

Liberty High School

September 2014

Core Statement

"Strive for Excellence"

5 Pillars of Excellence:

- Academics
- Arts
- Athletics
- Service
- Community

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Dear Liberty Community,

September is upon us once again. As we say good bye to August and summer, I wanted to extend a warm welcome to all of our new families and students and to welcome back our returning students and families. Once again Liberty continues to "Strive for Excellence" in many ways.

Let me begin with something new at Liberty and CCPS as a whole. The county has just started its BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) policy this year. This is a major shift in policy for the county and Liberty. While I know that change can be difficult, we have taken several steps to help ease the transition. Our vision for the use of technology is:

To promote a personalized, technology-supported learning environment that encourages daily use of technology to foster connectivity, collaboration creativity, digital citizenship, and student ownership of learning.

Our first goal with this is to allow students the use of their device to connect. Connect with their teachers, connect with other students at Liberty and beyond, and to connect with their learning. Technology opens a seemingly endless array of possibilities to connect. Students will be able to connect with other students in CCPS, in Maryland, around the country and world to decipher solutions to problems, collaborate on best practices in learning, learn new and exciting information, and show examples of digital citizenship.

While we anticipate some bumps in the rollout of the new policy, I am confident that once these bumps are worked out this change will be beneficial to our students and staff.

Speaking of connections, I asked 5 art students to design a mural for the cafeteria last year. The mural is now complete and hanging in the cafeteria as an example of the "Spirit of Liberty". I would like to personally thank the following students for their excellent work: Maria Kelly, Tara McCurry, Emma Reynold, Carlie Waganer, and Caitlyn McCaulley. We are planning to officially dedicate the mural in a ceremony on our annual Alumni Day in December. Please stay tuned for more details.

To make our connections with you even easier, Liberty has created our connection port. This site will allow you to easily find needed information about the school. Please visit www.lhsconnect.weebly.com for information about the school and our own LHS blog. I have also started a Principal's Blog. Please visit <http://blogs.carrollk12.org/tomclowes> for my thoughts on Liberty.

Security is also changing this year. Starting immediately, all persons who visit LHS and have business outside of the main office will be required to scan their driver's license when they enter the building. Visitors will be issued a guest pass to ensure the safety of all students and staff at Liberty.

I look forward to working with all of you this year as we continue to "Strive for EXCELLENCE". Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 4410-751-3560 or email me at thclowe@carrollk12.org.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Clowes

Mr. Thomas H. Clowes, *Principal*

CALENDARS

September

September 1 **CLOSED** – Labor Day
 September 24 Interim 1
 September 25 **CLOSED** – Rosh Hashanah
 September 26 **CLOSED**

October

October 2 Ring Ceremony (Juniors)
 October 9 Picture Make-ups/Sr. Id's
 October 13 Academic Parent Conferences
 October 14 Senior Pictures – *by appointment*
 October 16 CCCTC Open House
 October 17 **CLOSED**
 October 29 Early Dismissal- Report Cards
 October 31 Homecoming Parade – 5PM
 Homecoming Game – 7PM

November 1 Homecoming Dance – 8-11PM

Volunteer Training

The Volunteer Training Schedule for sessions to be held at Liberty High School is listed below.

Anyone wishing to be Volunteer Trained should plan on attending one of these sessions. **Please note that trainings will begin on time and anyone that arrives after training begins will need to choose another training session.** New this year – all participants will need to present a **photo ID** in order to become volunteer trained. Anyone with questions should contact Mrs. Zepp at szepp@carrollk12.org, or call the main office at 410-751-3560.

Tuesday, **September 2nd** at 7:00 PM in the Media Center preceding **Drama Boosters Meeting**

Wednesday, **September 10th** at 6:00 PM in the Media Center preceding **Band Boosters Meeting**

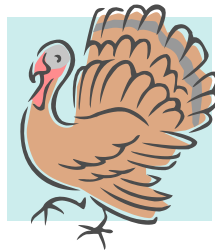
Looking Ahead

Make your plans
 Mark your calendar...

