

August 17, 2021

Dear Class of 2025 and Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. On behalf of the administration, faculty, and staff at Lower Merion High School, I am excited to welcome you to our school and invite you to our orientation programs.

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 (Students Only)

8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

This program will be a comprehensive orientation in which students will meet with their advisors, teachers, and counselors. Students will actually attend their "A" day classes and have an opportunity to socialize with their classmates during advisory activities. It is our hope that this program will help ease the transition and make the first day of high school more comfortable. For this event students will be able to take their regular buses to school. **Orientation is starting one hour later than the normal school day, so the bus will pick your child up one hour later than the normal scheduled time.** For example, if your normal pick-up time is 6:50 AM, then on Wednesday, September 1st the bus will pick your child up at 7:50 AM. Please be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Your transportation information will be available in PowerSchool on Friday, August 27th. **Students will be required to wear a mask while on the bus and in the building.**

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 (Parents of Incoming 9th grade Students)

6:00-8:30 PM

This program is for the parents of incoming ninth grade students. This program is called, "How to Navigate High School" and is designed for parents to meet with administrators, counselors, department chairs, and other members of the LMHS community as well as to learn how to support their students through the high school experience. **Masks are required while in the building.**

In the event that you are not able to attend our Orientation session in person, the "*How to Navigate High School*" presentation will be livestreamed via the district website. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be posted on the 9th Grade Blackboard on Thursday, 9/2/21.

9th Grade Parent Orientation
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
6:00-8:30 PM

6:00-7:00	Break Out Sessions for Parents (select 2 – each session is 30 minutes) o Meet with School Counselors - Cafeteria o Blackboard with Beth Hampton - LGI o Meet with Department Chairs - Gymnasium o Upperclassmen Student Panel – Room 128 o Building Tours -meet in front of the Auditorium
7:00-8:30	"*How to Navigate High School*" presentation for Parents – Auditorium

While neither of these events is mandatory, it is our hope that students and parents will take advantage of the programs being offered.

Also included with this letter, please find the 9th Grade school supply list.

Please feel free to contact me by phone, 610-645-1834 or email defrank@lmsd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Karen deFranco
9th Grade Assistant Principal