LARGO HIGH SCHOOL PACKER BACKER



Principal Bradley Finkbiner

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.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Packer Families:

I want to take the opportunity to welcome you to the 2019-20 school year for Largo High School. We are excited to have you as a part of PackerNation!!

As you may have seen, Largo High remained as a "B" rated school. We made some very nice gains in our English and Reading courses, as well as, our acceleration cell for state grading. We will continue to work in all areas to increase our scores and become an "A" rated school.

We have some exciting events upcoming for our Packer Families. On Saturday, August 10th, we will be hosting our annual Packer Pride day from 9:00-11:00 am. This day is for incoming 9th grade families and those scholars new to our school. We will be meeting in the gym beginning at 9:00 and then will breakout into our programs. We will also have opportunities to meet our fall coaches for paperwork as practices have begun. You will also be able to set up your lunch account in the cafeteria. We will be having one lunch for the upcoming year, so please make sure your child has an account ready for the first day. We want to remind you that we are a closed campus, so scholars cannot leave for lunch. If you wish to bring lunch for your child, that is fine, but we will not be accepting Uber Eats or any other companies who will be dropping off lunches.

I sincerely believe this will be Largo High's best year. We have hired outstanding instructional leaders to be a become part of our staff. They will fit perfectly with the finest instructional staff in the district and state.

Our purpose is to be a support for your child and family. We will do our very best to provide the finest education possible. We encourage you to be an active part of your child's education as well. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our instructional leaders for communication of your child's progress.

A focus we have for this upcoming year is attendance. Our expectation is to have all scholars here each day and to be in class on time. We believe good attendance is vital to ensure scholars are getting the materials and supports to achieve success in the classroom and to ensure graduation. Please do your best to have your child here each day ready to learn.

I also encourage your scholar to become a part of our extra-curricular programs. Largo High is well known for outstanding athletics, performing, practical, and fine arts. We also have over 50 different clubs for scholars to be active and involved.

I also encourage parents to become a part of our SAC, PTSA, and other support organizations that will help drive our school forward.

I am excited to work with all of you this upcoming year. We are excited and honored to have your family as a part of the Packer Family.

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.



Largo High School 410 Missouri Avenue Largo, FL 33770

OFFICE HOURS 6:45 AM - 2:30 PM



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All attendance questions, notes and corrections for your child go to one of the support staff listed below

SUPPORT STAFF

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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:

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.

DON'T

CONTACT INFO

- 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.

APPLY FOR SCHOOL LUNCH

Students may qualify for free or reduced-price meals. One family application must be submitted each year listing every child in the household. Paper applications are available throughout the school year from your school, or you may use the convenient online application: MySchoolApps is a quick and easy way for parents and guardians to submit application for benefits. This service is provided to you free of charge by your School District. https://www.applyforlunch.com/

MEAL ACCOUNTS

Paid and Reduced School Lunches can be prepaid by cash or check only, and put into your child's account in the cafeteria. Checks should be made payable to (name of school) Food Service (i.e.: Largo High School Food Service). The money remains in the student's account, and rolls over from year to year. Your student's account may be replenished at any time during the school year to avoid a negative balance.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS - ONLINE SERVICE

My School Bucks is an online payment portal specially designed to allow parents to make convenient, anytime payments to their children's school meal accounts. Create a new account with My School Bucks using the student's 10 digit local ID number. You can find this number in Focus, which is located in the District's Home Page drop down menu; once in Focus, search under "Local Student ID". Each student will need his/her own account.

Please use the website link to add funds to your student's prepaid account at www.myschoolbucks.com.

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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.





LAR TELEPHONES, ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES, AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Parents are advised that the best way to get in touch with their child during the school day is by calling the child's school office.

Students may possess a cellular telephone, electronic communication device (ECD), or other electronic device, such as, but not limited to, the following: personal digital assistant (PDA), portable media player (PMP), iPod, iPad, Kindle, mp3 player, and other devices designed to receive and send an electronic signal, so long as they do so in strict compliance with this policy. Any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy forfeits any right or privilege to possess any electronic device described in this policy.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action and/or confiscation of the cellular telephone, ECD, or electronic device. If the cellular telephone, ECD, or electronic device is confiscated, it will be released/returned to a parent unless an alternative arrangement is agreed to by the principal (or designee).

- A student may possess a cellular telephone, electronic communication device (ECD), and other electronic devices in school, on school property, at school-related functions, provided these items are powered off and concealed from view while school is in session.
- Students may not use cellular telephones, other ECDs, or other electronic devices on school property or at a school-sponsored activity to access and/or view Internet web sites that are otherwise blocked to students at school.
- When directed by the administrator or sponsor, cellular telephones, ECDs, and other electronic devices shall be powered off, and concealed from view during school activities occurring outside the student day.

- Cellular telephones, ECDs, and other electronic devices are to be powered off, and concealed from view on district buses, except as authorized by the driver.
- The requirement that cellular telephones, ECDs, and other electronic devices must be powered off, and concealed from view will not apply when the student obtains prior approval from a school administrator.
- The use of cellular telephones, ECDs, and other electronic devices in locker rooms, classrooms, bathrooms, and/or swimming pools is prohibited.
- The student who brings a cellular telephone, ECD, or other electronic device to school does so at his/her own risk. The student who possesses a cellular telephone, ECD, or other electronic device is responsible for its care.
- Any cellular telephone, ECD, or other electronic device left behind on a district school bus will be retained at the respective bus compounds until retrieved either by the student or parent possessing proper identification.
- School Board staff is not responsible for preventing theft, loss, damage, or vandalism to cellular telephones, ECDs, or other electronic devices brought onto its property, or left on school buses, including any electronic device confiscated due to inappropriate use.