November 4 School/Offices **CLOSED**
 November 22 Fall Craft Fair – 9am – 3 pm
 November 26 Early dismissal – 11:35 am
 November 27 School/Offices **CLOSED**
 November 28 School/Offices **CLOSED**

WINTER HOLIDAY

December 24 **CLOSED**
 through
 December 31 **CLOSED**



January 1-2 **CLOSED**
 January 5 **SCHOOL** Re-opens
 January 19 School/Offices **CLOSED**
 January 20 School **CLOSED**



Fall Craft Fair

November 22, 2014
 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Information and
 applications for
 vendors can be
 found online at
www.lhsimp.com

Instrumental Music Meeting for all Parents September 10

Join us at 6:30 pm for a brief ½ hour meeting in the Media Center to discuss upcoming activities and performance on the instrumental music calendar. **Volunteer training offered at 6:00 pm.** Want to get first dibs on reduced price concert attire? Stop by the Band Room at 7:00 pm with your student to get sized and be the first ones to view our reduced price inventory.

NOTICE - The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (A. H. E. R. A.) management plans for all buildings owned or leased by the Board of Education of Carroll County are available for review at the individual Carroll County School locations and at the Office of Plant Operations located at 191 Schaeffer Avenue, Westminster, MD 21157. Management plans are required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and depict the location, amount, condition, and response action projected for any asbestos-containing materials, if any are located in the school building.



BELL SCHEDULE 2014 - 2015

Advisory / PAWS Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:30 – 8:55
Advisory/PAWS	9:00 – 9:28
Period 2	9:33 – 10:55
Period 3	11:00 – 12:52

11:00 - 11:25	(Lunch A)
11:29 - 11:54	(Lunch B)
11:58 - 12:23	(Lunch C)
12:27 - 12:52	(Lunch D)

Period 4	12:57 – 2:20
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Two Hour Forty-Five Minute Early

Dismissal

Period 1	7:30 – 8:10
Period 2	8:15 – 8:54
Period 3	8:59 – 9:38
Period 4	9:43 – 11:35

9:43 - 10:08	(Lunch A)
10:12 - 10:37	(Lunch B)
10:41 - 11:06	(Lunch C)
11:10 - 11:35	(Lunch D)

Two Hour Delay

Period 1	9:30 – 10:25
Period 2	10:30 – 11:24
Period 3	11:29 – 1:21

11:29 - 11:54	(Lunch A)
11:58 - 12:23	(Lunch B)
12:27 - 12:52	(Lunch C)
12:56 - 1:21	(Lunch D)

Period 4	1:26 – 2:20
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 5 and February 11

Scheduling conferences 4-7PM

March 12 Academic Conferences 4-7PM

March 25 Mock Interviews

May 9 Prom – B & O Museum 8-12PM

May 21 Senior Switch

June 2 Senior Farewell 7PM

June 3 Senior Awards 9AM – Noon

June 4 Graduation – 7:30PM – McDaniel

June 5-10 FINALS

June 11 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL*

**providing there are no changes for snow days!*

Parking Permits

Parking permits are available beginning **August 1st**. Applications can be obtained in the main office. Return your completed and signed application along with \$20 (*check or cash*) and a copy of your driver's license to receive your permit.

Parking permits must be visible in the **upper right-hand corner of your windshield**. Any car without a permit could be subjected to a ticket and fine.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING SCHEDULE

7:00 PM in the Media Center

Wednesday, **September 3** FIRST MEETING

October 1

November 5

December 5

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 8

May 6

YEARBOOKS

2014 yearbooks were distributed during PAWS on Friday, August 29th.

2014 graduates may stop by the main office during regular business hours, 7:30 am – 3:00 pm, to pick up their yearbooks.

EXTRA YEARBOOKS

Extra yearbooks will go on sale Tuesday, September 2 for \$75 in Mrs. Deen's office after school only. There are only a limited number of extras available and they will be sold on a first-come-first-served basis.

GO LIONS!

H.A.C. – Access your child's schedule information

Home Access Center is now available for parents and legal guardians to login and view information pertaining to their child(ren). Please follow these directions to login to your account:

1. Go to the Carroll County Public Schools website at www.carrollk12.org
2. Click on the 'Home Access Center' link.
3. A new page will open; click the 'Request Password' link.
4. Enter the email address you provided on your child's emergency card (*it will be the email account where you received this AlertNow message*). You will receive an email to that account with a link to a web page. If the email message does not appear within several minutes check your junk mail folder and make sure it wasn't delivered there. It will come from donotreply@carrollk12.org.
5. Click the link from the email message and follow the instructions on-screen. You will be prompted to answer three questions about your child(ren). Once you have answered the questions correctly your password will appear on-screen. Click the link on that page to be taken to the Home Access Center login screen.
6. Login using your email address and the password that was displayed on-screen. After logging in, be sure to click 'Profile' in the top right-hand corner and identify a new password for your account.

