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At the Peak



A newsletter for Ophir Middle School and Lone Peak High School



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Important Announcements

From the Office

Beginning of Year Form: Must be completed for ***every student*** by the end of today - **September 4, 2026** ✓

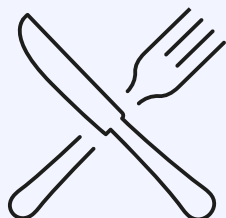
26-27 Ski Days School Permission Form: Must be completed for ***every student*** by **September 18, 2026.**

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 10th 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Device Protection Plan Payment of \$30 is due by September 15th to opt in.

MENU



HOCO Week: Sept. 21-26

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LPHS Clubs & Local Businesses can participate in the **Window Decorating Contest!** and/or the **HOCO Parade**



U.S. News & World Report Ranks Lone Peak High School Among the 2026-2027 Best High Schools

Washington, D.C. – August 18, 2026 – U.S. News & World Report ranked Lone Peak High School No. 2 in Montana among the 2026-2027 Best High Schools. The rankings evaluate nearly 24,000 schools at the national, state, and local level, with nearly 18,000 ranked. Lone Peak High School was also ranked **No. 1 in College Curriculum Breadth Index Rank and No. 1 for College Readiness.**

"I have always been a big fan of outcomes and accountability for all schools. This recognition, following a rigorous process conducted by a highly respected institution, once again shows that the Big Sky School District and Lone Peak High School are accountable to our students and our outcomes demonstrate how our diligent, dedicated staff work to execute on the board's vision for learning and collaborate to support our students so they thrive and succeed in school and in life" according to Dr. Dustin Shipman, BSSD Superintendent.

"We continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our school programming, and it is wonderful to be recognized for the hard work our faculty and students put forth every day," added Dr. Marlo Mitchem, Lone Peak High School Principal.

The methodology focuses on six factors: college readiness; reading, math and science proficiency; reading, math and science performance; underserved student performance; college curriculum breadth; and graduation rates.

Parents and students can see how Lone Peak High School compares to other institutions and how the rankings are calculated on USNews.com.

At Big Sky School District, our mission is to cultivate each student's potential; engage in globally minded education and experiential learning in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem; and empower students to lead lives of impact, resilience, and authenticity.



Beginning September 15th students in Grades 6-10 will be taking the MAP test. MAP stands for the Measures of Academic Progress. Students will be taking the MAP test in the areas of reading, math, science, and language usage.

OPHIR MINERS
LONE PEAK HIGH & OPHIR MIDDLE

BACK TO SCHOOL

At the Peak of Excellence!

What's Happening:

- Walk your student's schedule
- Meet & Greet with Teachers
- Toddle Training
- Meet & Greet with PTO

4:30 - 6:00 PM

10 September

45465 Gallatin Road
Gallatin Gateway

More Information
www.bssd72.org
406-995-4281

LONE PEAK BIG HORNS



All parents should ensure they are connected to Toddle.

This is the system OMS & LPHS uses as the student's Learning Management System. (This is how you can access your students' assignments and progress reports, etc.)

**Weekly grade reports will be sent out on Tuesdays via Toddle accounts.
This will begin on Tuesday, September 15.**

If you have previously been connected, you are good to go!

If you need need access, you should have received an invitation email this week. Thank you for your patience while we worked through a technical issue.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.



All LPHS students that participated in Expedition have a fee of \$60 due by the end of the month. Thank you to all of the families that have already taken care of this.

We need energetic, responsible adult chaperones to help us make our expedition trips safe, smooth, and fun. Whether you are an experienced camper or simply love supporting teens, our volunteer's time and support makes this tradition possible.

- When:** First week of school (4 Days/3 Nights)
 - The Role:** Assist with camp logistics, support student activities, and maintain a safe, positive environment.
 - Who:** Reliable, safety-minded adults with a team-first attitude.
- If you are dependable, love the outdoors, and want to help our students bond and build resilience, we want you around the campfire! Please reach out to Mrs. Romine if you are interested!!



CLEVAN THOMAS (CT) IS AVAILABLE THE FOLLOWING DAYS / TIMES TO HELP YOU ACHIEVE YOUR STRENGTH / CONDITIONING / FITNESS GOALS. PLEASE EMAIL HIM AT CTHOMAS@BSSD72.ORG TO BEGIN COMMUNICATION WITH HIM. HE WILL BE BASED IN THE LPHS GYM / WEIGHT ROOM.



MONDAY / WEDNESDAY 2 P.M. - 4 P.M.
TUESDAY / THURSDAY 4 P.M. - 6 P.M.
FRIDAY 10:45 A.M. - 6 P.M. (DEPENDING ON GAME TRAVEL)



Fees will be:



- Chromebooks:
- Screen w/ INS \$30
- Screen NO INS \$150
- LOST \$300
- Charger \$30
- Bag \$30



- Neos:
- Screen w/ INS \$30
- Screen NO INS \$220
- LOST \$500
- Charger \$30
- Bag \$30

With all our LPHS students using brand new Neo's we highly suggest taking advantage of our Device Protection Plan. Device Protection Plan Payment of \$30 is due by September 15th to opt in. If not participating by September 15th, families will not be allowed to retroactively join after there is an issue.



Picture Day: Families will receive an email from Origin Imagery once proofs are ready! Each family will choose their yearbook photo and have the opportunity to purchase pictures.





