

LAKEWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

“HOME OF THE RANGERS”



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OHSAA Preseason Meeting

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- 1. The OHSAA**-There are over 800 high schools in Ohio and 800+ middle/junior high schools. The state is split into 6 districts. We are the largest northeast district with 239 high schools. The OHSAA is a private organization that offers free membership to schools 7-12. With this membership schools may take part in post season tournament championships, but must abide by the associations bylaws and sports regulations. There are 6 district boards in Ohio. Lakewood is part of the Northeast District which is the largest district in Ohio.
- 2. Eligibility**-The OHSAA has declared that all students are eligible to participate in fall athletics. The eligibility standard has been waived. The Lakewood Board of Education minimum GPA is still active (1.00).
- 3. Dropping classes**-can make you ineligible to participate in athletics. Please consult your counselor or the Athletic Director before dropping classes.
- 4. Study Center**-~~Students that are eligible, but have achieved a GPA less than 1.51 must attend study table for two hours each week. If they fail to meet this requirement they will be ineligible to participate in games the following week.~~ Study center will suspended until further notice.
- 5. Participation Forms**-All forms need to be on file and current for your student to participate in practice or games. Coaches are instructed to remove students from practice/games if forms are not current. Students will not receive their Free Student Athlete Sticker if these forms are not on file.
- 6. Free Student Athlete Sticker for the fall and winter**- There are no stickers for the spring. All sports in the spring are free to spectators except the Ranger Relays Track Meet.
- 7. OHSAA Games**-Free entry stickers, LHS Athletic Booster passes and conference passes can't be used for OHSAA home or away playoff games.
- 8. Pay to Participate**-is non-refundable once a student attends at least one practice- All pay to participate fees will be added to your student's account at the end of the season. No refunds will be given for quitting the team, or for being removed from the team since students may keep their free entry sticker that has a value of \$160-\$220 in free home events.
- 9. Transportation Waiver**-can be found on the district website. It must be turned in 24 hours in advance and must be filled out completely. Students are not permitted to transport themselves for any reason.
- 10. Lakewood Athletic Boosters**-Join the boosters. You can earn booster bucks toward your child's "Pay to Participate" by working in the concession stand and attending meetings.
- 11. Ticket Prices**-Are posted on the district website. Ticket sales collected go right back into the athletic budget to pay for officials, game workers and team tournament entry fees.
- 12. Uniforms**-are issued to students by the athletic department and must be returned to the athletic department.
- 13. Cut Sports**-Coaches have the final say on who makes the team and who doesn't. It is not my role to intervene on the behalf of a parent or student to overturn those decisions.
- 14. Weight Room**-Fall weight room hours will be displayed by the weight room and communicated to the coaches and students.

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- 15. Fundraising-**Each team is responsible for fundraising for special purchases that are not covered by the Athletic Department. The money is help by the Athletic Boosters and a parent and coach must sign to deposit and request funds. Each sport has a team parent representative. Each team parent receives a \$75.00 Pay to Participate credit for their services.
- 16. Practice Attendance-**if your child doesn't attend practice, they can't get better! Please promote excellent attendance to the chosen sport of your child.
- 17. Signing Day-**We have three signing days that take place in the cafeteria each year. Student's pictures and their selected school will be sent out on Twitter and posted on the Athletic page of the district website.
- 18. Lockers-**The Athletic Department and coaches are not responsible for lost or stolen items. We as that students lock up the valuables and/or try not to bring them to school. We supply locks to students in the new facility locker rooms. Students must request a lock and parents must sign off.
- 19. Positive Coaching Alliance program and dates:**
 - Sunday 5:00pm 8-15-21 HS Coach virtual workshop (All coaches)
 - Sunday 5:00pm 8-15-21 MS Coach virtual workshop (All coaches)
 - Tuesday 6:00pm 8-17-21 Mandatory 9th Grade Parent Workshop at LHS in the Cafeteria (distribute parent books)
 - Sunday 5:00pm 8-22-21 Senior Leadership virtual workshop-Making Teams Better-(All Senior Athletes)
 - Sunday 5:00pm 8-22-21 Junior Social Media virtual workshop (All Juniors)
 - Monday 3:15-4:30pm 9-13-21 9th Athlete Workshop Triple Impact Competitor in LHS Cafeteria
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 - *Any 9th grader that missed 9/13 may attend
 - Wednesday 3:15-4:30pm 11-17-21 9th/10th win/spr Athlete Workshop Triple Impact Competitor in LHS Cafeteria
- 20. Communication-** Communication is a two way street. If there issues going on in your child's sport, please don't assume that I am aware. I would ask that you address those issues with the head coach. If you need further explanation or assistance, I am one phone call or email away.
216-214-0184 my cell phone number and sean.jackson@lakewoodcityschools.org.
- 21. Sportsmanship-** In general, our Ranger fans are supporting and encouraging to our student athletes at athletic events. We have had instances where the focus turned to yelling at officials, opposing fans and even student athletes from the opposing teams. These types of behaviors will not be tolerated from our fans at home or away events. These acts of aggression will be considered a violation of the Board of Education civility policy (po8105).
- 22. Fall Pictures-**August 17, 2021