

LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Parking Corner

I hope all parents and students are having a good summer. With the start of school in August here are a few items concerning parking we want everyone to be aware of:

This past year Lakewood High School sold all available parking permits by the end of March. This was the first year the school has ever sold out of parking permits. There were an unusually high number of newly licensed drivers from January – May 2011, and all of these drivers parked in the LHS parking lot. We anticipate the possibility of parking permits selling out again this next school year. It is recommended that parents anticipate when their student may be eligible to drive, and get a parking permit for their student as soon as it is practical to do so.

With the anticipation of a possible sellout of parking permits, enforcement and ticketing of cars without permits will increase next year. The following are violations which will continue to be enforced:

- Parking on the school parking lot without a permit.
- Parking in a handicap space
- Parking in a staff designated space
- Parking in a visitor space
- Parking in an area not designated as a parking space (i.e. safety zone)

Each of the above violations carries a \$20 fine per violation. In addition, any car which receives four (4) or more violations is subject to being immobilized (booted). If a car is immobilized it will cost the student \$50 to have the boot removed plus any ticket charges they have pending.

The alternative to parking in the school parking lot is for your student to park on the streets surrounding LHS. Please caution your student to follow parking signs very carefully. A fine for a parking violation on the street can cost in excess of \$50. The cost of getting an impounded car released can cost in excess of \$150.00. These costs can add up quickly, and a student gets no other benefit from paying for these fines. The two most common violations are: Parking where prohibited by sign, and parking within five (5) feet of a driveway.

LHS does recommend students who drive to get the school parking permit. If there are any questions about this information, please stop at the parking permit table during student registration, and we'll be glad to answer any questions you may have.