To all the staff and adult volunteers for making our LPHS expedition trips a HUGE success!!

Here are few pictures from the trip - we will share more next week!

9th Grade



10th Grade



11th Grade



12th Grade





HOCO:

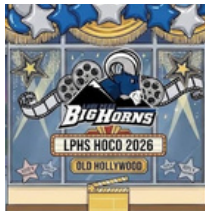
Sept. 21-26

Theme:



Old Hollywood

Community Opportunities:
Window Decorating Contest



HOCO Parade

Entry Forms Linked Here

SCHEDULE

21 MONDAY	KICKBALL TOURNEY PT. 1 11 TH & 12 TH FLEX BLOCK
22 TUESDAY	KICKBALL TOURNEY PT. 2 9 TH & 10 TH FLEX BLOCK
23 WEDNESDAY	BIG HORN BLOCK TEACHERS VS. STUDENTS HOCO PARADE @ TOWN CENTER
24 THURSDAY	KICKBALL FINAL TOURNEY FLEX BLOCK
25 FRIDAY	POWDERPUFF 2:00 - 2:30
26 SATURDAY	HOMECOMING DANCE - THE WAYPOINT 7:00 - 9:00



HOMECOMING 2026



**Homecoming
Spirit Week**

SEPTEMBER 21 TO SEPTEMBER 26

Monday

Wear Your Class Colors
Seniors: Pink
Juniors: White
Sophmores: Orange
Freshman: Blue
Middle School: Green
Elementary School: Red

Tuesday

Pajama Day

Thursday

Country Club Day

Wednesday

Hollywood Day

Friday

Spirit Day - BLUE AND WHITE!

**Homecoming Week
Events**

HOLLYWOOD

SEPTEMBER 21ST-26TH

TUESDAY THE 22ND

VOLLEYBALL VS ENNIS 4:00+ PM

WEDNESDAY THE 23RD

PARADE AT TOWN CENTER 6:00 PM

PEP RALLY AT LEN HILL PARK 6:30 PM

THURSDAY THE 24TH

BOY'S SOCCER VS LAUREL 4:00 PM

THURSDAY THE 24TH

GIRL'S SOCCER VS LAUREL 6:00 PM

FRIDAY THE 25TH

FOOTBALL VS PARK CITY 7:00 PM

All Fall Sports

Athletic Fees need to be paid ASAP if not already taken care of. Thank you!

LPHS = \$175, OMS = \$125



UPCOMING HOME EVENTS:

See Website for full Schedules

BSSD Activities Outlook



Booster Club Website:

LPHSsports.org

Become a member today!

LPHS VOLLEYBALL:

Tues., Sept. 8 vs Three Forks - JV @ 4/ V +20

LPHS SOCCER:

Fri., Sept. 4 vs Whitefish - Boys @ 6/ Girls @ 4

Sat., Sept. 5 vs Bigfork - Boys @ 3:30/ Girls @ 1:30

OMS VOLLEYBALL:

Thurs., Sept. 10 vs. Heritage Christian - 5/6 @4

7/8 @ 5

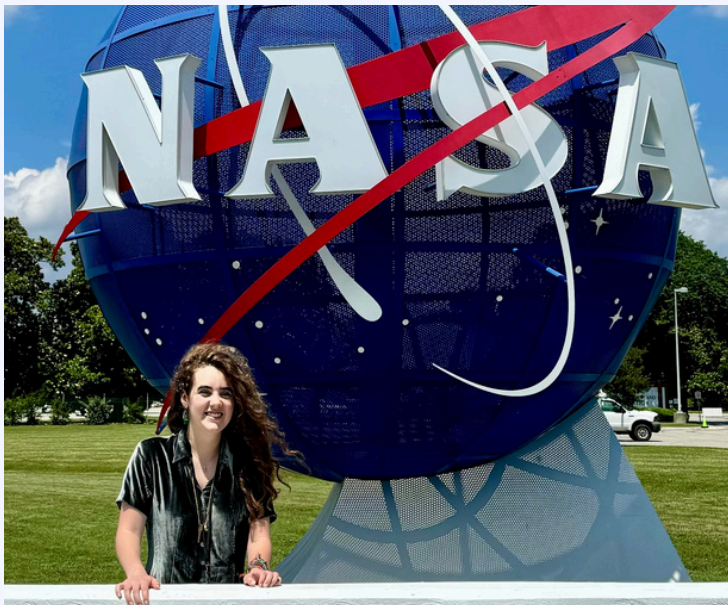


Staff Spotlight

Miss Jones

High School Physics

I'm Kendall Jones, and am teaching the new IB Physics course. I grew up in New Hampshire, then graduated from Bates College in Maine with majors in Biochemistry and Theater. This is my second year in Big Sky. I've been working as the Production Manager at WMPAC and as a ski instructor at the resort. I'm so excited to be teaching this class, and being a larger part of the community.



WELCOME



Hello, I am Mr. Blasius, a first-year Math Teacher who previously worked in finance for over two decades in many countries around the world, including Singapore, London, New York and Sydney. I decided to teach math in a second career to share my experiences and help students understand the wonderful possibilities Math can help create.

My wife, Paula, and I moved to Bozeman in 2022 to enjoy the outdoors and the friendly people who call this beautiful place home. I am currently matriculated at MSU studying for a Master of Arts degree in Teaching, and am working hard to hone my teaching skills.

Mr. Blasius

High School Math