



Independent School District 194

Lakeville South High School Cougar Newsletter

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Lakeville South High School prepares students for 21st century success
through individualized learning, community partnerships and a culture defined by integrity.

Welcome Back Cougars!

Lakeville South High School staff welcome new and returning students to our 2016-2017 Cougar family. School begins Tuesday, September 6th. Early bird class begins at 7:00 a.m. and period one class begins at 8:02 a.m.

Student Schedules

Student schedules will be in your portal mid-August.

Student Schedule Change/Correction Guidelines

The master schedule is created each year to accommodate course selections made by students. Faculty members are employed, textbooks are purchased, and rooms are assigned based on student course requests. When a student registers for a class, he/she has the responsibility of remaining in the class and completing it. Students will have the same teacher for all year-long courses (when teachers' schedules permit).

All schedule change requests must be submitted to the Dean prior to the end of the third day of the semester. Schedule changes are subject to parent approval, administrative approval, and class availability, without exceeding maximum class size.

The only acceptable educational reasons for a schedule change are:

- Seniors who need a course to fulfill a graduation requirement
- An inappropriate level or sequence placement (i.e. Spanish 3 not 2, AP/Honors to a General Course)
- An obvious error in schedule (i.e. same class twice)
- Prerequisites that have not been fulfilled
- Would like to opt-in to a higher level/ more rigorous version of their current course (i.e. General Course to AP/Honors)

Schedule changes will not be made for these reasons:

- Specific teacher request
- Switch sections of the same course to get a different teacher
- Requested change would exceed class size capacity
- Student changed his/her mind
- Desire to have a certain lunch schedule
- Desire to be with friends
- Desire to have a class at a certain time of the day

Seniors may request to be a student aide by completing the Student Aide Application form located in Student Services. This completed form must be turned into the Dean prior to the end of the third day of the semester.

Students must keep a minimum of 6 classes as a freshman, sophomore, and junior and a minimum of 5 classes as seniors.

Students interested in requesting a change in their schedule can obtain a Schedule Change Form in the Student Services Office.

Class of 2020 Information

Ninth Grade Student Orientation

(Students Only)

Who: All ninth grade Cougar students

Where: Lakeville South High School

When: Tuesday, August 23, 2016
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Items students need to return August 23rd:

- Corrected family and emergency contact information with parent signature - *Please print from Parent Portal and make corrections.* Direct questions to Student Services, 952.232.3330.
- Student picture information and optional payment (information on website)
- Application for educational benefits for free and reduced lunch (if needed on website)

This is the only day for ninth grade orientation. It's an important day! We ask all students to attend. LSHS Student Leaders will conduct the orientation. Student leaders will be mentors, answer questions and serve as a tour guide. Transportation is a family responsibility. Please have your child here no later than 9:00 a.m. and make pickup arrangements for 11:30 a.m. **Parents are asked to respect the "student only" format.**

Students will:

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Pose for a Cougar ID picture and purchase optional picture packets
- ✓ Receive a new class schedule with locker information

Topics include:

- ✓ Successfully navigating high school
- ✓ Making good decisions
- ✓ Getting involved in school activities
- ✓ Getting to know other ninth grade students

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal provides Cougar parents current assignment feedback, grade book information, daily attendance and discipline information. This is an excellent communication link between the classroom teacher and parent. If you have not signed up for Parent Portal or forgot your login and password, stop in Student Services during August between 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. to pick up required paper work. Please direct any questions to Student Services at 952.232.3330.

Grade 9

Suggested School Supply List

Ninth grade students will need the following supplies:

- 2" binder with dividers
- Loose leaf paper
- Notebook & folder for each academic class
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Highlighters
- #2 pencils
- Blue, black, and red pens
- Index cards
- Flash drive (4-8Gb)
- Scientific calculator



(TI-20, TI-83 Plus, TI-84)

Universal Screener Information for 9th Grade Students

Lakeville North and Lakeville South High Schools will ask 9th grade students to complete the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ), a universal screener about their social/emotional wellbeing. This questionnaire is very similar to the screener parents have completed about their children at our elementary schools.

