

August 8, 2020

Dear Lassiter Families:

We are making final preparations this week for the first day of school on Monday, August 17. Teachers have spent time working in collaborative teams to streamline the curriculum into a condensed format. Teachers are preparing videos to welcome students to their virtual classes. We are setting up advisements/homerooms for students to help distribute information to all students. We are setting up blocks of time for parent conferences, student support time periods, teacher office hours, and enrichment times to supplement the curriculum. Attached is our virtual bell schedule that will serve as our guide to how we will interact, teach, and connect to our students each day. This week, the District will make available a student orientation on CTLS Learn. Once released, we will provide more specific Lassiter details to make sure students are ready for August 17. We have added a link on our website for both CLTS Learn and CTLS parent in anticipation of both being activated this week.

### **Counseling**

Student transcripts were mailed to students last week. Normally, we provide all students a copy on the first day of school, this is your copy to have as a reference. If you did not receive a copy, please email Mindi Thomann at [Melinda.Thomann@Cobbk12.org](mailto:Melinda.Thomann@Cobbk12.org). Please make sure you visit/bookmark our counseling webpage. Our counselors are putting out a lot of information so we want all of our Lassiter families to stay connected - <https://lassitercounseling.wixsite.com/lhscounseling>

### **Virtual Go Day**

Typically, Lassiter hosts Go Day as we get close to the 1<sup>st</sup> day of school. Parents can pay for instructional materials, parking decals, class dues, sports passes, join PTSA, and take class pictures for the yearbook. This year, we have streamlined Go Day to items that parents can take care of virtually. We will have to wait until we receive further direction from the District as to when and how we can accept payments for parking and athletic events.

### **Donations**

**Senior Class of 2021** - \$75.00 - Pays for events/activities that we traditionally have for seniors (Senior Formal, Senior Night on the Green, and Luncheons.) Ms. Koester, Coach Fischer, and Mr. Ruggiero are our senior class sponsors. They will communicate with seniors this week on our Lassiter 1<sup>st</sup> day of school tradition.

**Classes 2022 – 2024** – We are providing families options to donate different dollar amounts. Your donation will help us to purchase/supplement instructional supplies for classrooms, technology for staff to enhance remote work, Naviance (Counseling College/Career Readiness Program), X2 Vol (Tracks Student Service Hours). We are also preparing our classrooms and building for the possibility that we will return to face to face instruction. Your donation will help purchase and supplement supplies that we would need to help mitigate the virus.

There is a MyPaymentsPlus link on our web page. Starting Monday August 10, families can donate \$75, \$50, or \$25. Thank you for donating. The support of Lassiter families over the years to supplement our instructional program(s) has been a tremendous benefit for our students as they prepare for college or a career after high school.

## **Join the Lassiter PTSA!**

During a traditional school year, PTSA normally sponsors programs and events such as Red-E Week, Black History Month, Teacher Mini-Grants, Senior Scholarships, and many more. In addition to our commitment to provide these programs and advocacy, one of our top priorities this year will be focusing on the emotional and physical health of our students and staff by providing outreach and supplementing funds to cover the cost of PPE and other health and safety needs in the school.

In order for PTSA to continue with our mission, we need your help! You can do this by simply joining the PTSA and/or making a donation. As a 501(c)(3) all donations made to Lassiter PTSA are tax-deductible!

We have simplified our membership options to reflect the current school year as well as making membership 100% online. Follow the link below to purchase your memberships, make a donation, sponsor a teacher, and buy some LHS swag.

Now, more than ever, it's important that we're staying connected. While creating your membership, make sure you sign up for the Trumpet Blast to receive email communications from the PTSA. Also 'like' us on a Facebook @LassiterHSPTSA and Instagram @lassiter\_ptsa to see frequent updates and announcements.

Due to the spread of COVID-19, the 2020-2021 school year will be like no other. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to support our school during this unprecedented time.

<http://www.lassiterptsa.org/>

## **Textbooks**

Before we can begin distributing textbooks, we need to see if students/parents can help us "round up" any textbooks that were not turned in last spring. There will be a cart set up at the front entrance of Lassiter this week to drop off any textbooks or materials. The cart will be set up from 6:30 am until 4:00 p.m. each day.

## **Not Attending Lassiter This Fall?**

If you are not attending Lassiter this fall and would like to be removed from our system/contacts, please email Barbara Lehmann - [Barbarbar.Lehmann@cobbk12.org](mailto:Barbarbar.Lehmann@cobbk12.org). This will also help us maintain accurate attendance records during virtual learning.

## **Closing**

As the District distributes more information this week to orient students on how to navigate CTLS, please direct all questions pertaining to devices, log-in, or CTLS in general to Julie Huffman, assistant principal at [Julie.Huffman@Cobbk12.org](mailto:Julie.Huffman@Cobbk12.org).

I know that the opening to this school year will look and feel very different from all previous years; however, I also know that our commitment to serving your children and family is unwavering. The dedication and enthusiasm of our staff is as strong as ever. Please know that we are here to help, to support, and to do all that we can to ensure your student's success.

Sincerely,

Chris Richie  
Principal