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Upcoming Board Meetings- Nov 16th, 6:00PM, LCS Staff Lounge

You may contact all members on our Board of Directors at BOD@libertycommon.org
This Week is Hamlet Week at LCHS.

Written between 1599 and 1601, Hamlet is widely regarded as Shakespeare's greatest play. It is a story of murder, revenge, infidelity, and philosophical contemplation. Adapted from a Norse tale in which a young prince feigns madness in order to exact the vengeance demanded for his slain kin, Shakespeare's Hamlet trades the bloody scheming of a resolute hero for the introspective temperament of a studious young prince. The result is a fascinating series of moral vacillations delivered amidst some of literature's most insightful reflections on death and the weight of human action. And, of course, everybody dies.

Newsworthy Notices

Election Day. Tue Nov 8 2017, General Election, Colorado and nationwide.

Freedom Walk. Tomorrow being Election Day, LCHS government/econ instructor Mr. Stanton Skerjanec, along with LCHS admin assistant Ms. Sarah Hunt, will lead any interested students on a 9th-hour (2:45 – 3:15PM) “Freedom Walk” over to King Soopers which is the nearby location of a Larimer County Ballot Drop-Off Station. They'll submit Principal Schaffer’s ballot, and a few others. Parent-voters holding outstanding ballots should feel free to have their LCHS kids join the Freedom Walk to deliver (completed, sealed) ballots from their household, too. LCHS Election Day Freedom Walks are intended to pique student interest and familiarity with voting and good citizenship. Plus, Mr. Schaffer will spring for “a thing” of nominal value (candy bar, soda, chips, broccoli, etc.) for each participant to enjoy during the walk back to Freedom Walk Headquarters (LCHS). Participants should plan to gather in the Agora by 2:50PM for a 2:53PM departure.

Election Day Tomorrow: Mr. Schaffer filled out his ballot today for students to hand-deliver, tomorrow afternoon, to the ballot drop-off station at nearby King Soopers.

Dignitary Visit Thursday. This Thursday, the new president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools Mr. Ben Lindquist will make LCHS one of his first school stops since assuming duties. Liberty is a longstanding member of the CLCS, and Mr. Schaffer serves as an elected representative of charter schools on the League’s Board of Directors. Mr. Lindquist will tour the school, visit classrooms, meet students and faculty, and chat with the school’s administration. We
respectfully ask all students and staff to sport “Dignitary Dress” attire Thursday, in honor of our special guest. CLICK HERE for more information about Mr. Lindquist.

Thursday is “Dignitary Dress” day at LCHS. Please look sharp everyone!

Dignitary Dress Thursday. All students, faculty, and staff are hereby requested to be in “Dignitary Dress” attire this Thursday, November 9th, as a sign of respect for that day’s special visitor, Mr. Ben Lindquist, the new president of the Colorado League of Charter Schools. Please consult the school’s Dress Code (CLICK HERE) for Dignitary Dress guidelines.

Patriotism Lyceum. This week’s All-School Lyceum is on the topic of patriotism and features U.S. Marine and Fort Collins Police Officer Brian Ivers. The Lyceum is being organized by the student leaders of the LCHS junior-high Order System and takes place Wednesday, November 8th from 2:00 – 2:45PM. The Lyceum topic and presentation coincide with Veterans Day which is celebrated this week. This and all Lyceum presentations are open to parents and visitors.

U.S. Marine and FCPD Officer Brian Ivers is Wednesday’s Lyceum keynote speaker.
Laissez-Faire Lecture. The next big Liberty Lecture is next week, Thursday, Nov 9th 6:30 – 8:00PM in the LCHS Great Hall. It features Dr. Yaron Brook, executive chairman of the California-based Ayn Rand Institute. He’ll be discussing his organization’s viewpoints on laissez-faire capitalism, free market revolutions, and individual rights. Dr. Brook is a prolific author, speaker, blogger, radio and television guest, and campus lecturer. To learn more about him CLICK HERE. LCHS students are familiar with a couple of Ayn Rand’s works and will especially enjoy this provocative lecture. Dr. Brook’s books will be on sale at the event.

