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Lincoln Park Academy 23-24 Family Information



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Core Beliefs & Character Development

Mission: Students at Lincoln Park Academy will build the academic skills, character traits and habits needed to excel in college prep high schools.

Core Beliefs: Teamwork, Kindness, Passion, and Ownership.

Character Development:

Each month we highlight and focus on a different Character Trait. Students will discuss this in their morning huddle, as well as, throughout the day. Our goal at Lincoln Park is to help grow well rounded students who achieve and grow in all aspects.

August & September: Kindness

October: Respect

November: Politeness

December: Responsibility

January: Fairness

February: Honesty

March: Perseverance

April: Integrity

May: Ownership



Important Dates- 23-24 School Year

August 2023:

Character Trait: Kindness

- 17th: First Day for Students
- 25th: Character Discovery Day

September 2023:

Character Trait: Kindness

- 4th: No school
- 14th: Open House 4:30-6:30
- 15th: Q1 Progress Reports Distributed
- 25th: No School
- 29th: Eco-Systems Discovery Day

October 2023:

Character Trait: Respect

- 2nd: Student of the Month
- 5th: Family Council Meeting
- 6th: Den Day
- 9th: No School
- 19th: End of Q1
- 20th: Q1 Report Cards Distributed
- 20th: Hispanic Heritage Discovery Day
- 23rd-27th: Fall 3rd Grade OST
- 26th: Halloween Family BINGO 4:30-6pm
- 30th: No School
- 31st: Halloween Parties

November 2023:

Character Trait: Politeness

- 2nd: Family Council Meeting
- 3rd: Den Day
- 6th: Student of the Month
- 10th: Culinary Discovery Day
- 16th: Family Thanksgiving Feast 5:30-7pm
- 17th: Q2 Progress Reports Distributed
- 20th-21st: No School- Parent Teacher Conferences 10am-7pm
- 20th-24th: No school- Thanksgiving Break

December 2023:

Character Trait: Responsibility

- 1st: Den Day
- 4th: Student of the Month
- 7th: Family Council Meeting
- 7th: Family Winter Festival: 4:30-6:30pm
- 15th: Holiday's Around the World Discovery Day
- 21st: End of Q2
- 22nd: Q2 Report Cards Distributed
- 22nd: Holiday Celebrations
- 25th-29th: No School- Winter Break

January 2024:

Character Trait: Fairness

- 1st-8th: No School- Winter Break
- 11th: Family Council Meeting
- 15th: No school
- 18th: Semester 1 Art Showcase 4-5pm
- 26th: Science Discovery Day
- 29th: No School

February 2024:

Character Trait: Honesty

- 1st: Family Council Meeting
- 2nd: Den Day
- 5th: Student of the Month
- 9th: Q3 Progress Reports Distributed
- 14th: Valentine's Celebrations
- 15th: Family Valentine's Day BINGO 4:30-6pm
- 19th: No School
- 23rd: Black History Discovery Day
- 26th: No School

March 2024:

Character Trait: Perseverance

- 1st: Den Day
- 4th: Student of the Month

- 7th: Q3 Report Cards Distributed
- 7th: Family Council Meeting
- 7th: Family Literacy Night: 4:30-6:30pm
- 8th: No School- Parent Teacher Conferences 10am-7pm
- 15th: Women's History Discovery Day
- 15th: Middle School (6th-8th) Dance 5-7pm
- 29th: No School- Spring Break

April 2024:

Character Trait: Integrity

- 1st-5th: No school- Spring Break
- 8th: Student of the Month
- 11th: Family Council Meeting
- 11th: OST Informational Night (3rd-8th Grade) 4:30-5:30pm
- 12th: Den Day
- 15th-19th: 3rd-8th-OST ELA
- 26th: Music Discovery Day
- 29th-30th: 3rd-8th-OST Math

May 2024:

Character Trait: Ownership

- 1st-3rd: 3rd-8th-OST Math
- 2nd: Family Council Meeting
- 4th: Recognition Banquet 1:30-4pm
- 6th-10th: 5th & 8th only- OST Science
- 13th: Student of the Month
- 16th: Semester 2 Art Showcase 4-5pm
- 17th: Fitness Discovery Day
- 20th: Final Den Day
- 21st: Kindergarten Promotion: 10am
- 21st: 8th Grade Promotion: 2pm
- 22nd: Q4 Ends
- 23rd: Last Day of School for Students



Events/Programs

Lincoln Park Academy is excited to offer a variety of events this year during the school day and after school to promote Exploration and Discovery. Below is a short description of the various events. More information will be shared as each event gets closer but we hope you mark your calendars to be able to join us!

