LARGO HIGH SCHOOL PACKER BACKER



PrincipalBradley 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.

MARCH 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Packer Families

We are now in the middle of our third quarter of the year. As we move to our assessment time frame, I want to reflect on first semester with an eye on what is in front of us.

Largo High had the largest increase in the graduation rate of any traditional high school in the district with a 2.3% increase. This gave us an overall graduation rate of 96.5%. This is a terrific improvement from 2013 when our graduation rate was 75.9%. Congratulations to all our staff and scholars who worked tremendously hard during the year and over the summer to make this happen. The district had an overall graduation rate of 92% which was the highest of the 10 largest districts in the State of Florida.

I also want to congratulate our National Merit Scholars who have received recognition for their accomplishments.

Three semi-finalists

National Hispanic Scholar Award

African American Scholar Award

- Nathan Bailey
- Evelyn Colon
- William Zhu
- Lukas Olsen

Alyssa Duarte

Congratulations to our winter athletic teams as they have finished their season. Our girls' basketball team finished district runner-up and boys' soccer made the state series playoffs. Our boys' basketball team are in the district finals and wrestling have their district competitions starting as I am writing this note.

Upcoming in our school year are multiple opportunities to receive the graduation requirement scores for English/Reading and Algebra 1. Our scholars are aware of these dates and they are posted on the website as well. Please make sure to support them within your home as there are resources, they can use to enhance their chances on receiving the score needed for graduation. Graduation for the class of 2022 will be May 20th at Tropicana Field. Information on graduation is on our website.

For our 9th -11th grade scholars, the FSA and EOC assessments will be coming quickly. The month of May is our testing window and it is vitally important for our scholars to have outstanding attendance in their classes leading up to the assessments, as well as, attendance for the tests. The cutoff for attendance is 95% of overall scholars to take the assessments. Please support us as we do our very best to prepare your scholars to be successful.

We will be hosting Summer Bridge during the months of June and July. If your child needs to make up a course or receive grade forgiveness, this is a perfect time to ensure they are on track to graduate as we begin the 2022-2023 school year.

Thank you for being a part of PackerNation Bradley Finkbiner, Principal

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 ADMINISTRATION

Bradley Finkbiner, Principal *finkbinerb@pcsb.org*

Cassandra Ventura, Principal's Secretary

venturac@pcsb.org

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Jennifer Ortiz - A-He discipline ortizj@pcsb.org x2015

Nathan Lovelette - Hi-Mc discipline & International Baccalaureate, APA *loveletten@pcsb.org* x2017

Linda Ray - Me-Z discipline, APC *rayli@pcsb.org* x2014

Ryan Green - AVID/ExCEL greenry@pcsb.org x2016

GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

Morgan Poff - A-Gi & O-Z alpha Gj-N discipline poffmo@pcsb.org x2063

Jaclyn Thompson - International Baccalaureate *thompsonjacl@pcsb.org* x2062

Kristen Peschel - ExCEL 10-12 *Peschelk@pcsb.org* x2061

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

SUPPORT STAFF

Vynie Ford - Front Desk, PTL's fordvy@pcsb.org x2000

Kenisha Merricks - Absence Call-Ins (Non Magnet Scholars) A-Z alpha

merricksk@pcsb.org x2102

Amy Clark - Absence Call-ins/IB *clarkam@pcsb.org x2103*

Kayla Reynolds - ExCEL reynoldskay@pcsb.org x2105

Officer Goncalves

School Resource officer

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Carol J. Cook, Chairperson Eileen M. Long, Vice Chairperson

Lisa N. Cane Nicole M. Carr, Ph.D. Bill Dudley Caprice Edmond Laura Tillinghast Hine

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DO YOU KNOW THE DRESS CODE?

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 a 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.

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A - D - @k7374k E - I - @ha9f6b

J-N-@ddeb3b

O-R-@e4d2g34

S-Z-@f8728c

Parent remind - @93g94ba Senior Instagram – LargoCO2022

SPRING SEMESTER

2/21 - 3/23Senior Brunch Ticket Sales - \$25+ - Bayou Country Club

3/14 - 3/18Spring Break!!!!!

