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At the Peak

A newsletter for Ophir Middle School and Lone Peak High School



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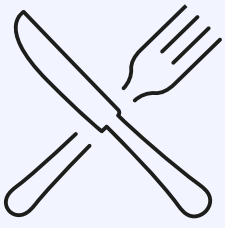


Important Announcements

From the Office

Picture Retake Day:
October 14th

Map Testing Scores for Grades 6-10 will be coming home Monday.



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all for the love and support the Big Sky Community has shown our school and athletes this week. We are so grateful for our community!!

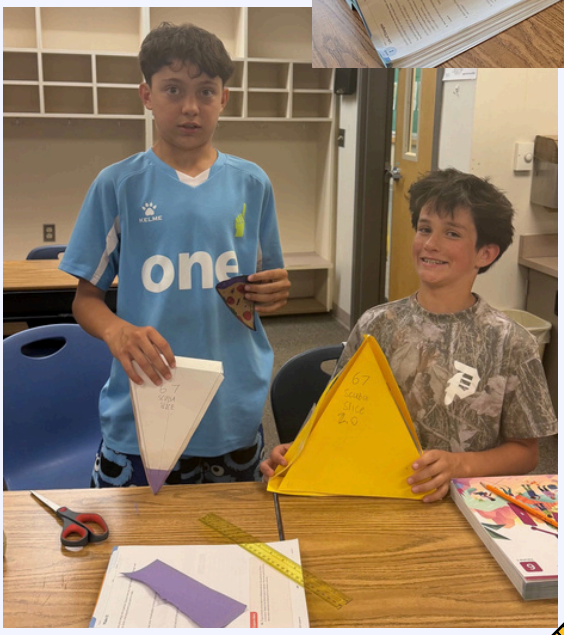
PTO Carnival today @ OES from 3-5 p!
We cannot wait to see you tonight to support our football team!

More info to come next week!
PSAT will be administered on Tuesday, October 20, to grades 9-11.

6th grade students creating their own to-go containers, and then calculating their surface area and volume.









Mrs. Martinez Senior Newsletter

TO DO:

- Work on Common App
- Ask for Letters of Recommendation
- Draft your 1-page Resume
- Keep Crushing!!

Senior Corner

Free Mental Health Counseling

Hello, my name is Maranda, and I am supporting mental health and well-being in the Big Sky community for the 2026–27 school year. I offer free counseling for students, parents, families, faculty, and community members affiliated with BSSD. I am a counseling intern practicing under the supervision of Dr. Katey Franklin, PhD, LSC, LCPC.

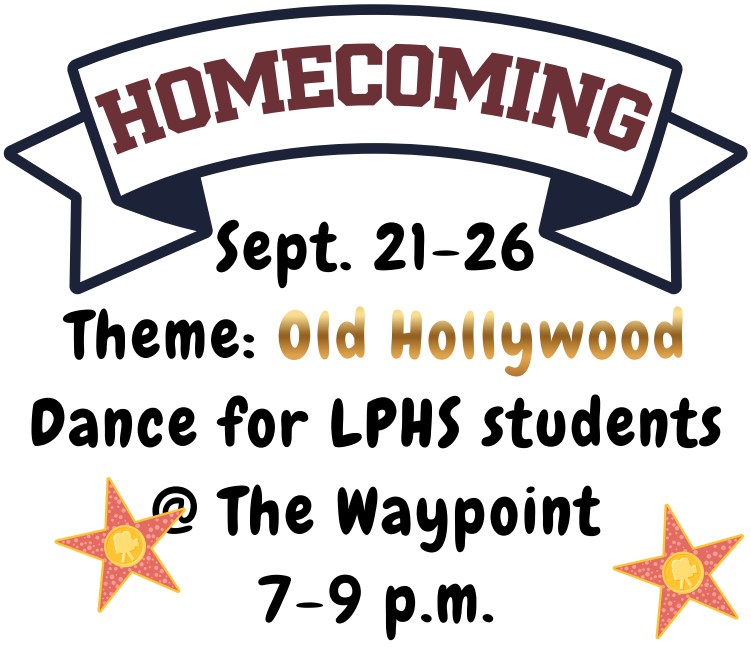
In our work together, I strive to create a supportive and collaborative space for you to be heard, reflect on your experiences, and explore what feels meaningful to you. This can be a place to navigate stress and anxiety, relationships, family concerns, life transitions, identity and self-understanding, grief and difficult experiences, substance use, or simply something that feels difficult to carry on your own.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or stop by my office in the WMPC Green Room. I am at school Monday, Tuesday morning, and Friday. I look forward to speaking with you!

