



# LYMAN MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

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*"Home of the Bulldogs"*

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Dear Students, Parents and Guardians:

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2023 - 2024 school year. We are eagerly awaiting the start of what will surely be an exciting new year filled with new experiences for students academically and socially and opportunities for student growth. We would like to welcome all the new students who will be joining us and enriching our school community as well as reconnecting with our returning students. Our outstanding and dedicated faculty and staff are poised to begin another year with high expectations for student achievement, rigorous and challenging curriculum and continued emphasis on our Portrait of a Graduate Pillars for all students, which reflects what a graduate should demonstrate upon completion of their time at Lyman Memorial.

We are thrilled about some new courses we are offering in the fall. We are very excited about the new Certified Nursing Assistant certification course. This course will enable students who enroll to enter the work force immediately after high school. This is in addition to our courses from last year which include Drone Pilot certification and landscaping and other Technology Education courses that enable students to find immediate career based employment in high demand areas of need in our area. In addition there are two new Advanced Placement courses being introduced this year including AP Pre-Calculus and AP Environmental Science with the potential for college credit to be earned in high school. We also have a new Digital Literacy starting which is highly relevant in our high tech world. We are starting a new digital pass system for students in which parents will have access and can see reports on time out of the classroom per day, week month, etc. You will also notice that class time and passing time have changed slightly.

Enclosed in this letter you will find your schedule for the school year. The first day of classes will be August 28th. Period 1 will begin at 7:30 a.m. for all students. The first day will be an ODD day with periods 1, 3, PAWS, 5, and 7. Students are also reminded to bring in necessary paperwork prior to the start of school( Student Emergency Form and Chromebook Consent Form). Students are expected to follow their schedule and if any changes are necessary, students should fill out a course change form. Guidance counselors will be available by appointment beginning on Monday, August 21st to review course change requests. To schedule an appointment, please email the guidance administrative assistant, Mrs. Chalifoux at [christine.chalifoux@lebanonct.org](mailto:christine.chalifoux@lebanonct.org). Please be advised that not all requests can be honored.

We are pleased to introduce parents and students to several new faculty members that will be starting on August 22nd. Adam Berlin for Chemistry, Rebecca Burton in our ASTE program, Margaret Quinn in Special Education, Susan Lambert who will be teaching our CNA course, Amber Van Dyne is returning to our Social Studies department and we are as of this letter currently looking for a new part-time ASTE teacher and an Assistant Principal.

For anyone interested in participating in athletics at Lyman, Fall Sports begin on August 24<sup>th</sup> with the exception of football which starts on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you have completed the necessary paperwork and registered online at [familyid.com](http://familyid.com) in order to participate that first day. We will have sports clearance on the following days: August 14<sup>th</sup>-8:00-10:00 am, August 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00-12:00 pm, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-3:00pm, and August 23<sup>rd</sup> 12:00-2:00pm.

The new student orientation has been scheduled for Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Students should plan to arrive by 10:00am and the program should run until 1:00pm. Students will get a chance to tour the building with upperclassmen serving as guides, check their locker location and find their classrooms. Students will also hear about school programs and activities that are offered at Lyman Memorial High School. We will be providing lunch and activities afterwards. It is a great way to get together as a class before the year officially begins. Bus transportation will not be provided for this event.

A couple of things to keep in mind for the beginning of the new school year:

- Please contact Mrs. Kristy Michele ([kristy.michele@lebanonct.org](mailto:kristy.michele@lebanonct.org)) if you have any questions concerning logging into the Parent Portal for PowerSchool information concerning your student. You will have access to student grades, attendance and there is also a bulletin board with school news and information.
- All Lyman students will have a Chromebook issued to them. Please return the Chromebook Consent Form and if you would like insurance please leave \$25 with the Main Office.
- Please keep all your valuables in your locker and make sure that it is locked. Lockers have been assigned for all students and if you would like to use the locker please see Mrs. Michele in the main office for your combination. Do not share your combination with anyone. This includes your PE locker.
- All students are expected to be in the appropriate attire for school. The school dress code is posted in all classrooms and online in the Board of Education policies section.
- A reminder that the Lebanon Board of Education has authorized the Connecticut State Police to use trained dogs to assist in maintaining a drug-free environment in our schools. We also have camera coverage on the building and grounds and have vape detectors in bathrooms and locker rooms for student safety.
- All students will be given an agenda book on the first day of school. Please note that our Safe School Climate Plan can be viewed on the Lebanon School District Webpage, under Board of Education Policies, see policy number 5131.911 Bullying Prevention and Intervention.

We hope that everyone is enjoying the last days of summer vacation. We are tremendously excited to be working in this wonderful community, and we all look forward to the hallways of Lyman Memorial High School being filled with staff and students excited to begin the year on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely;

Mr. James Apicelli  
Principal

Bus Information: Students should be at their scheduled bus stop 5-10 minutes before the scheduled pick up time. Students attending Lyman from another district please contact your district for your bus information.