Please make sure you review the User Manual located here: <http://www.carrollk12.org/homeaccessmanual.pdf>. It contains important information and FAQs regarding getting connected and navigating Home Access Center.

Service Learning Information

Welcome back! Let's get this year off to a great start and for many of you that means getting your Service Learning hours. The MSDE requires that students earn 55 service hours by the end of their Junior year and in order to graduate you must earn 75 hours.

As the Service Learning coordinator I try to get the many opportunities that come along out to you. They are on the announcements which in turn come home via email (if requested) and now any new opportunities will be updated on the LHS website which contains all your service learning needs. Click on the highlighted link or type into your browser to get to the Service Learning page:
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Carroll County
Career and Tech

CCCTC OPEN HOUSE

Mark your
calendar for the
open house at
CCCTC:

Thursday,
October 16

6:00 – 8:00 PM



SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE NEWS



2014-2015 SAT/ACT Test Date Information

For test dates starting in the fall of 2014 visit the following websites:

SAT – www.collegeboard.org

ACT – www.actstudent.org

Additional prep materials can be found on the LHS School Counseling Website:

<http://www.carrollk12.org/lhs/counseling/additional/default.asp>

SAT TEST DATES 2014-2015

Test Date	Deadline	Status
Nov 8	Oct 9	Register Now
Dec 6	Nov 6	Register Now
Jan 24*	Jan 9	Register Now

Late Fee charge for registering after regular deadline.

Register online : www.collegeboard.org

*at LHS

To report your scores to LHS use code 210501



ACT TEST DATES 2013-2014

Test Date	Deadline	Status
Oct. 25	Sept. 19	Register Now
Dec. 13	Nov. 7	Register Now

Late Fee charge for registering after regular deadline.

Register online:
www.actstudent.org

To report your scores to LHS use code 210501

PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) Wednesday, October 15th @ Liberty High School

Each fall sophomores and juniors have the opportunity to take the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT). This year it will be administered in each county high school on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 during regular school hours.

Students often ask, "Why should I take the PSAT?" For **juniors**, the best reason for taking the PSAT is that the participant automatically becomes eligible for the National Merit Scholarship Program that can yield monetary reward. Students may only qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program in their junior year. Juniors will have an advisory lesson about the PSAT on Wednesday, September 10th.

For **sophomores**, the major advantages of taking the PSAT is to become acquainted with a test that is similar in length and structure to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). Also, by testing against a national group, sophomores can more accurately assess their educational strengths and weaknesses, resulting in an increased awareness of academic areas in need of attention. Sophomores will have an advisory lesson about the PSAT and receive practice books on Wednesday, September 17th.

Developers of the SAT have indicated that one of the best ways to improve scores is to take the SAT or tests like the PSAT again and again, providing practice and an opportunity to reduce test anxiety.

This year, through the use of Race to the Top Funds from the state, the cost of taking the PSAT will be paid for all sophomores in a Carroll County high school. Prior to the test, students will be presented a special advisory lesson to assist in their understanding of the structure and scope of the PSAT. When scores are received, each school will offer an interpretation session for parents and their students. These sessions should assist them in understanding how to use these scores to increase academic performance in the future.

Each school will also receive a report called "AP Potential". It identifies students that, based on their PSAT performance, have the potential to take and do well in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. This information will also be shared with parents and students.

Sophomores may opt out of the PSAT if a written request is made by a parent. Please be aware that the county will not pay for juniors to take the test, even if they did not take it in their sophomore year.

All sophomores and juniors who are considering any form of post-secondary education, such as a four-year college, community college, trade or technical school, or the military are encouraged to take the PSAT. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions.

Registration information:

- **Sophomores:** NO registration is required. If you would like to opt out, please write a letter to your child's school counselor ASAP. This allows us for accurate program planning for PSAT administration.
- **Juniors:** There will be a \$17 fee. If you are eligible for the Free or Reduced Meal program, you may be eligible for a fee waiver, please contact a member of the School Counseling Office. When you register, you will receive a PSAT practice book. **The \$17 registration fee will be collected in the School Counseling Office from September 3rd-September 18th.**

College Updates

Counselors will be meeting with all seniors this fall to review graduation requirements and help to plan for after high school. Students and parents are encouraged to make an appointment or the counselors will schedule student appointments. Please see the "*Class of 2015- Senior Handbook*" with tips for Seniors on our website in addition to many other resources for students and parents. Forms for requesting transcripts are available in the School Counseling Office as well as on the website.

