



# Luray High School



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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I hope everyone has had a great summer. We look forward to seeing our students on August 23rd at orientation, and then the first day of school on August 28th.

Orientation for Freshmen is a scheduled event that will take place from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm. A detailed schedule can be found [here](#) for freshmen orientation. Within this time period schedules will be distributed, parent portals updated, a meeting will be held with parents and students, and a mock schedule completed to ensure students feel comfortable navigating the building. Additionally, the LHS PTSO, Luray Bulldogs Athletics Association, and various clubs will have displays set up so that you can obtain more information regarding those organizations.

Upperclassmen (10th-12th) have an orientation open house from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to come with their students to obtain their schedules, update parent portal, and meet teachers as needed. There will be no mock schedule run for the upperclassmen.

**Please note that schedules will not be available prior to orientation.** Some students and parents have seen course requests in PowerSchool or during a technical issue with PowerSchool may have viewed their schedule earlier; however, schedules were not final at that time.

We need students and parents to attend orientation to ensure that we have answered questions about schedules and to update parent portal information. Parent portal is an important online resource that both parents and LHS staff utilize to maintain demographic information, picture releases, emergency contacts, honor roll publication releases, etc. Additionally, PowerSchool is the official record for your child's grades and we encourage you to monitor grades on a regular basis to ensure your students are making up work, being successful in the classroom, and we encourage you to reach out to teachers if you feel your child could benefit from additional resources or support.

Luray High School wants to continue our partnership with you, as student success depends on all of us working together. A key contributor to student success (instructionally and socially) is attendance (every day, all day). Research has shown that students who attend school regularly perform better academically than their peers who miss large quantities of instructional time. It has also been shown that students who are in school and stay in school, develop more than academic skills, they also gain social and emotional skills as a result of being in a structured environment with their peers.

During the 2023-2024 school year both high schools will be implementing a new academic schedule. This schedule will still follow a 4x4 block schedule. We have moved our seminar/advisory time to either Lunch A or Lunch B and will continue to work on social emotional learning activities, community service, mentoring, and academic support. We moved advisory to allow for more instructional time during the four blocks of the day as well as provide enhanced supervision at lunch (half the students) in the commons and the gym. Additionally, by

having only half of the student body at lunch at one time, more are able to participate in our intramural program during that time as well. Thus the advisory / lunch schedule will be as follows:

Lunch A	9th & 10th report to their advisory teachers. 11th & 12th eat lunch and participate in intramurals
Lunch B	9th & 10th eat lunch and participate in intramurals. 11th & 12th report to their advisory teachers.

As such I have included a bell schedule [here](#) for your review. Please note that all students will have an advisory period this school year. Additionally, the students who travel to the Page County Technical Center in the afternoon will now leave at the beginning of 3rd block.

Please plan to attend all scheduled classes the 1st day of school and then see your counselor should you need a schedule change. Scheduling changes will be done on a case by case basis and will depend upon availability of a particular class. Additionally, if your schedule has a blank spot in it, please contact your school counselor as soon as possible to schedule additional graduation requirements. No scheduling changes will occur after the 1st 10 days of school. The contact information for our School Counselors is as follows:

- **Mrs. Sarah Lam** serves students whose last names start with A-K. Her email address is [sarahlam@pagecounty.k12.va.us](mailto:sarahlam@pagecounty.k12.va.us). She can be reached by phone at 743-3800 extension 2647.
- **Ms. Madison McKay** serves students whose last names start with L-Z. Her email address is [mmckay@pagecounty.k12.va.us](mailto:mmckay@pagecounty.k12.va.us). She can be reached by phone at 743-3800 extension 2648.

**Note:** if you plan to play a sport at any point during the school year, make sure you have the required credits to be eligible per VHSL rules (all classes receive credit with the exception of teacher assistant, early release / late arrival, and advisory). Fall sport athletes must be taking 3 credits semester 1 and have passed 3 credits the previous semester. Winter sport athletes must take 3 credits during semester 1 and semester 2 and pass 3 credits in semester 1. Spring sport athletes must take 3 credits semester 2 and pass 3 credits during semester 1.

Another event to help freshmen become acclimated to our building and begin to learn about activities, clubs, etc. is our upcoming Bulldog Nation event on August 14th, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Parents can drop their students off in the commons of LHS no earlier than 11:30 am and should be back to pick them up by 4:00 pm. We will have lunch (grilling outside), games, and various organizations there to get your freshmen ready for the upcoming year.

Get your spirit wear today. The Bulldog Sideline Store ([Spirit Wear](#)) is open and will be available for the duration of the school year. There is currently a sale of 20% off of everything for a limited time. Use the code: GEAR.

Enjoy the rest of your summer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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