Community Opportunities for LPHS:

#1 - From Jen Clancey @ Explore Big Sky - In search of students who show an interest in writing about sports or taking photographs of teams/ games. You would work along with EBS staff and learn about sports journalism, and add a new perspective in local sports coverage. Reach out to Mr. Hannahs if interested.

#2 - From Steph Kissell @ Moving Mountains - Moving Mountains Gym is hosting the Haunted Halloween 5k and Fun Run on Saturday October 31. It is a great way to get your body moving and support a good cause!







SUPER COOL HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS!!

Frozen, the full length musical, has recently been released and we got the rights to produce it. Looking at our current high school population, we've decided this is the year to do this Disney classic that everyone loves. Same dates, same auditions, more parts for women and super fun character roles for men.

The layout of this musical allows us to be more flexible for your other fall schedule, especially Nordic during Thanksgiving.

Auditions - next week on Monday the 28th and Tuesday the 29th as planned. The updated audition sheet is still accessible and will be filled with the potential roles. Thanks everyone. -Barbara, Mr. Sullivan and Ms. Jones

September 28 & 29th Auditions - Frozen

HOCO Competition Winners

Monday - Class Color
Juniors



Tuesday - PJs
Seniors



Wednesday - Hollywood
Juniors



Some of our Hollywood Stars!

Thursday - Country Club
Seniors



Kickball Champs TBD next week: 10th Grade vs 12th Grade

LPHS Family Door Decorating
Winner: Mrs. Riley's Family



Powderpuff Legends!



Macho Volleyball!





HOMECOMING

Sept. 21-26

Theme: Old Hollywood



HOCO Royalty

King & Queen:

Thomas & Penelope

Prince & Princess:

Steen & Annabelle

Go!! Lone Peak BigHorns Go!!

UPCOMING HOME EVENTS:

See Website for full Schedules

LPHS & OMS FOOTBALL:

Fri., Sept. 25 vs Park City - LPHS @ 7/OMS @4

LPHS SOCCER:

Sat., Sept. 26 vs Laurel - Boys @ 4/ Girls @ 6

Tues., Sept 29 vs E. Helena - Boys @ 4/ Girls @ 6

LPHS VOLLEYBALL:

Thurs., Oct. 1 vs Jefferson- JV @ 4/ Varsity +20

OMS VOLLEYBALL:

Tues., Sept. 29 vs Amsterdam - 5th @ 4/ 6th @ 5

BSSD Activities Outlook

Booster Club Website: LPHSsports.org

Become a member today!

HOMECOMING GAMES







PRODUCTION
DIRECTOR
CAMERA
DATE SCENE TAKE

Go!! Go!!
LONE PEAK BIGHORNS

HOMECOMING

Parade & Pep Rally







Staff Spotlight

Mr. Hannahs

HE & Athletic Director

Hello! I am John Hannahs. I came to Big Sky in 2014 after graduating from Montana State University (Go Cats!) Since then, I have taught second grade, middle school English and HE, and coached both golf and basketball at every level.

As the school's athletic director, I can usually be found at home games cheering on the Miners and Bighorns, and every once in a while, you may hear me behind the microphone in the announcer's booth.

Outside of school, I enjoy golfing, fly fishing, and spending time with my wife, Liz, our golden retriever, Charlie, and our new son, Jack.





Hello! I am honored to begin my sixth year as the 6th–12th grade school counselor. Supporting students as they transform from wide-eyed sixth graders into confident young adults launching into college and careers is the most rewarding part of my work.

I was born and raised in Oahu, Hawaii. My great-grandparents immigrated from Okinawa, Japan. Most of my family lives in Hawaii while my in-laws live in Arizona.

In 2020, as it felt meant to be, we made the momentous move from Phoenix, AZ to Big Sky. We wanted to raise our two boys in a nurturing, small-town, where we could spend more time together as a family. Our kids are in the 4th and 7th grades. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family and playing with Margie, our 6 year old corgi. In my downtime, you can find me journaling, coloring, dancing, or watching shows and listening to songs about love. As my favorite musician, Jason Mraz sings, "Whatever you want, whatever you are after, love is still the answer."

Mrs. Martinez

Middle & High Counselor