Information from the screener will help school staff follow up with students who might be experiencing issues with friendship, attention/concentration, anxiety or unhappiness. By gathering information from our students, our student support staff will be better able to determine who might be in need of additional support.

9th graders will be asked to complete the 25 item questionnaire as part of their orientation activities on August 23. If you have questions about the questionnaire or its use, please contact Renae Ouillette, Executive Director of Student Services, at 952-232-2011. Additional information about the SDQ is also available at sdqinfo.com

August
11th!

Ninth Grade Parents and Students Activity Night

Who: Ninth grade students and their parents

Where: LSHS Auditorium

When: Thursday, August 11th 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Purpose: Academic program overview
Activity program overview
Activity Signup



Grade 10-12 Annotations

Back-to-School Responsibilities for Grades 10-12

Cougar upper class students will not have an orientation day before school starts. Back-to-school information will be as follows:

- Tenth and eleventh grade student pictures will be taken during school Monday, September 12th. ID pictures are required. Picture packets are optional. Information is on the LSHS website. Picture payment checks can be made out to LifeTouch Photography or ordered online at mylifetouch.com. **MI196097Yo** (MI are capital letters & o = zero)
- Parking passes will be sold in the Commons during lunches the first week of school. Licensed drivers can purchase a semester parking pass for \$125.00. Student drivers must present a valid driver's license and pay outstanding school obligations.
- Parents and students are asked to review family and emergency contact information located on the Parent Portal. Please print, update and sign the form and return it to Student Services. You may drop it off in Student Services, fax it (952.469.8383) or email it to Heather Allen at heather.allen@isd194.org.
- Complete application for Educational Benefits for free or reduced breakfasts and lunches that can be found on the LSHS website. Applicants must meet qualifying criteria. You may apply online at: <http://www.schoollunchapp.com/>
- Lunch money can be deposited in student lunch accounts by credit card on <https://paypams.com/HomePage.aspx> or by check or cash the first day of school. Please have your child drop off money at the Cougar Cove upon arrival. This will help facilitate account balances and "keep the line moving" at lunch.

Parking Permit Applications

Lakeville South High School students wishing to drive to school must purchase a parking permit. The application form is on the LSHS website. A parking fee of \$125.00 per semester is required. Sales begin on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 6th. Remember parking permits are a privilege and students with chemical violations, discipline issues, attendance issues, outstanding fines or failure to complete senior interviews may not be considered for permits or may have their permit revoked. **Parking passes will not be sold before school starts.**



During the school year, we need assistance for various reasons. If you would like to volunteer your time, please email

Tammy Mohn
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PSAT Registration

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is an exam for sophomores and juniors and qualifies students for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The PSAT test is given during the school day on Wednesday, October 19th. Students may register for the PSAT test in the Career Center between September 19th and September 30th. Questions can be directed to the Career Center at 952.232.3306.

Student Transportation

Elementary, middle and high school students living less than two miles from their school are eligible to purchase bus service. The fee is \$175 per student with a family cap of \$350. For more information call 952.469.2256 or email info@schmittyandsons.com



New Student and Parent Orientation and Activity Night

- Who:** New students and their parents
 Grades 10-12
- Where:** LSHS Auditorium
- When:** Thursday, August 11th 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Purpose:** Academic program overview
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Academic Seminar

Lakeville South will continue our Tuesday Academic Seminar during the 2016-2017 school year. Academic Seminar will meet for 45 minutes, once a week. With exceptions to testing and shortened school weeks. Students will be able to meet with teachers for extra help and make up a quiz or test. Academic Seminar allows every student, regardless of after school activities, transportation arrangements or work obligations, an opportunity to receive timely help from their teacher. Below is an Academic Seminar outline.

Mission: To provide intentional, directed remediation during the school day.

Vision: Teachers will select students needing to receive differentiated instruction.

Goals:

- ✓ Reduce the number of students receiving D’s and F’s.
- ✓ Provide timely student interventions, re-teaching and re-testing opportunities by being:
 - Proactive
 - Preventative
 - Timely
- ✓ Increase positive response by our students on the 2016 student survey indicating they get extra help from teachers at school.

