go to the main Lincoln High School webpage (http://www.pps.k12.net/schools/lincoln/) for important information regarding back to school events and times as well as other events throughout the school year. This year marks the 150th anniversary of Lincoln High School, the oldest public high school in Oregon.

Step 1: Review the expense sheet enclosed with this letter. The expenses listed on the sheet are donations but we know that without these needed materials the educational experience for students will be diminished. Please donate as you can to support the high quality of Lincoln's academic programs.

Step 2: Attend your grade specific registration day (see below) with your completed expense sheet. Students will receive their locker assignments, photo ID with Trimet pass, and yearbook photo. Parents (especially freshman parents) are encouraged to attend to meet other parents who will be raising teens together for the next 4 years.

 August 14
 Seniors 8:30-11:30am
 Freshmen
 1:00pm – 4:00pm

 August 15
 Juniors 8:30 – 11:30am
 Sophomores 1:00pm – 4:00pm

At Lincoln we are committed to promoting equity and academic excellence, school safety and providing multiple layers of integrated student supports, in a safe, and caring and drug, alcohol and bullying free environment.

First Day of School – The first day of school is Monday, August 27th. While most of our days alternate between A (periods 1-4) and B (periods 5-8) schedules, our first day of school will have a special schedule to help orient our incoming freshmen class. School will begin on the 27th at 8:10 for incoming freshman and at 10:10 for grades 10-12. All students will follow an adjusted 8 period day from 10:10 – 3:20pm.

Equity

As Lincoln continues to expand our focus on equity, we ask all students to please reflect on what it means to be a member of a safe and caring learning community where high levels of respect and trust are expected. The Lincoln community does not tolerate hate-speech, racism or negative bullying/ harassment of any kind.

Academic Excellence

We recommend that Lincoln students take a full schedule of 8 classes. The ability to take 8 classes should help many students explore a new passion, add a support class or remain highly competitive with many colleges. We also recommend balance and movement.

Student schedules are released on Synergy just prior to the first day of school, please make sure you are able to access ParentVue/StudentVue prior to the first day of school. Instructions on how to access this will be posted on the LHS website in early August.

All student schedules are considered <u>final</u>. Students will not be allowed to make any schedule changes. The only exceptions will be: schedule does not meet graduation requirements, course completion over the summer, in the wrong course level, incomplete schedule, or revision due to off-campus learning.

Our counselor's top priority at the start of the school year will be to ensure that every student has a complete schedule to meet state graduation, college entrance and IB requirements.

Attendance

Student attendance is critical for academic success. All absences must be cleared in room 104 within 3 days of the absence. An absence is defined as missing more than 25% of a class period. Regardless of age, all students are expected to provide parent/guardian notification in order to excuse absences. The school notifies the parent/guardian via automated phone call when a student is absent without an excuse. If your child needs to leave during the school day, please send them to school with a note for the attendance office and they will be given a pass out of class for the time they need to leave. Phone calls to release children from class are disruptive to the entire classroom and should be avoided. The State of Oregon requires schools to "drop" all students if they have missed more than half of their classes for 10 consecutive days.

School safety

PPS regularly implements various safety trainings that includes fire drills, "lock-downs" and other such activities at schools to help keep students and staff safe. LHS also locks most exterior doors during class session to limit access to the building and requires all visitors to sign in at the main office. We also have two full time Campus Security Agents and coverage from a rotating Portland Police Officer on campus.

Drug & Alcohol Policy

All PPS policies will be strictly enforced. Students may not be in possession or under the influence of drugs or alcohol or any school related events.

Electronic Devices

Students may not use personal electronic devices during class times unless approved and directed by their teacher. Electronic devices may be confiscated after repeat offences and turned in to room 104. Please do not text students and expect a reply when class is in session.

Student supports

Lincoln wants all students to be successful. We have many student supports including:

- SPED and ESL program and supports
- Academic Counselors
- College & Career Coordinator
- School Nurse
- Safety Resource Officer (SRO)
- Student planner which includes the school calendar, organization for tracking assignments, activities, events and goal setting
- Academic Support Classes for various subjects

- FLEX time (our version of college office hours for one on one or small group support with teachers)
- Aspire mentors to guide students through the college prep and application process
- Access to LCSW through our counseling office
- Western Psychological Services.
- Active anti-bullying program
- Cardinal Action Health Network
- Many clubs and organizations to join

School Communication Resources

Please use these resources to stay informed:

- LHS main website (http://www.pps.net/schools/lincoln/
- Weekly bulletin (weekly posting on the website and sent to parents and students through Naviance)
- Naviance-a critical college and career planning and communication tool (https://connection.naviance.com/lincolnhs)
- Athletics website (http://www.ihigh.com/lincolncards)
- Cardinal Times (monthly updates)
- Principal's email list
- LHS Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/lincoln.high.school.portland.oregon/
- LHS twitter account @LHSCards
- Instagram @LHSCards

The Handbook on Student Responsibilities, Rights and Discipline

The Handbook, and our drug and alcohol prevention brochures, are posted on our webpage. We ask that all families read the booklet and discuss these materials with your student.

Cardinal Families Health Action Network (HAN)

If you are interested in getting more involved in healthy teen and family lifestyles, we suggest joining the Cardinal Families HAN. Please go to our website (under 'Parent, Community & Alumni' tab for more information).

Friends of Lincoln

Friends of Lincoln provides community outreach, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities. Your generous donation to Friends of Lincoln allows Lincoln to maintain reasonable class sizes and provide a variety of course offerings. The Friends of Lincoln is a 501(c)3 organization; donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. Friends of Lincoln depends heavily on donations made during registration to support the many programs offered at Lincoln High School.

Cafeteria, Nutrition Services and Lunch options

PPS Nutritional Services provides breakfast for \$1.50 (\$.0 for students on free or reduced) or lunch for \$3.30 (\$.00 for students on free or reduced). Students can also either bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at nearby vendors such as Bellagio's or Subway. While we do have an "open campus" during lunch we encourage as many students as possible to stay on campus especially freshmen. *No food or drinks other than water are allowed in classrooms during class time to help our limited custodial staffing.*

School Calendar

Our school calendar is posted on our website and updated on a regular basis. Please keep checking for L150 events!

I would like to thank all the LHS families and community members who support Lincoln through their time, talent and care for our students. Thank you also to Friends of Lincoln for raising needed funds used to pay additional teachers to maintain Lincoln's depth and breadth of program and preserve small class sizes. We look forward to seeing students and parents at registration in August.

Warm regards,