High-School Musical. Plan to attend this year’s high-school-musical-theatre production of Rodger and Hammerstein’s Cinderella. Shows are Friday, November 10 at 7PM, and Saturday, November 11 at 2PM and 7PM. Tickets are $5 for students and staff (LCS/LCHS) and $10 for adults. Tickets will be sold online CLICK HERE to purchase. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Last year’s shows sold out, so get your tickets early.

#1 In Our Hearts. The 2018 Colorado Teacher of the Year is not Dave Lunn, but we’re super proud of him nonetheless. Being nominate, and making the final-seven list is pretty spectacular. Congratulations Dave! Christina Randle, a first-grade teacher at Soaring Eagles Elementary School in Harrison School District No. 2 is Colorado’s 2018 Teacher of the Year. To her, her school, and students – BRAVO! Next year?

LCHS music instructor Mr. Dave Lunn was among the final-seven nominees considered for 2018 Colorado Teacher of the Year.
Grandparents Day. Please share the invitation with grandparents who can attend. We ask that Grandparents Day be reserved for students and grandparents (or an older, influential person in the student’s life), and that parents do not attempt to fulfill that role. We host and serve a hot breakfast to 600+ grandparents and simply cannot support parents as well.

Volunteer Signup: To make this event seamless and extraordinary, a small group of committed parents have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, and we are asking for additional volunteers. 
CLICK HERE to volunteer at the Elementary School on GPD. CLICK HERE to sign-up to donate food.

D.C. Trip Deadline Next Week. The sign-up deadline is next Wednesday, November 15th for this year’s Spring-Break fieldtrip (March 10th – 15th) to the nation’s Capital. It’s going to be great. Principal Bob Schaffer (former Member of the U.S. Congress) leads these trips every three years, and this is the first time the trip is open to all Liberty students (grades 7 – 12) and parents. Pricing is $1,825.00 – per participant for the six-day fieldtrip. A few other LCHS faculty members will attend, too, depending on the size of our group. CLICK HERE for more information and to register for the trip, or pick up a registration form in the front office. On previous trips, students enjoyed a spectacular behind-the-scenes visit to the U.S. Capitol building. Visit or email questions to Ms. Sarah Hunt who is available in the front office to assist. This is the best way to see D.C., and at a bargain price.
2015 visited the National Archives Museum.

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**Colorado-Themed Fiction Writing Contest**

**September 25 - November 22, 2017**

Submissions will be received [online](#) and should be a 700-1,000 word fictional story that incorporates our great state of Colorado. Whether it's through plot, setting, characters or another facet, Colorado should be a primary presence in your story. Participants must be in 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Participation is free.

3 winners and 6 finalists per grade will receive:

- Storytelling workshop and tour of our television studios
- Awards luncheon for students and families which includes keynote speaker, local author, and radio personality Dom Testa
- Stories posted on our website
- Awesome prizes

To learn more about StoryMakers and submit your story, [CLICK HERE](#).

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**Cash For Video.** If anyone could use an extra $15,000, here's an opportunity: Enter the “Choices in Education” Video Contest – [CLICK HERE](#). Deadline, December 1st, 2017. Tell the world how school choice is improving education for children and families in our community, or share your own story about exercising your freedom to attend a charter school. It's simple, anyone with a smartphone can enter!

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**Personal Finance Gold Standard.** LCHS has been awarded the Next Gen Personal Finance Gold Standard distinction for commitment to educating all students in 21st-Century personal finance skills. Last summer, NGPF analyzed 11,000 US high-school courses to measure student access to comprehensive financial education. LCHS was one of only 600 high schools nationwide to deliver the Gold Standard of a required, standalone, semester+ personal finance course.

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**Violin Needed.** Liberty Common Elementary Music Department is in need of a full-size violin. If you have a violin in good shape that you would like to donate, please contact [Amy Clemens](#).

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**Open Campus Wednesday.** This Wednesday, being a Block Day, all LCHS juniors and seniors enjoy “Open Campus” lunchtime privileges from 10:36 – 11:25AM. Students: Do
Veterans Day. The annual U.S. commemoration of Veterans Day is November 11th, a day set aside in honor of all veterans who have served in the profession of arms in defense of the Republic. The date and moment correspond to the conclusion of “the war to end war” (WWII) which officially ended at Compiègne, France on “the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.” Liberty Common takes Veterans Day seriously as a function of our patriotic school culture. Ours is an institution whose appreciation of history helps us understand the essential role the warfighter has played in securing peace through the advancement of America's foundational principle – to respect and protect the rights of the individual. As the solemn holiday falls on Saturday, this year, Veterans Day is officially being observed on Friday, November 10th, 2017. Liberty Common School remains in session on Friday, and all students and faculty will take pause during the school day for reflection, respect, and veneration normally associated with this revered national holiday.