Rationale: Lakeville South High School’s learning gap has been approximately 10% for the last nine school years. Teachers are concerned all students do not have an opportunity to receive extra help because of:

- ✓ Lack of transportation to and from school
- ✓ Work and activity commitments after school
- ✓ Habitual attendance issues

Key Components:

- ✓ Students will receive assistance in smaller groups during the school day.
- ✓ Students will focus on test makeup, homework assistance or additional study time.
- ✓ Primary focus will be on students with D’s and F’s.
- ✓ Students will be required to report to a classroom or meet with their Dean in the Commons.
- ✓ Designated departments will have student selection priority for each Academic Seminar session.
- ✓ Teachers will work together if a student needs help in more than one area.
- ✓ Special Education students will meet with their case managers and then go to other classrooms.
- ✓ AP students attend in school study sessions.
- ✓ AVID students attend in school study sessions.



Regular Bell Schedule

0	7:00 - 7:57
1	8:02 - 9:00
2	9:05 - 10:00
3	10:05 - 11:00
4	11:05 - 12:35
5	12:40 - 1:35
6	1:40 - 2:37

Academic Seminar Bell Schedule
Tuesdays

0	7:00 - 7:57
1	8:00-8:45
2	8:50 - 9:35
Academic Seminar	9:40 - 10:25
3	10:30 - 11:15
4	11:20 - 1:00
5	1:05 - 1:45
6	1:50 - 2:37

Regular Lunch Schedule

11:-50 - 11:25.....	Lunch A
11:30 - 12:35	Class
11:05 - 11:25	Class
11:30 - 11:50	Lunch B
11:55 - 12:35	Class
11:05 - 11:45	Class
11:50 - 12:10	Lunch C
12:15 - 12:35	Class
11:05 - 12:10	Class
12:15 - 12:35	Lunch D

Academic Seminar Day Lunch Schedule

11:-20 - 11:40.....	Lunch A
11:45 - 12:45	Class
11:20 - 11:40	Class
11:45 - 12:05	Lunch B
12:10 - 12:55	Class
11:20- 12:05	Class
12:10 - 12:30	Lunch C
12:35 - 12:55	Class
11:20 - 12:30	Class
12:35 - 12:55	Lunch D

Student Attendance Responsibilities

1. Submit a note from your parent/guardian or have them call the **Attendance Office @ 952.232.3318** within 72 hours of the absence.
2. When you return to school, stop at the attendance office in the Commons and get a pass to class.
3. If you are late to school or returning from an appointment, report to the attendance clerk for a pass to class.
4. Prior to leaving during the day, get a "permit to leave the building note." Parent/guardian permission (note or phone call) is required.
5. If you will be absent from school for a period of time, pick up a prearranged absence form from the attendance clerk and contact your teachers for assignments.
6. If tardy to class, make sure the teacher marks you tardy, not absent. Your teacher may have to change the entry in Infinite Campus.

Keys to Success

Cougar staff believe a positive relationship between a student, teacher and parent is the primary factor in a successful high school experience. Maintaining a focus on these concepts listed below will increase student success and build a solid foundation for learning.

Attendance - Students who attend class on time and recognize the importance of a positive daily work ethic achieve a high level of success.

Academics - Students who recognize the importance of classroom work have a higher class rank and better post secondary opportunities.

Attitude - School and life teach us the power of a positive attitude. Listening, caring and connecting with others helps build positive attitudes.

Activities - Students involved in activities outside the classroom broaden their high school experience. Whether it is a school activity or club, a community activity or volunteering, GET INVOLVED!

Student Attendance

Lakeville South High School believes regular school attendance directly relates to academic success, benefits students socially, provides opportunities for important communication between teachers and students and establishes student dependability.

Deliveries to School

LSHS does not allow deliveries of food, flowers, balloons or other gifts to students during the school day.



