

Friday, May 19, 2023

Dear LMS Families,



We made it to the weekend! With just two short weeks (8.5 days!) left, end of the year preparation is underway! We hosted the

Class of 2031 yesterday to start their

transition from LES to LMS, and next Friday from 8am-12pm, our 8th graders will head over to LHS to start their transition from LMS! We have the Kona Ice truck coming next Thursday as part of our PBIS, and we are looking forward to the **Class of 2023** parading through our halls in their caps and gowns! **Attention 8th grade families:** we will host our 8th grade semi-formal dance and awards recognition night on Thursday, June 1 from 6-8pm (flyer attached). More info to come!

Chromebook and charger turn-in will happen on Wednesday, May 31st for our 5th and 6th graders and on Thursday, June 1 for our 7th and 8th graders in their PRIDE classes. Students who do **NOT** turn in a charger or whose chromebooks have sustained damage will be billed in June.

Please mark your calendar for **2023-2024 Registration** - chromebook and schedule pick-up along with fall school pictures are slated for **Tuesday, August 15 from 12-3pm and 4-7pm.**

Congratulations to our choir students who performed their final concert of the year last night! It is such an honor and privilege to see the growth over the course of the school year and to celebrate those students who put themselves out there to perform for a large audience. I was so impressed by the number of soloists as well! Thank you, **Mrs. Bayer**, for the time and energy you have poured into the program over the last few years. We wish you luck on your next adventure!

Upcoming Events:

May 24 - 7th Grade to MI Career Quest 8:00-11:30am

May 26 - 8th Grade LHS Freshman Orientation 8:00am-12:00pm

May 29 - Memorial Day - No School for Staff or Students

May 31 - 7th Grade Lugnuts Field Trip

June 1 - 6th Grade Michigan's Adventure Field Trip; 8th Grade Semi-Formal & Recognition 6-8pm

June 2 - Last day of school for Staff and Students; ½ Day of School - 10:40am dismissal

Just a reminder that we **do not allow** LMS students to use/carry their **cell phones**, for a variety of reasons, during the day. Cell phones must remain in their lockers during the day. Every student has been assigned a locker and is expected to use it. Please see our student handbook for more information. Students should leave all personal items (not intended for class use) at home or store them in their locker during the day. Larger bags that can't be stored in lockers may be stored in the front office.

Parents, we continue to need your help – we are seeing an uptick in **inappropriate social media use**. Specifically, anonymous social media accounts designed to target specific students. We plan to address this in our Grade Level Meetings later this month but are also asking parents to address this with their students at home. What seems to be “harmless fun” can very much affect our students and school culture. **A continued reminder:** “At the middle level, most tweens–based on neurological research–are not ready to handle the temptations (impulsiveness, peer attention, and peer approval) and consequences (shame, rejection, guilt, or even fear) that come with using social media such as SnapChat, Tik Tok, etc. In addition, tweens often struggle with the permanence factor: once posted, it’s there forever. Therefore, our stance as veteran middle level educators and parents ourselves is that students should not use social media at this age level for the aforementioned reasons and beyond.

However, that choice is up to each individual parent, and we wanted to send along a gentle reminder to please continue to monitor your child’s social media accounts if you allow them to engage in social media use.”

Have questions or concerns? Oftentimes, questions or concerns stem from a miscommunication or lack of awareness of a situation, and they can be answered or resolved by speaking to the staff member most closely associated with the issue. Please start by contacting the staff member most directly connected to the situation. If not resolved by speaking to that staff member, it may be necessary to contact the building or district administration. All of our staff are reachable through email and by calling the LMS main office at 616-374-2400 or reaching staff via email.

Hall passes reset on Tuesday, January 17. We continue to encourage students to use their allotted 24 passes during the semester sparingly and in emergent situations. Students have 4 minutes between classes to go to their locker and use the restroom and are encouraged to communicate with their teacher if they are going to be late to class - communication is HUGE and valued amongst our staff and is a life lesson we are working to instill in our students, not to mention time management! Revising our hall pass procedure has greatly reduced “roaming” in the hallways during class time, coordinated trips to the restrooms, and vandalism in our bathrooms.



All of our teachers use **GoogleClassroom** as our **learning management system**; students who are absent are able to access learning targets, success criteria, and daily agendas and even complete some of their work posted to Classroom. Not all activities, assessment, etc. are posted there, and it's not meant to replace direct instruction, but it can serve as a stopgap when students are gone. Skyward is our gradebook; there, parents and students can keep track of grades and missing assignments. Please reach out to your student's teacher with any questions and ask your student to navigate through for you.

We have a 27-minute **PRIDE time** period built into each day where, depending on the day and grade level, students are able to read their choice novel for ELA class, work on homework, or receive assistance on work from their teachers. It's also a time for teachers to provide remediation and extension. Please encourage your student to use this time wisely and to its fullest extent.

Our **Lost and Found** is quite the collection - please encourage your student to check out the table in the commons area if they have misplaced a personal item.

Please see the following updates/reminders:

-Breakfast and lunch are no longer free for all students - breakfast may be purchased for \$1.70 and lunch for \$2.85.