4/1 Final date to pay grad fees

4/1 Grad Bash - Universal & Islands of Adventure - 4 p.m. - 4 a.m.

4/16 Senior Prom - Location: Ruth Eckerd Hall - \$55+

4/21 Graduation Assembly 1st & 2nd period (Cap & Gown Pick-Up)

Senior Brunch - \$25 - Bayou Country Club -11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Senior final exams - Be sure to take care of obligations!!! May

May 2022 Graduation at Tropicana Field





IMPORTANT SENIOR INFO

- Be sure you are on track to graduate. Reach out to your guidance counselor for questions.
- Grad fees must be paid before purchasing tickets to other senior events such as grad bash. brunch. etc...
- ✓ Grad fees & cap and gown are two separate fees. Order caps & gown through Herff-Jones using the link above
- Stoles & chords are through individual societies and clubs. Contact the sponsors accordingly.
- To participate in graduation both grad fees must be paid and the correct cap & gown must be worn.
- Homecoming SGA bakerdo@pcsb.org, Yearbooks & Senior photos - Ms. Hicks hickska@pcsb.org, Prom - Mr. Piechocki piechockij@pcsb.org



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Email Mrs. Lopatin with questions / scheduling issues: pcs.lopatint@pcsb.org



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ADMINISTRATOR AND **COUNSELOR BREAKDOWN**

(by alpha and program)

LAST NAME/	ADMINISTRATOR	CLERK
PROGRAM		
9th Grade Cohort	Jennifer Ortiz	Kenisha Merricks
Discipline A-He	RM 1-217	RM 1-217A
Activities Internal	Ext. 2015	Ext. 2102
12th Grade Cohort	Linda Ray	Kenisha Merricks
Discipline Me-Z	RM 1-127	RM 1-217A
Scheduling/APC	Ext. 2014	Ext. 2102
IB Program	Nathan Lovelette	Amy Clark
(all grades)	RM 2-202	RM 2-221
10th Grade Cohort	Ext. 2017	Ext. 2103
Discipline IB & Hi-Mc		
Athletics		
ExCEL Program	Ryan Green	Kayla Reynolds
(all grades)	RM 2-114	RM 2-114A
11th Grade Cohort	Ext. 2016	Ext. 2105

Shauna Thompson – IB Program (all Grades) **ExCEL 9th Grade** RM 2-211A /ext. 2062 thompsoniacl@pcsb.org

- Naviance Coordinator
- College Visits
- Scholarships
- Talented 20
- IB/ExCEL Recruitment

Kristen Peschel - ExCEL Program 10th - 12th RM 2-108 /ext. 2061 peschelk@pcsb.org

- Bright Futures Designee
- SSD Coordinator
- AP Testing Support
- SAT/ACT School Day Support

Morgan Poff - Traditional/non-Magnet, A-Gi RM 1-115 /ext. 2063 poffmo@pcsb.org *Temporary Contact for Students Sh-Z*

- · Dept. Chair
- ACT/SAT Waiver Coordinator
- College and Career Center Support

Morgan Poff - Traditional/non-Magnet, Gi-N RM 1-115 /ext. 2063 poffmo@pcsb.org *Temporary Contact for Students O-Se*

- Awards Night
- Bars and Letters
- 9th Grade Academy
- Start with Hello Coordinator

TBA - Traditional/non-Magnet, O-Z (See above for which counselor to contact)

- BTAG Contact
- Military Liaison
- ASVAB Coordinator
- Registration

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PackerNation News

NATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

The National English Honor Society inducted 29 new members and seven officers on February 2. The officers are: Angelique Tsounis, President; Caroline Wallace, Vice President; Megan McCarthy, Secretary; Altea Ali, Treasurer; Jiana Batuigas, Publications;

and Kaya Paongo and Sara Picking, Social Secretaries.

The honor society will begin creating the annual literary magazine later this month. Students who would like to share their writing, photography, and artwork should listen to the announcements for more information.