HS Spring-Play Auditions. Liberty Common High School will produce the Reginald Rose jury-room drama, Twelve Angry Men. The play will run April 20-22, be directed by Mr. Stanton Skerjanec, and assistant directed by Ms. Elizabeth Ogg. High-school students interested in auditioning should prepare two, 1-minute monologues (one classical and one contemporary) and audition December 1, 3:30 pm in Mr. Skerjanec’s room. Interested students should also bring an audition form, CLICK HERE to download the form. Only high-school students may audition.
Anxiety Workshop:

Education and Strategies for Parents of Children with Anxiety

Hosted by: The Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Connections (CAYAC) team

This four week series will expand your understanding of anxiety and provide practical coping strategies.

- Learn how anxiety affects the brain and body
- Help your children find calmness when anxiety impacts their lives

**When:** Monday evenings 5:30pm-6:30pm
November 13th, 20th, 27th
December 4th

**Where:** Health District of Northern Larimer County
120 Bristlecone Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524

**Cost:** Free

Dinner will be provided!

For more information and to reserve your space, please email Katelyn at kthoresen@healthdistrict.org.

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Click here to order your copy of the 2017-2018 yearbook.

**Mark your Calendar**

**Important Dates.**

Nov 10-11 | High School Musical | Cinderella | LCS | 7PM, 2PM, 7PM
Nov 13-18 | Canned Food Drive
Nov 16 | Hearing and Vision Screening, Class Periods 5-8
Nov 16 | Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00PM, LCS
Nov 18 | Family Fall Harvest | LCHS | 4:00-7:30PM
Nov 21 | Grandparents Day
Nov 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break, No School
Dec 2 | Knowledge Bowl
Dec 8 | 7th Grade Science Fair
Dec 8 | Student Talent show
Dec 12 | Holiday Concert
Dec 15 | JH Holiday Dance, Semi-formal
Dec 20-22 | 1st Semester Finals
Dec 21 | Board of Directors Meeting, 6:00PM, LCS
Dec 22 | 2nd Quarter Ends
Dec 25-Jan 5 | Christmas Break

Click Here to view the school calendar.

2017-2018 School Holidays and Intermissions

Nov. 22-24 | Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 25-Jan. 5 | Christmas Break
Jan. 15 | Martin Luther King Day
Feb. 16 | Professional Development Day
Feb. 19 | Presidents’ Day
Mar. 12-16 | Spring Break
March 30 | Good Friday
May 25 | Last Day of School-1/2 day, Graduation 6:00PM

History of Liberty

How Did We Get Here?

*Part One of a Five-Part Series.*

Liberty Common School has a unique history that is important for all to know. There were many hardships and roadblocks encountered along the way. The Founders persevered to make our school what it is today, but it wasn't easy. We are fortunate to have had such persistent pioneers with a vision to make one of the best charter schools in Colorado.

For the next five weeks, we will run "How Did We Get Here?" by Dr. Maureen Schaffer, Mrs. Michelle Provaznik, Mrs. Laurel Van Maren, and Mr. Bob Schaffer. They do a superb job of detailing the events that took place to develop Liberty Common School as we know it. Our hope is that by sharing our history, we will better value the efforts by our Founders to get where we are today. It is because of their vision and foresight that we have the top elementary and high school in the state of Colorado.

We continually thank our founding parents for their hard work and dedication. We could not have asked for a better educational system to educate children. Our hope is that you feel the same.

*The History of Liberty*

*Common School*

*By Dr. Maureen Schaffer*

*(Founding Parent)*

Liberty Common Elementary School first opened its doors in September of 1997, but the story of The Liberty Common School dates back much further.

In the early 1990s, true educational choice was non-existent in Poudre
School District. Parents without resources for private school sent their children to neighborhood schools. Nebulous curricula were largely determined by individual classroom teachers, leading to gaps and repetition in student learning. Dissatisfied, small groups of parents began to read, research, and meet throughout PSD in search of better options.

