

La Porte High School



July Newsletter

Once a Slicer, Always a
Slicer

Get To Know La Porte High School:

- LPHS is Home of the “Slicers.” The nickname originates from a meat slicing company in La Porte in the late 1800s. The nickname is exclusive to La Porte High School and carries a lot of pride in the community.
- LPHS is accredited through AdvancEd, a world-wide organization that helps schools continuously improve their practices. Accreditation is ongoing and has been maintained since 1909.
- A school musical group performs the school song live on each Orange & Black Friday throughout the year.
- LPHS offers across-the-board Advanced Placement course offerings in Math, Science, English, SS, Visual Arts, AP Seminar, and AP Research. LPHS is one of approximately 15 Indiana schools to offer the AP Capstone diploma from the College Board.
- LPHS offers over 100 college credit hours available for students to earn through Purdue NorthWest, Ivy Tech, and Indiana University.
- Students have access to the Slicer Health Clinic during the school day for a variety of healthcare services. The clinic is staffed by a licensed Nurse Practitioner and medical assistant.
- Students are gaining new opportunities in Career & Technical Education at LPHS. Students are encouraged to take career and technical classes that are offered at LPHS. These include Radio/TV, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Engineering, and Energy Academy.
- LPHS is excited to have a new space for the performing arts. The Performing Arts Center opened in 2018 and is an amazing space for theatre, dance, music, performance, and technical theatre.
- The LPHS Agriculture and FFA programs are some of the best in the state.
- The LPHS music programs are some of the best around. Our choirs and bands frequently perform in the community and are recognized statewide. Our bands have been awarded the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) All Music Award every year since the award has been given. This award recognizes programs with exemplary results at all ISSMA events in recognition of being an outstanding and well-rounded program.
- LPHS is a Project Lead the Way school. PLTW is a nationally recognized engineering program. Our newest program is the PLTW Biomedical Science program.
- LPHS is a member school of the La Porte County Career and Technical Education Center. There are over 15 programs available to students in career and technical education.
- LPHS has partnered with Horizon Bank to offer students, parents, and the community the Slicer Branch that is located in the main commons.
- LPHS is a member school of the Duneland Athletic Conference, a premier high school athletic conference with schools from Lake, Porter, and La Porte counties.
- LPHS offers the Virtual Learning Academy that provides online academic opportunities to meet a wide range of student needs.
- LPHS offers over 30 student clubs and organizations for students to experience.
- Follow La Porte High School on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/slicerslphs>; Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LPCSC.LPHS>; or <http://slicernewsroom.com>

Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2020-21 school year! On behalf of the faculty and staff of La Porte High School, I offer a sincere welcome to our students, parents, and guardians. A special welcome is offered to the Class of 2024. Please note that we are providing this newsletter in an electronic format to better inform you as information changes this summer. As a result, we will not be mailing the July newsletter through the U.S. Mail as we have in the past.

We are experiencing an unprecedented set of circumstances, and we understand the difficulties this pandemic is causing our families and our educators. The La Porte Community School Corporation is dedicated to providing the best educational and social/emotional learning experience possible for your student.

We understand you will have questions regarding our school policies this year. The following newsletter will provide information to help answer your questions. Please refer to our corporation website at www.lpcsc.k12.in.us for specifics regarding our current safety measures and programming options. This situation is fluid, and we will continue to monitor the Indiana State Board of Health and Governor Holcomb's guidelines to maintain a safe atmosphere.

Our administration and staff ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate this school year together. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at calber@lpcsc.k12.in.us or your student's administrator. Thank you in advance for the opportunity to educate your child.

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Chris Alber, Principal

Throughout the course of the school year we will update parents and community members regarding key information via our LPCSC website: <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us>

We anticipate this to be an unconventional year with the potential for a number of changes, adjustments and responses necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic. When we update our website with critical information, we will use social media to draw attention to the postings.

Last year, we implemented our Family Resource Services program and are now able to provide resources and information for parents with questions or needs. Please take advantage of this department as the staff are excited to serve you. Family Resource Services Website: <https://www.facebook.com/LPCSC.FRS>

Coronavirus Threat Levels

La Porte County COVID-19 data will be monitored throughout the 2020/2021 school year. Tracing results will assist school officials in determining the length of time necessary to close the school, disinfect, and communicate with the community as well as those that will be excluded from school/work.

Programming, student classes, and daily schedules will be selected according to cases in our schools and levels of threat that exist in the county at any one given time. Student daily schedules and educational programming delivery options for the upcoming school year will be directly related to the state of the county with regard to Covid-19 threat levels. The corporation will be responsible for identifying the educational programming delivery that will be used to begin the school year and revise as needed according to the level of Covid threat in La Porte County.

- **Green**: Low Threat Level is decreased to stable COVID data set that will allow students to attend school on a traditional schedule in the building.
- **Yellow**: Moderate Threat Level represents an increase in COVID data and students will attend school 1-4 days a week and the balance will be supplemented with online learning.
- **Red**: Substantial Threat Level is a severe increase in COVID data and requires the students to receive 100% of the instruction online.

Please refer to the district website at www.lpcsc.k12.in.us for updates related to COVID-19 and our prevention measures including, but not limited to: personal protection equipment (PPE), social distancing, COVID-19 screening, cleaning, professional development, training, visitor entry procedures, and our policy for when/if a student or staff member has a positive test for COVID-19. We encourage our students, parents, and staff to support our plan for the safety of all. These guidelines are designed for the safety of all students and staff. If you are unable or unwilling to follow these guidelines we have an online format available.

