

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 2026 - 2027 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. During our PAWS period this year students will be inputting work into a Portrait of a Graduate folder demonstrating work that reflects our six pillars.

In keeping with the district initiative to go as paperless as we can, everything that you will need will be in this emailed letter and attachments. Your student's schedule can be accessed through the student's PowerSchool account or through the ParentPortal. If you have not set up your account on the ParentPortal https://lebanonct.powerschool.com/public/home.html yet you may contact Kristy Michele in the Main Office. Parents will need to update their demographic information and student medical information through the ParentPortal. We **must** have up to date parent contact, emergency contacts and medical information prior to your student starting school on the 26th. Not having this up to date information could cause your student to have a delayed start to school. Here is a link explaining how to enter and update demographic information in the ParentPortal. Paper copies of the emergency form are available by request. Instructions for Updating Emergency Contacts and Health Information on Parent Portal . Other information we will need from parents include the Chromebook Consent form, free and reduced breakfast/lunch forms (if applicable), information will be coming soon. Bus information for Lebanon students will be posted on the Lyman website with no names just address and pickup and drop off times. Students that live out of district should contact their district's office to find out their bus information. If you do not wish to access these forms online you may pick up paper forms from the school.

Last year we talked about the partnership we initiated with General Dynamics Electric Boat. That partnership resulted in the outfitting of the Technology Education shop with welding machines and ventilation systems. Eight Lyman students were offered jobs at Electric Boat with six accepting and starting training and work over the summer. In the Fall we have three welding classes running and three Introduction to Manufacturing classes running both key areas of need for Electric Boat. Our Certified Nursing Assistant course is operating in partnership with Three Rivers State College with the most

students we have ever had! These courses directly relate to areas of need in our communities with starting wages approaching $30 an hour.

The first day of classes will be August 26th and it will be an early dismissal day (11:55 dismissal). Period 1 will begin at 7:30 a.m. for all students. We will be doing something different this year on the first day of school. We will be running all 8 periods and having a welcome back celebration in the gym. A schedule will be sent out to all students and parents once we have determined a schedule. **Very Important!** In order to receive free or reduced price lunch you must fill out the application **yearly**! This is important so that your student is not charged for lunch. This school year breakfast will be free for everyone. The new price for school lunch will be $4.40. Students who qualify for reduced price lunch will also receive free school lunch. If you think that you may qualify you must fill out the free or reduced application! The application will be sent out shortly.

Bus route information is listed on the school website. Our out of district students will receive bus route information from your town's transportation company. Bus pickup times may vary slightly at the beginning of the year as students and drivers adjust to the route.

In order to participate in our athletic programs, you will need to register online prior to the start of the season. Online registration is mandatory for every athlete who would like to participate in the Lyman Memorial High School athletic program. Our registration platform is FinalForms. Our registration platform is currently open and available. Please go to https://lebanon-ct.finalforms.com/ and click on the login link and follow the sign-up prompts in order to register for fall sports. Please note that both the student-athlete and parent/guardian both play a role in registering for athletics. There is important information (concussion awareness, sudden cardiac arrest awareness, heat acclimatization awareness and mental health awareness) paperwork that must be read and signed off on by both parties. Please register online and confirm that an updated physical (paperwork can be found outside the main office at Lyman Memorial, if necessary) is on file with our school nurse. Our school nurse will be at the school for sports clearance for those unable to complete the forms online. The nurse will be available on August 13, 9am-12pm, August 14, 12pm-3pm, and August 19, 9am-12pm.

The new student orientation has been scheduled for Friday, August 21st. Students should plan to arrive by 11:00am 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. 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) 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. We also have a Facebook page and Instagram page where information will be posted.
- 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. District policy 5010 forbids the use of privately owned devices in school so all students will need to use their school issued Chromebook.
- **Only seniors will have study hall late arrival/early release study hall privileges and must fill out the Senior Freedom form.** A reminder that these are study hall privileges and are contingent on maintaining good grades and can be revoked. **Students in grades 9-11 are expected to be at school from 7:30 - 2:05 every day.**
- A continued point of emphasis this year will be cell phones away during class time. This is a well documented issue across the state and the nation and the distractions and disruptions that cell phones bring to a learning centered environment. The state is moving toward requiring districts to have a policy in place in the near future.

Our school policy will be to have the cell phones in a bag on the teachers desk. Student consequences for cell phone use in class will be applied when phones are observed in the classroom.

- We are continuing our focus on improving attendance this year. Students with excessive absences will be required to have a meeting with counseling staff for support. Students who are tardy to school will receive consequences and students who are tardy to classes will as well. We are also in our fourth year of our SmartPass program which tracks time out of class for students who generate passes. Parents will have the ability to request to follow this program to view passes issued and time out of the classroom.
- 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. The PE locker room will be closed to all students in the morning until 7:25.
- 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 all bathrooms and locker rooms for student safety.
- 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 26th.

Sincerely;

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Principal

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