-If your child will not be in school, please call the office at 616-374-2400 and choose option 1 before 7:30am.

-Our regular school day is from 7:27am-2:15pm; doors open at 7:05am; the office closes at 3:00pm.

-Please be sure to log into Skyward Family Access to update your student(s) information, including address, parent/guardian phone number(s) and email address(es), emergency contacts, etc. Please go to www.lakewoodps.org →Resources→Skyward Student/Family Access to login.

-If you need to contact any staff member at LMS, please visit www.lakewoodps.org; scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Staff Directory icon. From there, you can filter down to Lakewood Middle School. Email can be faster than sending a Skyward message; please "go to the source" with your specific questions or concerns.

-Like us on Facebook! **Lakewood Middle School/Lakewood Public School**

-Covid protocols for 22-23 for students and staff:

-5-day isolation from 1st symptom or positive test, whichever is first

-May return with mask after 5 days (symptom free; masked for 5 calendar days)

-If there is a positive in the home, other members of the household may continue to attend school as long as they are symptom free (mask encouraged but not required).

-No contact tracing

LMS Athletics Info. – From the Desk of Mr. Krueger!

The middle school post season has begun with a fun invite this past Monday with the 1st Sewer Pond Shuffle Invite at Olivet. This meet featured combined boys and girls relays with our lone 1st place finish coming in the 4x100 relay featuring Jermaine Webb, Brie Spaans, Cloud James, and Heidi Carter. The 4x400 team and SMR 800m placed second. The 4x55 and 4x200 Hurdles teams placed third. The combined team placed 4th out of 7th with only 4 pts separating them from 2nd place.

On Wednesday the teams traveled to Grand Rapids Houseman Field to the MHSAA Middle School Region-Zone 6 meet. This meet featured some tough competition, but the boys team was led by Skyler Oberlin's 2nd place in Pole Vault, Michael Goodemoots 3rd place finish in the 400m with a new PR, Aiden Terry's 3rd place in the 55m Hurdles with a new PR, and the 3rd place 4x400 relay team of Connor Merritt, Aiden Terry, Bryce Goodemoot, and Michael Goodemoot. We had great performances leading to PR's by Isaiah Gonzalez-Garcia (70m), Bryson Walkington (200m), Dakota Harmer (800m & 55m H), Bryce Goodemoot (1600m), Kaden Rohrbacher (1600m), Austin Rohrbacher (3200m), Jacob Everett (Shot Put), and Jonathon Friedhoff (Shot Put). On the ladies side, the 4x400 team placed 2nd overall with Ana Grant, Alana Raffler, Heidi Carter, and Mayleigh Raffler. Skylar Anderson place 3rd in Pole Vault with a new PR. Great performances leading to PR's for ladies were Ashlynn Terry (55m H & 200m H), Jaylin Potter (100m), Brie Spaans (200m), Sydnee Dean and Kaitlin Barker (400M), Raelin Schrock (800m & 1600m).

The teams will compete again if their times qualify for the Playmakers® Honor Roll meet held on Wednesday May 31st at Okemos High School.

Spring Coaches -

Girls Track - Christy Carter - carterc@lakewoodps.org

Boys Track - Georgina Hill - georginahill@lakewoodps.org

All schedules are found on our school website - <https://www.lakewoodps.org/Domain/9>

Next Year - Future planning for athletics in 2023-24, each year athletes in grade 6th-12th must have a sports physical on the MHSAA approved form signed by a physician dated after April 15th, 2023 to participate in any school sponsored sport starting in August with Cross Country and Volleyball.

Also as a reminder that Lakewood will be moving into a new sports league with some of our neighboring Lansing area schools - Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Ionia, Lansing Catholic, Lansing

Sexton, Olivet, and Portland. New sports sheets sharing locations of athletic venues will be posted to the Middle School Athletics website over the summer.

Weather Rules -

1. Decisions about games on weather days will be made as soon as we possibly can, but typically before 1pm. Decisions are made after discussions with transportation supervisors and athletic directors from both schools. If a game is canceled, athletes will be notified, a SkyAlert will be emailed out to parents, and notices will be sent out via social media for Lakewood Middle School on Facebook and Twitter.
2. If school is canceled due to weather then all practices will be canceled for that day.

Middle School Sponsored Sports

Fall (8/22 to 10/21) - Cross Country and Volleyball

Late Fall (10/17 to 12/14) - Boys (7th/8th Grade) Basketball

Winter (1/4 to 3/10) - Girls (7th/8th Grade) Basketball and Wrestling

Spring (4/10 to 6/2) - Track & Field

**Students in 6th grade may participate in Cross Country, Girls Basketball with 7th grade, Wrestling, and Track & Field.*

Attendance/Tardies/RTC/Social Probation

Please remind students to be in class everyday and on time. Any time missed from class can be detrimental to the educational process. Attendance and tardies are tracked daily and students with multiple absences and tardies will be met with and plans discussed to improve behaviors as well as possible RTC referrals. Social probation is a tool that we can use to help motivate students by not allowing students to participate in the extracurricular activities offered here at Lakewood Middle School. Students can be placed on Social Probation for excessive tardies, RTC's, and poor choices.

