



## LONG BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Long Beach High School Students and Families,

Welcome to Spring! I hope this letter finds you well and that you are energized and ready for the last quarter of the 2011-2012 school year. Time has certainly flown by and a great deal has happened at our school since last I wrote to you. Please allow me to share some of these items with you.

***Administrative Assignments:*** I am pleased to announce that the Board of Education has appointed Mr. Christopher Brown to the position of acting-vice principal. Mr. Brown is filling the position vacated by Mr. John Emmons who has requested a short-term leave. Mr. Brown will be assuming all of Mr. Emmons' responsibilities including his student case load of G-N. Mr. Ian Butler will be filling Mr. Brown's position as acting-dean of students. Mr. Butler will be responsible for students whose last names begin with L-Z. Once we have information regarding when Mr. Emmons will return, I will share that information with you.

***Spring Fever!*** Sometimes the warming temperatures bring with them a diminishing focus on school work and academics. These last few months are a critical period for our students and it is important that they do not lose their focus. This is especially important for our seniors whose college acceptance hinges on their final transcript and their successful competition of the year. I would urge you to continue to closely monitor your child's academic progress and help them to realize the importance of a successful final quarter.

***Parent Portal:*** We all know that creating a solid home-school partnership is essential to the academic success of our students. The Long Beach Schools have taken a major step in giving parents greater access to critical information related to their child's performance. In early February you should have received a letter from the district explaining our Parent Portal. The Parent Portal will give you real time access to your child's attendance records, report cards, and schedule. If you have not yet signed up for an account, I strongly urge you to do so.

***Communication with Teachers:*** We have recently restructured our high school's website to make it easier for you to monitor the homework assignments of your child. Each of the teachers in the core subject areas have been asked to create a homework page in which they list their assignments. These pages have all been linked together and can be accessed directly from the high school website by clicking on the *Homework Online* link. In addition, if you have concerns about your child's performance please contact your child's teachers and/or school counselors. Please consider this an open invitation to contact our staff as frequently as necessary to ensure that you are armed with the timely information you need.

***Homework Help Internet Resources:*** The internet has many valuable resources to help students with their academics. I wanted to take a moment to share two websites that you may find helpful. The first website is the *Khan Academy* (<http://www.khanacademy.org/>). The Khan Academy has gathered thousands of videos on a variety of topics including, mathematics, science, and history.

Students can browse the site and click “watch” for thousands of instructional videos that may help them with their classwork.

Another helpful resource for NYS Regents Exam preparation is a website called regents prep.org. The web address is <http://regentsprep.org/>. This website, has gathered practice regents questions on almost all topics/courses that end in a regents exam. Students can easily log onto this site to help them prepare for their upcoming exams.

Both of these websites are free of charge and provide students with great resources to assist them academically. In addition, please be reminded that every teacher is available for extra-help two times a week. Students should be encouraged to attend extra-help as soon as they notice they need it. To view our extra-help schedule please visit our high school website and click on the link that reads *extra-help schedules*.

***Student Dress:*** With the onset of the warm weather, it is important that we remind our students of the importance of dressing appropriately for school. The current language of our Code of Conduct requires that students dress in a manner that does not disrupt or interfere with the educational process of the school. With this goal in mind, the following guidelines may help you to determine with your son or daughter if their choice of clothing complies with our expectations:

- All blouses, shirts, or tees should cover the abdomen.
- Specific messages on shirts that reference violence, sexual innuendo, drug or alcohol related and/or biased nature should not be worn.
- All pants, slacks, jeans, sweatpants should not be rolled down to the waist or left to fall so that underwear is showing.
- Skirts or shorts should be appropriate in length. Mini-skirts or short shorts are not appropriate for school.
- Undergarments should not be visible
- See through blouses, pants and sweatpants should not be worn.
- Footwear should be worn at all times.
- Hats or other headgear are not permitted to be worn in school.

I ask that you speak with your children about appropriate dress and encourage them to be mindful of our expectations and respectful of the educational process. In the event that students dress in a way that presents a distraction to that process, they will be asked to change their clothing or to add clothing as deemed to be appropriate. Parents will be notified, and will be asked to provide additional clothing for their child when necessary.

***Upcoming Events:*** Please consider joining us for the following events:

- *PTSA Meeting – April 2 at 7:30 p.m.*
- *Long Beach Dance Recital – April 24 at 7:30 p.m.*
- *National Honor Society Induction – April 26 at 7:30 p.m.*

Warmly,

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Principal