



# LHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night

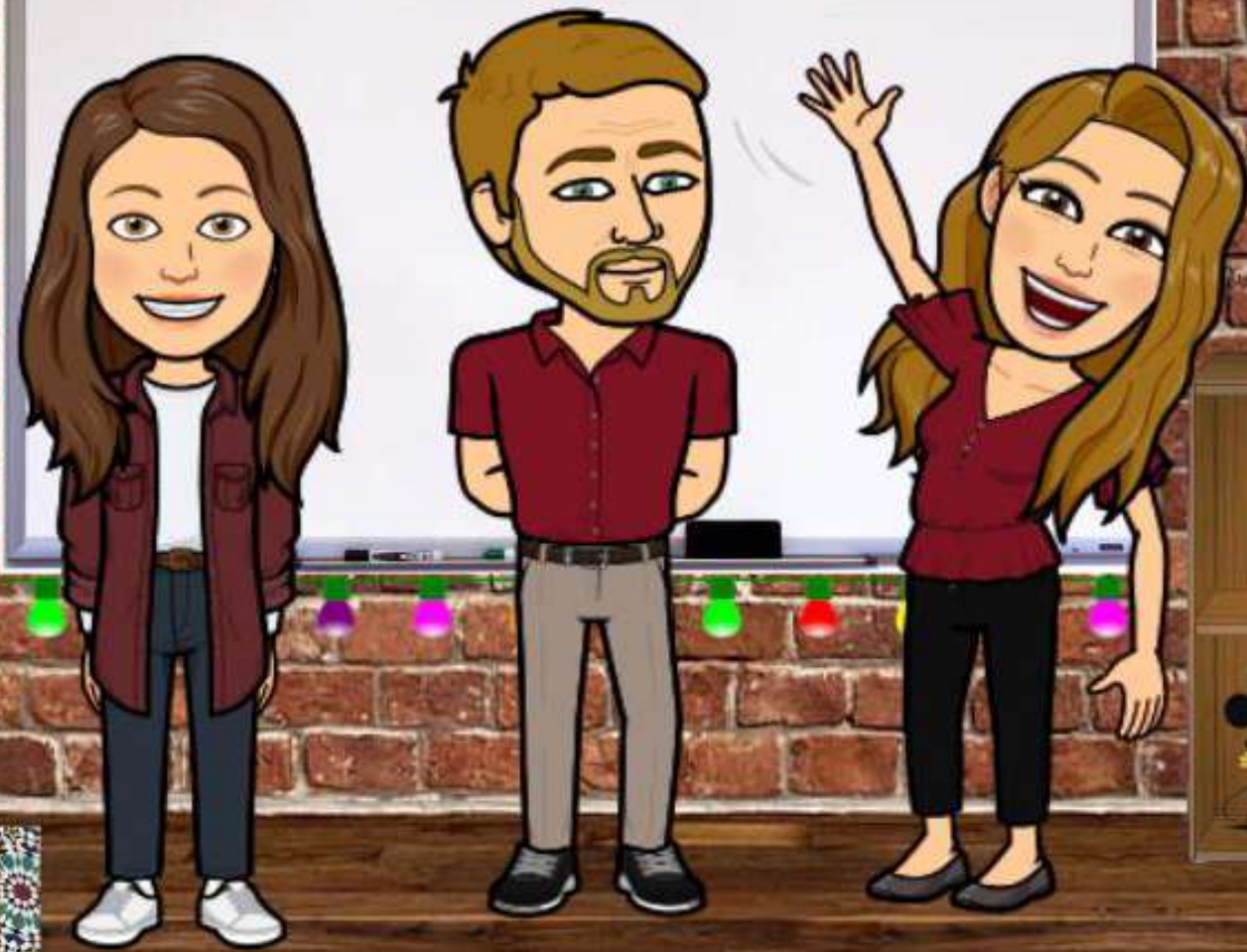
*Transitioning your student from Middle School to High School*

**Welcome Class of 2024 Parents!**



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# LHS Counselors

## 9th & 10th Grade School Counselors:

Mrs. Mandy Malcolm	A - HI
Mrs. Spencer O'Grady	HO- PAS
Mr. Travis Church	Pat-Z

## 11th & 12th Grade School Counselors:

Mrs. Keisha Moore	A - DO
Mrs. Chelsey Bucherati	DR - LED
Ms. Diana Do	LEE - PRI
Mrs. Bianca Avila	PRO - Z





# LHS 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Support Staff

Mr. Scott Luthart/Mr. Tom Bass— *9<sup>th</sup> grade Administrators*

Dr. Ashley Johnnessee- *Assistant Principal of Curriculum*

Ms. Allyse Russell- *School Social Worker*

Mr. Rob Meinberg- *Student Support Coordinator*

Mr. Layton Walker- *Student Support Coordinator/Wellness Coordinator*

Ms. Danielle Hosier- *Registrar*

Mrs. Karrie Fuerst- *Counseling Secretary*





# Communication



- ItsLearning LHS Counseling page
- Lambert Counseling Website
  - [9<sup>th</sup> Grade Info- Class of 2024](#)
- Lambert High Facebook
- Lambert High Twitter
- Lambert High Instagram Page



