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Class of 2022 School Motto

2021-2022 Summer Mailing

Greetings Liberty Parents and Guardians,

As summer break is winding down and the beginning of school is right around the corner, we are sending this email containing essential information for the 2021-2022 school year. Please click on the nearby links to access important documents and information. Be sure to read the entire email and make yourself familiar with its contents.

Our annual registration process will be required prior to school starting. Please watch your email for registration information and the link to complete the process in a timely manner.

Let us know if we can be of assistance in any way by sending an e-mail to info@libertycommon.org. We are happy to help and are excited to see you on August 23rd.

Wednesday 11 August 2021

Dear Parents of Liberty Common School,

Leading your children through an enriching summertime of non-school education is a crucial parental imperative; and, I'm grateful for everyone's attention to summer-reading accomplishment, worksheets, and other school-prep activities.



Hopefully, every child also enjoyed plenty of edifying leisure such as playtime, travel, rest, recreation, and family interaction. We'll be back to school very soon – Monday 23 August is only days away!

Liberty Common School's plans for convening the 2021-2022 school year remain on

track exactly as described in the communication from our building principals which was recently emailed to all parents, and which is posted at the school's website – [PLEASE CLICK HERE.](#)

Expect weekly updates on the school's COVID status, and insight on mitigation. Here are some highlights of our principals' message:

- State- and county-government agents recommend mask wearing in school for all unvaccinated individuals, and those under the age of 12. Parents must direct their children relative to these opinions. The school, as always, respects the prudent judgment of parents.
- Polycarbonate desk masks have been removed from student desks. Other shielding (ex: in the front office) remains installed.
- LCS does not offer remote video access to classrooms, or recorded classes for absent students.
- Enhanced premises cleaning, and sanitization is being sustained.
- In addition to last year's substantial air-system-sanitization improvements made at both campuses, more enhancement has been added over the summer.
- LCS does not require proof of vaccination, or of any private medical records of employees, students, or volunteers (other than those which are already required to be recorded by state law).
- Hand sanitizing, and illness-detection strategies are being sustained.
- Fieldtrips, athletics, and other extramural activities have resumed.
- The absolute necessity of keeping sick and/or symptomatic children out of school will be redundantly communicated, and reinforced in every practical way.

Over the past few days, some have inquired whether recent public announcements by the Poudre School District regarding COVID-related operational decisions apply to charter-public schools such as Liberty Common School. They do not.

Our school continues to be guided by ongoing public-health communication and guidance of the Larimer County Department of Public Health and Environment, and other government agencies. We also benefit from guidance of qualified, independent medical professionals. Doing so has informed our school in implementing and maintaining multilayered risk-reducing precautions as described in our principals' letter, which make in-person classroom instruction advisable.

LCS's site-based-management advantages allow us to plan for, and adapt to localized student-health situations. For these and other operational reasons, smaller schools – especially pliant ones that implement multilayered precautions, mitigation strategies, and furnish resources similar to the ones Liberty does – are distinctly not being forced by LCDPHE to impede classroom instruction.

If future circumstances compel Liberty's plan to change, I will ensure you are notified immediately in a parent communication similar to this one. For example, should illness, or other health-related precautions dictate classroom closure, or schoolwide quarantining, the school will furnish virtual classroom access to assist parents in educating their homebound children. Questions may be directed to our principals, or me: **Principal Lovely** (grades 7-12) at tlvely@libertycommon.org **Principal Churchill** (grades k-6) at cchurchill@libertycommon.org.

In-person learning is essential. LCS will remain focused upon achieving the learning objectives enshrined in the school's Mission Statement, and upon delivering the best k-12 academic strategies in Colorado. There is abundant evidence this can be accomplished if we do it carefully – which is my expectation.

We know risk tolerances vary among families in balancing the indispensable benefits of a Liberty Common School education. As always, we respect unique situations, and will continue to pursue extraordinary efforts for accommodation wherever practical.

We in the Poudre School District do an excellent job of assisting parents in choosing their most desirable school setting. We realize, in some cases, LCS might not align perfectly with a family's preferences; and we are happy to assist families in finding their most

suitable education option even if that means elsewhere.

You are giving your child(ren) an enormous academic advantage by choosing Liberty Common School to assist you in directing their education and upbringing. Each Liberty educator is proud to be employed in this worthy partnership. Again, I am grateful.

Very truly yours,

Bob Schaffer, Headmaster
bschaffer@libertycommon.org



Liberty Student, Family Face Crisis. LCHS senior **Ezra Black** is facing a very serious health situation. He was recently diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia (AML), and will be undergoing a challenging treatment plan in the coming months. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to visit a CaringBridge site through which his family is communicating news of Ezra's progress. Guidance on donations and prayers is also being communicated through the site. [CLICK HERE](#) to link directly to a portal set up to help the family cover other practical needs as they arise. [CLICK HERE](#) to assist in easing the family's financial strain accrued from treatment. Ezra is a very important part of the LCHS community, and substantially defines the character of our student body. Parents **Kirsten & Vince Black** are fantastic figures in our Liberty Common community, as are Ezra's brothers **Asher** (10th grade), **Obed** (8th grade), **Solomon** (not at LCS), and **Uzziah** (4th grade). More information will be communicated here as it becomes known. In the meantime, please connect through the links herein included.