<http://www.carrollk12.org/lhs/counseling/college/default.asp>

College/University Visits

During the fall months many Colleges/Universities make arrangements to visit Liberty High School. Current Junior and Senior students may sign up for these visits, which take place during PAWS (9:00 – 9:30 am). Sign-up sheets for each college will be posted in the Counseling Office. **Students must sign up by 12:30 p.m. the day before the visit.** Each of the visits will be announced over the morning announcements several days prior to the scheduled time as well as listed in this newsletter and updated regularly in the daily Connect news.

Updates as of 8/26/14

September Visits

12 – McDaniel College
15 – Messiah College and The Cleveland Institute of Art
18 – Carroll Community College
22 – Juniata College
23– Virginia Wesleyan College and Lynchburg College

November Visits

7 – York College

October Visits

2 – Alfred University and Widener University
6 – Gettysburg College
9 – Roanoke College and University of Alabama
10 – Mount Saint Mary's University
16 – High Point University and Hood College
21 – Washington College
23 – Savannah College of Art & Design and Trinity Washington College
28 – St. Mary's College

Resources

RESOURCES FOR THE COLLEGE SEARCH

There are many resources available as you search for colleges. Please visit our website as well. <http://www.carrollk12.org/lhs/counseling/college/default.asp>
Here are just a few books that may be of interest! **Several of them are also available in the LHS Media Center!

Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College by Sally P. Springer, Jon Reider, and Joyce Vining Morgan. 2013.

From Amazon.com: Getting into college has never been more complicated or competitive. Parents and students need expert guidance to navigate the maze of college admissions. This thoroughly updated edition of Admission Matters is the best source, covering the whole process for any applicant. The authors offer great practical advice for selecting the right school, writing effective essays, navigating financial aid, and much more. No matter what type of school a college-bound student may select, Admission Matters will give them the edge they need.

Shaevitz, Marjorie Hansen. *Admission possible : the "dare to be yourself" guide for getting into the best colleges for you.*** Naperville, Ill. : Sourcebooks, c2012.

Explains how students can apply to colleges with application materials that reflect who they are, discussing extracurricular activities, essays, letters of recommendation, and more.

McGinty, Sarah Myers. *The college application essay.*** Rev. ed. New York : College Board, c2004.

Contains a comprehensive guide to writing effective college application essays, provides instruction on structure and style and how colleges read them, and includes sample essays written by real students as well as over fifty real application questions.

*****College access & opportunity guide.*** 2011 ed. Bethesda, MD : Center for Student Opportunity, 2011, 2010.

Contains profiles of 284 colleges recognized for their outreach efforts, scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and support and retention services, offers advice to students on how to prepare for college, and includes insider advice for college students and other experts.

****Wissner-Gross, Elizabeth. *Write your college essay in less than a day*. New York : Ballantine Books Trade Paperbacks, c2009.**

The author describes her plan for completing a college essay in five hours, featuring six chapters--with suggested time allotments--each of which explains one part of the essay-writing process, and including advice on writing additional and alternative essays.

Ebooks: Available on the front page of Destiny Catalog under Ebooks/Infobase Ebooks

<https://destiny.carrollk12.org/common/servlet/presenthomeform.do?l2m=Home&tm=Home&l2m=Home>

From home- **Username:** lmsmc

Password: student

Preparing For College

The ideal guide for students looking for the best college to suit their needs, *Preparing for College* helps students evaluate their strengths, interests, and goals in order to find the right educational fit. This accessible, all-in-one resource guides students with everything from choosing a college and undergoing the application process to uncovering the financial resources to pay tuition and expenses and adjusting to the academic and personal challenges that first-year students face. The authors use their decades of college experience—both as students and as professors—to offer illuminating and reassuring advice to prospective college students and their families. With an emphasis on successfully navigating the high-pressure college application process and dealing with the stress of balancing college and family life, *Preparing for College* explores practical techniques to help students identify and concentrate on their most important considerations.

Topics covered include:

- Choosing a school that best fits a student's strengths and needs
- Avoiding common mistakes when choosing a college
- College applications, essays, and interviews
- Taking PSAT/NMSQT, SAT, and ACT exams
- Applying for financial aid
- Choosing a major
- Adjusting to campus life
- Preparing for academic success at college
- Staying healthy and safe at college.