Online Registration

Beginning July 29th the La Porte Community School Corporation will be sending out registration information to parents asking them to confirm their selection on Skyward Family Access of 1) Traditional (in person) instruction. 2) Distance Learning (off campus) Academy, or 3) LPCSC Homeschool Academy. Please note the first day of school for students has been pushed back to Monday, August 24th. Parents have until August 7th to select the most appropriate option for their student. The options are as follows:

Option 1: Traditional (in person) Programming: This option consists of traditional on-campus instruction for students. This option will follow the guidelines set above regarding the Coronavirus Threat Levels of **Green, Yellow, or Red** depending on the severity of the La Porte County pandemic numbers. It will consist of instruction provided by La Porte High School teachers following our curriculum. Option 1 requires self-screening of students prior to in-person attendance. This model follows the traditional learning environment with social distancing measures in place. **Please note protective masks and following our safety measures are required for this option.**

Option 2: Distance Learning Academy: This option consists of distance learning (formerly known as eLearning) for your student. The distance learning model will provide a more structured school format than the spring eLearning. It will be taught 5 days a week by La Porte High School teachers using our curriculum. Please note we will offer core content areas with limited electives. Option 2 will require a commitment of one semester for grades 9-12. **Special registration is required for this option.**

Option 3: LPCSC Homeschool Academy: Option 3 is remote learning for our K-12 students. The curriculum and instruction are provided by Edmentum teachers and not our LPCSC teachers. This option is a long-term commitment of 1+ school years. **Please note this requires special registration and enrollment is limited.**

***Updates to the LPCSC “Getting Back on Track” Plan will be posted on the school website at www.lpcsc.k12.in.us. Please visit the full plan.**

All students enrolling will need to provide proof of residency. Those who are coming from a school system other than La Porte Community Schools will also need to provide an official transcript from their previous school, a birth certificate, custody papers (if applicable), and their health records.

Student schedules will not be finalized until the first day of school. Tentative schedules may be available approximately one week before the first day of school via Skyward. Returning students may email their School Counselor should they have any questions regarding their schedule. Skyward Family Access is encouraged to monitor student grades, attendance, and information.

New Student Enrollment Info

LPHS school counselors will be taking appointments for new student enrollment starting Monday, August 17. Please call the counseling office to discuss the paperwork requirements for enrollment and to schedule an appointment. Due to the complexity of the graduation requirements, drop in enrollments will not be accepted. All required paperwork (including an official transcript) must be brought in for your scheduled appointment. Failure to bring all required paperwork will result in the rescheduling of your appointment.

Guidance information is also available: <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/guidance/>; Twitter @SlicerCounselor

Daily Operations: Prevention Measures and Precautions

For the complete LPHS COVID-19 Plan please visit <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/>

Daily Health Check by Parents/Students

- If you have one or more of the following symptoms, that cannot be explained due to a known health condition, please stay home:
 - A fever of 100.4° F or greater
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - Chills
 - Repeated shaking with chills
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore throat
 - New loss of taste or smell

Students and employees will be excluded from school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID-19 based on [CDC Guidance](#) that is not otherwise explained.

Arrival

- All students riding a bus will wear a mask and students will have an assigned seat.
- Parents are encouraged to drive students to school, if possible.
- Student drivers are also encouraged to follow procedures to drive to school. It is also encouraged to have the same passengers in the vehicle consistently for tracing purposes.
- During arrival and dismissal, crowding will be minimized while following social distancing practices.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the building.
- Students will report to either the cafeteria for breakfast or their first hour class when arriving in the morning to limit gatherings of students in large groups. The cafeteria will have seating that supports social distancing during breakfast.

- Upon entry into the building, signs are posted requiring all to wear a mask and encouraging social distancing.
- Students need to report to their first period class by 7:25 if they are in the building.
- Students will not be allowed to congregate or wander the building.

Passing Periods and Hallway Traffic:

- Passing periods will focus on staying to the right side to increase social distancing and arrows will facilitate the directional traffic pattern.
- Directional staircase traffic flow patterns will be followed by staff and students.
- While in the hallway, students and staff will wear masks and adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Classroom Seating and Room Configuration:

- Student classroom desks and seats will face the same direction in the classroom.
- Student classroom desks and seats will be spaced six feet apart or as far apart as possible to accommodate all students.
- Staff and student gatherings will be kept to a minimum and distancing will be planned.
- Classes will go outside when feasible.
- Staff members will make a concerted effort to reduce student exposure to high-touch, shared resources at school (art supplies, books, electronic devices, etc.).
- Supplies utilized by students which are owned by the school should be cleaned/sanitized on a regular basis.
- Staff will be strongly encouraged to conduct all assignments using technology which will limit passing of papers between students and teachers.
- Computer devices should be taken home each day and sanitized.
- Seating Charts will be used in every classroom.

Locker Use:

- A detailed plan of the lockers will be available soon.

Drinking Fountains:

- Water fountains are considered high touch areas and will be closed during the active pandemic. Water bottle stations will be provided in the building. Students are asked to bring reusable water bottles to school. Only water is allowed in the classrooms.

Media Center:

- There will be a schedule and set time for classes wanting to utilize the Media Center. Materials will be sanitized upon return to the library.

Restrooms Use:

- Restroom use will be limited to no more than four students at a time. Students will be required to use proper hand washing or hand sanitizer before returning to the classroom.

Students will acquire a pass to utilize the restroom outside of the passing period. Restrooms will be cleaned throughout the school day and sanitized after school hours.

