



The

Wildcat Lynx

Los Gatos High School

September 2, 2016

Off and Running...

Welcome to beginning of the 2016-17 school year - and what a great start we've had! If you are interested, here is a link to a "photo story" highlighting some of the recent moments recorded on campus: <https://storify.com/LosGatosHigh/the-first-7-days>. Thanks to those who have been posting and viewing our feed (@LosGatosHigh #golcats). The number of visitors is increasing each day!

So far we already have several successes to celebrate, small and large: Wildcat Days, Freshman Orientation, New Tech Ice Cream Social, New Student Welcome Lunch, Senior Sunrise Breakfast, First Day Assembly on the front lawn with student speakers and singers, textbook check-outs, classes underway with students engaged, grade-level assemblies sharing school values and boundaries, Friday night lights with lots of orange (many donning Cats Corner t-shirts), tons of Wildcat spirit, the drum line presenting on the field, our band playing in the stands, cheer team leading the crowd, dance team performing a great half-time program, varsity football bringing home a first-of-the-season win, and the kick-off dance a huge success with great student attendance. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making all of these aspects so great.

Parents, please mark your calendars for **Back to School Night**, which will be held on **Thursday, September 8** from 6:30 – 8:30 PM. The evening will begin on the front lawn at 6:30 with a welcome and introduction. Thereafter, parents will visit classes in this order: period 2, 4, 6, 1, 3, 5, 7. Please come with a print-out of your student's schedule, available through Aeries. We will have maps and student guides to help you find your way.

This Thursday and Friday evening, **September 1 and 2**, LGHS is hosting Corona del Mar High School, from Newport Beach, for pre-season football games. We want to remind families of rules for school events as we want every school function to be a safe and positive experience for all who attend:

- Football games, as any school-sponsored events, are considered school functions. Therefore, we expect appropriate, respectful behavior from students and visitors. All school rules apply.
- Bags will be checked upon entry. No controlled substances are allowed on public school grounds.
- Students are not permitted to bring liquids into the stadium area. The LG Lions Club generously hosts a snack shack on the home side of the field; beverages and food are available for purchase there.
- If students bring bicycles, skateboards, or scooters, they will be asked to lock them up or put them in a closet near the gate upon arrival and may pick them up when leaving.
- Once students leave the football game, they are not allowed to reenter.



LGHS HOME & SCHOOL CLUB

Next Meeting:
Thursday,
September 15, 8:45am
Community Room

Featured Topic:
HSC Survey Results &
School Initiatives

To see what the Home &
School Club has been
doing lately, check out our
[Facebook Page](#).

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check out our website at
www.LGSHSC.org

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Thank you for respecting rules and likewise for helping to bring spirit and enthusiasm to all school events to help contribute positively to our school climate.

On Friday, **September 9**, starting at 5 PM in the Science Quad, the LGHS Field Hockey team will hold its annual fundraiser—the “**Chicks with Sticks**” **BBQ dinner**, an event that is both fun and delicious. We look forward to seeing many families there.

On **September 14** at 7:30 PM, we are hosting a **Movie Night** on the front lawn, open to families of students from LGHS and our local elementary and middle schools. This year the featured movie is *Star Wars, the Force Awakens*. This event is sponsored by LGHS NMF, LGHS HSC and LG CASA. Admission is free. You may bring blankets, and snacks with you to this event, no chairs please. Light snacks and beverages will also be available for sale.

On **September 16** during tutorial, LGHS students will have the opportunity to participate in **Club Day** on the front lawn. We encourage all students to visit the different tables and sign up for clubs they might be interested in. It is important that students become connected to the school community—and joining a club is one such way to engage with the school, tap into an area of interest, and make new friends.

Many may not be aware that this year is an “accreditation year” for LGHS, with much work being devoted to reviewing our school progress to date and resetting goals for the future. This process falls under the auspices of “WASC” (the Western Association of Schools and Colleges), and already our LGHS “WASC Focus Groups” have been gathering and reflecting upon data leading to the formulation of “school-wide learning outcomes” (school goals) that will guide us in our work for the next several years. Thank you to those parents who have participated by responding to the recent survey that our Home and School Club sent out to help us with this effort.

We are grateful for the wonderful support from our community—including support from excellent local organizations such as the New Millennium Foundation and Home and School Club. Without a doubt, our students are fortunate to be raised in such a caring, generous town. As a school, we enjoy our students - they are at the heart of the educational mission - and we look forward to having a terrific year ahead!

Go, Cats!

Kristi Grasty

Principal, Los Gatos High School

Greetings from LGHS New Millennium Foundation (NMF)

We hope your student’s year is off to a good start. As always, LGHS NMF needs you! Our Fall Fundraising Campaign is underway. Many of you were able to donate during Wildcat Days, thank you so much. Those dollars directly affect your child’s education this year.

If you are still waiting for the right time to donate...The time is now!

Participation is critical and crucial. While we ask for \$500 per student, any amount you can contribute is vital. A good, solid public education does not just happen anymore. Be a part of making it happen.



