Dear Parents and Guardians:

As we push out first quarter grades as a progress report to families, we need to make you aware of the new grading system that will be in place for students at La Grande High School. About nine years ago, we moved away from a straight ABCDF system at the behest of a portion of our staff who posited that a plus/minus system would improve students’ efforts in classes, incentivizing them to work just a little harder to achieve that B+ or A-, etc. In reviewing the data over multiple years/cohorts of students, we found that this has not generally been the case. After working for more than two years on this issue with our LHS Leadership Team, which comprises staff, parents, and students, we made the change in our new School Information System (SIS) Synergy to return to an ABCDF system. A transition in SIS is a monumental undertaking for a school district, and this one has been a doozy. The settings for grading systems had to be set up last spring and summer as the transition was beginning.

**Current System (Classes of 2020, 2021, 2022):**

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**New System (Class of 2023+):**

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Other Grades used at LHS:

- NG = No Credit Earned
- P = Pass (Not included in GPA)

This grading system will be phased in over time beginning with this year’s freshman class. Students who have already been in the plus/minus system will remain with that system until their graduation. We appreciate your support of your students to do their very best. We realize that grades and GPA are only two measures of student success, though for scholarships and college admission, they can carry significant import. Our efforts are focused on giving our students the best opportunities in learning, while challenging them to reach their full potential and be competitive in their post-high school work or education. If you have questions about this change, please contact our Counseling Office or Registrar at (541) 663-3306.

Brett Baxter, Principal
Navigating the teen years can be one of the most difficult things a person does. Opportunities, influences, decision making, friendships, maturity and classes make for these years to be complex emotionally, physically and socially. We realize that each student that comes through our doors can be facing a myriad of challenges on any given day. Here at La Grande High School our staff is committed to serving your student to the very best of our abilities. I wanted to take a moment to point out some of the services we offer to those students who are struggling emotionally, socially and academically.

Our school is well staffed with three counselors who are able and willing to meet with your students on a regular basis. They are the first ones there when your student is having a difficult day and are able to communicate to staff, families and administration on the best ways to serve your students. In addition to our school counselors, we have a Student Based Health Center that is run by CHD. There they have a mental health counselor and nurses ready and willing to assist your student. Your student can make appointments there and be seen on a regular basis for a variety of care. LHS staff is being trained on Collaborative Problem Solving and how to navigate those difficult situations where students may be experiencing a moment of deregulation and aren’t behaving like themselves. Our staff is committed to helping your student get back on track to being successful through intervention strategies to help them regulate.

Classes are winding down for the semester and some students are feeling the pressure. Our library is open for PRIDE study lab each Monday and Wednesday for an hour after school. Here students can come and ask questions of teachers and receive tutoring support. They can also have a quiet space to work on homework if that is needed. Monday evenings we have our Math lab from 5:30-7:30. All are welcome to come meet with a math teacher and receive the help they need. Additionally, our doors are open from 7:35-8:10 Tuesday-Friday (8:30-9:10 Monday’s) for teacher access. Staff is in their rooms and ready to help students.

Students who are in need of social support have access to over 20 clubs and 20 sports. They meet at various hours of the week and you can receive information on meeting times through our calendar, on the website, or by calling the front office at 541-663-3300. Additionally we have our Tiger ambassadors who are reaching out and eating lunch with students who may be in need of a friend. If your student is in this situation please contact the front office and we’ll be able to arrange that. School tours, orientation days, assemblies, spirit weeks, college weeks and the list goes on. There are ways to get students involved. If your student is needing that extra push let us know. We are constantly inviting our students to participate and enjoy their high school experience.

As we navigate the end of the semester, please let your students know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. We will get through this together and they can be successful. We thank you for sending us your students and we look forward to working with you in loving, caring and serving them and you.

