

HOMECOMING

HANDBOOK



Lanier County High School

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PURPOSE

The purpose of Homecoming is to promote school spirit, pride, and unity in a positive and fun way. At no time during Homecoming activities is it appropriate for a person, group, or class to show disrespect or bad sportsmanship to another person, group, or class.

All students are encouraged to participate in all Homecoming activities taking place during the school day. Students wishing to participate in extracurricular Homecoming activities must pay their class dues in order to participate in those activities. No work or preparation may be done regarding Homecoming during instructional time.

HOMECOMING THEME

Based on suggestions from each grade level, the school leadership team will develop a ballot of no more than five theme ideas to be voted on by the entire student body. The theme receiving the most votes will be selected.

DRESS-UP DAYS

Grade levels will receive points based on dress-up participation. These points will be calculated as a percentage of students participating. First block teachers will tally students who participate in dress-up days each day and will post their tally on their classroom door at the beginning of 1st block.

Students must have an obvious change in their normal appearance to be considered having dressed up for Homecoming. Swiping a streak of paint on the face or putting on a name tag with no other noticeable changes is not considered having dressed up for Homecoming. If a student must explain their clothes and they look the same as every other day that you see them then they have not dressed up.

Students must also follow school dress code guidelines within reason to participate in dress-up days.

HOMECOMING CLASS T-SHIRTS

The purpose of the Homecoming class t-shirt is to promote unity within the student body. There will be one t-shirt design for the entire high school to represent the spirit and theme of Homecoming week. There will be two colors of t-shirts with the senior class having one shirt color and the other color will be worn by all underclassmen. A third color may be added for faculty and staff. Students wishing to submit design ideas for the school Homecoming t-shirt are asked to see Mrs. Ragan or Mrs. Schools with their ideas.

HOMECOMING PARADE FLOATS

Each grade level will be expected to create a float to be entered in the homecoming parade. Floats will be judged based on the rubric included with this booklet.

All floats must be decorated on campus. Covered space is available near the greenhouse and near the agriculture shops in the back of the school. **Floats will be decorated during specified days and times with the gate, allowing access to the rear of the school, being locked at the end of the designated period.** Floats may only be worked on when at least one class sponsor per float is present.

HOMECOMING PARADE

The Homecoming parade will take place on the Thursday evening of homecoming week beginning at 6:30 pm. Each grade level will enter a Homecoming float that will be judged for Homecoming points. In addition, any club or group at LCHS can enter a float or vehicle in the parade. These additional floats will not be judged. Deadline for entry of floats, other than grade level floats, is one week prior to the event. Judging of the floats will take place in two parts, (1) before the parade begins while the floats are lined up, and (2) during the parade. All parade floats should be lined up no later than **5:30 pm** ready to be judged. The parade will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. Criteria for judging of the Homecoming floats are included in this handbook.

The parade will line up on the access road that runs between the high school and the elementary school. The Grand Marshal will be located on the road behind the elementary school with other floats staging from that point. All floats and participants must enter the parade from the high school end of the access road. NO entrance from the front of the elementary school will be permitted. Any one driving in the Homecoming parade must be a licensed driver 21 years of age or older. No exceptions will be made to this rule.

The parade route will begin at the Lanier County Elementary School parking lot, turn left onto the Valdosta Highway, turn left onto Main Street, turn left at Huddle House onto Pafford Street, and proceed to the high school where the four class floats will go onto the track for the community pep rally.

At the conclusion of the community pep rally, all floats must be parked on the grass between the football field and the pond unless other arrangements have been made to secure your float. All floats must be completely removed from LCHS property **no later than Wednesday after the homecoming game.**

HOMECOMING PARADE GRAND MARSHAL

Student Council will select, every year, one person to be the Grand Marshal of the Homecoming Parade. The role of the Grand Marshal is to ride at the very front of the parade, leading the Homecoming Parade to the high school. The Grand Marshal should be a person who is a role model for others in our school and community to follow.

COMMUNITY PEP RALLY

If weather is permissible, we will return to the high school for a community pep rally after the parade. Pep Rally events may include the introduction of the Parade Grand Marshall, introduction of football players, coaches, and cheerleaders; announcement of Mr. and Miss School Spirit; musical performance by the Bulldog band; spirit cheers by the cheerleaders; and comments from coaches and/or administrators.