AVID NEWS

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We are now recruiting new students for our AVID elective in all grades. AVID is a college preparatory class. In AVID, students are challenged to take upper level courses (honors or AP) while being supported in the elective class. We hold study groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays run by senior tutors and college tutors. On Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays we follow the AVID curriculum that teaches resume writing, interview skills, reading and writing skills, and SAT and ACT test prep. Each year has a different focus -- all helping student make the college application process an easy process. For example: freshman and sophomore year focus on maintaining GPA's and academics; in junior year we focus on test prep, volunteer opportunities, and building your resume; senior year is all about college essays, applications, and scholarships. If your scholar is interested in learning more about AVID for the 2022-2023 school year, please have them stop by Mrs. Fitzgerald's room 1-213 or email fitzgeralde@pcsb.org



PTSA REFLECTIONS ARTS PROGRAM

Congrats to Elise Tong and Kaili Taylor for moving on from the county level to the state level in the PTSA Reflections Arts program. Elise's dance and Kaili's painting truly are works of art. Congrats and good luck to you both!



VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball Spring conditioning/ open gym will Start after we return from Spring break. Stop by Coach Clarks room 2-211 if you're interested. This is for both boys and girls that are interested in playing volleyball.. Days and Times TBD.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2021-2022 GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM!

They finished the season with a 13-10 record, and most exciting. advanced to the first District Championship in 10 years where they finished the season as the Class 6A, District 9 Runner Up. Their magical tournament run came to an end against Land O' Lakes in the District Championship game, losing by only 3 points! CONGRATULATIONS LADIES and we look forward to NEXT YEAR!



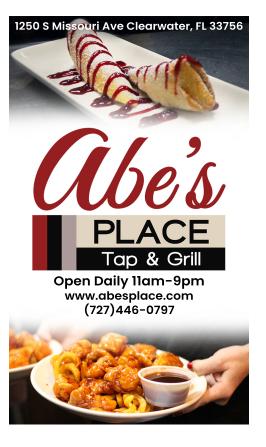
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- Party Attendant
- Snack Bar Attendant











2021-22 STUDENT CALENDAR

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- 1-2 Winter Holidays Schools closed for teachers/students
- Non-Student Day Hurricane Make Up Day #2
- Second Semester begins
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Schools
 closed for teachers/students

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MARCH 2022

- 12-20 Spring Holidays Schools closed for
- teachers/students 21 Non-Student Day

Hurricane Make Up Day #3

MAY 2022				
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- 26 Last Day for Students (students released 2 hours
- 26
- early) End of Quarter 4 (47 days) End of 2nd Semester (94 days) Last Day for 198 Instructional Personnel

JUNE 2022				
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4 Day Work Week begins

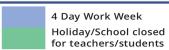


Paid Holiday



Student First Day/Last Day of School Teacher First Day/Last Day of School

Non-Student Day





Hurricane Make Up Day

If 4 days needed, those days will be: 10/8, 11/22, 11/23, 1/3 If after October 8, then the one make up day will be January 3.

UPCOMING REPORT CARD DATES

Mid Period Report (for students needing a mid- term report-see note below)	End of Report Period	# of Days	Final Grades and Comment Codes Due in Portal	Report Cards Distributed
Friday, February 4, 2022	Friday, March 11, 2022	47	Friday - 4:00 p.m., March 25, 2022	Tuesday, March 29, 2022*
Friday, April 22, 2022	Thursday, May 26, 2022	47	Friday- 4:00 p.m., May 27, 2022	Wednesday, June 1, 2022

* Delay is due to Spring Break

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



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AP EXAM CALENDAR

*All listed exams will be taken at Largo High School

Week 1	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 2, 2022	United States Government and Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 4, 2022	English Literature and Composition	
Thursday, May 5, 2022	Human Geography Macroeconomics	Seminar Statistics
Friday, May 6, 2022	European History	Microeconomics
Week 2	8 a.m. Local Time	12 p.m. Local Time
Monday, May 9, 2022	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Computer Science Principles
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	English Language and Composition	
Wednesday, May 11, 2022	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology
Thursday, May 12, 2022	World History: Modern	Physics 1: Algebra-Based

















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Reminders

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.
- 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.

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.

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!!!

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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