



# LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wildcat students and families,

I hope your summer has been amazing so far! Even though we have a few weeks left, I want to welcome you to the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Our summer staff has been working really hard to get everything ready for a great start to the year. I can't wait to see all of our returning students and I'm looking forward to meeting our amazing new ninth grade class and new Wildcats.

The 2020-2021 school year was a bit of a blur, with many changes and unexpected pivots as we navigated unprecedented events and challenges. Even though some parts of the year were scary and uncertain, our students and school community continued to focus on positives, like school pride, excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts, as well as service to others. Over 83 percent of our senior class qualified for life scholarships and as a class they earned nearly \$60 million in scholarships towards two or four year colleges. Our students earned superior recognition and all-state honors in our performing and visual arts, and claimed several team and individual state titles in athletics.

Throughout it all, our students focused on protecting and supporting each other, best represented by the Unity Mural, painted by all of our student body to show that we are indeed stronger together. As you can tell, I am a super proud principal of our awesome student body, our faculty, staff, and all of the families that make LHS an amazing place!

As we enter the 2021-2022 school year, there is still uncertainty and there will be obstacles to face. More than ever, I am convinced that we have what it takes to face any challenge head on, and come out stronger on the other side. As we have done over the past year and a half, we will take care of each other and take pride in being part of the 110 years of Wildcat excellence. I can't wait to get started!

I will try to always keep you informed throughout the year through a variety of communication. I'm planning to start up my Backyard Briefs videos in the next couple of weeks, and of course, we are always excited to hear from you over the summer.

We will officially welcome in the new year on Wednesday, August 4 with our Cats Kickoff. Our campus will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. for tours, meet and greet stations, photo opportunities, Wildcat Spirit Store, club sign up, and more. We will have help stations to complete Online Registration for those who need assistance or have questions. We hope to see a lot of you throughout the day! We will also have self-guided tour options throughout the summer to allow you to explore and learn more about our school. We will push out information about those tour options in the next few weeks.

Also on August 4, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., we invite all new students and incoming freshmen to our Wildcat Welcome for team building, orientation to high school, MacBook pick up, and lots of fun! Starting LHS is an exciting transition but can cause some nervousness. We want to set all of our students up for

success and answer a lot of questions before the first day of school. No worries if you can't make it - we will still make the transition easy for everyone. We have created a Wildcat Welcome website with useful tips, modules, and messages to help all of our new Wildcats get ready for the year. Check it out: <https://tinyurl.com/WildcatWelcome2021>. Your success is our goal!

We proved that our school is agile and adaptable to find ways to succeed despite unexpected challenges. As we come back to school, we will continue to rise to the challenge of meeting all of our students' needs under all circumstances. We plan to use what we have learned to continue growing and improving.

We are thankful for all of our students and families. As we approach the school year, I promise to share updates and important information with you. Be sure to check our school website and follow us on social media for the latest news. I know 2021-2022 is going to be an amazing year.

At Lexington High School, we will continue to empower our students to design the future!

Hail to Thee!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Pool". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "R" being particularly large and stylized.

Ryan Pool  
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Lexington High School