Nurses Office (Non-COVID-19 Related):

- Students who do not display symptoms of COVID-19 can be seen and treated in the nurse's clinic. These would include students who are injured during the school day or students with special health care needs such as those with chronic health conditions (i.e. - diabetes or seizures), those requiring medical treatments (medications or other treatments), and those with individual health plans.

COVID -19 Clinic:

- A separate room(s) from the Nurse's Office will be used for students or employees who are feeling ill with possible COVID - 19 related symptoms.
 - Upon arrival to the room, the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the student.
 - Only essential staff assigned to the room may enter.
 - A record will be kept of all persons who entered the room and the room will be disinfected several times throughout the day.
 - Strict social distancing is required and staff must wear appropriate PPE. Students who are ill will be walked out of the building to their parents.
 - Staff and students with fevers or symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be encouraged to seek medical attention for further evaluation and instructions.
 - Students or staff members who use the COVID-19 Clinic will not return to school for 72 hours and symptom free. Students and staff may return before the 72 hour window has elapsed if they are approved to do so in writing by their healthcare provider.

School Assemblies:

- School assemblies will be put on hold during the pandemic time period.

Student Attendance:

- Any student absence related to symptoms of COVID will be recorded as "Excused." If a student is not ill, but must quarantine due to circumstances related to COVID, the absence will be excused. Please keep in mind that the student is still required to complete any virtual classwork assigned by the teacher.
- Students, when participating in virtual/remote learning, will be required to participate as a part of their daily attendance.
- Tardies that occur as a result of social distancing efforts and circumstances related to COVID will not be counted against a student.
- There will not be perfect attendance awards during the 2020-2021 school year. La Porte High School encourages full participation in all virtual learning and available online activities, but does not want to cause students/parents to feel physical attendance is necessary when possibly not feeling well. We need to err on the side of caution and believe perfect attendance awards may be counterproductive towards the goal of COVID prevention measures.

Lunch:

- Social distancing guidelines will be utilized in the cafeteria.
- Alternative settings for lunch will be utilized as necessary.
- Seating reduced by 50% to accommodate social distancing.
- Students will select their own lunch seat & stay there the duration of the nine week grading period.
- A 4th lunch period will be added to reduce the number of students and accommodate social distancing.
- Signs will be posted on each lunch table to remind students to “mask up” and follow our social distancing or “Slicer Spacing” protocols. Masks are required while entering the cafeteria, in line, returning your tray, and before and after you finish eating.
- No more than three people to a table, do not move chairs, and sit where there is a dot on the table.
- Stay in your assigned area.
- Staggered release times and exits from the cafeteria.

Visitors and Guests:

- Only essential guests and visitors will be permitted in the building during the school day.
- The administration must approve any guests/visitors ahead of time.
- All visitors and guests must wear a mask and must not have symptoms of feeling sick.
- Parents should use email and/or telephone rather than in person drop-in requests for meetings.
- The school will utilize virtual meetings with parents when appropriate and possible, including IEP Meetings, 504 Meetings, and general meetings.

Dismissal:

- Student drivers will be dismissed early to increase social distancing and alleviate traffic congestion. We will release additional details in the future.

Universal Precautions by Department**Personal Protection Equipment**

- Staff will wear protective masks and/or shields as much as reasonably possible throughout the day.
- Guests will wear masks when entering areas where students and staff are located.
- Masks will be available for students and staff.
- Latex gloves will be worn by serving and custodial staff
- Protective barriers will be installed for administrative assistant work areas to separate from the public.

Social Distancing:

- Staff will attempt to socially distance students when possible. When feasible students will stay six feet apart during class, restroom breaks, lunches, etc..
- Seating charts will be adhered to for contact tracing purposes.
- Staff and student gatherings will be kept to a minimum and social distancing guidelines will be followed.
- Classes will go outside when feasible.
- Daily schedules have been revised to reduce movement where possible.
- Elective classes have been revised to include clean-up time and cleaning/disinfecting.
- Public displays of affection such as: hugging, holding hands, or kissing are not permitted.
- If you are unable or unwilling to follow our social distancing and PPE requirements we have an online option available.

COVID-19 Screening

- Staff will take a personal survey before reporting to work each day.
- Students/parents will be asked to report if friends or family have been exposed to the virus and/or, have had symptoms of the virus.
- Attendees who are in a “high risk” category will be provided alternative programming opportunities.
- Students and staff will be formally excluded where applicable.
- Visitors to schools will be screened for coronavirus exposure and asked to wear a mask.

Cleaning/Disinfecting:

- Facilities will be cleaned daily by trained staff.
- Staff will use approved COVID cleaning supplies to disinfect.
- When possible, students will not share equipment or supplies.
- Equipment and all school owned supplies will be sanitized after each use.
- Water fountains will be out of service and off limits.
- Staff will be identifying practices that reduce student touching of common surfaces.
- Students will be educated on COVID 19 hygiene practices to reduce risk to themselves and others.
- Classrooms and departments will be supplied with hand sanitizer and wipes.
- Facility use by outside groups will be limited.
- Lunches and snacks will consist of prepackaged food.

Professional Development:

- Staff will be trained on attendance procedures for calling off from work.
- Staff will be trained on screening themselves and students for Coronavirus symptoms/exposure.

