

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

PACKER BACKER



Principal
Bradley Finkbiner

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Packer families

As I compose my letter for the newsletter, I am amazed at all of the progress the Largo High scholars have made so far during this year. Our Girls' Soccer team were again district champions, our boys' basketball team were district runner-up and we have had multiple awards for our band and dance teams.

Please help me congratulate all our scholars who made the all-county band and all-county orchestra. Out of the 55 members of the all-county orchestra, Largo High has 15 members – the most of any other school in the district!! Our dance program continues to shine as we brought home multiple awards in their most recent competition.

Four members of our girls' soccer program signed national letters of intent to continue their education and soccer careers at colleges and universities.

We also had four Hispanic scholars named to the Maria Edmond's Hispanic awards. Lets congratulate Charlotte Perez-Borroto, Diego Daniel Cuevas, Deisy Santos-Ramirez, and Jackson Feldman. Jackson also received a scholarship from the YMCA of the Suncoast.

Please help me congratulate Brynn Muller and Neil Shah for being National Merit Finalists for their outstanding work.

Please help me congratulate our outstanding staff:

- Dee Baker – Largo High Teacher of the Year
- Kara Delemeester – Largo High Emerging Teacher of the Year
- Michelle Parcel – Largo High Support Staff of the Year
- Deborah Pettingill - Florida History Day nominee in the Senior Division for the NHD Patricia Behring Teacher Award.



As we move into our last quarter, it also reminds us to be ready for the state assessments that will take place after spring break. We have multiple opportunities for our seniors who need the English/Reading graduation requirement with FSA, ACT, and SAT. You will be receiving information on specifics of these assessments. We are down to under 35 who still need this requirement. We have under 10 scholars who need the Algebra requirement. Our graduation rate for last year was 94.2 % and our goal this year is 96%. We are very proud of our seniors and want to continue to raise our graduation rate. Overall Pinellas County Schools had over a 91% graduation rate – the highest of the largest ten districts in the state!

We will be sending graduation information to families in mid-April as we continue to finalize specific plans. Thank you to Ms. Parks and Ms. Kessler for their leadership.

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THE VISION

of Largo High School is to effectively prepare students for post-secondary endeavors by providing a quality education through diverse student activities, varied class offerings and meaningful experiences.

OUR MISSION

Largo High School aims to deliver positive, rigorous instruction designed to empower students' lifelong learning, successful academic and civic engagement, global understanding, and a respect for individuals and societies.

BELIEFS:

In order to accomplish our mission, Largo High School believes:

Learning is a shared responsibility among students, teachers, administrators and the community. With strong parental support, LHS will provide the best possible experiences for ALL students.

Curriculum and instructional practices incorporate a variety of activities to accommodate different learning styles and allow students to apply their knowledge in meaningful contexts.

Challenging expectations and encouraging creativity, along with a safe and supportive environment, increase individual student performance and self-esteem.

Graduates will be prepared to positively impact their community and successfully meet the demands of our rapidly changing society.

Teachers will support students in developing character traits that include honesty, respect, responsibility and self-motivation.

**MARCH
2021**

Largo High School
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OFFICE HOURS
6:45 AM - 2:30 PM



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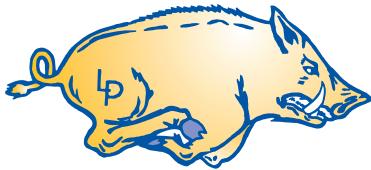
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE *continued...*

Please help us support our expectation of wearing masks correctly while on campus. This is to ensure all of us are safe as we go through this pandemic.

Please help us make sure of your child's success by getting here before 7:20. Classes begin promptly at 7:25 and we want the beginning of the day to be successful by being on time.

Thank you for your continued support of Largo High. Our numbers continue to grow, and we are now the third largest high school in the district. We have the finest staff to support the needs of all our scholars. Let's continue to work together for the success of each child and Largo High.

Proud to be a Packer!!

DOES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE YOUR UP-TO-DATE CONTACT INFORMATION?

As the new school year approaches, make sure Pinellas County Schools has your current phone number and email address.

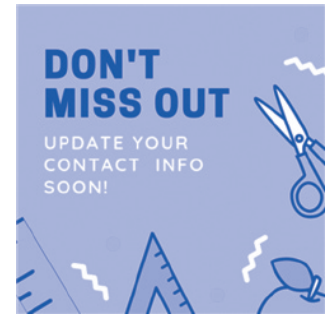
The district needs accurate contact information to call and email parents about:

- Emergencies or severe weather.
- School or district events.
- Special application opportunities.

To update your phone and email address:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username and password. If you do not have a parent ID or forgot yours, you can get help at any public school. Make sure to present a valid photo ID.
2. Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
3. Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number, and update your phone number and email address.

