

welcome

**CLASS OF**

**2021**

# FIRST THING'S FIRST!

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If **\*STUDENTS\*** have not  
already joined our  
senior student group on  
Remind...

Enter this number:

81010

Text this message:

@9g33k2

If **\*PARENTS\*** have not  
already joined our  
senior parent group on  
Remind...

Enter this number:

81010

Text this message:

@6kd7ag



# SENIOR LETTERS



In an effort to keep you informed about a student's progress towards graduation, each parent/guardian will receive a letter at the end of September that outlines the graduation requirements that still have to be met by their child. This letter will include classes the student needs to pass this school year, as well as any verified credit requirements the student has yet to meet. A student earns a verified credit by passing a class and passing the associated SOL for that class.

# SENIOR MEETINGS

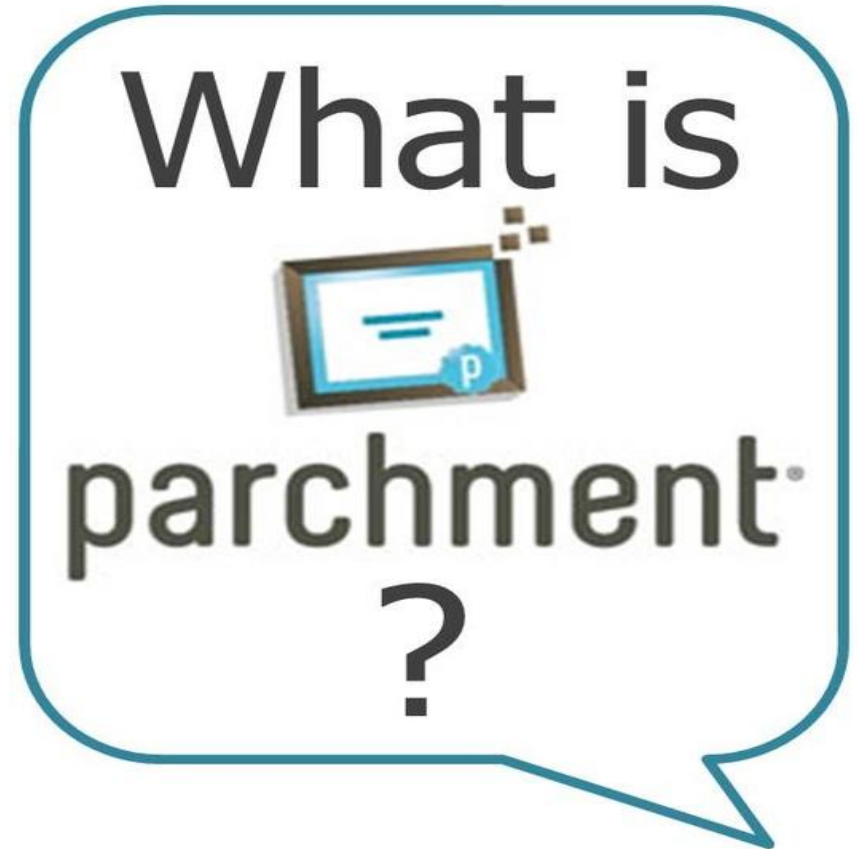


School Counselors will be sharing Google Meet invitation opportunities with all Seniors. Students will be able to sign up for a 10-15 minute individual time slot with their Counselor to discuss post high school plans. We are super excited about this! These meetings will take place in October, and students will be able to sign up for days when they are not physically here at school so that we are not pulling them from class time. Keep an eye out for more information about this!

# PARCHMENT - TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS

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- Students will request all of their transcripts through their Parchment account.
- Go to [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) to create an account.
- Students will be emailed a verification code to verify their email address.
- Once they are logged in, they can add Lord Botetourt as their school on the very first screen they see.



# SELF VIEW TRANSCRIPT ON PARCHMENT

Once a student has created a Parchment account, they will have the option to request a self-view transcript. This is important for students to have on hand while filling out college applications. **It will list their current GPA and class rank**, as well as all the classes they have taken during their high school career.

# ADDITIONAL SCORES & TRANSCRIPTS

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- **Community College Transcripts**

- Request VWCC transcripts here: [My VWCC](#)

- **Test Scores**

- **SAT:** Included on transcript but some colleges will only take the official score report from CollegeBoard.
- **ACT:** Included on transcript but some colleges will only take the official score report from ACT.
- **AP:** Not included on transcript – must be sent from CollegeBoard.



# HOW TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS WORK



## FALL SEMESTER

- Students will request their transcripts to be sent to colleges through Parchment. We will automatically be notified when they make this request. Please do **\*NOT\*** send a separate email requesting this.
- After grades are locked in December, we will automatically send an updated transcript/mid year report to all the colleges a student has applied to. Students do **\*NOT\*** need to request this.

## SPRING SEMESTER

- We will push out a Senior Survey in April for all students regarding their FINAL plans for after graduation.
- We will automatically send a final transcript to the college of that student's choice. Students do **\*NOT\*** need to request this. This will be done the first week of June.
- If students have taken dual enrollment classes, they will need to request a final transcript be sent from VWCC. That can be done through their community college student portal. LBHS is **\*NOT\*** able to request final transcripts from VWCC.