General Information

[2021-22 Student Parent Handbook](#)

[2021-22 School Activity Fee](#)

[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[2021-22 Event Calendar](#)

[2021-22 Performing Arts Calendar](#)

[LCS Front Office Attendance Protocols](#)

[Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures](#)

[Host a Foreign- Exchange Student](#)

[Volunteering at Liberty](#)

[Substitute Interest Form](#)

[Liberty2Liberty 5K Form](#), [Liberty2Liberty 5K Web Registration](#)

School Supply Lists:

- [Full-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [MW Half-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [TTH Half-Time Kindergarten](#)
- [1st-Grade Supply List 2021-2022](#)
- [2nd-Grade Supply List 2021-2022](#)
- [3rd-Grade Supply List 2021-2022](#)
- [4th-Grade Supply List 2021-2021](#)
- [5th-Grade Supply List 2021-2022](#)
- [6th-Grade Supply List 2021-2022](#)

Health Office Information. As we enter a new school year, please remember all student-medication-authorization forms, immunization exemptions, and healthcare 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.

[Health-Office Letter](#)

[Immunization Requirements](#)

[Immunization-Requirement Chart](#)

[When to Keep Ill Child Home](#)

Athletic Information.

For more information regarding athletics, please visit our [website](#). Here you will find all athletics information, news, updates, and more.

This Thursday, August 12th we will host our **All-Sports Celebration**. We will come together to enjoy a Chick-Fil-A dinner, hear from our athletics staff, gain important information about the upcoming season, and meet the coaches. This is for all seasons, and fall sports will hold their parent meeting that night, as well. We will start on the Ricketts Piazza (north deck) at 6:00 PM. We hope you can join us for the celebration!

[Updated Fall Athletic Information](#)

Additional Announcements

Shuttle Transportation. Bus services between LCS and LCHS will begin running the first day of school, August 23rd. Buses will depart LCS at 3:10. Parents, please be prompt when picking up your student(s) at the high school. Signing-up for shuttle transportation can be done when completing on-line student registration.

Chessmates Begins Sept. 10th. All ages are welcome. [CLICK HERE](#) for dates and registration link.

Lunch Information Update- Wholesome Foods will be providing pre-ordered lunches again this year, beginning September 6, 2021. Please send your child with a sack lunch prior to September 6th. Watch for more information about Wholesome Foods lunch services in *The Liberty Common Sense*.

Save the Dates for Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ Join **Mrs. Stoltzfus** for this fun-filled six-week parenting course. Parenting the Love and Logic Way™ provides parents with tools and techniques to raise respectful, responsible and enjoyable children. Parents will learn strategies to avoid un-winnable power struggles, to stay calm and empathetic, to set enforceable limits, to empower their children rather than enable them, and help their children learn from their mistakes.

This year we're offering a daytime class for those with flexible daytime schedules, while children are in school (added perk, six days of primo parking for pickup).

Dates: Monday afternoons, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/1, and 11/8

Time: 1:00pm –3:00pm

Location: Liberty Common Elementary School, **Mrs. Hoyer's** Music Room

Cost: \$15.00 (to cover the cost of the participant materials)

Last year's evening class was a huge success. One participant said, *"The class was a wonderful experience. It brought a fresh perspective to our day-to-day struggles and has already reduced the frequency of arguing in our household."*

Registration opens on Friday, September 13th through **The Liberty Common Sense**. Watch for the registration link. The class is limited to the first 20 registrants.

Robotics Returning to Liberty. Parents of 4th-6th grade students, [CLICK HERE](#) for important information. [CLICK HERE](#) for application. Deadline for application is Aug. 30, 2020.

School Supplies Available. LCS recently received a generous donation of school supplies from CSU's School-Is-Cool program. We have everything from backpacks to glue sticks, paper, and scissors. If any Liberty family is interested in some school-supply shopping, please feel free to stop by the front foyer and take what is needed. School-building hours are 8AM-3PM, Monday - Friday.

Liberty Common T-Shirts Have Arrived. Students, parents, grandparents, and other fans of Liberty Common School show your school spirit by purchasing the 2021-2022 t-shirt, for \$7.00. Children t-shirts available in XS-XL sizes and adult sizes S-2X. Purchase in the front office during school hours, at our Ice-Cream Social, or at Back-To-School-Night. Pay with cash, checks, or credit cards.

Mark Your Calendars for Liberty Common t-shirt days: August 27 | September 24 | October 29 | November 19 | December 17 | January 28 | February 25 | March 25 | April 29 | May 20.

Favorite Liberty t-shirts may only be worn with dress-code approved pants, skirts, or shorts.

Important Upcoming Dates

August 12 | All-Sports Information Meet & Greet | 6:00 p.m. | LCHS

August 16 | Orientation for All New Students to Liberty | 6:30 p.m.

August 19 | Back-to-School [Ice-Cream Social](#).

August 23 | First Day of School.

August 24 | Back-to-School Night (Parents Only) | 6:30 p.m., [Back-To-School-Night Parent Agenda](#).

August 26 | Board of Directors Meeting | 6:00 | LCHS Acropolis.

August 30 - September 1 | 6th Grade to Eco Week.

2021-2022 School Calendar

School Calendar 2021-2022 School Year

Aug. 23 | Classes Begin

May 20 | Last Day of Classes--1/2 Day

School Holidays and Intermissions 2021-2022 School Year

Sept. 6 | Labor Day

Oct. 22 | Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 24-26 | Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 20-Dec. 31 | Christmas Break

Jan. 17 | Martin Luther King Day

Feb. 18 | Professional Development Day

Feb. 21 | President's Day

March 14-18 | Spring Break

April 15 | Good Friday

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