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# Appointments

Student	Parent
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scheduled through Acuity</li><li>• Student scans the barcode to view their counselor's availability</li><li>• Student chooses day/time for the appointment</li><li>• 15 minutes is blocked off for the appointment</li><li>• <b>For student use ONLY</b></li></ul>	<p>Please contact your student's counselor directly via email or phone to schedule an appointment with him/her.</p> <p><b>*Parent appointments will be held virtually this year as visitors are not allowed in the building</b></p>





# The Role of the Professional School Counselor



## Academic Advising

- Course Guidance
- Guide students towards graduation
- Individual student meetings
- Classroom guidance

## College and Career Planning

- Career Exploration through Classroom guidance
- PPSAT/PSAT prep
- College Rep visits

## Social/Emotional Support

- Small group counseling
- Individual counseling
- Crisis response
- Therapeutic referrals



# What Should We Be Looking For As Parents?

- Changes in behavior, diet, or sleep patterns
- Changes in attitudes (grades, friends, family)
- Social Media
  - Plays a major role in young lives
  - Should only be used responsibly
  - Parents should monitor accounts and activity
    - Know your students log in and password and monitor activity
    - Advise them to be selective of material that they post
    - Colleges often pay attention to what prospective students post on social media when making admission decisions
    - Use social media to your advantage





# Maintaining a Healthy Mental Balance

Preparing for college is important, but so is preserving mental health

- Consider the workload and rigor of classes
- Pursue your intellectual interests
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Make time for community service or other interests
- Participate in activities to promote your overall health by eating healthy, exercising, and getting enough sleep

**Mental wellness is as important to your overall well-being as physical health, social and emotional connectedness, and intellectual accomplishments.**





# Review of Graduation Requirements

English	4 Credits
Math	4 Credits
Science	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
World Language, Fine Arts, or Career Tech	3 Credits (in any combination)
General Electives	4 Credits
Health	.5 Credit
Personal Fitness	.5 Credit
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<b>Total</b>	<b>23 Credits</b>

[\\*Transcript Course Addition Form](#)

## English

9<sup>th</sup> Lit, 10<sup>th</sup> Lit, American Lit, British Lit. or Advanced Comp.

## Math

Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra II, additional advanced math course

## Science

Biology, Physical Science/Physics, Environmental/Chem/Earth, Any 4<sup>th</sup> Science

## Social Studies

World History, US History, American Government, Economics

## World Language

Students planning to attend a 4-year college or university must take a minimum of 2 years of the same World Language

## Fine Arts

Some colleges/universities require 1 credit of Fine Arts for admission

## Health/Personal Fitness

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# End of Course (EOC) Testing

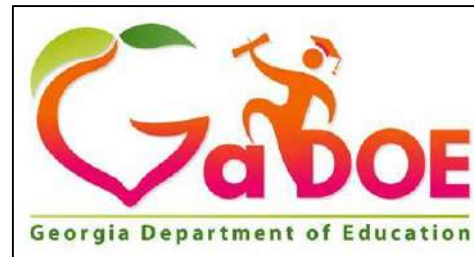
★ Algebra I

★ Biology

US History

American Lit

- EOC scores count for **20%** of a student's final grade
- Students taking online or summer school courses in EOC subjects must take the State EOC





# PPSAT

ALL 9th graders will take a free **practice** PSAT (PPSAT) provided by Applerouth Tutoring, Inc. on **Wednesday, October 14, 2020**.

The PSAT is an exam that all students take in their sophomore year and is optional in their junior year. Students who score well on the PSAT in their junior year can qualify for National Merit Scholarships.

The 9th grade **practice** PSAT is an excellent opportunity for students to experience this kind of standardized exam. Please make sure your child arrives promptly to school on October 14th to participate in this exam. If your child is absent, please be aware there are no makeups for the PPSAT, as it is a one time opportunity.