- Staff will reinforce accepted personal hygiene practices developed by the CDC and health department.
- Posters reinforcing COVID hygiene practices will be displayed in prominent areas for students and staff.
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act posters will be displayed in staff workrooms.
- Staff will be advised as to how to reduce student touching of common surfaces in their assigned areas.
- Parents will have access to resources on hygiene suggestions, COVID 19 exposure and positive case reporting.
- Students will be taught hygiene tips and practices.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements and graduation testing have been changing over the past several years and continue to change. Students in the 2021-2022 cohorts may satisfy graduation requirements in one of four ways:

- Passing the GQE/ISTEP+10
- Meeting the requirements of the GQE/ISTEP+10 waiver (see info below)
- Successfully complete the new graduation pathways (must satisfy all three boxes). The graduation pathways allow students to create an individual graduation plan. Please note students must attempt the GQE/ISTEP+10 test even if opting into the new graduation pathways

The Class of 2023 and 2024 are required to graduate under the new graduation pathways.

Diploma Waiver Information (applicable to the cohorts of 2021-2022)

In addition to meeting course credit requirements, students must pass the graduation exams in Math and English in order to graduate. In the event a student does not pass the graduation tests, he/she may apply for a waiver and must meet the following criteria:

- Complete remediation opportunities offered by the school
- 95% attendance rate is preferred
- Test at least once per year from 10th grade and thereafter
- “C” average in core classes
- Teacher and principal recommendation

Class of 2021 Commencement

The Class of 2021 is scheduled to graduate at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at Kiwanis Stadium (modified from June 3 with the newly adopted school calendar).

State Graduation Pathways (required for Class of 2023-2024)

The Indiana State Board of Education adopted a policy for graduation that offers students various pathway options to graduate. The pathways are available immediately for schools and students who choose to opt-in right away, but are required for students in the graduating class of 2023 and beyond. LPHS is choosing to implement the new pathways immediately for any student who wishes to opt-in. The pathways require students to satisfy at least one option from each of the three boxes in order to graduate.

<https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/graduation-pathways/graduation-requirements.pdf>

Graduation Requirements	Graduation Pathway Options
1) High School Diploma	Meet the statutorily defined diploma credit and curricular requirements.
2) Learn and Demonstrate Employability Skills¹ (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)	Learn employability skills standards through locally developed programs. Employability skills are demonstrated by <u>one</u> the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project-Based Learning Experience; OR • Service-Based Learning Experience; OR • Work-Based Learning Experience.²
3) Postsecondary-Ready Competencies³ (Students must complete <i>at least one</i> of the following.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honors Diploma: Fulfill all requirements of either the Academic or Technical Honors diploma; OR • ACT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • SAT: College-ready benchmarks; OR • ASVAB: Earn at least a minimum AFQT score to qualify for placement into one of the branches of the US military; OR • State- and Industry-recognized Credential or Certification; OR • State-, Federal-, or Industry-recognized Apprenticeship; OR • Career-Technical Education Concentrator: Must earn a C <u>average</u> or higher in at least 6 high school credits in a career sequence; OR • AP/IB/Dual Credit/Cambridge International courses or CLEP Exams: Must earn a C <u>average</u> or higher in at least three courses; OR • Locally created pathway that meets the framework from and earns the approval of the State Board of Education.

ASVAB

The ASVAB is offered as an option for students to meet the graduation pathways (box 3). The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery, broken into eight to ten sub-tests, that measure developed abilities and help predict future academic and occupational success in the military. Students who have not passed the ISTEP may possibly benefit from the ASVAB for their graduation plan. The test is given at LPHS on October 20, 2020 and March 24, 2021. Parents/students should contact a school counselor with any questions about the ASVAB for their graduation pathway plan.

2020-21 Bell Schedule

The following schedule is subject to change based on pandemic restrictions and guidelines throughout the school year. The student day is 7:45 a.m.-2:40 p.m. with 45 minute classes. We have added a fourth lunch period to assist with social distancing. The Slicer Resource Time has been moved to the end of the school day. Please note that the building will open at 7:15 a.m.

LaPorte High School Daily Bell Schedule		
Period	DAILY	2 Hour Delay
1	7:45 - 8:30	9:45 - 10:20
2	8:35 - 9:20	10:25 - 11:00
3	9:25 - 10:10	11:05 - 11:40
A Lunch	10:15 - 10:45	11:45 - 12:15
4A	10:50 - 11:35	12:20 - 12:50
5A	11:40 - 12:25	12:55 - 1:25
6A	12:30 - 1:15	1:30 - 2:00
4B	10:15 - 11:00	11:45 - 12:15
B Lunch	11:05 - 11:35	12:20 - 12:50
5A	11:40 - 12:25	12:55 - 1:25
6A	12:30 - 1:15	1:30 - 2:00
4B	10:15 - 11:00	11:45 - 12: 15
5B	11:05 - 11:50	12:20 - 12:50
C Lunch	11:55 - 12:25	12:55 - 1:25
6A	12:30 - 1:15	1:30 - 2:00
4B	10:15 - 11:00	11:45 - 12:15
5B	11:05 - 11:50	12:20 - 12:50
6B	11:55 - 12:40	12:55 - 1:25
D Lunch	12:45 - 1:15	1:30 - 2:00
7	1:20 - 2:05	2:05 - 2:40
SRT	2:10 - 2:40	NO SRT
A=Class is held AFTER their lunch		
B=Class is held BEFORE their lunch		

Lunch Schedule

Lunch times

A Lunch: 10:15-10:45

B Lunch: 11:05-11:35

C Lunch: 11:55-12:25

D Lunch: 12:45-1:15

PSAT

The PSAT will be administered on Oct. 14 at LPHS for students in grades 9, 10, and 11. The PSAT is a comprehensive assessment that measures necessary skills and knowledge for college and career readiness and success. The PSAT provides a way to track college and career readiness growth throughout a student's high school career and helps students prepare for the SAT. All students must have the skills to succeed in college and careers. LPHS uses the PSAT as an indicator of the need for remediation in order to be considered college and career ready.