Choices for the High School Graduate

Not every high school graduate is ready for or interested in pursuing a four-year college degree. *Choices for the High School Graduate*, Fifth Edition presents students with a wide range of options available to them during and after high school—from early college admissions and entering a trade to joining the military and volunteering abroad. This revised edition provides new interviews and updated information that reflect the ever-changing economy and technology. An all-new chapter devoted to the Job Corps has also been added. Designed as a guide for parents and graduates, this book includes a section, "For Parents Only," that provides the essential information parents need to help their children make informed choices

College Majors and Careers, Sixth Edition

Offers straightforward advice for high school and college students exploring their career options. Providing invaluable guidance on figuring out what to do with an English major or selecting a field of study, this practical guide covers more than 60 college majors linked to more than 350 different career paths. Each college major article includes Occupations, High School Subjects, Majors, Leisure-Time Activities, Personal Skills, Resources, and Values and Personal Attributes. These sections help students identify their strengths and skills, as well as the activities, education, and training they can pursue to help them succeed in their field of study and their career.

For more information and resources about many topics, including college and career planning, test preparation, and academic planning, please visit the LHS website – School Counseling - <http://www.carrollk12.org/lhs/counseling>

Upcoming Dates- Be On the Lookout for Future Details in Upcoming Newsletters and Emails from Liberty HS!

- Continuing Ed Fair- Monday, October 13th from 6 – 8 pm at the Ag Center in Westminster
- Career & Tech Open House- Thursday, October 16th from 6 – 8 pm at the Career & Technology Center

A Note About the CCPS Schedule Change/ Grading Policy

Carroll County policy prohibits students to change into another course and still get credit for the new course after the class has met 10 times (5 times for ½ credit courses). If your student has worked with the teacher and continues to struggle, you may contact his/her school counselor. Any change would need to be approved by an administrator and if a change is granted after the deadline, the grade from the course will be recorded as W-Pass or W-Fail on the transcript.

Interested in a Career Connection?

Please call the school or email Mrs. Linfield, Career Connections Coordinator, at celinfi@carrollk12.org to schedule an appointment.



Important planning dates for Dual Students!

Fall Calendar

New Student Orientation	Tues. Aug. 26, check in: 5:30-5:45, program 6-8:30 p.m. Thurs. Aug. 28, check in: 1:30-1:45, program 2-4:30 p.m.
Classes Begin	Tues. Sept. 2
100% Refund Period Ends	Tues. Sept. 9, at 7:00 pm (last day to drop w/o a W grade)
Last Day to drop with a W grade	Wed. Nov. 5
Thanksgiving Recess	Nov. 26-30
Final Exams	Dec. 13-19

Placement Tests /Exemptions & Math Requirements

If a student has taken the SAT's and scored a 550 or higher on any section, or has completed the ACT's with scores of 21+ on any section they may be exempt from placement testing in one or all three sections (English, Reading and Math). **High achieving math students, should still take the placement test for higher level math placement (i.e. pre-calculus, calculus), SAT and ACT scores cannot place you into higher level math.**

Students should contact the Admissions Office prior to scheduling the placement tests if they think they may be exempt. If approved, they will be given the next steps for registration.

Prepare for Placement Testing

Preview [Accuplacer's sample questions](#) and [practice SAT sample questions](#) for reading, English and math. College Board has also released a [phone app](#) that students have reported as being very helpful.

The phone app has proven very user friendly and a worthwhile tool for students. We highly recommend it!

Fall Open House – Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 30th – Open House, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00PM

Everything you need to get started for both credit and non-credit options at Carroll! From 6-8 pm information tables and faculty will be available to answer your questions. Tours of the college and information sessions with more specifics regarding Admissions and Financial Aid and the Hill Scholars Honors Program (selective admissions) will also be offered. To RSVP call 410.386.8430 or e-mail openhouse@carrollcc.edu.

SAT Test Preparation

SAT/ACT Preparation: Part 1

This course will prepare you to take the verbal question types on both the ACT and the new SAT 2005. SAT/ACT Preparation Part I is designed to prepare you for the reading, English, and science sections of the ACT and the critical reading and writing sections of the new SAT 2005.

Cost: \$109

Online; new sections begin monthly

For more information and course registration details go to
www.ed2go.com/carrollcc

SAT/ACT Preparation: Part 2

This course will prepare you take the math questions on both the ACT and the SAT. You'll refresh your knowledge of math subjects and learn techniques to help you move through the tests more quickly. Review arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and statistics as well as the Student Produced Response questions on the SAT. Practice techniques and approaches using similar exam questions and fully explain and interpret the correct and incorrect answers.