# WINTER BREAK DEADLINE



- **The final day to request transcripts before winter break is Friday, December 11th.**
- **Counselors do not work over winter break.** If students need transcripts for late December or early January deadlines, they *MUST* be requested by December 11th.

# SAT

- Register at [CollegeBoard.org](https://CollegeBoard.org)
- Plan to take the SAT at least TWICE
- Cost of test: \$52, w/Essay: \$68
- If payment is a concern please see your Counselor for more info.

TEST DATE	DEADLINE
October 3	September 4
November 7	October 7
December 5	November 5
March 13*	February 12
May 8	April 8
June 5	May 6

# SAT SUBJECT TESTING



- 20 subject tests in 5 areas: English, history, languages, mathematics and science
- One hour multiple choice test
- Can take up to 3 tests on any test date
- Register online at [CollegeBoard.org](https://collegeboard.org)
- Check with each college you are interested in to see whether or not they require or accept these tests.
- Some colleges use it for admission criteria or placement purposes.

# ACT

- 4 Multiple Choice Sections:
  - English
  - Math
  - Reading
  - Science
    - The above 4 produce a COMPOSITE score
  - Optional Writing Test

TEST DATE	DEADLINE
October 10, 17, 24, 25	September 25
December 12	November 6
February 6	January 8
April 17	March 12
June 12	May 7
July 17	June 18

# ACT ADDITIONAL INFO



- Test fee:
  - \$55
  - \$70 with Writing
- ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the United States
- Register for one of the testing dates at:
  - [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

# TEST OPTIONAL SCHOOLS



**COLLEGE  
ESSAY**



**REC  
LETTER**



**SAT / ACT**

# COLLEGE VISITS



Due to COVID restrictions and social distancing guidelines, we will not be having in person college visits at this time. As Admissions Counselors contact us, we will be adding their contact information to our school website. Students are encouraged to email them directly to inquire about particular colleges!

[LBHS College Visit Information](#)



# COLLEGE APPLICATIONS



- Students should proofread applications to be sure all information is accurate.
- Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions while completing applications.
- Common App/ SendEDU / Coalition App

# GPA CALCULATOR



If a student has taken any AP or DE classes while in high school, their GPA is *\*WEIGHTED.\** Some colleges will request an unweighted GPA, so we have an easy solution!

Click on the following link: [GPA Calculator](#)

**Click on FILE, then MAKE A COPY.**

Now students will have a copy that they can manipulate with their own classes and grades!

# ADMISSION TERMS



- **Early Decision:**

- **This is BINDING.** Students must sign a commitment to attend this school if accepted.
- Students are **ONLY** allowed to apply to **ONE** Early Decision college and then they **MUST** attend that college if accepted.

- **Early Action/Priority:**

- Allows students to receive a decision prior to the normal deadline response date.
- **This is NOT binding.**

# ADMISSION TERMS



- **Rolling Admission:** Applications are read throughout the year and decisions are made immediately upon receiving the completed application.
- **Regular Decision:** Colleges accept applications from prospective students and delay decisions until the admissions deadline is reached.
- **Open Enrollment:** Any student that meets the admission standard is admitted. Most commonly used by community colleges.

# COLLEGE ESSAYS



- Not all college applications require an essay. When a college offers an opportunity to write an essay, DO IT!
- STUDENTS NEED TO PROOFREAD THEIR ESSAY!
- Make an appointment with an English teacher if assistance is needed.
- Save your own copies of your essay. Often times these can be used for other applications or even scholarships with minor changes.

# LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



- Not all colleges require letters of recommendation.
- Some colleges have strict requirements on how many and how they are received.
- Give teachers & community members at least TWO WEEKS to write a recommendation.
- All individuals writing letters should be given a copy of a resume beforehand.

# VIRGINIA WESTERN CCAP

- **CCAP: Community College Access Program**
  - A program that makes college available tuition-free to 2021 graduates of public high schools in this area.
  - Application opens **October 1st!**
  - Covers the cost of tuition for 3 years at Virginia Western
  - **BOTETOURT COUNTY = 2.5 GPA**
  - **Proof of residency = living in Botetourt for at least 2 years while attending LBHS.**
  - [VA Western CCAP Information](#)

# NCAA ELIGIBILITY

[www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)

- **When registering for SAT/ACT, use the code “9999” as a score recipient** to send official scores directly to the Eligibility Center.
- After graduation, students should request their final transcript be sent to the NCAA Eligibility Center. **They will mark this on their Senior Survey.**



Eligibility  
Center



# FINANCIAL AID



We have a ton of information on our school website regarding Financial Aid. Check it out!

[LBHS Financial Aid Information](#)

The US Department of Education also has a lot of information out there for students and parents, including various resources and webinars.

[DOE Financial Aid Information](#)

# SCHOLARSHIP INFO



All scholarships that LBHS receives are posted here:  
[LBHS Scholarship Information](#)

Continue to check the website for additions throughout the school year. **The majority of scholarships are added during the Spring semester.**

**YOU SHOULD NEVER HAVE TO PAY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP!** Be very leary of these types of “opportunities.”

**YOUR TIME AS  
A CATERPILLAR  
HAS EXPIRED  
YOUR WINGS ARE READY.**