One young couple, with a seemingly insatiable interest in education issues, emerged with a solution. After months of research, Dr. Randy Everett and his wife, Ruth Ann, identified several fundamental elements they believed most parents desired in their children’s schooling:

- Parental choice in education
- A core curriculum of specific content knowledge
- Solid, content-driven skill instruction
- Teaching the values of a democratic society
- School-based management

Randy and Ruth Ann took their message on the road, placing advertisements in the local paper, and speaking in living rooms and meeting halls throughout the county. Soon, hundreds of parents had joined the cause.

In the spring of 1993, Dr. Everett submitted a proposal to the PSD Board of Education to establish an Elementary School of Choice organized around the Core Knowledge Sequence. The educational community fought the proposal with gusto. District teachers testified before the school board, pronouncing the Core Knowledge Sequence too difficult to teach or learn. In spite of this strong opposition, the school board approved the request, and the Washington Core Knowledge School opened with 125 students that fall. This progressive episode in PSD’s history is documented on pages 62-63 of The Schools We Need by E.D. Hirsch.

Washington Core Knowledge School flourished. Parents painted the run-down school building and gathered curriculum resources. Courageous teachers joined the team, and students began to outperform their peers at neighborhood schools. In two years, enrollment had nearly doubled, and the waiting list numbered in the hundreds.

To meet this high demand, the school board allowed Washington Core to further increase enrollment and move into a portion of the old Fort Collins High School building. In a monumental construction effort led by parent volunteer Carol Christ, the high school building was converted to an elementary school over the summer of 1995. Things were going well for Washington Core, or so it seemed.

The school district notified Washington Core that its two-year pilot program had ended. Faculty would now be determined by the district, rather than the school’s parent board. Sadly, the district immediately fired two teachers, replacing them with “tenured excess” teachers from within PSD. The founding parents were dismayed. How could the school retain its integrity, if PSD brought in teachers who were not committed to the school’s curriculum? Fortunately, the Colorado legislature had provided an answer – the Charter Schools Act.

TO BE CONTINUED….
**Travel Tuesday.** This Tuesday, November 7th, Tianxin Luo will be giving a Travel Tuesday presentation about China in the Great Hall. We will need food and drinks to be donated by attendees. [CLICK HERE](#) For the link to donate food and drinks for this week.

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**Canned-Food Drive.** The annual LCHS Canned-Food Drive begins next Monday, 11/13, and runs through Saturday, 11/18 at noon. Contributions will be donated to the Salvation Army food pantry. See the [Order of Erebor Captains](#), Dharini Sriram (LCHS Class of 2022) and [Spencer Lynch](#) (LCHS Class of 2023), with questions.

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**Family Fall Harvest.** The annual Family Fall Harvest is scheduled for Saturday, November 18th from 4:00PM - 7:30PM at LCHS. There are going to be games, arts and crafts, and free food. There is no charge for the event. Bring everyone in the family as this is truly an epic, school-wide, community-building event. The more family members who attend, the more House and Order points will be awarded. There will also be a raffle for fun prizes. It’s being organized by the [Order of Delphi](#) and is going to be sensational. See Order Captains [Sophia Solis](#) (LCHS Class of 2022) and [Hannah Denton](#) (LCHS Class of 2023) with questions. As this is a free event, we also need donations of food and volunteers to help run the event. If you are interested in helping, please sign up via the link below: [CLICK HERE](#) to donate.

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**From Mrs. Campbell, College Counselor**

**Upcoming College Planning Events.** Mark your calendar for a comprehensive
list of college and post-graduate options planning events, and opportunities—ASVAB, Gap Year Fair, national speaker on how to choose a major/career, practice ACT/SAT tests and more. Click Here for a list of upcoming events.

Are you interested in architecture, animation, performing, game design, photography and motion-media design, or other art-related majors? Admissions representative from SCAD (Savannah College of Art and Design) will share information about art-college options and related fields on December 11 6:00-7:00pm, LCHS Great Hall. Click Here for flyer and more information.

University of Arizona will be hosting an application day. This is an opportunity to meet with admissions representative to learn more about scholarships and options in nursing, biological sciences, honors college, engineering, business and other majors. Click Here for more information.

**College And Coffee Chats.** The landscape of the college process has changed. Application requirements can be not only overwhelming for students, but for parents. Join me for coffee and college conversation. Click here for more information.