Cost: \$109

Online; new sections begin monthly

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Fall 2014 Event Schedule

Fall Open House	Tues. Sept. 2 nd from 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Hill Scholars Information Night	Wed. Nov. 12 th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM
High School Testing Dates (testing for Dual Enrollment)	Saturdays at 9:30 (beginning in October) Mon. Oct. 6 th at 1:30 PM Fri. Oct 17 th at 9:30 PM and 1:30 PM Wed. Oct 29 th at 1:30 PM
Spring Registration begins	Thurs. Nov 14 th
Dual Information Session	Wed. Nov 5 th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

To register for any of these events, e-mail admissions@carrollcc.edu or call 410-386-8430.



SERVICE LEARNING

Hello and Welcome back! I'm hoping that everyone's summer went well and that many of our students earned lots of service hours. Don't forget to check on the LHS website for opportunities. Here's a reminder about what is required by MSDE for service learning.

- **55 SERVICE HOURS** are needed by the end of your Junior year.
- **75 SERVICE HOURS** are needed to Graduate.

There are many ways you can find Service Opportunities. The website has some summer opportunities; once school starts you will hear them on the morning announcements which also come home via email (if requested). Also, look in your *local papers*, check with your *places of worship* and other **Non-Profit organizations**. To view the opportunities on the LHS Website, click on the highlighted link or type into your browser to get to the Service Learning page: <http://www.carrollk12.org/lhs/counseling/service/default.asp>

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Dual Enrollment

Classes begin on Tuesday, September 2. If there are last minute students that have already taken the placement tests, it is not too late for them to register. Keep in mind that we will not allow them to adjust their schedule or add a class after the class has met for the first time.

Please encourage all Dual Students to attend New Student Orientation (one day only)!!

Dual Enrollment - Fall Rosters

Rosters will be sent on Aug. 20th or 21st, before classes begin and then again after the drop/add period to reflect any changes that student make during the first week of classes. Don't forget we start the week after CCPS so there is time for adjustments!

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Preview [Accuplacer's sample questions](#) and [practice SAT sample questions](#) for reading, English and math. College Board has also released a [phone app](#) that students have reported as being very helpful.

The phone app has proven very user friendly and a worthwhile tool for students.

Fall Open House – Save the Date! - Tuesday, September 30th – Open House, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00PM

Everything you need to get started for both credit and non-credit options at Carroll! From 6-8 pm information tables and faculty will be available to answer your questions. Tours of the college and information sessions with more specifics regarding Admissions and Financial Aid and the Hill Scholars Honors Program (selective admissions) will also be offered. To RSVP call 410.386.8430 or e-mail openhouse@carrollcc.edu.

SAT Test Preparation - SAT/ACT Preparation: Part 1

This course will prepare you to take the verbal question types on both the ACT and the new SAT 2005. SAT/ACT Preparation Part I is designed to prepare you for the reading, English, and science sections of the ACT and the critical reading and writing sections of the new SAT 2005.

Cost: \$109

Online; new sections begin monthly

For more information and course registration details go to - www.ed2go.com/carrollcc

SAT/ACT Preparation: Part 2 - This course will prepare you take the math questions on both the ACT and the SAT. You'll refresh your knowledge of math subjects and learn techniques to help you move through the tests more quickly. Review arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and statistics as well as the Student Produced Response questions on the SAT. Practice techniques and approaches using similar exam questions and fully explain and interpret the correct and incorrect answers.

Cost: \$109 Online; new sections begin monthly

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Fall Planning - We can assist with the following topics or workshops for students/parents. Let us know if you would like to schedule any of the following, or if we can help you in presenting another topic:

- Admissions Process – How to get started!
- Financial Aid (FAFSA) for families or for counselors
- College Bound – What Carroll Community College has to offer
- Dual Enrollment during the senior year
- Hill Scholar's Honors Program

Fall 2014 Event Schedule

Fall Open House

Tues. Sept. 30th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Hill Scholars Information Night

Wed. Nov. 12th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM

High School Testing Dates

Saturdays at 9:30 (beginning in October)

(testing for Con. Enrollment)

Mon. Oct. 6th at 1:30 PM-Fri. Oct 17th at 9:30 PM **and** 1:30 PM- Wed. Oct 29th at 1:30 PM

Spring Registration begins

Thurs. Nov 14th

Dual Information Session

Wed. Nov 5th from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.



