

Standley Lake High School

November 2009



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Important Dates 2009-2010

Fall Semester

Nov. 7 & 8	SL Craft Fair
Nov. 12	Winter Sports Begin
Nov. 13	2 nd 6 week grading period ends
Nov. 12 – 14	Fall Play @ 7:00 pm
Nov. 12	Winter Sports 1 st practice
Nov. 23 - 27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 11	Winter Assembly
Dec. 17 – 18	Final Exams
Dec. 21 – Jan. 5	Winter Break

Spring Semester

Jan. 4 & 5	Staff Development & Plan	(no students)
Jan. 6	Second Semester Begins	
Jan. 6 – 22	CELAPro testing	
Jan. 8	Last Day to Add/Drop	
Jan. 18	MLK Day (no school)	
Jan. TBD	Financial Aid Night	7 pm
Feb. 8-Mar 12	CSAP=A	
Feb. 12	No School	
Feb. 15	Presidents' Day	(no school)
Feb. 19	1 st 6 week grading period ends	
Feb. 22	Spring sports 1 st practice	
Feb. 25	Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 pm	
Mar 1-19	CSAP Test Window	
Mar. 4-6	Musical @ 7:00 pm	
Mar. 17	College Info Night for Juniors & Parents	
Mar. 29 – Apr. 2	Spring Break	
Apr. 5	Comp Day (no staff/students)	
Apr. 8	Mandatory Senior Meeting	
Apr. 9	2 nd 6 week grading period	ends
Apr. 28	ACT Testing (All Juniors)	
May 1	Prom	
May 3-14	Advanced Placement Tests	
May 10	Achievement Awards	
May 12	ACT Make up	
May 17	Athletic Awards	
May 20 & 21	Senior Final Exams	
May 24	Senior BBQ & Distribution of Graduation Gowns	
May 26	Graduation Practice & Luncheon	
May 26	Graduation	7:00 pm
May 27 & 28	Final Exams	
May 28	End of Semester	
May 31	Memorial Day	(no school)
June 2	Teachers Check Out	

*The grading period ends November 13th.
 Six week grades will be available on Infinite Campus on November 17th.*

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Not receiving the school district's new online parent newsletter Chalk Talk? Then you are missing out on vital district information. Sign up today by filling out the online subscription form at: http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/publications/parent_news/subscription_form.html.

Topics in the newsletter include information from the district as well as parenting tips and important dates-to-remember. Chalk Talk is a must-read for every Jeffco parent.

Feedback needed on Facilities Usage options

Jeffco Public Schools calls all community members and parents to attend one of four community forums in November. The purpose of the community forums is to hear public feedback regarding recommended options for facility usage. The options include repurposing of buildings, school closures, and/or boundary/transportation recommendations. The feedback received from the community will be considered as the Facilities Usage Committee makes a final recommendation to the Jefferson County Board of Education in January 2010 on the best use of school buildings for the future.

The Facilities Usage Committee is a 30-member task force made up of both community members and representatives from district employee associations. As a result of increasing budget issues (the district must reduce its budget by \$35-\$40 million over the next two years), the Committee was charged by the Board in the spring of 2009 to analyze the use of school facilities and then recommend options for more efficient and effective use of those facilities. The options are based on the committee's established criteria: operating costs, enrollment trends, choice enrollment, capacity utilization, building condition, and academic achievement.

Facilities Usage Public Forums:

Wednesday, November 11 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Alameda High School, Auditorium
Saturday, November 14 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Manning School, Auditorium
Monday, November 16 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Summit Ridge Middle School, Auditorium
Wednesday, November 18 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Pomona High School, Auditorium

Those wishing to speak should arrive 30 minutes before the start of the forum. Because of the large number of people expected at the meetings, comments will be kept to 2 1/2 minutes. Large groups of citizens with common opinions or concerns should choose a spokesperson for the group and will get nine minutes to speak. Community members wishing to ask specific questions about the facilities usage process can write them on index cards at the forums or can submit them online at: facilities@jeffco.k12.co.us

Answers will be available on the district's Website at: www.jeffcopublicschools.org

Community members can also leave comments at 303-982-6837. Letters with comments should be addressed to:

Jeffco Public Schools, Communications Services, 1829 Denver West Drive, Bldg. 27
Golden, CO 80401

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE Coordinator's Corner



As a candidate school, we are excited to tell you about all the happenings here in IB. We are in our last stage of candidacy – an IB Site Visiting team arrived from CA on October 26th to conduct an assessment of Standley Lake in preparation for authorization, which we look forward to hearing about this coming spring. However, that has not stopped, or even slowed, the action of the IB program. With our first class of freshmen and sophomores beginning their pre-IB track, we have implemented a series of workshops, with the support of counselors, to ensure the success of the students. Beginning with note-taking and study skills workshop in mid October, we continued to offer Wednesday workshops throughout the month that included: test-taking strategies and time management. November also held a series of workshops, including: learning profiles, stress management, and organization. We are concluding November with our first social event – an outing to Splitz for an evening of bowling and pizza. That evening will then kick off our Thanksgiving break.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURES

Winter weather is just around the corner and the school district has announced its emergency school closure procedures for the year. The safety of our students and staff is our greatest concern.

