

Welcome to Wildcat Days!

Thursday, August 10, 2017 for 12th and 11th grades
Friday, August 11, 2017 for 10th and 9th grades
in the Los Gatos High School Library and Quad

July 2017

Dear LGHS Families:

The 2017-18 school year begins next month! While classes officially start Thursday August 17th, “Wildcat Days” will be held during the week prior to the opening of school for all students to attend. **This is the time when all students will receive their class schedules.** Students are expected to hold onto their printed class schedule they receive during Wildcat Days and bring it with them to school on August 17. **This will be the only printed schedule students will receive.**

During Wildcat Days, students also will have their school pictures taken, turn in an email print-out signifying online parent authorizations and emergency information updates, purchase yearbooks, and complete much more. Keep reading and you’ll see what we have planned, so that everyone can begin school on the right note, ready to learn.

The schedule for Wildcat Days is as follows (according to the first letter of student’s last names):

Thursday, August 10 – Wildcat Days Schedule for Seniors and Juniors (in the library)

8:30	-	9:25	am	Seniors	A-G
9:25	-	10:20	am	Seniors	H-O
10:20	-	11:15	am	Seniors	P-Z
12:30	-	1:25	pm	Juniors	A-G
1:25	-	2:20	pm	Juniors	H-O
2:20	-	3:15	pm	Juniors	P-Z

Friday, August 11 – Wildcat Days Schedule for Freshmen (in the library)

8:30	-	9:00	am	Freshmen	A-B
9:00	-	9:30	am	Freshmen	C-D
9:30	-	10:00	am	Freshmen	E-G
10:00	-	10:30	am	Freshmen	H-Ka
10:30	-	11:00	am	Freshmen	Kb-Mal
12:15	-	1:00	pm	Freshmen	Mam-O
1:00	-	1:45	pm	Freshmen	P-Sa
1:45	-	2:30	pm	Freshmen	Sb-Tr
2:30	-	3:15	pm	Freshmen	Ts-Z

Friday, August 11 – Wildcat Days Schedule for Sophomores

AND State-Mandated Hearing Testing (meet outside of the library first.)

8:30	-	9:00	am	Sophomores	Ts-Z
9:00	-	9:30	am	Sophomores	Sb-Tr
9:30	-	10:00	am	Sophomores	P-Sa
10:00	-	10:30	am	Sophomores	Mam-O
10:30	-	11:00	am	Sophomores	Kb-Mal
12:15	-	1:00	pm	Sophomores	H-Ka
1:00	-	1:45	pm	Sophomores	E-G
1:45	-	2:30	pm	Sophomores	C-D
2:30	-	3:15	pm	Sophomores	A-B

Thursday, August 17 – Wildcat Days Make-up (First Day of School, in the Community Room)

7:00 am

All grades

This orange envelope contains everything needed for Wildcat Days—in other words, everything that each student needs to turn in prior to the start of school. **STUDENTS MUST BRING THIS ENVELOPE WITH THEM AT THEIR ASSIGNED TIME DURING WILDCAT DAYS, WITH ALL COMPLETED FORMS, DONATIONS, AND PAYMENTS INSIDE OF IT. STUDENTS MUST ALSO VISIT THE LGHS WEBSITE (WWW.LGHS.NET) TO ACCESS MORE WILDCAT DAY INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.**

In addition, returning students must pay all remaining textbook and library fines **prior to** Wildcat Days. **If you still owe fines, you will not receive your class schedule.** For information about textbook fines that are past due, please select the “Destiny” link on the “Textbook” page of the LGHS website. You may visit the LGHS Library/Textbook Office between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. beginning July 31st to clear your debts.

Here is an overview of items to complete before Wildcat Days and forms within this packet:

- 1. Online Student/Family Information Update and Authorizations (MANDATORY):** This online process **MUST be completed by parent and student prior to Wildcat Days.** (Please follow instructions included in this mailer.) **STUDENTS MUST BRING A PRINTED COPY OF THE CONFIRMATION EMAIL signifying completion of this online process and turn it in at the start of Wildcat Days. Students should print (neatly) at the top of this print out their name, student email address AS ASSIGNED BY LGHS, preferred household email address, and prior school (i.e. Fisher Middle School, CT English Middle School, etc.)**

You may start working on this online process on **July 24th**. To update emergency contact information and complete annual required legal authorizations, please go to <https://aeries.lgsuhd.org/aeries.net/Loginparent.aspx>. **All students will receive a new email and password this year!** You will receive an email prior to July 24th regarding your new student email and password which will replace your prior sign-in. **Again, students must bring a confirmation email demonstrating completion of this online process. Without this confirmation email print-out, students will not be able to enter Wildcat Days.**