Bag Bingo

Featuring Coach & Vera Bradley Bags

Saturday, September 13th
Sykesville American Legion Hall
All proceeds to benefit LHS Cheer

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Games begin at 7:00 pm

Tickets are \$20.00
Ticket price includes a 20 game packet
All bags are filled!
Lots of specials, raffles and door prizes too!

For tickets or more info contact:
Linda Burke at lhscheer21784@yahoo.com



Dell Country Mile

1.1 Mile and 5K Family Fun
Run/Walk (*Optional Trail
Mud Course*)



Race Day: Sunday, Sept 14th 1:00 pm
Location: Dell Brothers Grain Farm
903 Sullivan Rd.
Westminster, MD 21157
Registration: Online <http://www.toffoundation.com/Current.html>
Shirts (5K), Sunglasses (1 Mile)
guaranteed for first 200 registrants
Packet Pickup: Dell Brothers Grain Farm
Saturday, Sept 13th 1-3:00pm
Early Entry Fee: 1 Mile - \$20 per person
5K - \$30 per person
After 9/12/14: 1 Mile - \$30 per person
5K - \$40 per person
Ages: All ages welcome.

Sponsorships Levels

- \$1000+:** Oak Tree Contributor-In additional to Willow Tree Contributor recognition, you will also receive recognition at every event in the 2014 Calendar year
- \$500-999:** Willow Tree Contributor- Top/large name and logo placement on shared banner & book, 24"x72" separate full color company banner displayed at start or finish line, minimum of 2 DJ announcements, and recognition on website for 1 year
- \$250-499:** Maple Tree Contributor- Name and logo printed on shared banner & book, 24"x36" separate company banner displayed at water station, 1 DJ announcement, and recognition on website for 1 year
- \$100-249:** Birch Tree Contributor- Name and logo printed on shared banner & book, 17"x 11" separate banner displayed at event
- \$50-99:** Seedling Contributor- This level donation and all in-kind donations will have their name printed on shared banner & book
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DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE AND WILL GO
TO THE GINA MARIA BARNES WARRIOR'S FOUNDATION
& OUR CARROLL COUNTY COMMUNITY.

ToFF operates under guidance of the Community Foundation
of Carroll County (Federal Tax ID 52-1865244).

Questions or More Info:

Tree of Friends Foundation

p: 443-307-0667 | toffoundation@gmail.com | www.toffoundation.com
5011 Wentz Rd. Manchester, MD 21102

Liberty High School PTSO

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PRIDE ... JOIN TODAY!

Individual Membership \$10 - Family Membership \$20

(LHS STAFF DISCOUNT – ONLY \$8)

Adult Name phone email

If signing up for a family membership, please list all current LHS students below:

(Reminder: Eligibility for the PTSO scholarship requires that students in the Class of 2015 must have been a PTSO member in 2014 and 2015. Class of 2016 and beyond must have been a PTSO member for at least two years, one of which MUST be their senior year.)

Student name class email

PLEASE CIRCLE SOME WAYS YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING THE PTSO

Membership Hospitality Food Preparation/Donation Fundraising

Nominating After Prom Party Student Appreciation

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LHS PTSO

AMT PAID _____ CASH/CHECK _____ DATE _____

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS MEDICATION FORM

Name: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Allergies: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____ Bus # _____

Medication: _____ Strength: _____ Dosage: _____ Time: _____ Expiration Date: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason: _____ Side Effects: _____

If medication administration is necessary during school hours, this form must be completed before any representative of the school can administer prescription or non-prescription medications to your child. **Special Notes:**

1. Medications must be in original container marked specifically for student.
 2. All homeopathic/herbal prescription AND non-prescription medicines require a parent AND physician/dentist or nurse practitioner signature. (Physician's Assistant signature NOT acceptable) *EXCLUSION: Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen in age appropriate doses only.
 3. Medications are not to be transported by students. This is in violation of our Drug-Alcohol policy. Leftover medication will be returned to parent, guardian or designated adult. Unused, unclaimed, or expired medicines will be destroyed at the end of the school year.
 4. Medication orders are only valid for the current school year including the summer session.
- * (Maryland law allows prescription medication to be used only for 1 year beyond date of issue or expiration date indicated on the medication – whichever comes first.)