- -When poor weather conditions are expected the district's emergency weather team goes on alert.
- -A private weather forecasting service is consulted, as well as the local weather forecasters.
- -Road conditions are checked through the Colorado Highway Department, the Highway Patrol, county snow plow drivers and the district's bus drivers.
- -Principals, teachers and school facility managers provide information about the conditions of their buildings, parking lots and surrounding roads.
- -The district makes every effort to announce school closures before 6 a.m., but sometimes weather conditions change rapidly and a late decision must be made.
- -Once a decision is made, a phone, e-mail and text message will be sent to Jeffco families via SchoolMessenger, and local media will be notified. The district's telephone hotline at 303-982-6600, and the school district Web page at <http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/closures/index.html> are also updated.

Should schools need to be closed during the day, every attempt will be made to notify parents. Students will not be transported home without parent notification and contact.

Since parents are the primary protectors, they will need to decide what is right for their children. The option to keep children home when weather conditions are extreme is always at the parents' discretion and the school understands and respects the decision.

For more information about school closures and SchoolMessenger alerts see: <http://www.jeffcopublicschools.org/closures/index.html>.

H1N1 Vaccine School-based Clinics

Jefferson County Public Health will hold several school-located H1N1 immunization clinics in partnership with the Visiting Nurse Association. **The clinics are for those people who are considered to be at highest risk for developing complications from H1N1 and who don't have access to the vaccine through a healthcare provider or don't have a healthcare provider.**

The clinics are:

Alameda High School Nov. 21, Dec.12, Dec. 19 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
1255 South Wadsworth Blvd.
Lakewood, 80232

Arvada High School Nov. 21, Dec. 12 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
7951 W. 6th Ave.
Arvada, 80004

Chatfield High School Nov. 21, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
7227 S. Simms. St.
Littleton, 80127

Evergreen High School Nov.21, Dec. 12, Dec. 19 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
29300 Buffalo Park Rd.
Evergreen, 80437

West Jefferson Middle School Nov. 21, Dec.12, Dec.19 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
9449 S. Barnes Ave.
Conifer, 80433

The vaccine will be provided free of charge. The high-risk priority groups include:

- Children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions
- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency medical service personnel with direct patient contact

For more information and instructions about the clinics, please visit the Jefferson County Public Health Web site at: <http://www.co.jefferson.co.us/health/>

The vaccinations will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. When the vaccine runs out, the clinics will be closed.

District to conduct biennial student survey

The district will conduct its biennial *Make Your Voice Heard* survey for students in December to give students an opportunity to provide feedback that helps set the direction for high achieving, safe, caring school environments. The survey will be administered to students in grades 2-12.

The surveys are voluntary and ask various questions about learning, safety, teachers, and other areas that are specifically tailored for students in grades 2-3, 4-6, middle school, and high school. Surveys will be given the week of Nov. 30-Dec. 4 or Dec. 7-11.

Survey results are used for school and district decision-making purposes, including reporting for the district strategic plan and school improvement plans. Data is compiled and shared with school and district leaders, as well as parents and the community.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

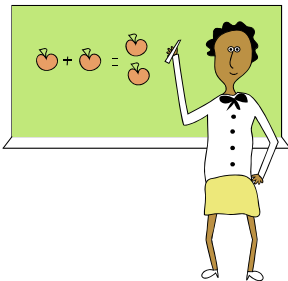
Exciting news from the Standley Lake High School Instrumental Music Department! The Instrumental Music Winter Concert is December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in the SLHS auditorium. Admission is free, so come by and listen to the Orchestra, Jazz One, Concert Band, "Signature" Jazz Band, and the Marching Band.

The "Signature" Jazz Band will also perform at the Legend Jazz Festival in Parker, CO on December 3rd and the Gator Pride Marching Band will usher in Santa Claus at the Westminster City Building Lighting Ceremony on December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Confused? Need extra help!

**Don't forget, teachers are available between
7 AM and 3 PM every day!**

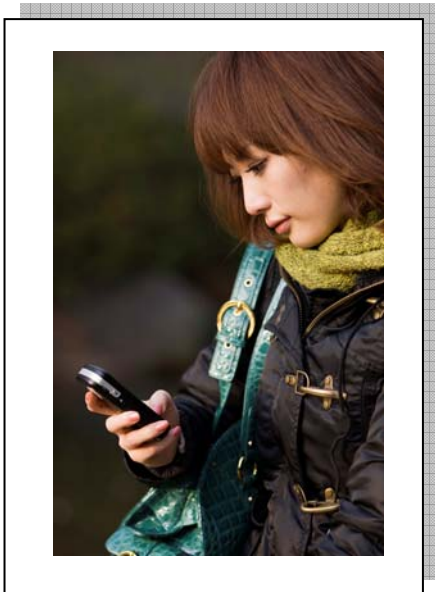
**Standley Lake High School offers
a Math & Writing Lab after
school.**



The lab is in the LMC
Mondays through Wednesdays
3:00 - 4:00.



Standley Lake HS Bulletin Board 303-982-3200



Option 1 – Attendance

*Option 2 – Staff Voice
Mail*

*Option 5 – Jefferson
County Schools*

Information Hotline

*Option 6 – Tipline
(Anonymous)*