



Lake Oswego High School

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Dear Laker Families:

As the work on our school nears completion, I would like to express my appreciation for the patience and positive attitude our students, staff, parents, and entire school community have demonstrated during the challenges caused by our school's reconstruction project this fall. **All parking spots and building entrances/exits should be accessible very soon.** And though additional work will take place in our building next summer, the impact on everyone should be comparatively very minimal.

Thanks to the many parents who attended our November 18th Parent-Teacher conferences. We appreciated the large number of parents in attendance and value the combined efforts of parents and staff working in partnership to enhance student learning. We have an ongoing goal of maintaining accurate, up to date communication between school and home and encourage you to use your Edline account to access your child's individual grades. We hope that parents use Edline as a tool to help their child become more independent and self-reliant as they navigate their four years of high school.

We encourage you to use these general guidelines whenever you have questions about grade or homework status:

- Ask your student to obtain the information directly from the teacher
- Check the teacher's website
- Access your child's grades via Edline
- Remember that grade reports are updated every 4-5 weeks at a minimum

All junior and senior females who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, and have performed at least 20 hours of community service are eligible to participate in this year's Metro Rose Festival Court selection. Students interested must submit a completed application by December 15th and attend one mandatory orientation session in January. The court selection process will take place February 5th and 26th. Additional information and application forms are available in our main office. Below is the link to the Portland Rose Festival Foundation website that gives greater detail about the Princess selection process: <http://www.rosefestival.org/events/rosecourt>. Applications are due by mail December 15, 2010. The Metro Princess will be announced March 9, 2011.

Support our school, and enjoy an evening of Food, Fun, and Family by attending "La Famiglia"!!! The Laker Club Auction is scheduled for Saturday, February 5th, 2011. This fun-filled evening ultimately provides so many "extras" for LOHS students which make such a positive difference in our students' school experience. The Auction will be held at the Melody Ballroom beginning with the silent auction at 5:30 p.m. Those who would like more information or to contribute auction items should call Rhonda Cohen, Auction Chair at (503) 639-7633.

As winter weather arrives, please remember that **severe weather, power outages, or other conditions may require schools to cancel classes, start late, or close early.** In most circumstances, the decision to cancel classes will be made before 6 a.m. on the day of the weather event. When our school must close early during the school day, every effort will be made to provide parents with as much warning as possible. If school is cancelled, we will always return to the *opposite* of the last day we were in session. For example, if the last day of school prior to closure is an “A” day, we will return to a “B” day regardless of the number of closure days.

For general school information, check our website at: <http://loh.loswego.k12.or.us>

Reminder: Winter Break begins Saturday, December 18th. Students return to school on Monday, January 3rd.

Happy Holidays!

Bruce Plato
Principal