

# LDHS - NEWS FROM YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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## MARK THESE 2023-2024 DATES!

August 16	6-7:30pm New Student Orientation
<b>August 24</b>	<b>Open House 6:00-7:30pm—NEW FORMAT!</b>
August 28	First Day of School
September 1	No School
September 4	No School/Labor day
September 11-22	<b>Window for elective schedule changes</b>
October 3	ASVAB test 7:45am (for military entrance)
October 9	No School
October 5	Financial Aid Night 7:0pm HS Library
October 12	FAFSA Night 7:00pm HS Library
October 14	PSAT Test 8:00am
October 25	<b>Last day for schedule changes</b>
November 1	End of marking period 1
November 4	SAT Test 8am ( <b>deadline</b> to register 10/6)
November 7	No School (Election Day)
Nov 21— Nov 27	Holiday Break
December 9	ACT test 8am ( <b>deadline</b> to register 11/3)
December 22	Early Dismissal
Dec 25—Jan 1	Holiday Break
January 12 & 15	No School
January 23	End of marking period 2
February 1	Career & Post Secondary Planning Program 7pm HS Lib
February 7	8th gr HS Orientation for Parents 7pm HS Aud.
February 16 & 19	No School
March 9	SAT Test 8am ( <b>deadline</b> to register 2/23)
March 19	ASVAB test 7:45am (for military entrance)
March 27— April 1	No School
April 3	End of marking period 3
April 13	ACT Test 8am ( <b>deadline</b> to register 3/8)
April 23	No School
June 1	SAT Test 8am ( <b>deadline</b> to register 5/17)
June 6	Commencement
June 7	Last day for students

**Schedules will be available ONLINE ONLY** in Power School on **August 7th**. Check your schedule carefully for credits, class choices and levels. Contact your counselor with questions/concerns as soon as possible if you see an error or to make a change.

The deadline to change classes before school begins is **August 18th**. This includes level changes and elective changes. Once the school year begins, students cannot make changes until after two weeks has passed. Between 9/11 and 9/22, students can make elective changes and from 9/11 through 10/25, students can make teacher and parent approved level changes.

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### Sign up for Remind

*Remind texts help students and parents with schedule topics & dates and deadlines!*

**Remind NUMBER 81010**

**12th gr text @espen2024**

**11th gr text @beaver2025**

**10th gr text @2026LD**

**9th gr text @dreon2027**

We can't wait to welcome the **Class of 2027!** Please join us for **New Student Orientation** on **August 16th 6:00 - 7:30pm** where you will be able to walk through your schedule and familiarize yourself with the high school.

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## TESTING NEWS

The PSAT and SAT are moving to **fully digital formats** during the **2023-2024 school year**. The digital PSAT will be offered at LDHS on Saturday, October 14, 2023. The SAT will be offered at LDHS on November 4, March 9, and June 1. The November 4 SAT will still be paper and pencil format, but starting in March, the SAT will move to a fully digital test. No more paper and pencil testing will be offered.

Students will use their school-issued laptops for testing. More information about digital testing will be communicated to students as we move into next school year, but details are available online at <https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/digital>.

### SAT PREP CLASSES

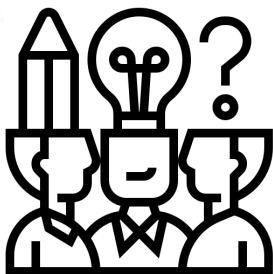
LDHS offers a **FALL SAT PREP** class to help students get ready for the **November 4th SAT** test. Students can register either for the **Wednesday** evening class (6pm-9pm 9/20-10/25) **or** for the **Saturday** morning class (9am-12pm 9/16-10/28). There are 6 sessions and the **cost is \$70**. Registration for the fall prep class is open now and the form is online. Deadline to register is **9/15/23**.

*\*\*We offer another prep class in the winter for the March test. Registration for that class will begin in December and the deadline to sign up will be 1/19/24.*

Students and families are encouraged to seek out grade level counselor websites and the Counseling Department homepage. There you will be able to find information about preparing for your future — suggested timelines, career planning, financial aid information and so much more!

The Counseling Department is committed to helping students find their place in the world so we have relationships with military recruiters, apprenticeship programs, local businesses, college admissions representatives, etc. and we do our best to maintain the website with up-to-date resources and links.

We welcome family appointments throughout the summer and school year to help individual students create a career/post-secondary school pathway that makes sense. Please contact your School Counselor to make an appointment this year.



### TO TEST OR NOT TO TEST...?

Admission tests (such as SAT and ACT) apply a common standard to everyone, helping colleges evaluate and compare the preparation of students who go to different high schools. New test-optional policies are changing how colleges use test scores in application decisions.

Some schools are test blind. That means that college entrance tests don't impact the admissions decision in any way. Even if submitted, they aren't considered.

Other colleges are test optional. If a college or university has a test-optional admissions policy, that means they allow all or some applicants to decide whether to submit SAT or ACT scores as part of their application. It doesn't mean that schools aren't interested in seeing all applicants' test scores, but if a student doesn't submit their scores, it won't be counted against them in the application review.

**Many schools still use test scores for placement and scholarship consideration.** Even if they don't play a part in admissions decisions, admission tests can make a difference. Policies continue to evolve. Checking with colleges about their testing requirements is crucial before you apply.

*Adapted from [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)*

### REPORT CARDS

We send paper report cards for marking periods 2 (January) and 4 (June) **only**. If you would like to receive paper copies of the report card each marking period, please contact your child's counselor. Grades will continue to be available online in Power School and we encourage students & parents to use this valuable tool all year. Contact a secretary or counselor if you need your Power School user name or password.