



## Liberty Common Sense

*"A weekly account of our revolutionary journey"*

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**OMNES VIAE TUAE STABILIANIT  
(LET ALL YOUR WAYS BE STEADFAST)**

**Class of 2021 School Motto**

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**From Bob Schaffer, Headmaster**



## Educating Gratuitously

By: **Bob Schaffer**, Headmaster

Educating young Coloradans is among the state's highest responsibilities. Indeed, those of us employed – faculty, support staff, and administrators – in this holy cause of liberty feel privileged to support all Liberty families in exercising their right and obligation to direct the education and upbringing of their children.

The Colorado Constitution guarantees all Colorado families a “thorough and uniform system of free public schools throughout the state, wherein all residents of the state, between the ages of six and twenty-one years, may be educated gratuitously.” For all children attending Liberty Common School, the 2020-21 **installment of this birthright** begins Monday.



In fact, Liberty Common School exists to assist families of enrolled students by delivering the state's highest-quality educational process in-person and in classrooms. **As a matter of policy**, this school's intention is quite clear and rather serious in acknowledging the paramount importance of an excellent education. It sets young Coloradans free.

Though battered by contingencies, and adaptations associated with sustaining the operation of a great school during a pandemic, Liberty's faculty has remained focused on the main thing. For example, we've all been studying **C.S. Lewis' *The Abolition of Man*** together.

## All-School Newsworthy Notices



**Guard Kids, Warn Them.** An attempted kidnapping took place yesterday not far from our school campuses – near Timberline and Drake. [CLICK HERE](#) to see details of a police report on the incident. Call police if you have any info. In the meantime, be sure your kids know to walk away from strangers, to never get in a strange vehicle, and to generally be wary of bad guys. Parents,

band together, be alert, guard the kids, and support one another.

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**Shuttle Transportation.** The bus that runs from the elementary to the high school for pick-up will be running the first day of school August 24th, departing LCS at 3:10PM. Parents please be prompt in picking up your children at the high school.

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**Health Information.** As we enter a new school year, please remember all student medication-authorization forms, immunization exemptions, and health-care action plans need to be updated annually. You can find all the forms listed on the school's website under health forms [here](#). Please contact [Mrs. Dybzinski](#), our school nurse with any questions.

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**Symptom Screening At Home.** Screening for symptoms must be done prior to coming to school. Before coming to school each day, a student's temperature must be taken. If it is greater than 100.4°F, or if the student is displaying other COVID-indicative symptoms as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the student may not come to school for 10 days unless cleared by a primary care provider with an alternate diagnosis for the specific symptoms. [CLICK HERE](#) for a helpful self-screening, symptom-monitoring form.

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**Immunization Requirements.** CDPHE has maintained that immunization requirements are the same school entry for this school year, even for remote learners. Please be sure to submit any updated immunization records and/or a letter of exemption as soon as possible to the school health office. You can read more about the requirements [here](#). Please send any questions to [ndybzinski@libertycommon.org](mailto:ndybzinski@libertycommon.org).

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**COVID-19 Cases at LCS.** Positive Coronavirus cases at LCS will be communicated on the school's Covid-19 Response webpage - [CLICK HERE](#). Larimer County public-health officials are responsible for contact tracing, and communicating to families if anyone in their family was in contact with any COVID-positive individual and whether they are required to quarantine.

## Elementary School Newsworthy Notices

**Mask Reminders.** As a reminder, the Larimer County Health Department has mandated students must wear masks throughout the day unless properly seated behind a polycarbonate desk mask. Please know a small handful of wraparound desk masks shields are not installed yet, so in those areas students will not be allowed to remove their cloth masks until the wraparound desk masks are in place.

Student masks should cover the mouth and nose and be secure under the chin. Masks need to remain in place when walking in hallways or outside. Mask designs should not be distracting. Masks must adhere to the other aspects of the Dress Code, including any solid colors or patterns, but excluding writing, pictures, or logos. Bandannas are not allowed.

Below are links to the two sets of learning expectations for your reference.

- [In-Person Learning Expectations](#)
  - [Remote-Access Learning Expectations](#)
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**New Attendance Protocol.** Parents wanting a Remote-Access Learning option for their children must notify **Mr. Churchill** in advance. Thereafter, there is no need to call the attendance line on a daily basis to alert the front office of the student's absence from the building. If your child is going to be absent for either In-Person or the Remote-Access Learning option, parents need to call the attendance line to alert the school that students/s will not be participating in school for the day.

**Alumni Update From Casey Quijano, LCHS '17,  
United States Naval Academy (Annapolis, MD)**



On Thursday 25 June 2020, the Public Affairs Office of the United States Naval Academy sent word that 2017 LCHS alumnus **Casey Quijano** had been inducted in the Naval Academy Class of 2024, and was about to begin six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer.

