

August 1, 2025

Dear Students and Parents/Caregivers:

I hope this email finds you well and that you are enjoying the remainder of your summer. I am writing to share several important updates for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year.

**Key Dates and Events:**

**Schedule Pick-up:** Thursday, August 7th, 2:00 - 6:30 pm (East Events Lobby Entrance)

Schedule Pick-Up provides an opportunity to receive a hard copy of your student's schedule, purchase merchandise from various groups, and allows students to explore their schedule. Additionally, yearbooks will be distributed to those who made purchases last year. Like last year, students and parents who have completed online registration will have the option of skipping schedule pick-up on August 7th and simply accessing their schedule through PowerSchool on Friday, August 8th.

To reduce long lines, we suggest the following arrival times for each class during Schedule Pick-Up:

- Seniors- 2 pm
- Juniors- 3 pm
- Sophomores- 4 pm
- Freshmen- 5 pm

**Freshman Transition Day:** Monday, August 18th, 7:25 am - 12:30 pm

This is an important day for freshmen to explore their schedules, meet several teachers, and feel comfortable navigating the first few weeks of high school.

**Back-to-School Night:** Monday, August 18th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

We are excited to welcome parents to the building for this opportunity to meet teachers. Students are not required to attend but are welcome.

**First Day of School:** Wednesday, August 20th, 7:25 am-2:18 pm

**Important Personal Electronic Policy Update:**

Last night, the Board of Education approved [Board Policy JFCD](#) and an amendment to policy [JG-R1: Student Discipline](#). The new policy establishes that students may not use or display personal communication devices such as cell phones during school hours, **including during lunch and passing periods**.

The new policy reads as follows:

“Students are prohibited from displaying or using personal communication devices during the school day. Students who violate this policy will be subject to discipline, including potential device confiscation, as detailed in JG-R1 and the student handbook.”

This change is required by [Senate Bill 68](#), which was recently signed into law by Governor Mike Kehoe and applies to all Missouri schools. Again, as a result of this law, Missouri students may no longer use or display cell phones during school hours.

Administrators may grant permission to teachers who want to use cell phones for educational purposes. Students who need cell phones for health reasons (i.e., IEP, 504 plan, individualized healthcare plan, etc.) will be accommodated.

I want to thank all our staff, students, and parents who participated in conversations with school administrators and school board members last fall. Your input was valuable and helped guide districtwide conversations about the impact of cell phones in our classrooms. We appreciate your cooperation as we implement our district policy changes, this new law creates, and in support of focused learning in our classrooms.

Moving forward, should you need to reach your student during the school day, please call Lee's Summit North's main office. Our staff will ensure your message is delivered, or will arrange for your student to speak with you on the office phone.

**Student Involvement and Connection:**

Research clearly shows that students who get involved with extracurricular activities at school have a more enjoyable high school experience, perform better academically, and are better prepared for life after graduation. With that in mind, one of our three school goals is for students to have an increased sense of community. Please encourage your student(s) to get involved in at least one club/activity/sport at Lee's Summit North this school year.

**School Supplies:**

Please know that high school classes do not have a standard 'school supply list' to adhere to. Therefore, the best advice I have for our students is to come with a few writing utensils and notebook paper on the first day of school. Teachers will inform students what supplies they need for their classes. With the variety of classes we offer, these supplies will look different depending on your student's schedule.

**Additional Resources:**

- Activities Website: <https://lsnhs.lsr7.org/lsn-activities/>
- Follow us: Facebook @LSNHS, Instagram @lsnhsbroncos
- Online Student Handbook Link: [2025 - 2026 District High School Handbook](#)

We look forward to welcoming you to Lee's Summit North and to an exciting school year!

Proud to be a Bronco,

Dr. Tim Collins, Principal