Remember: Updating the emergency contact card or clinic card at your child's school does not update your contact information in the system used for automated phone calls and emails.



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS

You have an opportunity to leave your mark on Largo High School! You can purchase a brick with your custom message which will be placed on packer walk. Each time you visit LHS, you can see the message you left behind, or even inspire those who came after you. You can find a form to order brick(s) on LHS Website <https://www.pcsb.org/Largo-HS> or you can obtain one in the front office and bookkeeping office of Largo high.

CLASS SCHEDULES THAT MEET YOUR NEEDS.

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In General

The dress and grooming of District students shall be neat and clean, promoting a positive educational environment. Apparel that disrupts educational activities and processes of the school will result in the removal of the student from the regular school environment until acceptable apparel can be secured for the student. The administration will be the final judge about whether a student's clothing is appropriate for school or whether it will create an environmental climate that is distracting to learning. Principals, faculty, and staff members will enforce the dress code. Failure to comply with the dress code will be handled similarly to other disciplinary infractions. Non-compliance may result in consequences including but not limited to detention, in-school suspension and loss of eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.

Pursuant to F.S. 1006.07, wearing clothing that exposes underwear or body parts in an indecent or vulgar manner or that disrupts the learning environment will have the following specific consequences. In addition to these consequences, the violation shall be corrected before the student is allowed back in the regular school environment:

Requirements for student dress in all schools are listed below:

- A. All shirts and blouses must cover midriff, back, sides, and all undergarments including bra straps at all times. All shirts, tops, and dresses shall have sleeves and cover the shoulders.
- B. Shorts, skirts, divided skirts, dresses and culottes are allowed. They must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- C. All trousers, pants, or shorts must totally cover undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- D. All clothing, jewelry, or tattoos shall be free of the following:

profanity; violent images, wording or suggestion; sexually suggestive phrases or images; gang related symbols; alcohol, tobacco, drugs or advertisements for such products.

- E. Safe and appropriate footwear must be worn. Inappropriate footwear includes, but is not limited to, roller skates, skate shoes, and bedroom slippers.

Further Clarification/Other Requirements:

- A. Form fitting leotard/spandex type clothing is not allowed unless proper outer garments cover to mid-thigh length or longer.
- B. See through or mesh fabric clothing may only be worn over clothing meeting requirements.
- C. Clothing must be appropriate size, with the waist of the garment worn at the student's waist.
- D. Clothing not properly buttoned, zipped, fastened, or with inappropriate holes or tears shall not be worn.
- E. Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
- F. Sunglasses may not be worn inside unless a parent provides a doctor's note to the school.
- G. Bandanas or sweatbands are not allowed to be visible on school grounds during the regular school hours.
- H. Hats or other head coverings may be worn during outside P.E. activities and may not be worn during any portion of the regular school day without the expressed permission of the principal.
- I. If the school has a mandatory school uniform policy, the student must adhere to those requirements.

PTSA

1. Congratulations to the very talented Zoe Dunn and Elise Tong for advancing to the State round of judging for the PTA Reflections Arts Program. Good luck!
2. PTSA wants to thank the families who participated in the paper towel drive for staff and gift card drive for LHS families in need. Over 150 rolls of paper towels and \$1,262 in gift cards were collected. Many thanks- it takes a village!
3. Stay up to date with all things LHS by following us on Facebook @ptsalargohigh (our page is award-winning, truly!)
4. If you haven't joined PTSA yet, it's not too late! Follow this link to our online membership and spirit wear store to sign up. MemberHub charges 3.5% + \$0.50 per credit card payment (that's \$0.85 on a \$10 membership).
5. What has PTSA done so far this year?
 - Supported LHS staff through Amazon wish list links, a paper towel drive, a welcome back lunch and monthly appreciation treats
 - Provided students with a treat bag at the Holiday Drive-Thru
 - Held a gift card drive to support LHS families in need at the holidays
 - Provided students the opportunity to participate in a National PTA arts program
 - Conducting Facebook programs on college and career and health and safety



ACT TESTING DATES

2020-2021 Test Dates (National)