Discovery Days: Lincoln Park is committed to allowing our students to EXPLORE and DISCOVER beyond their core curriculum. Each month we will have a different themed DISCOVERY DAY where students will be diving into activities that will enhance thinking strategies and expose them to new experiences.

After School Events: This year we have dedicated at least one night a month to free, fun family events.

PBIS: *Den Day* is an opportunity for students to shop in the Wolf Den and spend their hard earned WolfBucks. *Student of the Month* is a celebration of students who demonstrate what it means to be a WolfPack Leader. These students are celebrated with a pizza party.

After School Activities: Lincoln Park offers a wide variety of after-school opportunities. Club Activities will be announced in September. Sports are a great opportunity for our Scholars. We will announce information as we are provided it from the Basketball League.

Saturday Programming: Lincoln Park will offer free Saturday Programming to offer an extra opportunity for building stronger foundational skills, as well as, supplemental activities. This will start in September. Expect flyers & permission slips by mid-September.

Tutoring: Lincoln Park will offer free after school tutoring to offer an extra opportunity for building stronger foundational skills, supplemental activities and extra support in day-to-day learning. This will start in September. Expect flyers & permission slips by mid-September.

Family Council: Our Family Council will be organized by our Student Family Liaison. The Family Council will be a monthly family-led school meeting to discuss important topics about the school, provide an opportunity to connect with other families at Lincoln Park, and provide a forum to foster suggestions on how to improve and support efforts at Lincoln Park. **Meeting dates are included in the “Important Dates” section on page 3. Meetings will be from 3:45pm-4:15pm.**

Parent Teacher Conferences: Parent Teacher Conferences will be held once a semester. This is a great opportunity to touch base with your child’s teacher, see data and work samples and discuss any concerns you may have. These are highly encouraged. They will be walk in appointments in the Cafeteria this year. Teachers will see parents on a first come, first serve basis.

8th Grade Family Meetings: 8th Grade families are invited to meet with the Student Family Liaison quarterly to discuss the High School selection process, get help with selecting a High School and the application process, as well as, have any questions answered. **Those meetings will be: September 21st, December 14th, February 22nd and April 25th from 3:45pm-4:15pm.**



School/Family Communications

Lincoln Park is committed to strong communication with families in several ways:

On a Management Level: Our Management Team utilizes a messaging system that can send call/email/text blasts. The team will use this system for things such as; weather days, reminders, bi-weekly schoolwide newsletters, or any changes or announcements.

On a Classroom Level: Teachers will utilize Dojo for communication. You will also be able to see how your child's behavior was that day through this platform (information about signing up will go home the first week of school). Teachers will also be sending home a bi-weekly newsletter to keep you up to date on things the exciting things happening in the classroom.

In addition to those, we will still reach out via phone calls should we need to connect with a family individually.

Operations

- **School hours are:**
 - **Doors Open at 7:30am for breakfast.**
 - Please be mindful of when you drop your students off to school since they will be UNSUPERVISED OUTSIDE until 7:30am, despite weather conditions.
 - **Instruction starts at 8:00am.**
 - **Dismissal starts at 3:30pm.**
- **The building goes into Lock Down to prepare for dismissal at 2:45pm.** This means that the **doors and phones are not answered after this time** as all staff are getting ready to dismiss students.
 - If you need to communicate anything to the office (early pick up, dismissal change, etc) this *must be done by 2:45pm*.
 - *If there is an emergency, leave a voicemail.* We check these as they come in.
 - **Anyone coming to pick up their student after 2:45pm without prior notice will be asked to wait until dismissal. No exceptions.**
- **If your student is absent:** please send your child with a written note upon their return stating why they were absent, the date they were absent, and a parent signature. You can also report an absence on our website/Facebook page. Please refer to your student handbook for excusable absences.
- **Visitor Policy:** Visitors have to make an appointment if you would like to speak with a staff member regarding any concerns. **Walk in appointments cannot be accommodated.**

Policy Update Reminders

- We have adopted a "No Bag policy" that includes bookbags and purses.
 - Lunch boxes can be brought in and turned into the crate in their classroom upon arrival.
 - Females needing feminine products can get see the nurse for the needed item or bring their preferred product to the nurse who will store and label it for that student.
- There is no school supply list. We will be providing all of the supplies for your child.
- Uniforms will be strictly enforced. See page 6 for the detailed policy.
- If a student brings an electronic device including cell phone, smart watch, handheld game system, tablet, earbuds etc; these must be turned in upon arrival and returned at dismissal. No exceptions.