**LOS GATOS HIGH SCHOOL
NEW MILLENNIUM
FOUNDATION**

Our goal is to increase the participation rate of families donating to LGHS NMF. Our lofty goal is 75%! Help us reach that by donating to our Fall Campaign. You will be one of the families making a difference to students at Los Gatos High School.

LGHS NMF is a non-profit organization created and managed by a volunteer community of LGHS parents, alumni, teachers and administrators. Our mission is to make a difference, lessen that gap between state, federal and local spending, and raise funds to enhance the education and experience of each and every Los Gatos High School student.

Please take a moment and support us today at:

www.lghsnmf.org or mail a check to:

LGHS NMF, 20 High School Court, Los Gatos, CA 95030

All LGHS NMF funds benefit Los Gatos High School only!

Donate to NMF Now!

Los Gatos Field Hockey Chicks with Sticks Annual Steak Dinner Fundraiser

JOIN US FOR DINNER
BEFORE THE GAME!

FRIDAY SEPT 9TH
5:00-7:30 PM



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT
EAT STEAK!

TICKETS ARE \$20 FROM ANY FIELD HOCKEY PLAYER

Order online at <https://form.jotform.com/LGFH/CWS> or email lghsfieldhockey@gmail.com

Take-out boxes are available. ALL proceeds benefit LGHS Field Hockey.

On Friday, September 9, 2016 the THREE consecutive **CCS Champion LGHS Field Hockey** team is holding its annual steak dinner fundraiser, from 5:00pm to 7:30pm (before the Varsity Football game) in the Science Quad at Los Gatos High School.

Each year, this event brings over 700 community members together for a delicious meal. Tickets are \$20 each, which includes a meal featuring Tri-tip steak from Los Gatos Meats, home-style ranch beans, fresh salad, garlic bread, drinks and yummy desserts. Take-out boxes will be available.

It is recommended that tickets are purchased ahead, as this popular event often sells out. Tickets can be purchased from any LGHS Field Hockey player, online ([click here](#)) or by contacting LGHsfieldhockey@gmail.com. All proceeds benefit LGHS Field Hockey.

Please join neighbors and friends for an evening of spirited fun and fabulous food in support of this amazing women's youth sports program!

Leadership Happenings...

- Club applications due to Ms. Chiodo by the end of the day 9/6 in L5. Club applications can also be picked up in L5 before school or during tutorial.
- All potential clubs must attend a MANDATORY meeting on 9/8 during lunch in the Community Room to share information about their club. Upon the clubs approval, there will be another MANDATORY meeting during lunch in the Community Room on Monday 9/12 to get important club information for club day
- Friday - 9/16 Club Day on the Front Lawn during tutorial
- Monday 9/26 Coronation Dance Tickets go on sale
- Saturday, October 15 - Coronation Dance



MyJobShadow.com

Job Shadow Day

Mark your calendar for this year's Job Shadow day, March 13, 2017.

Movie on the Green

Wednesday, Sept. 14

at 7:30pm



Sponsored by

LGHS NMF, LGHS HSC & LG CASA

Blankets Only (NO chairs)

Admission is free!

Thank you!

Thank you to the hundreds of parents who have signed up to volunteer this year. Each and everyone one of you is doing your part to help make LGHS a caring place for our students. Many of these activities would not take place if it were not for the efforts of our hardworking volunteers and the dedicated people who have stepped up to lead them. Please join us in our appreciation of those who have agreed to take on a leadership role for these important activities for our student and staff.



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School Site Council 2016-17

We'd like to thank Taryne Kraus, Todson Page and Erica Mittelhauser for serving as parent representatives on the 2016-17 School Site Council. If you have any concerns, please contact Tamera Parks or Marie Rector.

Friends in LG Hiking Group



Parents, join us for one of our weekly hikes! We call ourselves "friends in LG", we meet in the grass area in

front of the LG Public Library every Tuesday and Friday, departing by 9:05 am and hiking for 1.5 hours. To be included in all our activities, contact Janet Stimson to be invited to our private Facebook page.

Jstimson68@gmail.com.

Parent Education Resources and Events



The Parenting Continuum is a community alliance empowering parents to nurture the whole child and the whole family; focusing on providing parent education and resources to parents of children in grades K-12. We are a group of volunteer parents who care and who want to bring awareness, support, and resources to support the navigation of our parenting journeys.

We are a part of the Home and School Club and partner with the K-8 Parenting Continuum Group to offer speaker and panel events. Parents are invited to attend events and participate in community gatherings.

Regularly Scheduled Events:

The Life After High School Panel

In October, a Panel of LGHS and SHS alumni speak about their educational and career paths and their successes beyond high school. This is brought to you in collaboration with LGSUHS's Workability program.

College Prep for Junior Parents: *Winter of each year in the LGHS Library.* This is a four-week workshop to support parents of LGHS Junior students in the college planning and admissions process. Parents may sign up by visiting our website. Click on Kleinman & McSherry, and print the signup form. Limited seating.

Monthly Book Discussion Group

Join other parents as we grow our parenting and build community.

The LGHS Parenting Continuum reps for 2016-17 are Kathy Schmidt, Susi Steiner and Janet Stimson

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