According to a USNA press release, Casey is among approximately 1,200 candidates selected for the Academy's "plebe" or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. Last year the Naval Academy received over 16,000 applications for the Class of 2023.

During this time, Casey and his plebe colleagues had no access to television, movies, the internet or music, and restricted access to cell phones. They were only permitted to make three calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenge, which Casey is now starting.

Over the summer, Casey rapidly assimilated basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing, and handling yard patrol craft. He also learned infantry skills, how to shoot 9mm pistols, and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involved moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, obstacle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Forty hours were devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades.

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Upon graduation, Casey will earn a Bachelor of Science degree in his choice of 25 different subject majors. He'll go on to serve at least five years as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to the Naval Academy's incoming class. Watch here for more "Alumni Update" reports on Casey's high-flying adventures.

Congratulations Casey – Anchors Aweigh!



## Athletic Director's Message Mr. McDonald

### This Week In Jr.-High Sports:

#### **JH Cross Country**

Practice has started! We will be practicing at the high school every day after school. Find more information on our athletic website.

#### **Contact Jr.-High Coaches Directly:**

Boys Basketball - Contact **Coach Richardson** (7th); Contact **Coach Matthews** (8th).

Girls Basketball - Contact **Coach Matthews** (8th).

Cross Country - Contact **Coach Kissane**.

Soccer - Contact **Coach Horner** (Boys and Girls).

Track - Contact **Coach Reeves** or **Coach Wilcox**.

Volleyball - Contact **Coach Gill** (8th); **Coach Weidert** (7th).

### **This Week In High-School Sports:**

#### **HS Cross Country**

Sat, 8/22, Dual meet with Thompson Valley. Race info coming soon.

**LCS Athletics Webpage.** The Liberty Common School Athletic Department is launching a new website to be our main point of information. If you have any questions in regards to changes this year, please browse the website and hopefully your answers will be there. If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to our athletic director, [Mr. McDonald](#). Go Eagles!

#### **Contact High-School Coaches Directly:**

Basketball - Men's Basketball **Coach Faw**; Women's Basketball **Coach Giusti**.

Cross Country - **Coach Schulte**.

Soccer - Men and Women, **Coach Salehi**.

Swimming - Men and Women, **Coach Huey**.

Track & Field - **Coach Mayes**.

Volleyball - **Coach Camp**.

## Classical Manners For The Modern Youth

**From the 1934 high-school textbook "Good Manners" used in "Household Science" class of that day:**

**"Rule No. 113. Service.** The food at a small tea varies with the whim of the hostess. There may be a hot bread, toasted sandwiches, thin tasty sandwiches, petite fruit muffins, buttered or cinnamon toast, not-



bread, gingerbread, cookies, or cakes. If a preserve or conserve is served with toast or toasted biscuits, a butter-knife must be provided. Olives, small pickles, candied fruit, candies, or salted nuts are served. The hostess is allowed a wide range of foods, but they should be attractive, dainty, not too filling, and not requiring the use of much silver.

"For the small tea, usually hot tea alone is served, though one may offer a choice of drinks."

## News Worth Repeating

[Volunteering at LCS](#)  
[Wholesome Foods Information](#)  
[Substitute Interest Form](#)  
[A.S.K. After School Information](#)  
[Yearbook Ordering Information](#)  
[Robotics Letter to Parents](#)  
• [Robotics Application](#)  
[Host a Foreign-Exchange Student](#)

## Elementary School Calendar

**Aug 24** | First Day of School  
**Aug 25** | Back to School Night, (Parents Only) [CLICK HERE](#) for agenda| 6:30 PM.  
**Aug 27** | Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00 PM, LCHS Acropolis.  
**Aug 28** | Liberty T-shirt Day  
**Sept 7** | Labor Day- No School  
**Sept 12** | Liberty 2 Liberty 5K | 8:30 AM | LCS to LCHS  
**Sept 21** | Public Information Night, LCS 6:30PM  
**Sep 28** | Public Information Night, LCHS, 6:30PM

## 2020-2021 School Holidays and Intermissions

### School Calendar 2020-2021 School Year

**Aug 24** | Classes Begin  
**May 21** | Last Day of Classes--1/2 Day

### School Holidays and Intermissions 2020-2021 School Year

**Sep 7** | Labor Day  
**Oct 23** | Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**Nov 25-27** | Thanksgiving Break  
**Dec 21-Jan 1** | Christmas Break  
**Jan 18** | Rev. Martin Luther King Day  
**Feb 12** | Professional-Development Day  
**Feb 15** | President's Day  
**Mar 15-19** | Spring Break  
**Apr 2** | Good Friday

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