SPIRIT LINKS

Spirit links will be sold during the entire week of Homecoming during lunch by members of the Student Council. Students will have an opportunity to buy three different colors of spirit links: red, white, and black, with the goal to wrap the football field with a red, white and black spirit chain. The three spirit

link colors have been assigned to three members of the LCHS community (i.e. Students, teachers, or administrators) as determined by student council each year. If enough links are sold to wrap the football field with the spirit chain, the person that has the most spirit links sold will be pied in the face at the Homecoming Pep Rally by Mr. and Miss School Spirit. In the event of a three way tie, the Student Council President will serve as the third participant to help with awarding the third pie. Money collected during this event will help fund Student Council activities throughout the school year. Spirit links will not count in any way toward Homecoming points.

HOMECOMING PEP RALLY

The pep rally will be held on the Friday of Homecoming week. Students will be called from class approximately 45 minutes before the end of the school day during 4th block. The pep rally will begin as soon as the students are seated in the gym. Each grade level will be allowed to do a skit for the pep rally. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will have five minutes to set up, perform, and breakdown their skit while the Senior class will have ten minutes. Skits are used to help build school spirit during the pep rally and will count towards the points a class may earn during the pep rally. Due to the operation of the lights in the gym, only the Seniors may turn the lights off during their skit. At the end of the pep rally, the entire student body will sing the alma mater together as a school and the overall winner of the Homecoming week activities will be awarded the spirit stick.

MR. AND MISS SCHOOL SPIRIT

Lanier County High School Faculty and Staff will nominate and elect a Mr. and Miss School Spirit. These students can be in any grade, and must be eligible to participate in Homecoming. Students should be nominated based on their outstanding showing of school spirit and participation in Homecoming activities. Mr. and Miss School Spirit will be announced during the Community Pep Rally on the Thursday of Homecoming week.

HOMECOMING COURT

Grade level sponsors are responsible for class election of Homecoming court representatives. Representatives of the class must have paid class dues by the posted due date to represent the class on the Homecoming court since this is an extracurricular activity that takes place during the halftime of the football game. Every student can vote for representatives since elections are held during the school day. The Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior classes will each choose one male and one female representative for the Homecoming court. The Senior class will choose 6 male and 6 female representatives from which the entire student body will elect one Homecoming King and one Homecoming Queen. Senior King and Queen candidates will learn who they will be escorted by when they report to the field for practice during homecoming week. The election for Homecoming King and Queen will take place on the Thursday of Homecoming Week during 1st and 2nd lunches. Results of the King and Queen election will be announced during half-time at the Homecoming football game and will be crowned by the high school Principal.

HOMECOMING DANCE

The Homecoming Dance will be held on the Saturday of Homecoming Week from 7 pm until 10 pm in the High School Cafeteria. Admission to the dance is the cost of class dues for LCHS students. Students who have paid their class dues will have free admission to the dance. Students who wish to participate in the dance and have not paid their class dues may pay their dues at the door to enter the dance. Each grade level will contribute \$100 to the cost of the Homecoming Dance, DJ, and decorations. Non-LCHS

students will be charged a \$5 admission fee. No middle school students are allowed to participate in the Homecoming Dance. Out-of-school dates must be registered and approved at least one week prior to the dance. Out of School date forms are available in the high school office. No out of school dates over the age of 21 are allowed.

Homecoming Dress-Up Day Participation Scoring Rubric

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Freshmen					
Sophomores					
Juniors					
Seniors					

Dress up day's Participation Rate

- 1st Place Participation.....40 points**
- 2nd Place Participation.....30 points**
- 3rd Place Participation.....20 points**
- 4th Place Participation.....10 Points**

Homecoming Pep Rally Judging Rubric

Category	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors
<p>Class Skit <i>Quality, Number of students in the class participating, Connection to the theme</i> (15 Points)</p>				
<p>Good Sportsmanship <i>Politeness to other classes and cheering for other classes</i> (15 points)</p>				
<p>School Spirit <i>Being a loud and proud bulldog and working with the cheerleaders to show school spirit, class participation at Pep Rally</i> (20 points)</p>				
<p>Total Points (Maximum 50 Points)</p>				

(All Judges Scores for Pep Rally will be averaged)

Judge Number: 1 2 3

Homecoming Grand Tally Scoring Sheet

	Dress Up Days Total <i>(200 Points Max)</i>	Parade Float Average <i>(100 Points Max)</i>	Pep Rally Average <i>(50 Points Max)</i>	Grand Total <i>(350 Points Max)</i>
Freshmen				
Sophomores				
Juniors				
Seniors				