



# LHS Pirate News

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## New Faces in Old Places at Lytle High School

As you walk the halls or attend one of our sporting events, you will likely see a face you don't recognize— not yet atleast. Over the summer, LHS added a few new faces to some positions that were vacated by last year's staff. Allow me to introduce our newest staff members.

Jacob Hernandez will be teaching EOC English courses as well as serving as our Head Boys Basketball coach.

Jessica Idrogo comes aboard to help out in the gym as a PE coach. Ms. Idrogo will also be putting in work outside, as the new Girls Head Softball coach.

Gabriel Luna will be filling our students minds with Spanish nouns, verbs and conjugates as the Spanish I teacher. He will also be apart of the coaching staff.

Cristina Benavides rounds out the foreign language department, as our Spanish II teacher.

Tiffany Warren will be the newest addition to the math department. Mrs. Warren will teach the Algebra II courses, when she returns from she maternity leave.

Arlon Weeks will be serving double duty as the HS and JH Theater Arts teacher.

Robert Sanchez joins us as the World Geography teacher. Additionally, he will also be helping out with Jr. High and High School football.

And though he is no stranger to our staff, Coach Mc Conathy moves form the the gym to the classroom and will teach a few sections for World History.

Please greet our new staff with a warm LP smile and a kind word or two.



Pictured above L to R: Jacob Hernandez, Robert Sanchez, and Gabriel Luna. Middle: Jessica Idrogo Bottom: Cristina Benavides, and Arlon "Sam" Weeks



## Student IDs Required for 2016-17 School Year

New for the 2016-17 school year will be implementation of photo ID badges . In an effort to have the badges ready for students, at the start of the school year, we recommend that students have their photo take while taking part in the registration process.

It will be necessary for all students to wear their ID badge throughout the day. The doors that lead from the exterior back

Into the building will be locked during the school day. Access to the interior of the building can be gained by scanning your student ID badge at the door .

Student ID cards will ONLY work during regular school hours. Admittance to the building after hours will not be available with student ID cards.

Students will be provided the first ID card and lanyard free of charge.

Lost ID cards will need to be replaced.

Replacement ID cards can be purchased in the front office.

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- August 17– Meet the Teacher 5 - 7 pm
- August 19– Community Pep Rally- 7:30 pm– Walter Joyce Stadium
- August 22– 1 st Day of School
- September 5– Labor Day Holiday



## Drug Testing begins for LHS Competitors and Student Drivers

Mandatory drug testing for all students participating in any Athletic sport, Band, Cheerleading, UIL competition or wanting to drive to school begins this year.

The plan to begin mandatory drug testing that began back in the Spring, was approved by the LISD Board of Trustees, in their regular July board meeting.

Students have heard talk of possible drug testing but we were unable to confirm whether it would take place or not until the board made their decision.

Coaches/Sponsors will be sharing information with their stud-

nts regarding this matter, as time to begin testing approaches.

The testing is not exclusive to students competing/ representing LHS. Students that plan to apply for a parking permit, will be required to participate in the drug testing as condition of the requirements that need to be fulfilled.

Once the results of the drug testing are returned they will be reviewed by administration. If the results of the testing are negative, the student will then be allowed to proceed with the remainder of the requirements needed to be eligible to purchase

a parking pass.

Additional information regarding testing can be found in the 2016-2017 Lytle High School Student Handbook.

*“ Parents and other visitors will need to use the call box...and be buzzed into the school”*

## Additional Security Measures to be put in Place

The safety of our students and staff are always concerns for us. With that in mind, you will notice some changes when you visit Lytle High School.

The front doors of the school will now be locked at all times. Parents and other visitors will need to use the call box located by the front doors to call into the office and be buzzed into the school .

Additionally, all doors leading

from the exterior into the building will remain locked at all times.

Each of these doors will now have device that will only allow entry to the building with a coded ID card.

Students and staff will be able to enter using their ID card. However, all visitors, vendors and deliveries to the school must come to the front doors to gain entry.

## Parent Portal, Remind app provide communication between school and parents

Two means of keeping informed with your child's classes and progress are the Parent Portal and the Remind app.

If you have not done so, please make sure to add your children to your parent portal account. You will be able to check their grades, attendance, and communicate with their teachers on a regular basis.

Changes to your child's registration information such as phone numbers and emergency

contacts, can be made online, via the portal. We will be able to review the changes and update your child's information in a timely manner.

Announcements and reminders will be sent out via Remind and email. If you don't have an email and would like to get help setting one up, please feel free to contact the office. A Remind has been setup for each grade level. To join, complete the following

steps:

In the "TO:" section of a text message enter 81010.. Then enter the Remind code that pertains to your child's graduating class., in the message section.

