

September 9, 2009

Dear Parents & Students of Running Start:

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. It is my pleasure to serve as Running Start Coordinator again this year. Running Start is a unique educational opportunity offered through Lakewood High School. Fall classes at the colleges begin September 21, 2009, and as you begin your classes, it is important to know there are many complexities that can arise when students attend two institutions simultaneously. Since each has its own set of rules, classes, policies, and procedures it is important to stay in touch with the counseling department throughout the year. The LHS Student Handbook is available on-line. Please make sure you are familiar with it. Additionally, students must meet with me before each quarter to ensure they are registering for appropriate courses at Running Start.

Please take a few minutes to review the enclosed Running Start Agreement, then sign, and return to me no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>. Students who do not have this agreement on file may be in jeopardy of not receiving Lakewood High School credits for courses completed through Running Start. If you are a Senior, you will also need to sign an “**Intent to Graduate**” form and return it to me by October 1<sup>st</sup>, as well.

For information regarding the two colleges, please check out their respective websites: [www.everettcc.edu/runningstart](http://www.everettcc.edu/runningstart) or [www.skagit.edu/directory.asp\\_Q\\_pagenumber\\_E\\_60](http://www.skagit.edu/directory.asp_Q_pagenumber_E_60).

Since communication is always a challenge with Running Start, here are some ways to stay connected to the high school:

- **Email/Telephone:** Please email or call me any time with questions and comments. Also, please give me your email address so I can have it on file.
- **Appointments:** Set up an appointment with me to discuss your academic and future plans
- **Website:** Check out the high school website and our links for Running Start students, the Senior Handbook, The Scholarship Portfolio, scholarship information, upcoming activities and sporting events, changes to the daily schedule, the school calendar, Cougar Path requirements, the Daily Bulletin, and so much more...
- **Newsletter:** Check out the high school's monthly newsletter

For Seniors, make sure to look over the Senior Handbook. In it you will find important information regarding the college and scholarship application process, deadlines, and much more. Students will be able to download and print specific pages – or the entire document. Students will also find the scholarship bulletin updated monthly and, in December the Local Scholarship Portfolio will be available to access on-line, as well.

If you have questions regarding Running Start or counseling issues, please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (360) 652-4506, extension 2011 or you may email me at [hklippert@lwsd.wednet.edu](mailto:hklippert@lwsd.wednet.edu). I look forward to meeting with each of you every quarter.

Have a great year!

Heidi Klippert, Running Start Coordinator

- **Next Steps**  
**9/16/2009 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Location: Parks Student Union Building - EvCC Campus**

New Students are invited to join us for "NEXT STEPS". Advice and guidance for beginning your college career. Whether you are a new student or returning after an absence, plan on attending this special event aimed at welcoming you to a rewarding experience at EvCC. Remember parents and partners are welcome to come along.

No RSVP is required, just come and let us help you pull all the pieces together so you will be fully prepared for your first day of class.