

Additional Questions from PTSO Town Hall

1. Is there a plan to conduct the regular fall PSAT for juniors and below? For juniors, this is their National Merit scholarship test.
 - a. We are working on plans for the PSAT for students. It is not available in an online format, so we are planning to offer it at Stone Bridge over two days for all Juniors. Once safety protocols and details are finalized, we will communicate that information to families.
2. What is the plan for Orchestra when the school is online?
 - a. Orchestra will continue to happen in a distance learning format. Teachers are working on creative solutions to provide instruction, feedback, and assessment in the virtual classroom environment.
3. What is learning lab ?
 - a. Learning lab is dedicated time for students to receive synchronous, small-group instruction during the block. Teachers will plan this time for instruction based on student needs. For example, one might provide additional remediation support to students who had scored poorly on a recent quiz during this time. Teachers might work with small groups of students to check progress toward a group project.
4. Is there anywhere to find where summer AP assignments are listed? If a student has an AP class, how will they find out what assignments must be completed for the first day of school?
 - a. There are no summer assignments for AP classes.
5. When is student orientation and back to school night?
 - a. Student Orientation is Wednesday, September 2 from 2:00-3:30 virtually
 - b. Back to School Night is Wednesday, September 9 from 7-9 PM virtually
6. If an adjustment needs to be made to a student schedule, who should the parent contact?
 - a. The child's School Counselor can help with that. Counselors are assigned by last name as shown below. Their emails are firstname.lastname@lcps.org
 - i. Joseph Berry Grades 9-12: A-Cas
 - ii. Trish Garrett Grades 9-12: CasI-Fra

- iii. Eric Demorest Grades 9-12: Fre-Jaf
- iv. Lucas Lauer Grades 9-12 Jaff-Mas
- v. Kristen Fulcher Grades 9-12: Mass-Pin
- vi. Cynthia McCarthy Grades 9-12: Pio-Sr
- vii. Catherine Donovan Grades 9-12: St-Z

7. What registration process needs to be followed for a rising 9th grader?
- a. Registrations were already completed in the spring for students from Trailside MS. New students need to register for school by emailing our registrar, Mrs. Marchio. Her email is conchetta.marchio@lcps.org
8. New to LCPS, from a private MS, how does my student get a chromebook and who do I contact to get it ?
- a. All new students will receive Chromebooks the week before school starts. You will receive an email soon with details regarding the pickup location, appointment times, and safety protocols in place.
9. Will there be an orientation day for freshman students who were unable to attend the sessions held in 8th grade?
- a. Yes. Student Orientation is September 2nd at 2:00 PM.
10. Why can't counselors meet 1:1 with seniors, socially distant without masks ?
- a. We continue to follow guidance from the Loudoun County Health Department and Loudoun County Public Schools. In the current model, all meetings are being conducted virtually. This may change based on conditions and we will communicate any changes out to families. There are safety concerns with meeting without masks. Counselors will arrange google meets and phone calls to work with seniors. Notices and information will be sent through Naviance to parents and students.
11. If I have a new freshman student, how do we get on the email lists from the school so we know what is happening? I have not received any information at all yet.
- a. New families are automatically added to the email distribution list. Some families have reported the newsletters going to a Clutter or Junk folder. The emails usually come from Heidi Hayes and are directed to Stone Bridge High School Recipients <recipients@loudoun.parentlink.net>.

- b. When ParentVUE opens on August 28th, families will be required to review their contact information and make changes. Please update your email address, cell phone number, and additional information so that we can contact you.
12. What is needed for school supplies? There is no info in the website.
- a. Teachers will provide information regarding their course's specific supply needs during Student Orientation on September 2nd. There is not a school-wide materials list. Generally, students will use their LCPS-provided Chromebook to complete all assignments, so they may not need traditional school supplies. We do recommend students have a virtual or physical agenda to help keep track of assignments and deadlines.
13. What is the plan for Mondays? I still do not understand the Monday schedule.
- a. On Mondays, students will work individually on ongoing projects and classwork. Teachers may schedule individual or small group meetings with students, but there will not be a planned synchronous class time for the entire class. This time is reserved for teacher planning, conferences with parents and students, and small group work.
14. Are parents supposed to attend the orientation for freshmen? As the orientation is scheduled for 2pm in the middle of a parent work day.
- a. Usually parents do not attend Student Orientation, but families are welcome to attend if they would like. The orientation will be conducted virtually.
15. What about theater arts online? Is there any specific way that we are going to do this?
- a. Theater Arts will continue to happen in a distance learning format. Teachers are working on creative solutions to provide instruction, feedback, and assessment in the virtual classroom environment. We have purchased rights for a fall play that can be conducted in a virtual, hybrid, or traditional environment to give the department options based on the current conditions.
16. What about students who do not have theater experience?
- a. All students are welcome to join theater! The [Running Dog Productions page](#) has details about upcoming interest meetings and events.
17. Is orientation on Sept 2 only for freshman, or for all grades?
- a. Student Orientation is for all grade levels. We are working on potential small group breakouts for different student groups and will communicate those out to families as they are finalized.

18. Will staff and administration be working with yearbook staff to support them, and to ensure they are able to capture people and events this year, especially for the seniors?
 - a. Yearbook staff is already meeting with administration to find creative ways to collect photographs, quotes, and other information from students. We are proactively working on this and are confident we will continue to have a strong, award-winning yearbook, even in this virtual environment.
19. So, do the teachers decide if a student should stay for learning lab or not?
 - a. Yes. However if a parent was especially concerned about their student, they could reach out to the teacher to request additional support either during the Learning Lab time or on Mondays.
20. Do you know why the schedule is A day A day, B day B day? Instead of the usual A/B A/B?
 - a. The schedule is set up this way so that we can smoothly transition into the hybrid model once we are ready to move into that model.
21. Are we going to be able to see these revised schedules in ParentVue?
 - a. Schedules will go live for parents and students on August 28th.
22. How do we do the physical part of HPE online? Will there be any game time in the 1hr for HPE? For 10th grade PE did I understand that there will be more time allotted to Drivers Ed ? And will PE be done in a platform where students are supposed to exercise together such as jumping jacks in the first 5 minutes?
 - a. Health and PE courses will use a combination of strategies to support student learning. Some of these may use live exercise in groups, but if students are uncomfortable, they can turn off their cameras to participate in the activities.
23. What if we take all honors and we think it's too much and we need to change the intro to AP to academic level? Can we do that?
 - a. A parent can contact the counselor. Counselors will work with the student, parent and teachers to make the best decision for the student