

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LA PLATA HIGH SCHOOL



9/17/2021



~REMINDERS~

9/22/2021 - First Day of Autumn

9/28/2021 - 2 Hour Early Dismissal

10/4/2021 - First Quarter Interims

La Plata Students and Families,

I hope students are enjoying their day off today. We started our PRIDE Time schedule this week. This schedule allows students to eat lunch for one half hour and then participate in clubs or meet with teachers for tutoring for the other half hour. We will still use QR codes during PRIDE Time to help with contact tracing purposes. The 9th grade students have been working in the 9th Grade Academy during PRIDE Time to help them transition to the new schedule and learn about resources available for them to meet success.

A reminder for students and families that we have a support team to help them if they are out of the building for medical reasons. The school team consists of administrators, school counselors, PPW, and the school nurse. This team helps with COVID questions and assists students to stay up on their studies. Mrs. Birmingham, our PPW is the point of contact for the school team. Information can be found on our website under the COVID-19 Procedures tab at the top of the page and then under the link for LPHS Continuity of Learning for Quarantined or Isolated Students.

Some of our students attended the CCBOE College Fair on Monday. Please contact Mrs. Tara Campbell (tcampbell@ccboe.com) for additional information on colleges, scholarships, military service, or trade opportunities.

If you need additional information or support for anything you do not see in the newsletter please reach out to your grade level administrator or school counselor. We appreciate your support. Have a good three-day weekend.

Sincerely,
Douglass Dolan
Principal

Daily return to school

Checklist

☒ Pack a face covering

All students & staff are required to wear a face covering at school and on the school bus. Cloth face coverings should be washed regularly; disposable face masks should be used once. Masks must be able to be worn on the face unaided. If possible, students should pack an extra mask.

☒ Check wellness

Students showing symptoms of COVID-19 — or any signs of illness — may not attend school. If a student will not be in school, please report the absence to the child's school.

☒ Remember to bring a water bottle

Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles from home. Water fountains & bottle filling stations are for filling an empty bottle, not for drinking directly from the fountain.

☒ Charge devices, pack charging cords

Students should carry their fully-charged laptop or iPad to school each day. Be sure to charge the devices each night and pack charging cords to ensure a student will have access to their device during the school day.

☒ Make meal plans

Breakfast and lunch will be available free of charge to all students. Look at the daily menu at www.ccboe.com. Students may bring their meals to school, as well.





Science National Honor Society is now accepting applications! You can pick up an application from the Science National Honor Society bulletin board outside of SC402 (Mrs. Andrews's room). All applications are due by Friday, September 24.

Please see Mrs. Andrews or Mrs. Gibson with any questions.



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2021-22 LPHS Student Handbook

The 2021-22 LPHS Student Handbook is posted to the main page of school website at this link: https://www.ccboe.com/schools/laplata/images/Student-Handbook/2021-22_Student_Handbook.pdf.

Families who wish to have a printed copy of the handbook should contact the grade level administrator for the youngest child at La Plata High School by Friday, September 3, 2021.

- 9th grade – Mr. Underwood – cunderwood@ccboe.com
- 10th grade – Mr. Craley – bcraley@ccboe.com
- 11th grade – Mr. Mitchell – dmitchell@ccboe.com
- 12th grade – Ms. Bowie – jbowie@ccboe.com

2021-22 CCPS CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

All students will receive a copy of the CCPS Code of Student Conduct for 2021-22. Parents should review this document with their children then sign and return the last page to the administrative homeroom teacher by Friday, September 3, 2021. This document is also available at [CCPS Code of Student Conduct for 2021-22](#).

2021 Early Fall Assessments



Overview of Early Fall Assessments

As part of continued COVID-19 recovery efforts, the Maryland State Department of Education is conducting an early fall student assessment as one of several strategies to identify how students are performing academically. The results will help educators better understand student needs, so that we can address disrupted education and accelerate learning opportunities for all students. These results never stand alone in assessing student growth, and will be used in combination with other assessments and class work to gauge overall student performance.

What is MCAP?

The Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) is the overarching term used for all state assessments. MSDE will administer assessments in the Early Fall for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L), Mathematics, and Science (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment-MISA), as well as the Alternate Assessments in ELA, Mathematics and Science, and the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). The MCAP also includes assessments in Social Studies and the ACCESS for ELLs assessment for English language learners.

What is different this year?

SHORTER ASSESSMENTS

Each Early Fall assessment is a shorter version of the traditional ELA/L, Mathematics, and MISA assessments which will measure how well students performed in content presented during the last school year (2020-2021). Students will take the assessment for the grade or course in which they were enrolled last Spring when the assessment was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For example: a current 4th grader will take the 3rd grade English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) or Mathematics test, and a current 9th grader would take the 8th grade MISA assessment.

COVID-19 WAIVER

High school students who were enrolled in an ELA/L 10, Algebra I or High School Science course last year and take the shorter Early Fall assessment will not be required to pass the assessment to meet Maryland's graduation requirements. Additionally, during the 2021-2022 school year, students enrolled in an ELA/L 10, Algebra I, Biology or Life Science, or Government course will be required to take, yet not required to pass, the current assessments for graduation. Students must pass the respective course.

NO TESTS FOR 3RD GRADERS DURING THE EARLY FALL ASSESSMENTS

Students in 3rd grade will not test since it is content from the prior year that will be assessed.



For additional information on MCAP assessments, please visit:

marylandpublicschools.org

Early Fall Testing Schedule for MCAP

SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 22

English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L),
Mathematics, Maryland Integrated Science
Assessment (MISA)

- ELA/L Grades 3-8 & 10
- Mathematics Grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- MISA Grades 5 & 8, and High School

SEPTEMBER 13 – OCTOBER 29

Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate
Assessments

- ELA and Mathematics Grades 3-8 & 11
- Science Grades 5, 8 and 11

AUGUST 2 – OCTOBER 10

Kindergarten Readiness Assessment
(KRA)

AP EXAM REIMBURSEMENTS

Charles County Public Schools will reimburse the cost of any AP exam which a student receives a score of 3, 4 or 5. In order to get reimbursed, students must:

- 1) Fill out a Test Reimbursement Request Form
 - ❖ only 1 form is needed for all exams being reimbursed
 - ❖ both sides of the form must be complete
- 2) Print off a copy of the AP score report from the College Board website.
- 3) Mail the form and the copy of the score report to:

La Plata High School
6035 Radio Station Road
La Plata, MD 20646

OR

Email the form and the copy of the score report to ksackman@ccboe.com

**All requests for reimbursement must be turned in by Thursday,
September 30th.**

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS

SENIORS – PLEASE CONTACT MRS. BAUTISTA OR MRS. GLADDEN FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS.

Please go to the following link to get information on Colleges and Career and the latest scholarship information.

<https://www.ccboe.com/schools/laplata/index.php/login/2016-04-22-21-40-09>

The Charles County public school system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age or disability in its programs, activities or employment practices. For inquiries, please contact Kathy Kiessling, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (students) or Nikial M. Majors, Title IX/ADA/Section 504 Coordinator (employees/adults), at Charles County Public Schools, Jesse L. Starkey Administration Building, P.O. Box 2770, La Plata, MD 20646; 301-932-6610/301-870-3814. For special accommodations call 301-934-7230 or TDD 1-800-735-2258 two weeks prior to the event.

CCPS provides nondiscriminatory equal access to school facilities in accordance with its Use of Facilities rules to designated youth groups (including, but not limited to, the Boy Scouts).