I authorize and request representatives of Carroll County Public Schools to administer the medication listed above, in doing so, relieve them of ill effects resulting from the administration of medication to my child. I also give them permission to contact the physician for any questions regarding the administration of this medication.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Physician Signature: _____ Physician's Phone #: _____

Inhaler Release: (It is the student's responsibility to report usage to the school nurse)

This section must be completed in addition to above for those students who request permission to carry their own inhaler.

We acknowledge that the student named above has been instructed as to the proper use, understands the purpose and the appropriate method as well as the frequency of use of their inhaler. We request that the student may be able to carry their inhaler on their person or secured in their locker.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Physician Signature: _____

Codes (chart reason)

A – Absent	F – Field Trip	N – None Available
C – School Closed	H – Holiday	O – No Show
E – Early Dismissal	L – Late Opening	W – Dose Withheld

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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NURSING NOTES

DATE	COMMENTS

Initial: _____

Name: _____

Initial: _____

Name: _____



Welcome Back! We're glad that you are here!

Please be sure to join us every day for a delicious, healthy breakfast and lunch. We have been busy making your school cafeteria hi-tech and better than ever. Here are some things that we think you need to know to enhance your cafeteria experience.

- * Did you know that your child has a cafeteria account? Every student who goes through our cafeteria line will use a unique, Personal Identification Number (PIN) to access their account. Parents have the option to add any denomination to the account for the purchase of meals and snack items. It is a convenient way to ensure that money is not lost or forgotten during that hectic morning rush!
- * Ok, so what is the PIN? Each student has been issued a unique, 5 digit PIN number. Please help them remember this number! It makes the line move faster and ensures that everyone has plenty of time to enjoy their meal. If they do happen to forget the number, the cashier will be able to find it for them.
- * How do I put money on the account? It's easy!
 - * Visit www.myschoolbucks.com to add any value to the account with a credit card. (There is a small service provider fee for the transaction.) You'll need your child's PIN number to complete the simple registration process. Please note: online payments require 24 hours to process before your child can access the money.
 - * You can still send in a check to your school's cafeteria. The cafeteria manager will add it to the account.
 - * The money added to the account can be used to purchase meals AND snack items.
 - * And of course...we will still accept cash! Cash transactions will also require your student to enter their PIN number.
- * Can I monitor what my child is purchasing? Sure! Visit www.myschoolbucks.com and set up a FREE account. Once you complete the simple registration process (you'll need your child's PIN to get started) you can set up low balance alerts and monitor what they are purchasing.
- * You can forget about use it or lose it! Any money that is left on your child's account will carry over from year to year.

Sending cash or check to school? Include this form with your initial payment.

Student's Name _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

____ Please place **All** of the money on my child's general account for the purchase of either meals, milk or snacks

____ Please place the money on my child's account, but I want to specify:

\$ _____ for Breakfast and Lunch

\$ _____ for Milk or Snacks



Carroll County Public Schools
Office of Food and Nutrition
410-751-3040

www.carrollk12.org/admin/financeservices/foodserves

The LHS FFA is not affiliated with Vera Bradley, 31 or Coach. Thank you!

Date:
October, 25th 2014

Liberty FFA Bag Bingo

Doors Open at 5:30pm
Game begins at 7:00pm

Join the members of the Liberty High FFA Chapter for their first annual Bag Bingo! The FFA is a National Organization that is dedicated to the development of leadership and career skills within the agriculture industry!

When: October 25th, 2014
Where: Oklahoma Road Middle
Time: Doors Open at 5:30,
Game begins at 7:00

- Vera Bradley, 31 and Coach items!
- 20 Regular Games, 50/50, two special games and door prizes!
- Food available upon purchase

Tickets:

- \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door
- Reserve Tables for large parties
- Contact Diane Robinson for ticket reservations: 443-398-1799

LHS FFA Bingo - 10/25/14
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FFA FLOWER BULB SALE!

How would you like to have beautiful flowers blooming from March through July without any of the hassles of spring planting?!

We have your answer! Purchase flower bulbs from the Liberty FFA Chapter. All you have to do is plant the bulbs in the ground this fall and forget about them and come springtime you will have beautiful flowers. All bulbs are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced.



To place an order visit: <http://groups.dutchmillbulbs.com/libertyhighschoolffa.php>

OR

Ask any FFA member to check out our brochure and order form!

Questions? Contact Katy Macleod at kjmacle@carrollk12.org or 410-751-3560.



Please note: No dogs or other pets, with the exception of service animals are permitted in school buildings or on school grounds without the direct permission of the school administration.

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