

WELCOME CLASS OF 2013
To
Lake Region High School



Summer Reading List

Twilight, by Stephanie Meyer
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, by John Boyne
The Bronx Masquerade, by Nikki Grimes
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time, by Mark Haddon
The Earth, My Butt and Other Big Round Things, by Carolyn Mackler
Eragon, by Christopher Paolini
Uglies, by Scott Westerfeld
The Five People You Meet In Heaven, by Mitch Albom
The Hunger Games, by Suzanne Collins
Monster, by Walter Dean Myers
The Pigman, by Paul Zindel
Stargirl, by Jerry Spinelli
Summer of my German Soldier, by Bette Greene
Artemis Fowl, by Eoin Colfer
Unwind, by Neal Shusterman
The True Story of Hansel and Gretel, by Louise Murphy
Life As We Knew It, by Susan Beth Pfeffer



Expectations for the Class of 2013

Dress Code:

Code of Conduct will be enforced (Section 2.09)

General Dress Code Requirements

- Wear appropriately sized clothing
- Skirts and dresses shall be no shorter than mid-thigh
- Shorts shall be hemmed; not cut off
- No spandex-style "bicycle" shorts
- No pajama pants
- No pants with holes (jeans or shorts)
- No clothing encouraging tobacco, drugs, alcohol, violence, or gangs
- No sexually explicit clothing
- No halters, backless dress, tube tops or tank tops without an overshirt

Class Expectations:

Teachers in the Academy have developed general rules that apply to all academic courses

General Rules

- Be In class before the bell rings
- No cell phones
- Be respectful to all – Follow all written and oral procedures from all staff

Consequences

- Tardy – warning, S.L.A.M. (lunch detention) with parent contact, referral
- Cell phones (Code of Conduct Section 7.30) – 1st offense-warning; 2nd offense- take phone returning it at end of day; 3rd offense-parent conference



Communication

The Freshman Success Academy will give each student a student planner the first week of school. Students are expected to use the planners in each class and parents are encouraged to use it as a tool for communication with teachers.

The school website (www.lakeregionthunder.com) is full of resources that include school activities, event schedules, important links and a staff index.



Supply List

- 3 Ring Binder – English, Geometry Honors, Science
- Divider Tabs for the 3 Ring Binder – English, Geometry Honors
- Pencils and Pens (Black or Blue ink only) – All classes
- Paper – All classes
- Basic Calculator only +/- and square root keys – Math, Science
- 1 subject spiral notebook – Geometry Honors
- Compass, 6" Ruler, Protractor, and Colored Pencils – Geometry Honors
- Color Pencils (1 Box) - Earth Science

The Freshman Academy teachers would like to wish the exiting class of 2012 success in the years to come.

Below are answers to frequently asked questions. Have a wonderful summer break!

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I find out my child's grades?

An interim or progress report is sent home with students every 4 1/2 weeks. Additionally, parents/Guardians may also check their child's grades online 24 hours a day through the Parent Internet Viewer at: www.lakeregionthunder.com.

Parents/Guardians may register for the Parent Internet Viewer by completing the Parent Internet Viewer Registration form in the LRHS Guidance Office. You may also contact your child's teacher, the Academic Dean or Guidance Counselor for grades.

How do I check my child's attendance?

Parents/Guardians may check their child's attendance online 24 hours a day through the Parent Internet Viewer at: www.lakeregionthunder.com.

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How can I communicate with my child's teacher?

You may communicate with your child's teacher in several different ways, email, telephone, written communication, and face to face.

All teachers have email. You may contact the teacher through email. To find their email address, go to: www.lakeregionthunder.com and click on the Staff link. This will take you to their name which you click to open their webpage and email address. Additionally, you may contact the teacher by calling the main office at 297-3099 and leaving a message, write a note in the student planner or scheduling a conference.

How do I schedule a conference with the teacher(s)?

All conferences are scheduled through the Ninth Grade Guidance Counselor. You may contact Mrs. Beikirch-Godwin at 297-3194 or betsy.beikirchgodwin@polk-fl.net to schedule a conference with your child's teachers. Please be aware that conferences involving one teacher may be scheduled around their planning time. However, when scheduling a conference with a team of teachers, we must meet at 2:15 p.m.

Is there tutoring available for my child?

Free tutoring is available in all subject areas for Freshman Success Academy students every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:15 until 3:15. Students report to the Media Center.

Community Service

Although not required for graduation, community service hours are required for students wishing to qualify for many scholarships including Bright Futures. Service hours will be indicated on student's permanent record.

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program Academic Scholar Award requires 75 hours of community service between grades 9-12. Students must complete the Community Service Plan that describes the social problem being served, the plan for personal involvement and a final evaluation of the volunteer experience.

High School Credit Program

Students in grades 9-12 will receive one-half credit in an elective community service course for each 75 community service hours served. Credit may not exceed 1 total credit. Students complete a community service plan which identifies a social problem, the plan for personal involvement, and a final evaluation of the experience.

Full information and applications may be obtained from the Mrs. Rivera (nilda.rivera@polk-fl.net) in room 2207.

College and Career Center

Located in the Main Guidance Department, the **College/Career Room** provides an abundance of helpful information for researching colleges, scholarships, and career paths. Open from 7:00 A.M. to 2:45 P.M., students can sample a variety of computer programs, college catalogs, brochures, videos, and resource/reference books covering post-secondary schools, occupations, career testing, financial aid and scholarships. For more information contact Mr. Harrod, College and Career Specialist, located in the Main Guidance Office, through email at ben.harrod@polk-fl.net, or by calling 297-3194.

Websites of Interest:

Lake Region High School www.lakeregionthunder.com

Polk County School District www.polk-fl.net

Online Academic Advising and Bright Futures Information www.facts.org

FCAT Information/Practice www.fcatexplorer.com

Florida Virtual School www.flvs.net

SAT Information/Practice/Registration www.collegeboard.com

ACT Information/Practice/Registration www.act.org

Graduation Requirements

Standard 24 Credits

English

4 credits with major concentration in composition, reading for information and literature

Mathematics

4 credits, one of which must be Algebra 1 or its equivalent, or a higher level math course

Science

3 credits in science, two of which must have a laboratory component

Social Studies

1 credit World History

1 credit American History

1/2 credit American Government

1/2 credit Economics

Performing/Fine Arts

1 Credit in fine or performing arts

Physical Education

1 credit in Physical Education to include the integration of Health

Electives

8 Credits***

***4 credits in a major area of interest

***4 credits in elective courses, which may be combined to allow for a second major area of

interest, minor area of interest (3credits), individual elective course or intensive reading or mathematics intervention courses.

FCAT

Passing scores on the Grade 10

FCAT or scores on a standardized test that is concordant with passing scores on the FCAT (ACT or SAT)

GPA

Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale

For additional information regarding graduation you may visit www.facts.org and/or contact the FSA Guidance Counselor.