Dress Code

All students are expected to come to school in clean and properly fitting uniforms with proper hygiene and hair styled neatly. Daily personal grooming is important. Pride in one's appearance is the first step in gaining self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, limiting distractions associated with inappropriate or unusual dress and personal style promotes a positive learning environment. Parents will be contacted if a student is out of uniform or comes to school poorly groomed.

The student dress code is an important part of the school program and philosophy. Making a choice to attend the school, the student (with parent support) agrees to follow all dress code requirements. The dress code is not an option for the student or parent. Not choosing to follow the dress code may lead to suspension or expulsion.

The Lincoln Park Academy Administration are the prime enforcers of this policy.

The student dress code is as follows:

Girls

- Solid white blouse or knit shirt with collar
- Solid white garment worn under blouse- if needed
- Solid dark blue or black skirts to knee
- Solid dark blue or black shorts to knee
- Solid dark blue or black jumpers to knee
- Solid dark blue or black long pants
- Solid dark blue, black, or white socks, tights, or hosiery
- Solid black or dark brown conservative shoes OR solid black or white tennis shoes only

Boys

- Solid white dress shirt or knit shirt with collar
- Solid white t-shirt or undershirt worn under the shirt- if needed
- Solid dark blue or black long pants
- Solid dark blue or black shorts to knee
- Solid dark blue, black, or white socks
- Solid black or dark brown conservative street shoes OR solid black or white tennis shoes only

Boys and Girls

- **ABSOLUTELY NO JEANS, LEGGINGS, OR JOGGERS**
- **Absolutely no Hoodies, Jackets or Coats to be worn in the building.**

School administration may make changes to the dress code during the school year if there is an article of clothing that is being worn that is a disruption to the learning environment. The school administration will first notify parents in writing that the changes are to be made. Students are expected to comply with changes that have been appropriately communicated.

Boys and Girls Physical Education Class Dress Code

All grades: Tennis shoes must be worn on scheduled physical education days.



HB410- Attendance Law

Regular school attendance is an important part of student academic success. Excessive absences interfere with student progress in mastering the knowledge and skills necessary to be prepared for higher education and the workforce. To support academic success for all students, Lincoln Park Academy will partner with students and their families to identify and reduce barriers to regular school attendance.

Our school will utilize a continuum of strategies to reduce student absence including, but not limited to:

- Notification of student approaching excessive absence hour total to the parent or guardian;
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- Development and implementation of an absence intervention plan, which may include supportive services for student and families;
- Referral for truancy, if applicable.

The district truancy plan outlined above is in accordance with Ohio House Bill 410, which passed in December 2016 became effective in the 2017-2018 school year. Attendance is calculated in *hours instead of days*.

It is also important to note that all time out of school – including personal illness, doctor appointments, funerals, being tardy, early dismissal, etc. – is included in student attendance for determining excessive absences. Parents/guardians can assist by scheduling appointments before or after school, during weekend hours, or on teacher in-service days so that students can avoid reaching the new absence limits. **It is important for parent/guardians to report absences to the school office daily and submitting doctor's notes and other documentation is also imperative.**

Excessive Absences

Under state law, we are required to send you notification when your child is excessively absent, **with or without a valid excuse**. Parents/Guardians will receive a letter notifying them of a student's excessive absences once a student misses:

- 38 or more hours in one school month **(with or without a legitimate excuse)**
- 65 or more hours in one school year **(with or without a legitimate excuse)**

This means that even if you have provided a parent or doctor's note to the office stating that your student is excused from school, you may still receive an excessive absence notification letter. Please note that this is a requirement of the law and not optional for schools.

Habitual Truancy

The law also requires schools to address Habitual Truancy, which occurs when a student misses:

- 30 or more consecutive hours **with or without a legitimate excuse**
- 42 or more hours in one school month **with or without a legitimate excuse**
- 72 or more hours in one school year **with or without a legitimate excuse**

If your student becomes Habitually Truant, the school will put together an Absence Intervention Meeting to discuss barriers and solutions for attendance improvement with you and your student.

If you have any questions about this law or process, please feel free to call the office. We look forward to working with you to successfully adhere to the HB410 requirements.



Student Creed & Song

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I AM BRIGHT.

THERE IS NOTHING I CANNOT DO.

YESTERDAY'S FAILURES ARE BEHIND ME.

TOMORROW'S SUCCESSES ARE YET BEFORE ME.

AND I WILL MAKE TODAY,

THE VERY BEST DAY OF ALL,

FOR THIS DAY BEGINS,

THE REST OF MY LIFE

LPA Morning Song

**Call & Response*

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