

Dear Parents and Guardians of GLHS Students,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Bobby Dodd and I am the principal at Gahanna Lincoln High School. I want to be the first person to welcome you and your student to GLHS! As we approach the beginning of the school year, I wanted to touch base with you regarding a few areas of importance that will hopefully make the transition from middle school to high school a little easier for both students and parents and serve as a reminder to our students and parents who have been with us.

At the high school level, we do not have supply lists for students and parents before the school year starts. Your students will go to their classes during the first week of school and their teachers will inform them of what they need for classes. All of our teachers give students reasonable amounts of time to obtain materials/resources for their classes.

At GLHS, the administration and staff look to keep you as well informed as possible regarding school events and pertinent information. We use a number of resources to keep everyone informed as to what is going on at GLHS:

**Remind (used to be Remind 101)** – mass text messaging application where I send text messages through one account. Simply text the number “81010 “ with the message “@glhsinfo” in the body of the text message. You will then be registered to receive text messages from me through the school account. Many of our teachers use Remind to share information and news about their classes with students and parents, so the tool will serve multiple purposes for you and your students. Remind can be used on a mobile device and also computers. Here is a [link to a video](#) on how to sign up for a group using Remind.

**Twitter** – social media messaging service where the user can use 140 characters to share text, videos, images, and links. We use Twitter to showcase our school accomplishments and share information with our stakeholders. The school Twitter account is “@GLHSLions” and my professional Twitter account is “@bobby\_dodd” Follow both of these accounts to stay up to date with events and information at GLHS. [Here is a link to a video on how to create and use a Twitter account.](#)

**Facebook** – social media messaging service where many different forms of information is shared. We use Facebook much like we use Twitter: to share accomplishments and information. Follow “Gahanna Lincoln High School Lions” on Facebook to stay up to date on important school information. [Here is a video on how to create and use a Facebook account.](#)

**Parents’ Corner Blog** – I maintain a blog for parents to access information from a variety of sources covering different topics. The blog is updated at different times when I feel like parents should know more information about different topics (state testing, Common Core State Standards, graduation expectations, etc.). The link to

access the Parents' Corner Blog is <http://glhsprincipal.blogspot.com/p/parents-corner.html>.

I recently added some new posts to the Parents' Corner regarding the Welcome Center's hours of operation and new information released by ODE regarding state testing.

**Mass email** – Sending information via email to different grade levels or the entire school. If you are receiving this email, then your email address is registered with the school district as a working email address. I use email to share information, announcements and important updates to parents. We have found out that information that is shared with students at school doesn't always make it home to parents.

I will attempt to send out an email each Friday after school highlighting some of the weeks accomplishments and events that will take place the next week at GLHS.

**School website** – location on the web where all of our important forms and up to date information is shared. Please access the school website at [http://www.gahannaschools.org/Schools/Lincoln\\_High\\_School/SchoolLincolnHigh.aspx](http://www.gahannaschools.org/Schools/Lincoln_High_School/SchoolLincolnHigh.aspx) for important forms and updated information.

**YouTube Channel** – a social media channel that allows users to post and view videos. We will have a You Tube channel this year where we will share highlights of school events and information with viewers. I will share more information in the near future about the channel and how to access it.

**Periscope** – a new tool that allows live streaming of events and places. It is a tool I will be experimenting with this year to allow our alumni and stakeholders an opportunity to see what we are doing without being physically in Gahanna. You can learn more about Periscope on their [website](#). Here is a [link to a video](#) on how to use Periscope.

The GLHS student handbook is located on the [school website](#). In the handbook, we have all of our policies and procedures explained for the school year. One of the focal points of the handbook at this time of the year is usually dress code. Please make sure you consult the handbook before you purchase items for school this year. Our school philosophy regarding the dress code is if students and/or parents think it may be a violation of the GLHS dress code, students should not wear it to school.

Please remember that you do not need to use all of the tools above to follow what is going on at GLHS. We use as many tools as possible to connect with our stakeholders. Not everyone uses the same tool so we like to diversify how we share information. Feel free to use what you like so you are well informed as to what is happening at GLHS.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I will be sending a Welcome Back letter soon to kick-off the school year.

#WeAreLions

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bobby Dodd".

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/GahannaLincolnHighSchoolLions>

School Website: [http://gahannaschools.org/Schools/Lincoln\\_High\\_School/SchoolLincolnHigh.aspx](http://gahannaschools.org/Schools/Lincoln_High_School/SchoolLincolnHigh.aspx)

School Remind 101 Account: text 81010 with the message @glhsinfo