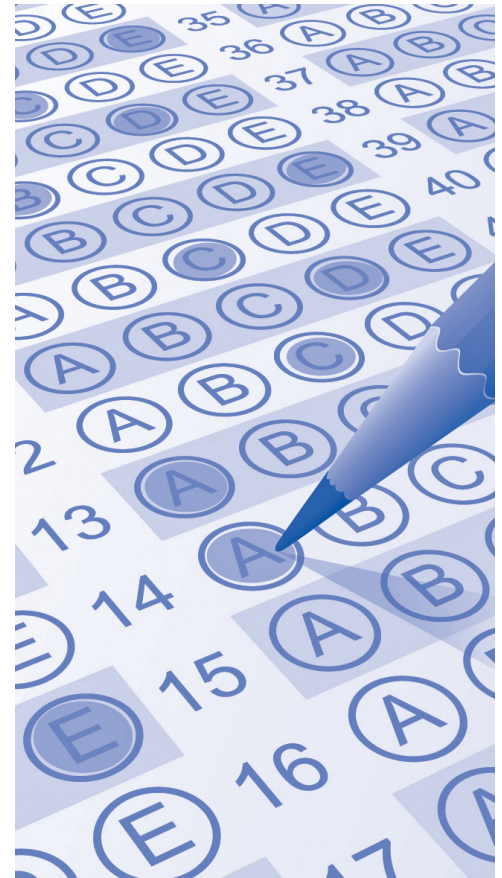
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
April 17, 2021	March 12	March 26	April 9
June 12, 2021	May 7	May 21	June 4
July 17, 2021*	June 18	June 25	July 9

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date. See [Non-Saturday Testing](#)

2021-2022 Test Dates (National)

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline Late Fee Applies	Standby Deadline Photo Upload Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6	August 20	September 3
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 1	October 15
December 11, 2021	November 5	November 19	December 3
February 12, 2022	January 7	January 21	February 4
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 11	March 25
June 11, 2022	May 6	May 20	June 3
July 16, 2022	June 17	June 24	July 8

*No test centers are scheduled in New York for the July test date. See [Non-Saturday Testing](#)



DID YOU KNOW THAT LARGO HIGH HAS IT'S OWN COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER?

Located in Room 2-125, you can visit the center to work on college applications, financial aid, career research, college match & exploration, military and technical school options, scholarships, and much more. The College & Career Center works with your School Counselors to support your post high schools plans. Questions? Email our College & Career Center Manager, Tiffanie Lopatin, at pcs.lopatin@pcsb.org. Our room is open to students and parents.

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Test Dates*	2020				2021		
	AUG 29	OCT 3	NOV 7	DEC 5	MAR 13	MAY 8	JUN 5
Domestic Registration Deadline	July 31	Sep 4	Oct 9	Nov 5	Feb 12	Apr 8	May 6
Domestic Late Registration Deadline							
Paper	Aug 11	Sep 15	Oct 20	Nov 17	Feb 23	Apr 20	May 18
Online and Phone	Aug 18	Sep 22	Oct 27	Nov 24	Mar 2	Apr 27	May 26
International Registration Deadline**	July 31	Sep 4	Not Available	Nov 5	Feb 12	Apr 8	May 6
International Early Registration Deadline**	July 15	Aug 19		Oct 21	Jan 27	Mar 24	Apr 21

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2021

Date	School Info
Mar. 15, 2021 - Mar. 19, 2021:	Spring holidays – No school for students.
Mar. 31, 2021:	End of third quarter
Apr. 1, 2021:	No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)
Apr. 2, 2021:	No school for students.
May 31, 2021:	Memorial Day holiday - No school for students.
June 9, 2021:	Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers). Students will be released two hours early.

REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION DATES

Mid Period Report (for those students needing a mid-term report- see note below)	End of Report Period	# of Days	Final Grades and Comment Codes Due in FOCUS	Report Cards Distributed
Thursday September 17, 2020	Friday October 23, 2020	44	Friday - 4:00 p.m. October 30, 2020	Tuesday Nov. 3, 2020
Wednesday November 18, 2020	Friday January 15, 2021	44	Monday - 4:00 p.m. January 25, 2021	Tuesday Feb. 2, 2021
Friday February 12, 2021	Wednesday March 31, 2021	45	Friday - 4:00 p.m. April 9, 2021	Tuesday April 20, 2021
Friday April 30, 2021	Wednesday June 9, 2021	47	Wednesday - 4:00 p.m. June 9, 2021	Tuesday June 15, 2021

Note: Mid-Term Progress reports are distributed to high school and middle school student who have a current grade of D or F. Some schools choose to send Mid-Term Progress Reports to all students. Midterm grades are not entered into Focus.



PARKING LOT GUIDELINES

- Access the lot before and after school only
- Drive safely – follow the law
- Be mindful of other people and the cars in the parking lot
- Keep the parking lot clean

HALLWAY GUIDELINES

- Walk to the right and keep moving
- Use appropriate language
- Use inside voice
- Walk versus play
- Keep area clean
- Be mindful of others trying to get to class

If we all work together, our hallways will be safe!