**Need money For college?** Here is a comprehensive list of current Scholarships for seniors. This list will be continually updated, so please check on the LCHS website for changes/additions.

**AST Tip of the Week**

**AST Tip Of The Week.** Homework Boards. Many students find, in the transition from class to class, they forget to write down parts of their homework in their planner. The Academic Support Team maintains a daily homework board with most of the information from core classes. Students and parents are welcome to come to room 206B or room 208 after school to check our homework boards and ensure students have the correct assignments written down in their planners.

For more tips, check out the AST Website: CLICK HERE

**From Dan Knab, Athletic Director**

**This Week in Jr.-High Sports:**

7th-Grade Boys Basketball
Wednesday, 11/8, 4pm at Esles Park Middle School

8th-Grade Boys Basketball
Wednesday, 11/8, 4pm vs Estes Park Middle School

8th-Grade Girls Basketball:
LCHS is still looking for an 8th-grade girls basketball coach. The season starts after Christmas break and lasts 12 weeks. Click HERE for the job posting.

**This Week in High-School Sports:**

The men’s soccer team is in the final-four. It knocked off the #1 seeded team, Jefferson Academy, 2-1. Ryan Zonnefeld pushed a ball that barely crossed the end line from a hard angle midway through the first half. Jefferson Academy put in an equalizing goal halfway
through the second half. With about nine minutes remaining, Aidan Allen came up from the backfield and juked a defender before crossing the ball to a waiting Tyler Higgins who scored the go-ahead goal. See photos below.

The team plays Colorado Springs Christian(4) on Wednesday, 5pm at Englewood High School. $9 - General Admission/ $6 Student Admission. Cash only for Wednesday’s game. No charge cards will be accepted.

The winner of that game will play the winner of the Kent vs Colorado Academy game on Saturday, 1pm at Dick's Sporting Good Park for the state championship. $10 - General Admission/ $8 Student Admission. Saturday’s venue will accept charge cards.

There will be a bus for all LCHS fans that want to go to the game. The bus will leave LCHS at 3:15pm (sharp) on Wednesday. There are 40 available spots. Sign up on the sign-up sheet in the front office if you are going. There is no fee to ride the bus. Concessions will be available at the high school. The bus will not stop for food. If you ride the bus down you must ride it back. The bus will come back to the high school after LCHS game, it will not stay for the following playoff game game. No 'noise-makers' allowed (cowbell, vuvuzela, etc). Stay tuned for more information on a fan bus (buses) on Saturday via LCHS Athletic Booster Facebook Page. Click HERE.

4A Championship game: 10:30am
3A Championship game: 1pm
5A Championship game: 3:30pm

CHSAANow.com

Men’s Soccer team at last Saturday’s quarterfinal game vs Jefferson Academy. They were victorious over Jefferson Academy 2-1. Way to go Eagles.
Ryan Zonnefled at Jefferson Academy last Saturday.

Tyler Higgins at Jefferson Academy last Saturday.

High-School Basketball Registration On-Line.
New On-Line Athletic Registration with Family ID - Click HERE. No more paper athletic packets to complete. Everything is online. Do not make eFund payments online until you receive an email from Mr. Knab to do so. He must upload rosters to PowerSchool beforehand. Thank you.

Liberty Common Athletic Boosters/ Support LCHS

Support Liberty

CLICK HERE if interested.
The holidays are approaching and your supporters will be busy shopping for gifts, decorations, and more. Earn money for Liberty while you shop through Smile.Amazon.com. AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support Liberty every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price back to Liberty.

- Simply go to http://smile.amazon.com and enter “Core Knowledge Charter School Foundation.” CKC School Foundation is the technical name for our non-profit organization. You will not find us by searching for 'Liberty.'
- The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases back to Liberty.

Classical Manners for the Modern Youth

From the 1934 high-school textbook "Good Manners" used in "Household Science" class of that day:

“Rule No. 24. “Rule No. 24. At the
Close of the Meal. At the close of a meal, try to finish eating when the other do. Your place when finished should look neat and clean. If finger-bowls are used, dip only the fingertips of one hand at a time into the water, and wipe daintily on your napkin. When the hostess has finished eating, and is ready to leave the table, she folds her napkin and arises. Others at the table do likewise.