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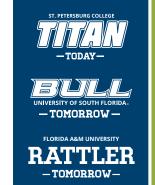






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9-2020 Student Calendar

Aug. 14, 2019: All schools open. All Pre-k and postsecondary schools' classes begin.

Sept. 2, 2019: Labor Day holiday – No school for students. Oct. 11, 2019: End of first quarter.

Oct. 14, 2019: No school for students. (a) *Possible hurricane make-up day)

Nov. 23 - Dec. 1, 2019: Thanksgiving holiday week – No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up days on 11/25/2019 and 11/26/2019)

Dec. 20, 2019: End of first semester.

Dec. 21, 2019 - Jan. 5, 2020: Winter holidays - No school for students.

Jan. 6, 2020: No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)

Jan. 7, 2020: Second semester begins. Jan. 20, 2020: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday - No. school for students. Feb. 17, 2020: No school for students.

Mar. 13, 2020: End of third guarter

Mar. 14 - Mar. 22, 2020: Spring holidays - No school for students.

Mar. 23, 2020: No school for students. (a) Possible hurricane make-up day)

Mar. 24, 2020: Schools reopen. Classes resume.

Apr. 10, 2020: No school for students.

May 25, 2020: Memorial Day holiday – No school for students.

May 29, 2020: Last day for all students (with the exception of Adult students at the Postsecondary Centers)

(a) Hurricane make-up days

Make up 1 day Make up 2 days Make up 3 days Make up 4 days

October 14, 2019* October 14, 2019 October 14, 2019 October 14, 2019

January 6, 2020 January 6, 2020 November 25, 2019 March 23, 2020

November 26, 2019 January 6, 2020

*If hurricane occurs later in the season the one day make up day will be January 6, 2020.



- → 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

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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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PACKER PRIDE DAY

All incoming 9th graders and new scholars to Largo High please join us August 10 from 9 Am - 11 AM for orientation. 9th graders and new scholars only will receive their schedules, meet available Administrators and Instructional Leaders. Opportunities to find out about clubs and fall sports will be available. Come out and learn what it means to be a Packer!



2019-20 ACT TEST DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
July 13, 2019	June 14, 2019	June 15-24, 2019
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	August 17-30, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019	September 21-October 4, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 9-22, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 11-1 <i>7</i> ,2020

SAT TEST DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 24, 2019	July 26, 2019	August 13, 2019
October 5, 2019	September 6, 2019	September 24, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 3, 2019	October 22, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 26, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 14, 2020	March 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 3, 2020	April 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020



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REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

To: All School Principals April 2019

FROM: Kevin Hendrick, Associate Superintendent, Teaching and Learning Services SUBJECT: Schedule for Report Periods and Distribution of Report Cards - 2019-2020

In order to assure uniformity of dates for distribution of report cards for the school year 2019-2020, please distribute according to the schedule below. <u>Alternative education</u> students and <u>exceptional education</u> students will follow the schedule below for their grade levels.

ELEMENTARY (Grades K-5) STUDENTS

Mid Period Report			Final Grades		
(for those students needing	End of Report Period	# of Days	and Comment Codes	Report Cards Distributed	
a mid-term report- see note below)			Due in Portal		
Thursday	Friday	42	Friday - 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday	
September 12, 2019	October 11, 2019	42	October 18, 2019	October 29, 2019	
Notify Parents of Potential Retention by Friday, February 14, 2020					
Wednesday	Friday	44	Friday - 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday	
November 13, 2019	December 20, 2019	44	January 10, 2020	January 21, 2020	
Friday	Friday	47	Friday - 4:00 p.m.	Monday	
February 7, 2020	March 13, 2020	47	March 27, 2020*	April 6, 2020	
Friday	Friday	47	Friday- 4:00 p.m.	Friday	
April 24, 2020	May 29, 2020		May 22, 2020	May 29, 2020	

^{*} Delay is due to Spring Break

Note: Mid-Term Progress Reports in elementary schools are distributed to students who have a current grade of N, U, D, or F at mid-term, and to students who had an N, U, D, or F on the previous report card. Some schools choose to send Mid-Term Progress Reports to all students. Mid-term grades are not entered into Focus.

SECONDARY (GRADES 6-12) STUDENTS

Mid Period Report			Final Grades	Report Cards
(for those students needing	End of Report Period	# of Days	and Comment Codes	Distributed
a mid-term report- see note below)			Due in FOCUS	
Thursday	Friday	42	Friday- 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday
September 12, 2019	October 11, 2019	42	October 18, 2019	October 29, 2019
Wednesday	Friday	44	Friday - 4:00 p.m.	Tuesday
November 13, 2019	December 20, 2019	44	January 10, 2020	January 21, 2020
Friday	Friday	47	Friday - 4:00 p.m.	Monday
February 7, 2020	March 13, 2020	47	March 27, 2020*	April 6, 2020
Friday	Friday	47	Monday - 4:00 p.m.	Friday
April 24, 2020	May 29, 2020	47	June 1, 2020	June 5, 2020

* Delay is due to Spring Break

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.

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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).

COLLEGE VISITS

School Board policy states that students may have up to four absences for the purpose of college visits, beginning at the start of their junior year. Armed Forces and vocational school visitations will fall under this provision. The appropriate documentation must be completed in order to have the absence coded as a college visit. The College Visit Form can be obtained from Guidance, the ExCEL office and on the school web site. This form should be presented to your Assistant Principal for his/her approval in advance of the visit.

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.