

Dear Laramie High School Students and Parents/Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. As you know, safety is a major priority at LHS. Tuesday, you might have noticed our Student Council teamed with first responders in encouraging students to wear their seatbelts when traveling to and from school. While the extra four minutes of traffic may have been inconvenient, I believe the reminder was extremely important.

In this short communication you will find some information regarding winter safety at LHS: two reminders, and one small change I am making to future Wednesday I & E Study Hall sessions.

Snowballs:

With snow comes snowballs. Fortunately, did not observe any snowballs earlier this week. While snowballs can be great fun, they occasionally have been known to cause personal injury and property damage. Therefore, I shared with all I & E students this week that any snowballs thrown on campus will result in an administrative consequence. Should you receive a phone call from us regarding a snowball, please understand we are not trying to eliminate fun... we are only proactively trying to keep students safe.

Winter Driving:

Winter is here, and with that comes challenging driving conditions. Therefore, we have informed our students to slow down in the student lot to reduce the likelihood of events resulting in injury and/or property damage. We have also encouraged students to leave for school earlier to ensure safe driving and to allow themselves time to scrape the frost from their windshield. Additionally, please remind your child it is **NEVER** okay to aggressively drive (ex. speed, push through stop lights, tailgate, etc.) to school.

End of the Day:

With the change in weather, we are experiencing an increase in students who like to hang out at LHS after school. We really appreciate that all students feel safe and comfortable at LHS. Students who remain on campus after 3:40 p.m. must be working with a teacher or involved in an activity that begins right after school. Students who wish to study or use the school internet, will be directed to the LHS Library/Media Center. It is a quiet place to study and has internet.

Any student who remains on campus, but is not working with a teacher or involved in a school activity, will be asked to go home or wait for their ride near the front doors. Students waiting for a ride home should wait in the front entrance breezeway. If your child needs transportation home, please call the ACSD #1 Transportation Department at (307) 721-4470. Additionally, if you need a place for your child to “hang out” after school there are great community organizations with whom you can be set up (ex. Big Brothers Big Sisters). Please contact your child’s school counselor ([307] 721-4488) if you would like more information on those community programs.

I & E Study Hall:

I'm revamping I & E study hall to improve its efficiency. Below are the changes to study hall:

- Students will need to initially report to the study hall kiosk to meet with the principal or assistant principal before checking into study hall.
- In order to be eligible for study hall, students must have no grade below a C. Students who have a grade below a C, are encouraged to go to that particular class (or classes) to work with the teacher to raise their grade.
- No students will be allowed into study hall after 2:00 PM. Instead, students can better utilize time by using their assigned I & E classroom to study.

Reminder: Message From Yearbook Sponsor

“We are excited to announce that the 2019 Laramie High School yearbook is now on sale! Make sure that your student doesn't miss out on our yearbook tradition. It's the only book that captures the year's events, activities, friendships, experiences and memories from Laramie High School. The book is on sale until November 2nd for the lowest price. You may place your order for the yearbook at www.jostensyearbooks.com or from the Laramie High School website. If you have already purchased a book, thank you! This year's book is one you won't want to miss!”

Reminder: Student-Led Supply Drive

LAWS (Laramie Animal Welfare Society) is having a cat food and supplies drive from October 22 to 29. Cat food, treats, toys, and other supplies are accepted as well as old plastic storage bins and Styrofoam coolers for winter homes for cats. All supplies should be dropped off in a storage container located outside the main office of the high school. For your convenience, the office will be open during Parent/Guardian Conferences (10/24 and 10/25). We will be giving suckers to people who bring supplies in! Thank you and happy fall!” The following is a list of accepted supplies:

-Hefty contractor bags

-Paper towels

-Blankets

-Towels

-Laser toys

-Non- Clumping litter

-Spoons

-Clorox wipes

-Cleaning supplies

- Bleach
- Baby wipes
- Kennels
- Turkey baby food
- Wet cat food
- Dry food
- Cages
- Donations
- Cat beds

Fall Planning Calendar:

October 24, 2018 *Jostens* presentation to graduating seniors 2:30 PM

***October 24, 2018* Parent/Guardian Conferences 3:30-7:30 PM**

***October 25, 2018* Parent/Guardian Conferences 8:00 AM-7:00 PM**

October 26, 2018 No School

November 6, 2018 No School – Professional Development Day

I look forward to see you at Parent/Guardian Conferences this week. In the meantime, feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My contact information is at the bottom of the LHS website and on the bottom of this newsletter.

Sincerely,

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