

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.

**NOVEMBER
2019**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy 2nd Quarter Packer Families!!

It truly is amazing how quickly the school year flies by. We are already through with a quarter of the 2019-20 school year!! It is now a perfect time as first quarter grades come home to partner with our instructional leaders to support your child on their educational journey. As we say every morning on announcements – Our goal is to have every child to be on track to graduate. This is vitally important for our 9th and 10th grade scholars as they are working through the required graduation requirements of reading-writing, and Algebra I. LHS also has a graduation expectation for each scholar on campus to have a checkmark in the state grading system's acceleration cell. Each scholar can earn this checkmark anytime in their four years of high school. This includes: receiving an industry certification, pass a dual-enrollment course, pass an Advanced Placement end of the year assessment, or pass an IB final assessment. I have complete confidence in all our scholars to graduate in four years and to have the acceleration cell expectation.

One of our main initiatives this year is to have scholars improve their attendance and to be on time to each class. Please help support this initiative by having your child on campus by 7:15. This allows them to receive breakfast if needed and to be in class as we begin the day at 7:25.

Please help me congratulate our fall sports programs as they are finishing their seasons. Our girls golf team won the district tournament and placed in the top five at the regional tournament. This is an amazing accomplishment as LHS did not have a team for over 20 years!! Our girls golf team included: Grace Erickson, Leah Davis, Sasha Melamud, and Riley Vaughan. Congratulations to Grace Erickson and Christian Marquardt who will advance to the state finals in individual competition. Also congratulations to our varsity football team who has now captured the district title three years in a row!! We will be hosting the first round of the state playoffs the second Friday in November. Great job by our varsity volleyball team who ended their season as district runner-up. Congratulations to the Boys cross country team who qualified for the regional meet on Nov 1, Blake Denkler lead the team with taking 8th place. Our winter sports are starting to kick-off their opening practices. If your child is interested in participating, please have them check with the coaching staff or Coach Casey who can help with the paperwork.

Congratulations to our outstanding scholars who received recognition for National Merit Scholar:

National Merit Scholar Semi-finalists: Haidyn Sekeres, Charles Phillips, Michael Marcotte, and Joshua Mott.
National Merit Commended Scholars: Matthew Tave, Dhruva Naidu, and Martin Stavro

Please help me congratulate the Largo High nomination for Teach of the Year -- Mr. Garius Goshay. Our nomination for Support Employee of the Year -- Ms. Eileen Kelly-Pettit (Bookkeeper) and Cecilia Perez (Bilingual Assistant). All of these outstanding employees epitomize our motto of Learners and Leaders.

Thank you for choosing Largo High as your child's high school experience.

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.



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6:45 AM - 2:30 PM

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ACADEMIC TEAM

The Academic Team, our own "Nerd Herd" is continuing their winning ways this year. So far, they are undefeated at 6-0 for the season. The team has been the county champions for the past 3 years and are hoping to continue winning towards year 4. We are fortunate that all of players from last year have returned to compete this year. Good luck to the Nerd Herd!

DID YOU KNOW?

Your child can suffer academically if they miss 10% of the school year - about 18 days. That can be just 1 day every 2 weeks, and that can happen before you know it. Now you know!



TESTING

2019-20 ACT TEST DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Dec 14, 2019	Nov 8, 2019	Nov 9-22, 2019
Feb 8, 2020	Jan 10, 2020	Jan 11-17, 2020

SAT TEST DATES & REGISTRATION DEADLINES

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
Dec 7, 2019	Nov 8, 2019	Nov 26, 2019
Mar 14, 2020	Feb 14, 2020	Mar 3, 2020
May 2, 2020	Apr 3, 2020	Apr 21, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 27, 2020

GOLF

The Lady and Boys Packers Golf teams played well at the District Championships today. It is a 14 team district. The boys finished 5th with junior Christian Marquardt shooting an even par 72, amazing number to finish second overall moving him on to the Region Championship next week.

Not to be outdone the first Lady Packer Golf Team in about 25 years played out of their minds by winning the District Championship (see Mike Klappa's new paperweight) by 78 strokes over the 2nd place team and 100 strokes better than the 3rd place team. They movr on the the Regions as a team.

Sophomore Grace Erickson finished first overall shooting a 77. The other ladies are Leah Davis, Sasha Melamud, and Riley Vaughan. Give them a high five if you see them.

The other boys: Josh Mott, Ethan Sippel, and Riley Hillriegel all played well, high fives for them also for a great season.

Off to the REGIONS, Largo you know!



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2019-2020 LARGO HIGH SCHOOL ART HONOR SOCIETY

The Art honor society provides opportunities for campus, community, regional and national recognition through art shows, community events, volunteering, campus and community beautification, field outings, scholarships, and connectivity to 58,000+ outstanding high school art students and appreciators.

OCTOBER

The NAHS participated in the 2019 EMPTY BOWLS for RCS Pinellas luncheon. This is a unique and memorable event celebrating community, art and collaboration. Attendees chose a bowl that is handmade and donated by LHS and local artists and in return enjoy a meal of soup, bread and dessert. The souvenir bowl is theirs to take home as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. 100% of the proceeds from the event benefit the RCS Food Bank.

4th Annual Largo Taste Fest

Join the NAHS at the **4th Annual Largo Taste Fest!** Student artwork will be on display at Highland Family Aquatic Center on Saturday, November 2nd at 5:30 PM. Enjoy an evening outdoors during this tropical food festival located in the heart of Largo. Local area restaurants will provide delicious samples from their menu. There will be live music and silent auction to help raise funds for the children’s scholarship fund. Vote for your favorite restaurant of the night and best artwork.

PUMPKIN CARVING

The NAHS also recently held a pumpkin carving event. Members got together and had a blast expressing their different artistic styles on their own pumpkins! It was an excellent opportunity for members to socialize and their work will be displayed on campus.



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4 Dress Code (Policy 5500.04)

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:

- 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.
- Shorts, skirts, divided skirts, dresses and culottes are allowed. They must be mid-thigh length or longer.
- All trousers, pants, or shorts must totally cover undergarments, including boxer shorts.
- 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.

- 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:

- Form fitting leotard/spandex type clothing is not allowed unless proper outer garments cover to mid-thigh length or longer.
- See through or mesh fabric clothing may only be worn over clothing meeting requirements.
- Clothing must be appropriate size, with the waist of the garment worn at the student's waist.
- Clothing not properly buttoned, zipped, fastened, or with inappropriate holes or tears shall not be worn.
- Clothing and footwear traditionally designed as undergarments or sleepwear shall not be worn as outer garments.
- Sunglasses may not be worn inside unless a parent provides a doctor's note to the school.
- Bandanas or sweatbands are not allowed to be visible on school grounds during the regular school hours.
- 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.
- If the school has a mandatory school uniform policy, the student must adhere to those requirements.

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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.

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.



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

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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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**GREETINGS DANCE ENTHUSIASTS!!
HAPPY OCTOBER!**

MISSION: "The Mission of the LHS National Honor Society for Dance Arts is to promote a desire for life-long learning in the field of dance, to encourage an understanding of, and an appreciation for, dance as an art form and develop knowledgeable audiences for tomorrow at Largo High School through outreach, service, advancement of knowledge and leadership." **Dance for life.**

In our effort to meet our mission and continue to encourage an understanding and appreciation for the dance arts in Largo High School, the Dance Arts Honor Society hosts a different STYLE WORKSHOP each month. Style workshops are open to members and non-members who love and appreciate dance.

2019-2020 Student Calendar

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 quarter

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
	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.



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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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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.