“Strive for 95”

LPHS is striving for a student attendance rate of 95% or better per the Indiana Department of Education guidelines. However, we ask families to follow the guidelines outlined by the Coronavirus Intervention Plan if you feel symptomatic.

“Good Standing”

Students are required to be in “good standing” to be eligible for certain extra-curricular school functions and events. “Good Standing” means a student is attending school as required with no attendance contracts. Significant tardies to class is considered an attendance issue. “Good Standing” means students do not have any major disciplinary issues like suspension, a behavior contract, or chronic ISD. It also means a student is making graduation progress toward a diploma. Significant or considerable discipline infractions, lack of diploma progress, truancy and/or tardy issues may exclude a student from participating in school events, Homecoming, the fall dance, or Prom (*events pending COVID-19 status.*) The goal is to enjoy the social aspects of high school but to first take care of learning priorities.

Slicer Resource Time

LPHS will be holding 30 minute SRT sessions five times per week to deliver college and career, employability, and social-emotional curriculum to all students. SRT is also a great resource for school communication. SRT will not occur when we have a two-hour delay schedule.

21st Century Scholarships

Indiana currently offers the 21st Century Scholarship program for qualifying students. This program is a great way for families to pay for college education. Students must adhere to the program's standards. Visit <http://scholars.in.gov/> to learn more about the Scholar Success Program and/or contact Sheryl Suppinger, 21st Century Coordinator for LPHS.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship

Class of 2020 Seniors are advised to visit www.UFLC.net for announcements on timelines for Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships. Applications will be available beginning August 5th and the deadline is Sept. 6th.

2020-21 Grading Periods

August 24-Oct 21 (42 days)
Oct 26-Jan 15 (47 days)
Jan 19-Mar 19 (43 days)
Mar 22-June 4 (48 days)

Parent/Teacher Conferences

We will not have Parent/Teacher Conferences this year. You can always contact the teacher by calling 362-3102 or emailing them from our school website.

La Porte Community School Corporation School Calendar

2020-2021

August 20 – First Teacher Day
August 21 – Teacher Work Day
August 24 – First Student Day
September 7 – No School – Labor Day
Sept. 30- Professional Development/Student eLearning Day
October 22 – No School
October 23 – No School
Nov. 3- Professional Development/Student eLearning
November 25-27 – Thanksgiving Break
December 21-January 1 – Winter Break
January 18 – MLK Day – Student eLearning Make-Up Day
Feb. 3- Professional Development/Student eLearning Day
February 15 – President’s Day- Student eLearning Make-Up Day
March 3- Professional Development/Student eLearning Day
Apr 2- No School -- Good Friday
April 5-9 – Spring Break
May 31-- No School -- Memorial Day
June 4 – Last Student Day (unless more snow make-up days are necessary)
June 7 – Last Teacher Day (unless more snow make-up days are necessary)
June 10 – Class of 2021 Commencement/Makeup Day (unless more snow make-up days are necessary)

LPHS Visitor Safety

LPHS will continue utilizing safety features for visitors through the Raptor Visitor Management System. This system requires a driver's license to check in. The system uses the driver's license to check the background of visitors. Visitors to LPHS must enter the school through the main entrance on "I" Street and check in at the security desk with their driver's license to obtain a visitor's badge. The badge must be worn during the duration of the visit. LPHS staff members are asked to initiate contact with any unidentified person in the building.

Please reference our COVID-19 Plan for specific details regarding the procedures in place when visiting the building including wearing a mask and following our social distancing protocols. We are asking parents to limit visitation as we attempt to maintain a safe and secure learning atmosphere. Thank you for your help with these safety measures.

Closed Campus Procedures

As a matter of student safety, LPHS operates as a "closed campus" before school and during lunch. This means that when students arrive on campus in the morning they are to enter the school and stay until dismissal. Bussed students, parent drop-offs, walkers, and student drivers are expected to remain on campus once they arrive. Students are not permitted to leave school grounds. Loitering on nearby street corners, walking to the convenience store, or just "hanging out" off school grounds is not permitted. We are asking for the cooperation of our students and parents with these expectations and procedures. In an effort to maintain our COVID-19 safety measures, we ask that students not arrive at school before 7:15.

LPHS Safe Schools Hotline 324-1390

The La Porte Community School Corporation is committed to providing a safe environment for students and staff that is free of drugs, alcohol, bullying, harassment, and other illegal activities. This hotline was established to help all of us work toward this end. 324-1390 is an anonymous tip line for reporting information on drugs, alcohol, weapons, unsafe, and illegal activity that will harm our students.

Clear Backpacks and Locker Restrictions

Clear backpacks will again be permitted during the school day as an exception to the restrictions placed on carrying bags. The restriction on carrying bags has helped in a variety of practical matters and has benefited building safety for students and staff. If not a clear carrying case/bag, the acceptable dimensions for a bag or case need to measure 9.5" X 7" or smaller. Students who wish to carry any case larger than the approved size dimensions need to have a clear bag or carrying case.

We will provide updates regarding locker access in the next newsletter.

Student IDs 2020-2021

As a matter of school safety, all staff, students, and visitors need to display identification during the school day. Just as a driver's license authorizes driving a vehicle, a student ID card authorizes a student to be on campus. Every student must wear their ID cards during the school day.