**\*More information will be forthcoming about a virtual opportunity to participate in the PPSAT**



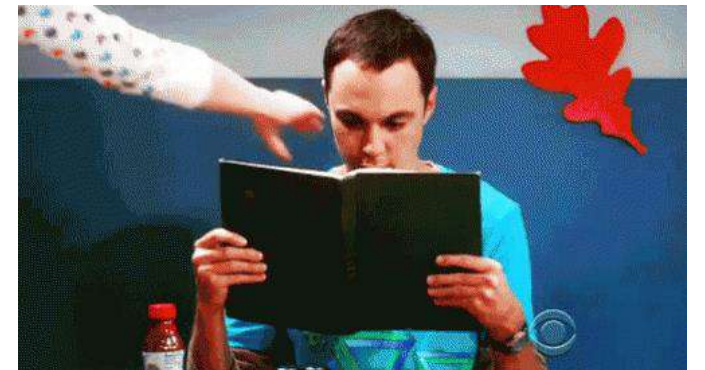


# Promotion and Retention

If a student fails a class and later retakes the same class, the new grade does not replace the failing grade (i.e., grades for all attempted classes are shown on the transcript)

## Making up Failed Classes

- Summer School – Registration after Spring Break
  - Forsyth Virtual Academy, GA Virtual, or Mountain Education
  - Re-taking it the following academic year at Lambert HS
  - APEX\*\* – see counselor first, and then Mr. Meinberg in room 1861
- \*\*APEX is not NCAA approved*



## Retention Policy

- 5.0 credits to be promoted to 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- 11.0 credits to be promoted to 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- 17.0 credits to be promoted to 12<sup>th</sup> grade





To participate in athletics, you **MUST** have passed five classes from the previous semester.

You must also be on track to graduate according to GHSA standards.







# Facilitating Student Success at LHS

*We strive to empower students and maximize their success as a collaboration of counselors, teachers, students and parents.*

- **Lunch and Learn**
- **MTSS (formerly RTI)**
- **SST Coordinator/Graduation Coach**
- **LASSO- Saturday School**
- **Freshman/Sophomore Counselors**
- **Parent Nights**
- **Student Success Teams**
- **Junior Meetings**





# Work In Progress

- Be realistic – Have balance; don't take on too much, too soon
- Be the best that you can be – raise the bar and don't be afraid to challenge yourself
- Get involved!!! Colleges are looking for students that get involved, demonstrate leadership, and are well rounded individuals.
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade is the beginning of academic & extracurricular records that colleges will use for admissions decisions
- Have a plan but stay flexible- high school is a journey





# GA Futures

GA Futures is a great resource for:

- Career Exploration
- College Planning
- Financial Aid/Scholarship info.
- HOPE GPA and rigor requirements (must have Social Security number on file)

**GAfutures.org**  
Explore. Plan. Succeed.

Students are encouraged to create their own account with GA Futures, using their school username/password.

[www.gafutures.org](http://www.gafutures.org)





# HOPE Programs

## HOPE Scholarship

- 3.0 Core GPA (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, World Language)
- Awarded by the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC)
- GSFC calculates HOPE GPA and **does not round** (2.999 GPA will not qualify for the HOPE scholarship)
- Middle school courses are not counted in GPA calculation
- Additional weight added in for AP/Dual Enrollment classes
- HOPE GPA is not listed on the transcript
  - GAFutures.org is the only place you can check your HOPE GPA
  - Please note that we must have a social security card on file for your student in order for their HOPE GPA to calculate

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# Freshman year timeline

- **Present-Early Jan:** Adjust to high school and do your best!
- **Late Jan:** Classroom teacher course recommendations
- **Feb:** Elective Request Window
- **March:** Course Waiver Option
- **April-May:** Online Course Registration Opportunities (TBA)

## Mind your R's

- Required Course
- Recommended Course
- Requested Course





# Empower your Freshman!

Allow them to ...

- ★ Own the process
- ★ Self-Advocate
- ★ Transition into a young adult





# Tips to Help Your Child Succeed

High school students need their parents to be interested and involved in their academic progress. The following are tips to help your child succeed in school.

Provide a good place to study

**Help your child set academic goals**

Use rewards and consequences

**Attend available parent programs**

Monitor activities and jobs

**Encourage a healthy lifestyle**

Help with time management

**Deal effectively with homework**

**Encourage independent problem solving**

Listen

**Encourage nightly studying**

Be a good role model

**Insist on daily attendance**

Be aware and informed

**Set limits and boundaries**

Regularly check its Learning



# Resources

## Resource packet provided:

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade Quick Reference Guide
- HOPE Brochure (available on the LHS Counseling webpage)
- Dual Enrollment Brochure (also available on the webpage)

## Technology:

Classlink –

1. Parent/Student Portal – Grades

Infinite Campus App also available – Campus Parent or Campus Student

2. itsLearning – Course Management/Planner

*\*\*If you are unfamiliar with Parent Portal or itsLearning, we will review how to access and navigate each of those in a separate presentation that will be posted on our LHS Counseling webpage, as well as our LHS Counseling itsLearning page.*







# FRESHMEN PARENT Q&A

SEPTEMBER 16TH @ 12:30PM

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

LINK: [BIT.LY/2REXWDE](https://bit.ly/2REXWDE)



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# Thank you for tuning in!

**If you have specific questions,  
please join us for a live Q&A:**

**September 16<sup>th</sup> 12:30-1:30**

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

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