CAFETERIA GUIDELINES

- Walk to the end of the line
- Use inside voice
- Take only what you need – condiments, napkins
- Clean up after yourself
- Be mindful of others getting lunch and eating
- Seek assistance from adults



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LARGO HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

We have just completed the Largo History Day competition – this year conducted virtually. The following students will be representing Largo High at the upcoming Pinellas History Day competition. 1st and 2nd place move to the next level, the Runner up moved up if one of them cannot participate. Please congratulate all of these students on their hard work and wish them luck representing LHS at the next level!

2020 Largo High Representatives			
	Project Title	Students	Teacher
Individual Exhibits			
1st	The Importance of Media, Photos, and Letters during the American Civil War	Liana Pham	Mr. Klapka
2nd	The Event that didn't happen in Tianamen Square on June 4th, 1989	Brandon Leung	Ms. Pettingill
Runner Up	Development of Heiroglyphics and Papyrus in Egypt	Nicholas Lucindo	Ms. Pettingill
Group Exhibits			
1st	Women's Suffrage Campaign: Taking it to the streets	Alaa Elmougy, Molly Brown, Madison Snyder	Mr. Klapka
2nd	The Pentagon Papers: A Silence Gone Public	Ava Menke, Piper Leesley	Mr. Koehler
Runner Up	Cuban Missile Crisis	Grace Pereira, Om Hudka	Mr. Klapka
Individual Documentaries			
1st	A Thousand Words: A History of Sign Language	Valerie LeBlanc	Mr. Koehler
2nd	The Animated History of Animation History	Ocean Unger	Mr. Koehler
Group Documentaries			
1st	BLM	Breanni Bingley, Jayonna Green, Enrique Moreno, Davion Jackson	Ms. Bodecker
Group Plays			
1st	"Communicating With Mr. Rogers"	Haley Merkle, Autumn Merkle, Alaina Baker	Mr. Koehler
Individual Websites			
1st	Florence Nightingale: Founder of Modern Nursing	Mariah Simmons	Ms. Pettingill
2nd	Guglielmo Marconi	David Sofr	Ms. Pettingill
Runner Up	Lewis Hines	Katie Tharp	Ms. Pettingill
Group Websites			
1st	Protests Throughout History	Maribel Silva, Sandra Howe	Ms. Bodecker
Historical Papers			
1st	How The ARPANET Change How We Communicate	Nicki Truong	Mr. Klapka
2nd	Miscommunication and Vaccines Throughout History	James Hendershot	Mrs. Whitlock
Runner Up	The Code Talkers	Isaac Hazelwood	Mr. Koehler



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FOOD PANTRY

The Octagon Club recently held a Canned Food Drive to re-establish the Largo High School Food Pantry. This pantry is used to help families of LHS students who are food insecure and need some extra help, something needed in our community. The drive was a tremendous success with over 1000 items collected. In addition, over \$500 in cash donations and \$150 in Publix gift cards were collected to help fill the need of our students.

Special thanks go out to ExCEL freshman Josephine Pollack, an online student, who rallied her relatives and neighbors and donated 475 items! Thanks also go out to Jacob Musgrave who, on his own initiative, took the incoming donations and organized the food pantry so items are ready to be distributed more quickly.

Mrs. Ware's 1st period was the winner of the contest and they will receive a donut breakfast courtesy of the Octagon Club. Donations of food and cash/gift cards are accepted all year long. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the front office of the school.



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Reminders

CODE OF CONDUCT

As part of opening day processes, every student received a copy of the Pinellas County Schools Code of Student Conduct, which outlines in detail many policies including disciplinary procedures such as consequences, explanation of due process, and the process for appeal of suspension. As a student in our school, you are expected to comply with the Student Code of Conduct at all times.

Students in honors, advanced placement, or magnet courses who are expelled or reassigned to a disciplinary school must be aware that their curriculum will be impacted. While every attempt is made to match schedules, it is rarely possible to replicate every class. Students taking these classes must be aware that, when engaging in serious code of student conduct violations, they are jeopardizing their academic plan.

SCHOOL PROPERTY

School facilities and equipment belong to our community and we must demonstrate pride and care in their use. Students who damage school property can expect that their parent/guardian will be notified of their actions and that they will be responsible for cleaning, repairing or replacing the damaged item(s).

CLINIC CARD UPDATE

Assist us with updating our records. Take a few minutes to complete the clinic card your student brought home in the first few days of school. The time you take now may save us valuable time in contacting you in case of an emergency. We are asking that all students complete the clinic card. Learning happens best when parents and school communicate together. Thank you for helping Largo High communicate with you!!!

SENIORS-IN-NEED

We are requesting donations for the Seniors-In-Need account to help seniors who may need assistance with graduation fees. Please make checks payable to Largo High School and write Seniors-In-Need account on the memo line.