Brett Smith, Assistant Principal
HONORS DIPLOMA

La Grande High School’s Honors Diploma is designed to reward the student who pursues a rigorous course of study on our campus. A Cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required with no D’s or F’s received at any time in high school. Students must earn a LHS 26 credit diploma. Honors classes may not be substituted with off campus college classes or other outside course work. Honors Diploma applications will be available in the Counseling Office after winter break and deadline for submission is February 15th.

In order to earn an Honors Diploma at LHS, students must successfully complete 3 courses in 3 different subject areas;

- Advanced Placement U.S. History
- Advanced Biology
- Advanced Placement Composition OR
  Advanced Placement Literature
- Pre-Calculus OR
  Advanced Placement Calculus

Students must complete one of the following courses without duplicating courses completed from the above list.

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*If you mail in your late registration (rather than register online or by phone), the deadline is a week earlier. **Although the College Board has confirmed SAT test dates for 2019-20, it has yet to confirm all of the SAT registration.

2019-2020 ACT TEST DATES

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SENSORS REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors, if you need transcripts for admissions to colleges, come into the counseling office and write your name on the clipboard list in the bookcase.

When the transcripts are done, they will be in the file next to the clipboard with your name on the place where your stamp will go.

You are responsible for mailing your transcripts to colleges for admissions.
SAT Prep

Thinking about taking the SAT this spring? Good plan! Want a few helpful hints about the test and the skills covered? Perfect! Join me for a 4-part SAT Prep Seminar Series this winter.

All students are welcome, but this workshop will probably be most helpful for current sophomores and juniors as they prepare for the SAT.

Come to one or all of the sessions, as each will cover a different aspect of the exam.

Each session is scheduled to last just over an hour and snacks will be provided.

Please sign up in the library to let me know who will attend.

Questions? Please see Mrs. Rohan in the Library!

Dates
January 6 @ 3:15 PM
January 13 @ 3:15 PM
January 27 @ 3:15 PM
February 3 @ 3:15 PM

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achieve more

SAT

Sessions

Session 1—Introducing the SAT
Learn about the types of questions asked on the SAT. Also learn to link a FREE Khan Academy test-prep account to your current PSAT scores.

Session 2—Evidenced Based Reading & Writing
Get helpful hints on this section of the exam. Learn about the importance of Evidence and Interpreting Data.

Session 3—The Essay
While the essay exam is not required for the SAT, many colleges want you to take this portion. Come learn about important features of the SAT Essay.

Session 4—Math
Learn about the three sections of the Math Exam: The Heart of Algebra, Problems Solving & Data Analysis and the Passport to Advanced Math. We will learn to focus on the math that matters most!
TIGER EYE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

LHS is working to reinstate “TIGER EYES” and would love to have your help. Please contact Teresa Dowdy at 541-663-3307 or teresa.dowdy@lagrandesd.org if you are interested in being an extra set of “EYES” during lunch at LHS. Whether you can do one day a week or one day a month, it would be appreciated.

FFA NEWS

La Grande FFA Holiday Party:
December 9th @ 6:00 pm in Ag Room

FFA District Ag Sales & Job Interview:
December 11th @ North Powder

FFA State Degrees Due: January 9th

La Grande FFA Meeting:
January 13th @ lunch in Ag Room

Thank you to Hines Meat Co. and Lane Farms who helped us with donations for our Drive Thru BBQ, and thank you to everyone who had purchased a ticket. These funds go to help our FFA members participate in events and activities that build their leadership skills and knowledge of the agricultural industry for little to no cost! We greatly appreciate the continued support of our community and we would not be successful without you!

CHOIR NEWS

LHS Winter Choir Concert
Thursday, December 12, 2019 • 7:00 pm - LHS Auditorium

LMS Winter Choir Concert
Thursday, December 19, 2019 • 7:00 pm - LHS Auditorium

OMEA All-State Choir in Eugene Oregon
Students leave Thursday, January 16, 2020
Performance - Sunday, January 19, 2020

SENIOR TRANSITIONS CLASS

Some of Ms. Steyaert’s Transition Classes went to Pendleton to explore Blue Mountain Community College and the Pendleton Underground. Students received a tour of BMCC and looked into what classes are available. Students were able to ask questions of BMCC student ambassadors and toured all the buildings on the campus.