Identification of adults and students on campus is a safety issue and will not be compromised. School issued lanyards and IDs will be passed out with school pictures. After pictures have been taken and students receive their IDs, students not in compliance with the identification policy will be subject to discipline.

The school will conduct periodic ID “checks” during the school day including at the beginning of class periods. IDs will be required to enter the media center, obtain a hall pass, scan for lunch, purchase dance tickets, and more. For a student who does not have his/her ID Card, they will need to adhere to the following procedures:

- For forgotten IDs, students will report to student services where they will be issued a temporary ID for that day. This ID must be returned at the end of the day. A temporary ID will allow a student to enter their ID number in the lunch line.
- Students who do not return the temporary ID/lanyard will be responsible to replace the temporary ID/lanyard. The cost is \$3 per ID and \$2 per lanyard.
- For lost or damaged IDs, students will report to the Media center to print a new ID for which the student will be charged \$3 per ID and \$2 per lanyard.

School Pictures 2020-2021

Students will receive their student IDs on picture day. The picture schedule is to be determined*

- Fall picture day--1st Day
*September 10, 2020
Start time: 7:30AM-3:00PM

Fall picture day--2nd Day
*September 11, 2020
Start time: 7:30AM-3:00PM

Fall retake day
*October 27, 2020
Start time: 7:30-3:00PM

Skyward Family Access

The Skyward student management system has a family access feature so that families have the opportunity to keep up-to-date on their student's progress in each class. Skyward Family Access is a great tool that allows you to be more actively involved in your child's education. It is extremely important that the school has current parent information (address, phone, email, etc.) before setting up Skyward Family Access. A valid email address is required in order to utilize Skyward Family Access. A paper registration form is needed for each student. After each

student's information is verified, parents will receive information on how to obtain Skyward Family Access.

Student Driving/Parking

All student drivers are required to obtain a parking permit from Student Services in order to park in LPHS parking lots. A parking tag costs \$15. Make of vehicle, year of vehicle, and the license plate number are needed to complete an application. Applications are available in Student Services. The "I" Street parking lot is for bus traffic and staff designated parking lot only. All students are expected to park in the "F" Street Lot.

Students are expected to drive in a safe and orderly manner in the parking lots at all times. Driving to school is a privilege that can be revoked if students drive dangerously or recklessly. Students who drive recklessly or dangerously will not be permitted to park on LPHS grounds. Additionally, LPHS reserves the right to search any vehicle parked on our property to protect the welfare of our students.

All students are expected to park in the main "F" Street lot. All students are required to obtain a parking permit by the end of the school day on Friday, Sept. 11th. Student drivers are subject to the LPCSC Drug Testing Policy.

Dog Searches

The La Porte Community School Board has approved the use of dogs to search for drugs on campus. These searches can occur within the school or in the parking lots. They will occur randomly throughout the school year. Students will remain in their class during these searches.

Parent Pick-Up and Drop Off

- Parent Pick-Up/Drop Off Door 13- Parents should enter the pick-up/drop-off area off of 6th Street proceeding towards Door 13. Door 13 is the PAC entry. Door 13 is a pick-up and drop-off point before and after school. To help alleviate congestion and to improve safety/supervision, Door 9 will no longer be an entry point.
- Please do not drop off a student prior to 7:15 a.m.
- Parents should enter the area off of "F" St. proceeding around the "U" drive to drop off at Door 13 and exit the "U" drive.
- Students who drive will park in the "F" Street Lot and use Door 16 to enter and exit before/after school.
- Parents are asked to not use the student parking lot as a drop off/pick up area. Keeping parent and student traffic separate is necessary.
- A new drive at 10th Street is available for the "F" Street parking lot traffic. Please note the 10th Street drive is an entrance and exit in the morning for arrival and an exit only during dismissal. Door 16 is accessible to student drivers. Parents should not drop off or pick up at Door 16. Parents should utilize Door 13.
- Please reference the map below.



From the Nurse

The 2020-2021 school year vaccination requirements for children entering grades 9th- 12th are as follows:

- All students entering 9th -12th grade must have two (2) Hepatitis A vaccinations before the first day of school.
- All students entering 12th grade must have two (2) Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccinations before the first day of school.

These requirements are in addition to the existing school vaccination requirements.

You should work with your child's doctor to get his/her vaccination record or the vaccinations that are missing. If you are unable to get an appointment with your child's doctor, call the LaPorte Slicer Clinic (219-324-1377), or The LaPorte County Health Department (219-326-6808 ext. 2200).

You must provide proof of vaccination or proof of a doctor's appointment on the first day of school. The appointment should be within 20 days of the first day of school. Please contact Rachel Cooper, RN (LPHS nurse), rcooper@lpsc.k12.in.us if you have any questions regarding these requirements.

Food Service

Parents can access information from Food Services at <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/foodservice/>. Visit the school district's main page and click on "Departments" on the upper part of the page and then click "Food Services." Parents can read about the charge policy, apply for Free/Reduced priced meals, access the payment system, and more. We are pleased that lunch prices will not increase for the 2020-2021 school year- secondary \$2.05 for lunch and \$1.25 breakfast. Please note that students will need their ID to purchase a lunch. IDs will be used to scan for lunch. Punching in numbers will not be allowed unless accompanied by a temporary ID. Students who lose or forget their ID will need to check out a temporary ID in Student Services in order to purchase lunch. These procedures will begin after we take school pictures and pass out lanyards. This time frame will also give students a chance to adjust to the procedures. We are encouraging online payments at <https://family.titank12.com/?identifier=2UXB74> . Also, we will be offering a pre-bagged Grab & Go breakfast and a limited lunch menu. Sorry ala carte items will not be offered at this time and the menu can be found at <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/foodservice/> and on Facebook, [LPCSC Slicer Cafe](#).