- 2. Medical Alert Information: Health Services Forms (only as needed)**
Students with medical alerts that may affect them at school (e.g., diabetes, seizure conditions, asthma, some severe allergies) should download and complete the requisite forms obtained through the online process, also available through our district website at: http://www.lgsuhd.org/community_and_parents/health_services/individualized_health_care_plans
Once completed, the forms may be sealed in an envelope and returned during the Wildcat Days process or directly to the Health Office at LGHS. This information will be shared carefully with your student’s teachers and coaches to ensure safety.
- 3. LGHS Purchases and Donations (MANDATORY):** You may use the enclosed form to select and pay for a number of LGHS purchases up front, in one lump sum. A pdf of all forms is available at www.lghs.net and you may also pay for these purchases online. If you purchased items online, print a receipt and bring it with you on Wildcat Days. Even if you decide to not purchase anything, the form must be completed with a total of \$0 written on the form.
- 4. El Gato Newspaper Subscription Information (optional):** If your family chooses to purchase a home subscription to the school newspaper, please complete the enclosed form.
- 5. Support Organization Forms (optional):** Please read the forms from our helpful support organizations: LGHS New Millennium Foundation, Home and School Club, CASA, CASSY, and Peer to Peer programs. We encourage you to make donations which will help to provide beneficial experiences for students.

6. **School Pictures:** All students, regardless of ordering a picture package, will have their photographs taken during Wildcat Days for their LGHS Student ID Card. Students need this bar-coded ID card in order to pick up schedules and to check out textbooks the first week of school. Please follow the school dress code for school pictures. Students should not wear strapless tops or tops with “spaghetti straps.” Now & Forever Studios will send an email to all families with instructions for ordering photo packages online should you wish to purchase pictures of your student taken during Wildcat Days.
7. **Parking Permits:** During Wildcat days, to purchase a Student Parking Permit, Seniors need to complete the Student Parking Permit Application (www.LGHS.net) and submit the designated fee, as well as **bring and show their driver’s license** to a staff member. After purchasing their permit, students will drive their vehicle to the back parking lot area, near the large gym, to have a parking sticker affixed directly to their back windshield on the lower left side. Seniors who do not participate in Wildcat Days can apply for a parking permit, starting on the first day of school, by getting an application through House 1. Please note this may take several weeks to process. Juniors may apply for a special parking permit due to hardship through House 1 starting on the first day of school. Each hardship application will be reviewed before approval.
8. **LGHS Financial Support Application:** If you are interested in applying for financial support for certain school related, optional expenses, please complete, sign, and return this form to your House office, located in the mail hall, by Friday August 4.
9. **New Student Orientation Information (FRESHMEN & NEW STUDENTS ONLY):** All Freshmen and students new to LGHS should read the flyer about Orientation Day, held on Tuesday, August 15. See www.LGHS.net. All new students should attend this important event to welcome you to LGHS!
10. **Forms Available Online Only:** Please check the LGHS website, <http://www.lghs.net>, on the main page, under News and Announcements for a link to additional optional forms available online only. Including: Student Parking Permit Application for Seniors, Locker Contract, Sports Participation.

After completing the different stations at Wildcat Days, your student should review his/her schedule before leaving campus. If an error is noticed, he/she should go directly to see his/her Guidance Counselor to see if a change is possible. Guidance Counselors will be available in their offices to meet with students immediately after they complete Wildcat Days in order to correct schedule errors. Counselors will be meeting with students all day and will not be able to make schedule changes by phone or email. NOTE: LGHS does not honor requests for a specific teacher. As another reminder, students cannot change course levels during the first six weeks of school.

Upon leaving Wildcat Days, students will take home with them the following items (among additional pieces of school information): their class schedule, a 2017-18 calendar magnet (to help you keep “orange” and “black” days straight), and a daily bell schedule. Please ask your student to show you this information when they arrive home, and you can talk about it together. ☺

Again, one important reminder: **STUDENTS CLASS SCHEDULES WILL NOT BE MAILED TO FAMILIES. Students will receive their class schedules only by attending Wildcat Days and need to save the schedules that they receive and bring them to school on August 17.** Schedules will not be reprinted for students who lose them.

On behalf of the entire staff at LGHS, we want to wish families a safe and restful remaining few weeks of summer. We look forward to seeing you during Wildcat Days on August 10 or 11!

Respectfully,

The LGHS Administrative and Guidance Team