



LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Wildcat students and families,

I hope your summer has been amazing so far! Even though we still have some summer left before we come back, I want to welcome you to the start of the 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 school year was a bit of a blur, especially as we navigated ever-changing regulations and quarantines during the first half of the year. 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. The spring felt a little more normal as we cheered on our teams and attended events and concerts in person! I had so much fun watching our students return to some of the most fun and memorable aspects of school.

Our students continued to be leaders in our district and state. Over 84 percent of our senior class qualified for life scholarships and as a class they earned over \$50 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. Our Students in Action (SIA) team traveled to Indianapolis in June where they received the Gold Award for their Linking Lexington efforts. The Gold Jefferson Award is given to the top SIA team in the nation! We are so proud of all of these amazing students and their teachers!

Through it all, our students supported each other through the good times and the challenges. I am always so proud of our awesome student body, our faculty, staff, and all of the families that make LHS an amazing place. I know that 2022-2023 will be even better and I can't wait to see where our students will take us this year.

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, so feel free to stop by, call, or email with updates, questions, or just to say Hi! Enclosed in this letter, we have included a Quick Reference Guide for your refrigerator with QR codes to all sorts of important and hopefully helpful information, along with several additional information fliers. We will make sure all of this is also available on our website and through our social media posts.

We will officially launch our new year on Wednesday, August 3 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. Our theme to open the year is "Maverick" so you will want to come check out our cool Top Gun decor! Legacy Studios will be here to take yearbook photos and picture packages for underclassmen. You can even get a picture with Wiley the Wildcat! We will have stations to complete Online Registration for those who need assistance or have questions. We hope to see a lot of you throughout the day! Attendance is not required but we would love to see you there!

Also on August 3, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., we invite all new students and incoming freshmen to “Take-Off,” an interactive orientation to Lexington High School. At Take-Off, students will meet new friends, learn important details about high school life, tour the school, and have 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, and we will have lots of transition lessons built into the first week of school for new and returning students. If incoming ninth graders want to pick up their MacBooks, they should turn in their Chromebook and charger between 12:40pm-1:00 p.m at a designated location. They will be able to pick up their MacBook after Take-Off is over at 3:30. Please be prepared for your student to stay afterwards to complete MacBook setup. For new students, who can’t attend Take-Off, we will be sharing other dates and times to get your device.

As I learn new information or updates about the coming school year, I promise to share it with our Wildcat Nation. Stay tuned to our district and school websites and follow us on social media for the most current news, and information about InfoSnap, our online registration system. I am excited to be back with our students, pushing them to be the very best versions of themselves, to proudly represent their families and cultures, and to work diligently to strengthen our collective community.

At Lexington High School, we will equip our students to honor their traditions, seize today’s opportunities, and design our future.

Hail to Thee!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Pool". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ryan Pool, Ed.D.
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