Textbook Rental

Textbook rental can now be paid through Skyward Family Access. Parents should visit the district's website www.lpcsc.k12.in.us and scroll down the main page to the section "Online Fee Payment Now Available" for step-by-step instructions. Textbook rental is charged individually according to the courses that a student takes at LPHS. Rental statements are mailed to parents several weeks after the first semester begins. Parents should be on the lookout for textbook rental statements by mid-September. Parents have the option to pay textbook rental online. Free and reduced applications can also be completed online.

One-to-World Program

LPHS students participate in the "One-to-World" initiative, which assigns students to have a school-issued chromebook which can be used at school and home. LPHS teachers and classrooms incorporate technology in a variety of ways including the use of Canvas Learning Management System and with the onset of eLearning days into the school calendar, students are expected to take care of their chromebook and charger and come to class prepared to learn with it. A maintenance plan is available to parents in case of accidental damage. More information about costs and forms to fill out can be found at <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/one-to-world/>

A date will be determined for chromebook disbursement and a Skylert message will be sent out to parents and guardians via Skyward Family Access. Students must have the Device Use Policy signed by a parent and their chromebook case to be reissued their chromebook.

Personal Communication Devices

Where allowed, personal communication devices are subject to the same guidelines as those specified for school owned equipment. Personal devices are to be used for educational purposes only in the classroom. With the availability of one-to-one devices, there is not a need for cell phones in the classroom. Inappropriate use of personally owned devices whether connected via LPCS network or an external provider will result in the same penalties and disciplinary actions as those defined in the Acceptable Use Policy.

Students will be allowed to have their personal devices in the classroom with the teacher's permission. In effect, this means that the device is being used for classroom activity with the teacher's supervision. At no time should there be any reason for the device to be in use for phone or texting purposes while in class. Devices should be turned off and put away to not create a disturbance. Refer to the student handbook for more info.

Slicer Support Services

LPHS Slicer Support Services offers comprehensive counseling for student issues pertaining to substance abuse/dependence, suicide prevention, and other related concerns. Slicer Support Services, led by Mrs. Rosenbaum, works with students who are referred by LPHS administration and staff, parents, and through self-referral.

Slicer Support Services provides counseling at no cost and adheres to the highest standards of confidentiality by following the American Counseling Association (ACA) Code of Ethics. Mrs. Rosenbaum is a clinical mental health counselor, and all records maintained in Slicer Support Services are kept confidential and do not become part of the student's academic file. Mrs. Rosenbaum may be contacted via email at crozenbaum@lpcsc.k12.in.us or at 362-3102.

Athletic News

Be sure to visit the athletic website <https://goslicers.com/> for updates and information on Slicer Athletics. News stories, pictures, schedules, athletic department forms, and more are available to Slicer Fans.

Athletic Tickets/Passes

Admission to all LPHS varsity home athletic events is \$6. JV and freshmen home event admission is \$5.

La Porte High School athletic passes are available for purchase in the Athletic Office Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 2:00 pm. Passes are not available for purchase at athletic events.

A **Slicer Pass** allows admittance to all home Slicer athletic events, excluding tournaments, invitationals, and Slicer varsity football at a savings from gate admittance price. The Slicer Pass may be purchased in increments of 10, 15, or 20 admittances, is transferrable, and allows more than one individual to enter on the same pass. The Slicer Pass is scanned each time it is used and for every individual entering on the same pass.

10 admittance pass costs \$40.00
15 admittance pass costs \$60.00
20 admittance pass costs \$80.00

Booster Club

The Booster Club All-Sports Pass is \$50 with membership (\$60). This allows a member admittance to all home athletic events, excluding tournaments and invitationals.

Senior Citizens 62 years and older may purchase an all sports pass for \$30.00 that allows admittance to all home Slicer athletic events, excluding tournaments, invitationals and IHSAA state tournaments, for the 2019-2020 school year. This pass is non-transferrable.

Students w/ID Students who are “in-season” can get into an event free. Other students can purchase a discounted ticket with a valid school ID. Please note that during football season students are required to purchase the ticket in advance to get the discount

Counselor Assignments 2020-2021

Heather Brant Grade 9 (A-F); Grade 12 (A-F)
Caryn Mitchuson Grade 10 (L-Z); Grade 12 (N-Z)
Hannah Mosson Grade 10 (A-K); Grade 12 (G-M)
Sheryl Suppinger Grade 9 (G-M); Grade 11 (A-L)
Jen Wilson Grade 9 (N-Z); Grade 11 (M-Z)

Administrator Assignments 2020-2021

Mrs. Wireman - Freshman - 9th Grade
Mrs. Schafer - Juniors 11th Grade/ Seniors 12th Grade A-M
Mr. Staats - Sophomores 10th Grade/ Seniors 12th N-Z

Activities Booklet

Extra-curricular activity involvement is key to success! La Porte High School offers a wide variety of clubs, activities, performing arts, and sports in which students can participate. We encourage such participation. Pamphlets which describe all the extra-curricular activities are available in the Main Office. This is an excellent way to become informed about the various opportunities at LPHS.

Back to School Open House is Virtual

This year we will have a virtual Open House. Please stay tuned for details regarding any back to school information to help ease the transition to start the school year.