At the Pendleton Underground the students got to see some of Pendleton's history.
Class of 2020

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES!!

9/30-12/20 yearbook prices are $50 (Order yearbooks)
1/6-3/20 yearbook prices are $55
12/13/19 senior pictures are due for the yearbook!!
1/25/2020 Winter Formal (venue & theme - TBA)
3/20/2020 Graduation ads are due
(more info available in the office)

Tue. 5/19 @ 6:30 PM Senior awards

Wed. 5/20/20 @ 6:30 PM BACCALAUREATE
(non-denominational service honoring the senior class
- optional/not mandatory)

Wed. 5/27/2020 @ 5:30 PM Senior Banquet

5/29/2020 Honor Walk at elementary schools -
in the morning before Grad Practice
(Invites will be sent out to students)

MANDATORY Grad Practice Friday May 29 @ noon

Sat. 5/30/2020 @ 10 AM - GRADUATION!!
(Seniors arrive TBA)

Submit a baby picture and school age picture ASAP to
Julie Childs in the library for the senior slideshow.

All senior pictures for the yearbook MUST be in portrait
mode and at least 900K in file size. These pictures can
be submitted by email at steve.ilg@lagrandesd.org be
sure to include your name.

Actual Printed Photos must be in 8x10 inches
to be scanned properly

Senior Pictures for the 2019/20 Yearbook
are due by Friday, December 13th, 2019
(a week before the winter break).
The senior portrait section needs to be submitted
for publication by the end of 1st semester.
We need pictures in by this date so we can have the
section done by the end of the semester.

Handouts are available in the LHS main office
for more detailed instructions.

SENIOR SLIDESHOW

NOW is the time to get the pictures in for the Senior
Slide Show. We need:

1- baby/toddler picture (age 1-3)
1-school age picture (age 8-14)
1-senior picture (12 grade)

Please email these to juliette.childs@lagrandesd.org or
bring them in to be scanned at the LHS Library.

BE SURE AND ORDER YOUR 2019/20
YEARBOOKS BEFORE THE DEADLINE DATE

Pricing for the yearbook is:

September 30, 2019 to December 20, 2019 = $50
January 6, 2020 to March 22, 2019 = $55
(After Winter Break to Spring Break)

*All yearbooks include an autograph section
with the above prices.

*By Spring Break the total yearbooks to be published
needs to be provided to Publisher.

YOU MUST PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK BY
SPRING BREAK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ONE!!!
Tiger Boosters

MEMBERSHIP LEVEL & BENEFITS

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$ Value of Benefits

- GOLD $1000+: $250
- SILVER $500: $70
- BRONZE $250: $50
- TIGER $100: $10
- CUB $50: $5

*Due to IRS guidelines, the cost of benefits are not tax deductible.
*Passes not valid for Fundraisers/State.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please mail check and form to: Tiger Boosters
P.O. Box 2991
La Grande, OR 97850

Register online at https://sites.google.com/lagrandesd.org/lagrandetigerbooster

NAME ____________________________
ADDRESS __________________________
CITY ______________________________
PHONE _____________________________
E-MAIL ____________________________

SIGNATURE _________________________

SELECT LEVEL OF MEMBERSHIP
Gold Silver Bronze Tiger Cub
$1000+ $500 $250 $100 $50
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Choose Options Below:
1. General fund for all activities ☐
2. Designate activity of choice ☐
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3. HAT ........................................... ☐
4. T-SHIRT: M L XL XXL ............... ☐
   Please Circle Size
5. Donation only ....................... ☐
   (I do not wish to receive the benefits)

*See reverse for an explanation of how money is distributed.
*Donations to Tiger Boosters are tax deductible under Federal 501c3 guidelines.