

*The vision of the Lake Forest School District is to be the model of excellence in education.* October 27, 2023

Greetings Spartan Family-

Welcome to fall! This school year has been amazing so far. We seem to have been in a strong groove since the very beginning, and both teachers and students are performing well. It is hard to believe the first marking period is nearly over.

The first 9 weeks of the school year have been rewarding in many ways. School openings seemed as smooth as possible, and staff have been busy hosting a number of community events. We have had a string of grandparent's days, literacy and math nights, book fairs, and great homecoming events at Lake Forest High School. Haunted Hallways is coming up next so be ready to put on your costumes and swing by the High School after school on October 31st for trunk or treat.

As mentioned, the end of the 1st marking period is rapidly approaching (Nov 1) so please get into those Home Access Accounts (HAC) and check your student's grades. School counselors, teachers, and administrators stand ready for any questions or concerns. Except for Kindergarten, report cards will not be printed this year, but will be available on HAC November 8th. Give your school a call if you have any difficulty accessing your student's grades.

I wanted to take a second to make a mention of the importance of students being in school every day. Research shows that students who are in school every day are better readers and stronger with math. They develop effective interpersonal skills, and demonstrate better social, emotional, health. Finally, the students who are in school on time, every day develop the life skills which will later positively influence their health and quality of life. I have linked a couple of info-graphics about the importance of attendance <u>here</u> and ask for every child to be in school on time, every day. For support or assistance, please reach out to your child's teacher, school nurse, counselor, or administrator. I look forward to seeing all of our Spartans in school this year!

Please visit our web site for a wealth of information regarding our schools. We have our updated yearly calendar and contact information. You can also learn about our Parent Advisory Council, strategic plan, district policies, and just about anything else you might need to know. If you can't find what you're looking for I encourage you to call your home school principal or the Central Office at 302-284-3020. I wish you a great holiday season, and look forward to seeing you on a Lake Forest School campus soon.

Sincerely,

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