Absence Reporting Procedure

On the date of the absence, a student’s parent/guardian must call the attendance office (362-1032) by 10:00 a.m. Voicemails can be left. The purpose of the phone call is to notify the school authorities the parent is aware of the student’s absence from school. Parents should

discuss any unusual circumstances for a student's absence with the Assistant Principal of Attendance.

Parents who are unable to call on the day of the absence **MUST** call the Attendance Office by 4:00 p.m. the next school day or the absence will be recorded as truancy. Due to forgery concerns, written notes will not be accepted. On days where there are an unusual number of students absent, we will call as many homes as possible. If the student called is not home to respond to our call or if he/she is incapacitated and cannot talk on the phone, we will request a note from his/her doctor. If the student cannot comply with either of these responses, he/she will be considered truant and the appropriate disciplinary action will be applied.

COVID Attendance Policy

- Any student absence related to symptoms of COVID will be recorded as "Excused." If a student is not ill, but must quarantine due to circumstances related to COVID, the absence will be excused. Please keep in mind that the student is still required to complete any virtual classwork assigned by the teacher.
- Students, when participating in virtual/remote learning, will be required to participate as a part of their daily attendance.
- Tardies that occur as a result of social distancing efforts and circumstances related to COVID will not be counted against a student.
- There will not be perfect attendance awards during the 2020-2021 school year. La Porte High School encourages full participation in all virtual learning and available online activities but does not want to cause students/parents to feel physical attendance is necessary when possibly not feeling well. We need to err on the side of caution and believe perfect attendance awards may be counterproductive towards the goal of COVID prevention measures.

Proper School Attire

LPHS continues to emphasize preparation for the future through standards for dress.

Expectations for reasonable and proper attire at LPHS are centered on the belief that the purpose of the educational process is to learn and prepare to be responsible and productive citizens. That includes preparation for additional schooling and/or preparation for the workplace where dress expectations are present. We ask that parents and students work with the school in upholding expectations for proper student appearance so that our students are as ready as possible. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) masks are required this year as a part of our COVID-19 safety measures. All PPE must be school appropriate.

LPHS Student Planner

All students will receive a copy of the La Porte High School Student Planner. The planner contains the LPHS Student Handbook and much more.

Student Handbook

For the 2020-2021 school year, the LPHS student handbook is available online only at <http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/lphs/>. The link is on the right hand side of the page. Please note that students will continue to receive a planner with a calendar. Each year there are updates so we encourage each parent and student to review this year's handbook. Some of the key components:

IDs Students will all be issued a school ID and a student lanyard at the beginning of the year. Students are required to wear these IDs while they are here at LPHS as part of our school safety initiative and our college and career readiness plan. Student accounts will be charged for replacement IDs as well as lost or damaged temporary IDs. Please reference the policy in the LPHS handbook for further implementation and discipline for school safety.

Vaping and E-Cigarettes Vaping and e-cigarettes have become a popular and harmful trend with students all across the country. At LPHS, we try to educate students on the negative effects and marketing of these products. Regulations and discipline steps have been developed for students who violate and use these products at school. Slicer Support Services and other resources can be used in dealing with these situations.

Social Media Social Media has become an everyday part of life. With all the positives, there are also negatives. New policies and discipline steps have been developed for situations where social media plays an integral part of causing or continuing disruptions throughout the school day.

Good Standing Students are expected to be in good standing academically and behaviorally to be able to participate in the many experiences that LPHS has to offer. Students are encouraged to familiarize themselves with what good standing is to be considered for participation in extracurricular activities such as athletic events, field trips, school clubs, dances, and Prom.

Valedictorian Calculation The cap on earning credits applied towards valedictorian and salutatorian honors is limited to 60 credits.

LPHS Messaging System

LPHS counts on using a system to provide alerts and messages in a timely manner to parents. Skylert messages are sent to parents as well as emails through Skyward. School newsletters and announcements are sent via email, posted in Skyward, and posted on the school's website under "News from the Principal." It is very important that parents maintain current contact information (email and phone contact) in the system to receive school communications. News from the Principal is delivered on a regular basis and also posted on the school website.

La Porte Community School Corporation Parent Resources

The district website contains some helpful links for parents under "Parent Resources." Here you can view student grades and update student information, manage your student's school meal funds, access complaint forms, and find many other school related documents.

<http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/parents/forms.asp>

Dunebrook Body Safety

In accordance with SEA 355, LaPorte High School will provide age appropriate and research and evidence based instruction on child abuse and child sexual abuse or neglect. Dunebrook is scheduled to present at a time when it is safe to do so.

La Porte Community School Corporation Anti-Harassment Policies

By going to the following link, you will be directed to NEOLA, where you may view the updated Anti-Harassment Policies numbered 1662, 3362, 4362, and 5517:

<http://www.neola.com/laporte-in/>

Anti-bully Presentation

In accordance with P.L 285-2013, LPHS will provide age appropriate, research based instruction focusing on bullying prevention for all students. Parents & students can reference district policy 5517.01 “Bullying.”

Walking and Bus Zones Information

The boundaries can be viewed on the school [corporation's main page](#). Go to www.lpcsc.k12.in.us and scroll towards the main page to the link “New Walking and Bus Zones.” Please take time to review the map to see if the changes affect your student. Questions can be directed to the Transportation Office at 219-362-1023.

<http://www.lpcsc.k12.in.us/docs/upload/LPHS%20LETTER%20AND%20MAP.pdf>