Class of 2017--@cb9286

Class of 2018--@8gdhc

Class of 2019--@f87eg3

Class of 2020--@2efbk



## Changes to HS Dress code to take effect with 2016-2017 School Year

While the dress code for high school students remained much the same as it had been in the past, there were two notable changes that were presented by district and campus administration that were approved by the Lytle ISD school board for the 2016– 2017 school year.

The first notable change pertains to the long standing rule against holes in jeans. The new dress code regulation reads:

**“Holes in jeans are allowable provided **NO** skin or undergarments are showing at any time while the student is standing, walking or sitting.”**

The second amended dress code regulation also relates to the bottoms allowable at school. Then new rule reads:

**“ Students may not wear tights, leggings, jeggings, yoga pants or other tight fitting pants, UNLESS worn in combination with a skirt or shorts meeting dress code requirements OR a top whose length extends to the thigh..”**

The changes should provide some relief to parents and students on the constraints of purchasing clothes for school while maintaining modesty for

our students.

Parents and students are reminded that the District reserves the right to prohibit any clothing or grooming style that the administration determines to be reasonably expected to pose a health or safety hazard or to cause substantial disruption of, distraction from, or interference with general school operations. In addition, extracurricular programs may have additional requirements or guidelines for participating in those programs.



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## Important Dates Testing Dates to Remember

**Students interested in taking ACT, SAT or PSAT exams need to make note of these Testing Dates:**

- ACT Dates : 10/22/16, 12/10/16, 2/11/17, 4/08/17, and

6/10/17

- SAT Dates: 10/01/16, 11/05/16, 12/03/16, 1/21/17, 3/11/17, 5/6/17, and 6/03/17
- PSAT - 10/19/16

- If you are on free or reduced lunch, see Ms. Hoff-

man for a fee waiver.

- Fees for the ACT and SAT test must be paid online.
- PSAT fees will be paid to Ms. Hoffman
- Free test prep for ACT/ SAT available upon request.

*“If you are on free or reduced lunch, see Ms. Hoffman for a fee waiver.”*

## Counselor’s Corner

**SCHEDULE CHANGES** All students will need to follow their schedule for the first week of school. Schedule changes for all students will not be made until the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school. Students will have an opportunity to request a change in their schedule by filling out a slip in the front office.

All students that turn in a request will be called to the office during the school day to meet with the counselor.

### **GRADEBOOK PORTAL-**

Students are encouraged to create an account to check their grades and attendance.

The portal ID will be the same as the given to your parents, but a different login will need to be created.

**REMIND App-** Please add yourself to your Remind class. I will be sending out important information and reminders.

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## Cassie's College & Career Readiness Corner

Welcome Back!

As we begin another school year, let us remember that communication is fundamental to a successful education. Please see me as a resource and a guide to help you and your student set college and/or the workforce goals.

If you would like to be added to my email listing please send your contact information to: [choffman@lytleisd.com](mailto:choffman@lytleisd.com). I have so much information to share with each of you!

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Dual Credit applications are now being accepted for the Spring 2017 semester.

9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> graders: PSAT registration deadline is September 1, 2016 cost \$15

12<sup>th</sup>- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1<sup>st</sup>: Get your 2015 tax paperwork ready!

## Principal's Message

As we get set to embark on a new school year, I feel thankful. Staffing for the new school year, has come with it's surprises, frustrations, and eventually it's resolutions. After all of the searching, I believe we have people in place that will bring new ideas and excitement to our existing staff. Together they will create new and interesting experiences for our students and continue to build on the existing relationships we have with our students.

Throughout the summer, I sat through several interviews where the applicants asked about Lytle High School and the students and staff we have.

Each time, I tried to accurately describe the students we have and in doing so, I found myself stating over and over. "We have some GREAT kids here".

I attempted to explain how students have a variety of interests ranging from Ag to Robotics, and Athletics to Theatre Arts. In my explanation it became more evident to me just how great our kids are. Though their interests vary greatly, the groups are accepting of others because they have grown up together. They have know each other since Kinder or 1st grade.

Applicants asked:

- How many fights did you have here last year? I laughed and said Zero, quite proudly.
- So, did your campus police ever have to forcibly remove a student from class? ( I can only assume they have seen YouTube videos of this). Nope, I replied chuckling.
- So you don't have kids that

cause major classroom disruptions? No, not usually was my standard response.

After receiving some sideways glances, where I was pretty sure they thought I was being less than truthful, I would simply explain.

We are a small rural school, we don't have many of the issues you see in larger school districts. We believe in building relationships with our students. We get to know our students and their passions. They are more than just an ID number or a faceless student here. We let them know we love them.

Yes, that is quite different that what you see in several other schools. But we aren't just any other school .

WE ARE LHS.

