First Week Follow-Up

We hope your family has had a smooth and positive start to the school year! It has been energizing to welcome our students back into the building and see classrooms filled with engagement, connection, and a renewed focus on learning.

This week, we met with each grade level to kick off the year with a clear and united message. We began by celebrating last year's outstanding academic achievements. Lassiter's End of Course Milestone scores were among the highest in the state, and our Advanced Placement results were exceptional, consistently surpassing both state and global averages. We are incredibly proud of our students and teachers for their dedication and hard work. These results set a strong foundation, and we've challenged all students to build on that success by setting ambitious academic goals and striving for personal growth.

In addition to celebrating our achievements, we also used these meetings to reinforce expectations around behavior, safety, and responsibility. Our goal is always to partner with students and families to support wise choices and create a school culture rooted in respect and responsibility. We reminded students that no one has the right to interfere with the learning, safety, or well-being of others.

Key topics discussed included:

- Appropriate use of social media (we encourage families to regularly check devices)
- Prohibited items: drugs, alcohol, vapes, and weapons
- Campus safety drills and procedures
- The importance of respectful language and zero tolerance for hate speech or offensive behavior
- Sexual harassment and assault prevention
- Fighting and physical altercations
- Avoiding restricted areas, including unsupervised time in restrooms

At Lassiter, we are committed to promoting leadership, strong character, and positive decision-making. We ask for your continued partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home. Please take a few moments to review the <u>Lassiter Student Handbook</u> and the Conduct with your child.

With your support and encouragement, we are confident that every student can achieve success this year—academically and personally. This is a great time to check in with your child about their goals and ensure their daily choices align with those goals.

We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Returning Athlete Meeting

As we begin another exciting year of athletics at Lassiter High School, we want to ensure that all returning student-athletes are set up for success—both on and off the field. To support this, Coach Kelly (Assistant Principal/Athletic Director) will host a meeting in the Theater during Advisement on Monday, August 11 for all returning athletes.

During this meeting, we will review our expectations for the upcoming school year, including academic accountability, sportsmanship, behavior on and off campus, and

the importance of representing Lassiter with pride. We will also discuss team culture, leadership, and the role each student-athlete plays in fostering a positive athletic environment.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your student to attend and take this meeting seriously. Our coaches and staff are looking forward to working with your athlete to make this year a successful and rewarding experience. Go Trojans!

Safety Information

Throughout the first week, we made it a priority to review all key safety procedures with students. Our goal is to ensure that every Lassiter student knows what to do in the event of an emergency and understands the expectations for maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive school environment.

Topics reviewed included:

- Campus emergency drills (fire, severe weather, lockdowns)
- Evacuation and shelter-in-place procedures
- Safe and appropriate behavior in hallways, classrooms, and common areas
- How to report safety concerns to trusted adults or through the district's reporting systems
- The importance of staying alert, following directions, and looking out for one another

Safety is a shared responsibility, and we appreciate your partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home. Please remind your child that if they ever see or hear something concerning, they should speak up. Whether through a teacher, administrator, or counselor, we want students to feel empowered to keep our Lassiter community safe.

Thank you again for your trust and partnership. We are committed to providing a safe, secure, and supportive learning environment for every student at Lassiter High School.

9th Grade Parent Night

To support a strong start for our 9th grade families, we will be hosting a **9th Grade Parent Meeting** on **Monday, August 11 at 6:00 PM** in the **Lassiter Theater**. This meeting is designed specifically for parents and guardians of 9th grade students and will provide important information about the transition to high school.

Topics will include:

- Academic expectations and graduation requirements
- Support services and resources available for students
- Tips for helping your student adjust to high school life
- Opportunities to get involved at Lassiter
- Looking ahead next steps and college planning

Our school counselors will be present to share information and answer any questions you may have. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how we work together to support your child's academic and personal growth during their time at Lassiter.

12th Grade Parent Night

Senior year is officially underway, and we are excited to support your student during this important and memorable final year of high school! To help you stay informed and prepared for the future, we will be hosting a **12th Grade Parent Meeting** on **Monday, August 11 at 7:30 PM** in the **Lassiter Theater**. This meeting is designed to share important information and updates to help ensure a successful senior year.

Topics will include:

- Graduation requirements and senior timeline
- College and post-secondary planning
- SAT/ACT and scholarship information
- · Senior events and key dates
- Making the most of the final year at Lassiter

Our school counselors will be available to provide information and answer questions. We encourage all senior parents and guardians to attend this important meeting. We're looking forward to a great year and are committed to helping every student finish strong and prepared for their next steps.

Important Dates

August 11 – 9th Grade Parent Night (6:00pm) and 12th Grade Parent Night (7:30pm)

August 18 – Digital Learning Day

August 20 – First Day of Academic Support and Enrichment (ASE)

August 21 – PTSA Meeting (6:00pm) and Open House (6:30pm)

August 25 – Academic Letter Ceremony (6:00pm)

September 1 – Labor Day Holiday (No School)

September 22 through September 26 – Fall Break (No School)

September 29 – Financial Aid Night (6:00pm)

October 10 – Homecoming Football vs River Wood

October 11 - Homecoming Dance

October 13 – Digital Learning Day

October 16 – PSAT at Lassiter