Parent Responsibilities for Student Absences

1. Parents have 72 hours to excuse their child.
2. Parents call the attendance office , 952.232.3318 or write a note within 72 hours if your child is absent.
3. Check your child's attendance on Parent Portal.
4. If you do not already have Parent Portal access, stop in the LSHS Student Services to sign up for 24/7 access to your child's school information. You will need to bring a picture ID.
5. Call your dean if you receive an attendance letter or phone call and discuss attendance issues.
6. Call your dean if your child is skipping school. Ask for help to improve attendance.
7. Send a note or leave a phone message if your child needs to leave during the day. This way your child can simply leave school after signing out at the front desk.



Want to be in the 2016 -17 LSHS Yearbook?

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Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

Lakeville Public Schools are responsible to collect, maintain and disseminate pupil records and protect student privacy under Federal and State statutes. If a parent would like to request we not release directory information on your child, the parent needs to complete Form A (K-11 students) located in District Policy 515. Form B (11th-12th students) can be filled out by parents who request that directory information not be released to military recruiters. District Policy 515 is available on the Lakeville District website - [http://isd194.org/download/communications_master/about_us/Board%20of%20Education/District%20Policies/Updated:Revised%20Following%202013%20MSBA%20Audit/500%20Students/515_ProtecPrivacyStudentRecords\(2\).pdf](http://isd194.org/download/communications_master/about_us/Board%20of%20Education/District%20Policies/Updated:Revised%20Following%202013%20MSBA%20Audit/500%20Students/515_ProtecPrivacyStudentRecords(2).pdf) Forms must be submitted each year to the Administrative Services Office by September 15th. Directory information for grades K-11 includes: student name, grade in school, dates of enrollment, participation in officially recognized activities, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees and awards received. Directory information relating to students in grade 12 includes: name, address, date of birth, sex, grade in school, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities, weight and height of members of athletic teams, degrees and awards received. If you have questions, call Principal Braun at 952.232.3301.



Food Service Information

Lakeville South High School students participate in a closed lunch program. Students cannot leave the building for lunch. Our menu offers a wide range of menu options. Students eat one of four (4) thirty minute lunch periods during their fourth hour class. All students new to LSHS will receive a lunch pin number. Ninth grade students will be able to get their pin number during ninth orientation on Tuesday, August 23rd. Parents can check their child's spending behavior and account information online at the ISD 194 website.

2016-2017 LSHS Lunch Prices:

Breakfast	\$1.65
Lunch	\$2.55
Reduced lunch	\$Free
Milk	\$.50

A separate letter is in the form section on the LSHS website regarding student nutrition and application for free and reduced lunch.

*Our goal is to ensure no student goes hungry. If your family does not qualify for free or reduced-price meals and you cannot afford lunch, please contact your child's dean or principal's office to see if there are other options available through the school.

School Security

Safe and secure schools are a top priority. **All** visitors, including parents, are expected to sign in with the school receptionist when entering the building during school hours. LSHS administration will search school lockers, backpacks and students if a child is suspected of violating school policy or considered a security risk. Students who leave the building during the school day without permission will be searched and their vehicle searched if they return to school the same day. Random canine searches will be conducted during the school day to protect all students and keep illegal substances out of our school.



School Announcements !

Sign up now and you will receive important LSHS news through email. Members will receive information regarding school events, bulletins, meetings, grades and much more.

To signup, email your name and email address to lshsdailyannouncements@isd194.org

Student Handbook Planners

The 2016-2017 Cougar Student Handbook Planner will be distributed on August 23rd for 9th grade students and the week of September 12th for grades 10-12 . The planner contains the school calendar, activities calendar and student handbook. Planners also provide students a place to record daily assignments. We believe organized students are more successful. The Cougar planner serves as a school pass and assignment organizer. Planners also serve as a communication link for parents when they review daily assignments at home. Student planners and the Parent Portal are excellent sources to check for incomplete assignments. Lost planners can be replaced for a \$5.00 fee.



The Student Handbook Planner also outlines Lakeville South High School student expectations, school polices, information regarding clubs and activities, student behavioral consequences and a phone directory. Parents can purchase an additional Cougar planner for \$5.00 in Student Services. A copy of the LSHS Student Handbook Planner is posted on the Cougar web site at www.lshs.isd194.k12.mn.us. Printed copies are also available from Student Services at 952.232.3330.