Arise quietly from the left side of your chair. If necessary, push your chair close to the table to allow others to pass easily. In leaving the dining-room, girls and women go first.

You should remain at least half an hour after eating. Do not stay over an hour, unless you have been invited to stay longer. In leaving, express your thanks for the invitation to both host and hostess. Do not try to shake hands or take leave of all the guests.

Having accepted an invitation to a meal, you are indebted to your hostess. You should return this indebtedness by a similar invitation, if possible, or find some other way, in the near future, or showing your appreciation of the hospitality.”

Alumni Update

Unfortunately, we are out of Alumni Updates. If you know of any alumni you might prompt to drop us a paragraph or two, please let them know how appreciated their remarks are to the entire Liberty community. Alumni should SEND UPDATES HERE.

LCHS Opportunity Society

LCHS students and alumni are eager for job and career opportunities. Need a great candidate for your business’ next job opportunity? Please have it posted here to share with Colorado’s most dependable, and most intelligent students and graduates. Please email a position description to Mr. Bob Schaffer and we’ll promptly draw our students’ attention to it.

Job Openings For LCHS Students. The Fort Collins Breakfast Club asked us specifically if there are any LCHS students interested in weekend jobs. The restaurant is hiring for weekend bussers. Job duties include greeting guests, cleaning tables, pouring coffee, etc., and compensates with meal allowances, and good pay ($6.75 plus tips). It's a fun workplace. Training provided. Please apply in person (“We want to meet you”) at 121 W. Monroe Dr., Fort Collins, CO. Ask for Dave the owner.

News Worth Repeating

Mariya Garland Update. LCHS alumna Mariya Garland, Mrs. Janice Garland’s daughter, continues her battle against stage-4 renal cancer.
Many are praying and sending well-wishes, and donating on the GoFundMe page established for Mariya (CLICK HERE to donate).

**Lunch Information.** CLICK HERE to view lunch information. If you are having trouble logging in please try another browser.

**Hearing and Vision Screening.** Thursday Nov, 16th all seventh and ninth graders will receive hearing and vision screening, as will new students to the district. If they wear them, please make sure your child comes to school with glasses or contacts that day.

**Students from GyeSeong, our sister school in Korea, arrive in February. We need LCHS families to host them during their three-week visit.**

**Short-Term Host Families Needed In February.** We’re already making plans for our next “sister-school” visit from GyeSeong school of Seoul, Korea. In February, we’ll be joined by 10 students (9 girls and 1 boy), plus one instructor. They’ll be here for just under three weeks. They’ll be in the school from Feb 2nd to Feb 22nd, 2018. The visiting students will be at school or on fieldtrips weekdays from 8:30 am until late afternoon. To facilitate this visit, we need LCHS families to serve as short-term host families. Everyone who has done this in the past has thoroughly enjoyed the students. If you think you might consider volunteering to open your home and help get visiting student to and from LCHS, please CLICK HERE to email project coordinator Andrea Heyman, or call her directly at (970) 218-6038. $400 financial reimbursements will be available to host families.

**School Portrait Make-up Day.** Friday December 1st, 2017, 3:00-5:30PM and Saturday December 2- 9:00AM-12:00PM. Location is Skillman Photography 818 E. Elizabeth, Fort Collins. Click here to print an order form.

**Parents Only Parlor Night.** Parents, please mark calendars now and make plans to attend “Parlor Night” Saturday, December 2nd 6:30-8:30PM in the LCHS Great Hall. Inspired by the nearby painting of Frédéric Chopin entertaining guests in the parlor, LCHS students and pianists will roll out the school’s new baby-grand piano and provide two hours of musical entertainment plus short music-appreciation commentary from LCHS’s resident Maestro Dave Lunn. Guest will enjoy...
comfortable seating, candlelight, coffee, tea, lemonade, desserts, and snacks – all served by personal student-butlers and servants plying for tips to make a few bucks for their favorite LCHS clubs and organizations. It’s an exquisite date night. Have dinner on your own, then finish the evening at this enchanted Parlor Night. Cost is only $10 per couple.

Travel Tuesday Volunteers Needed. We are in need of parent volunteers to bring food donations for Travel Tuesday events. The place to sign up to bring food is here: CLICK HERE. Thank you for supporting this fun and educational tradition!

FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is officially open. For students entering college in the fall of 2018, financial-aid eligibility will be based on their parents 2016 tax returns. Be sure to check on college priority FAFSA deadlines. www.fafsa.ed.gov

Don’t forget the importance of considering the net price of a college. You can search any college you are considering. Rarely is the actual cost of college the sticker price. STICKER PRICE - GRANTS/LOANS = NET PRICE https://collegecost.ed.gov/netpricecenter.aspx

Career Exploration Opportunity. The Armed services Vocational Aptitude Battery is a vetted and validated aptitude test that can provide students insight into their academic ability. Results can be a predictor of future academic and occupational successes. This test will be administered at Fort Collins High School on Saturday, December 9th at 8:00AM; CLICK HERE for more information. If you are interested, see Mrs. Campbell in the College Center to sign-up, or CLICK HERE to email Mrs. Campbell.

7th Grade (and art lovers of any age). The Denver Art Museum is holding an exhibition of Women Artists in the Age of Impressionism. This relates directly to the 7th Grade Core Art curriculum; the artists that will be on display are being studied right now in class! There is no substitute for seeing these artworks in person. Unfortunately the show will be gone before the 7th Grade fieldtrip. It runs through January 14, 2018. Visit denverartmuseum.org for more information.

7th Grade Parents. The 7th grade will be going on a fieldtrip to the Denver Art Museum on March 9th, 2018. It is the Friday before spring break so you may want to consider it when making plans for that week.

Art Department Needs Supplies Donated.
- Aprons
- Men’s large extra-large button-down shirts
- Fake flowers
- Small sculptures to use as still life subjects
- Fabric (1 yard or larger) - one solid color
- Film cameras with manual controls for shutter speed, aperture, and rewinding the film
- Old rolls of film (any kind.)
- Beautiful paper that you think our artists might like to use
- Mostly any high-quality art supplies (except glitter)

If you have anything you think the high-school art department might be able to use, please
Liberty Needs Substitute Teachers And TAs. You do not need a license to be a substitute teacher at Liberty. Liberty Common is looking for qualified parents to help in the school. We have teacher subs and teacher-aide subs. We need both. Please contact the front office and it will provide you with necessary paperwork to begin this easy process.

Volunteering at LCHS. Volunteering has a positive effect on student achievement and enhances the educational experience for the entire school community; staff, faculty, parents and students. If you are interested in volunteering at LCHS for any extracurricular activities or special events, (Spring Gala, Graduation, Teacher Appreciation week, etc.) or assisting a staff member on a regular basis and have not previously registered as a volunteer, CLICK HERE to register. If you are already a registered volunteer in the Liberty Common School Volunteer System, please CLICK HERE to login to the system and update your volunteer record.

Upcoming Trips

Austria, Germany, Switzerland Spring Break 2018. Mr. Lunn will be leading a trip to Austria, Germany and Switzerland during Spring Break of 2018. This trip is open to high-school students in music class (or have taken one in the past). We will visit the cities of Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Innsbruck and Lucerne. Highlights of the trip include visiting Mozart’s birthplace and soaking in the rich history and culture of this part of the German-speaking world. Please e-mail for more information.

LCHS To DC 2018. LCHS will conduct a Spring Break 2018 trip to Washington, DC and will likely conduct these trips every three years. Starting this year, the trip is opening up to all LCHS students grades 7 – 12 (previously, this was a junior-high only trip). Parents may also attend at cost. LCHS principal Bob Schaffer leads these trips. As a former Member of the U.S. Congress, Mr. Schaffer fully utilizes his former-member privileges to get students into areas of the U.S. Capitol that are normally off limits to tourists, and he sets up visits with high-power political figures. Spring Break 2018 is March 10th – 18th. CLICK HERE for more information and to register for the trip, or pick up a registration form in the front office. Also, email questions to Ms. Sarah Hunt who is available in the front office to assist.

Ireland & England, Summer 2018. Mr. Tullius is organizing a high-school trip to the

Artists of France and Spain. Mr. Seiple is organizing an Artists of France and Spain tour (summer 2018). The tour starts in Paris and goes to Avignon, Barcelona, and Madrid. We will see the sights, eat delicious foods, and visit great museums and monuments of Western art history. Please contact Mr. Seiple with any questions at rseiple@libertycommon.org.