Cougar Activities

Lakeville South High School believes co-curricular activities are an extension of the classroom and support our academic mission. These opportunities develop life skills and enhance academic performance. Every student is invited to become involved in co-curricular activities. LSHS sponsors 33 different sport opportunities in addition to intramural basketball and a wide variety of fine arts and student interest clubs. A student activity booklet describing Cougar offerings is available in the Activities Office and on the school website under Athletics/Activities for co-curricular clubs, fine arts and athletic schedule information.

A required fall athletic parent-student-coach information meeting is scheduled on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cougar Auditorium. Mr. Neil Strader, Activities Director, will present an overview of the Cougar activities program, MSHSL rules and eligibility followed by parent-coach-team meetings. Presentations will include: policy updates, academic expectations and rules regarding chemical use. This meeting is required for student athletes and one parent. This meeting meets eligibility requirements for fall, winter and spring seasons.

We will offer winter and spring meetings for parents and athletes who are not participating in a fall sport.

For practice and registration information, go to the Lakeville Cougar Boosters website, <http://www.lakevillesouthhighschoolactivities.com/>. Direct specific activity questions, comments or concerns to your child's coach. Coach contact information is located on the LSHS website. Other questions or concerns can be directed to Neil Strader, Activities Director, at 952.232.3321 or by email at neil.strader@isd194.org.

Cougar Dance Expectations - Upright is Alright!

Lakeville South High School's dances are a safe, chemical-free and promote a non-threatening environment for all participants. Cougar students shall follow these guidelines at all dances:

- ✓ Students need to be upright.
- ✓ No hands on the floor or lifting dresses
- ✓ Chaperones and administration will warn students.
- ✓ Students who dance inappropriately will be required to leave the dance floor.

Homecoming week is September 19-24!

It is always an exciting week culminating with the introduction of the Homecoming Queen and King at the football game on Friday, September 23rd @ 7:00 p.m.

The Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, September 24th @ 8:00 p.m. Get a start on your Homecoming outfits now:

Freshmen: White
 Sophomores: Black
 Juniors: Cardinal Red
 Seniors: Tie Dye/Gold

Watch the announcements for more information on Homecoming activities.



August

- 11 Parent/Student Orientation/Activity Fair
- 15 Fall Activities Begin
- 23 Grade 9 Student Orientation, (students only)
9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

September

- 6 First Day of School, Grades 9-12
- 12 10th, 11th and New Student Pictures
- 12 LSHS Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 PSAT Registration Begins on Fee Pay
- 23 Homecoming Football Game, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Homecoming Dance, 8:00 p.m.
- 28 2 Hour Late Start
- 30 PSAT Registration Closes

October

- 4 National Honor Society Induction 6pm
- 5 2 Hour Late Start
- 12 2 Hour Late Start
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conference, 7:30-9:30 a.m. (Scheduled)
- 13 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m (Scheduled)
- 18 Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:00-7:00 p.m (Unscheduled)
- 18 Fall Band Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 No school, Education Minnesota
- 21 No school, Education Minnesota
- 25 Fall Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.

November

- 4 No school, Teacher Assessment
- 4 ASVAB (Optional for Students)
- 7 No school, Teacher In-service/workshop day
- 23-25 No School, Thanksgiving Break

Important Contacts

Activities Office

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Student Services

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Student-Dean Information

Lakeville South High School deans serve as the main contact for students and families regarding all school-related issues. Deans are assigned to students according to the alphabet. If you have any questions regarding schedules, lockers or other items, feel free to call your dean.



**Cougar Open House
 Monday, September 12th**

Download your child's schedule from the Parent Portal and bring it with you to the LSHS Open House Monday, September 12th. Early bird classes will begin at 6:30 p.m. Period one classes will begin at 6:45 p.m. and conclude at 8:30 p.m. Parents will follow their child's daily schedule and meet teachers in a classroom setting. This is a wonderful way to gain an appreciation for your child's school day routine.

Dean Alphabet Assignments

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