

Friday, October 15, 2021

Dear LMS Families,



It doesn't seem possible, but next week marks the halfway point in the semester! Please, be on the lookout for progress reports to come home on Monday - they will need to be signed and returned to your student's homeroom teacher by Friday, October 22. Also, P/T conferences are also around the corner - please look for a Skylert this Wednesday with more information. School picture retakes were this week; pictures can be purchased online at [www.geskusphoto.com](http://www.geskusphoto.com) using our **school webcode: EVTXP8VBN**. We have quite a few items in the lost and found. Items will be on a table in the commons area until this Tuesday. After that, they will be donated. And, finally, we look forward to hosting our first choir concert of the year next Wednesday, October 22 at 6pm in the HS Auditorium - we hope to see you there!

Please see the following updates/reminders:

- If you need to contact any staff member at LMS, please visit [www.lakewoodps.org](http://www.lakewoodps.org); click on "schools" and choose LMS. Then, navigate to "resources" where you will find staff emails.
- Students who ride the bus must wear their masks both to and from school, and if they could bring their own, that would be helpful!
- The most recent health and safety protocols are attached - currently, masks are only required on our school busses but are optional in our buildings. Please keep your child home if they aren't feeling well and have them return once they are 24-hours symptom-free.**
- If your child will not be in school, please call the office at 616-374-2400, and choose option 1 before 7:30am.
- If your child is quarantined or absent, please have them access their GoogleClassrooms and complete the homework, contacting their teacher via email for assistance. If you are unable to print any materials, please have your student complete the assignments on notebook paper and take a picture. That picture can then be uploaded to GoogleClassroom or emailed.**
- Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Go Vikings!

Lauren Christensen, Principal

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

Please contact Mr. Krueger at [nickkrueger@lakewoodps.org](mailto:nickkrueger@lakewoodps.org) with questions.

The Lakewood volleyball teams swept their matches against Lansing Christian on Monday this week. Both teams were off Wednesday. The girls will be back in action this Saturday at the GLAC tournament here at Lakewood High School. Both are continuing to show improved passing, setting, communication, and serving. The girls continue to improve their skills each week!

The Cross Country team was off this past week and returns to the course on Monday at DeWitt at the Greater Lansing Championships and then again at Maple Valley on Thursday for the GLAC Championships. The team will be competing on Oct. 29th in Grand Rapids at the 1st ever Middle School Regionals meet. More information about regionals will be sent home by coach.

Good luck to all of our student athletes this coming week, and Go Vikings!

**Parents and Spectators - please note that for all away contests everyone (athletes, coaches, and spectators) are required to follow all local masking rules.**

### **Upcoming!**

–Boys basketball season for 7th and 8th graders will start on Monday Oct. 18th!

–Be sure to have your physicals submitted and forms completed in FinalForms before being able to participate. Make sure your FinalForms are completed and your participation fees are paid prior to your student being able to compete in any contest! <https://lakewood-mi.finalforms.com>

PLEASE note - there is no information at this time about 5th and 6th grade Red Cedar Basketball.

This is a community run program and not a Middle School sponsored sport for these two grades!

We will share information if it becomes available in future newsletters.

## **New Procedures – Starting Oct. 18th!**

*Below is a copy of the letter handed out to every Lakewood Middle School student on Monday Oct. 11th during their 6th period class.*

Dear LMS Parents, Guardians, and Students;

As we all move towards the end of the 1st quarter of our school year we look back and make adjustments to improve our school's atmosphere and student success. A couple changes to how we handle a few things is to solidify a new Tardy policy, clear up some RTC issues, and clarify discipline procedures. Please share and discuss new policies and consequences this week.

### New Tardy Policy (Starts Oct. 18th) -

Tardy definition - any student not in their assigned seat when the attendance bell starts to ring or the clock changes to start class.

Tardy philosophy - students need to understand and value class time as well as teaching students the importance of being on time.

Tardy Consequences -

1st Tardy - Warning

2nd Tardy - Warning, review policy

3rd Tardy - Lunch with Mrs. Ketchum

4th Tardy - Lunch with Mrs. Ketchum, Parent Phone Call, RTC Form

5th Tardy - Lunch with Mrs. Ketchum, Parent Conference, RTC Form, Social Probation

Tardy 6th or more time - Parent Conference, Behavior Plan, Possible Suspension, Social Probation

\*Sack lunches will be provided to students during lunch with Mrs. Ketchum.

RTC Forms (starts Oct. 18th)-

3 forms - Parent Conference, Lunch with Mrs. Ketchum

5 forms - Lunch Detention 1-week, Social Probation

8 forms - Suspension (1-3 days)

Social Probation:

Social probation means students are not allowed to attend or participate in any after school functions at LMS including athletics. Students will not be allowed outside at lunch recess for a specified time determined during referral form. Students will not be allowed to attend school functions outside of the classroom during the school day as well (i.e. assemblies, fun events, etc.)

Please contact Mr. Krueger with any questions!

**Current COVID Protocols for 21-22**

The Ionia County Health Department is recommending a "measured approach," meaning that additional protocols MAY be put in place should the need arise, but as of now:

- Contact Tracing
  - Positive Student/Staff Member
    - 10-day isolation (may return if symptom-free)
    - Identify Close Contacts
      - **Close contacts will be contacted by their local health department as to whether they will need to quarantine.**
  - Outbreak at School
    - 2 or more positive cases whose contact is traced to school
    - Identified close contacts (within 3 ft. masked; 6ft unmasked for 20 minutes) must quarantine for 10 days or 7 days with a negative test result (fully-vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine unless symptomatic and should get tested).
  - Positive Household Member
    - Student/Staff Member must quarantine for the duration of the positive household members quarantine and then start their own 10-day quarantine.

- Health and Safety Measures
  - Hand sanitizer in classrooms, cafeterias, offices, etc.; masks available in offices
  - Bus sanitizing after each run
  - Additional lunch/afternoon custodial support remains in place for 21/22
  - Masks optional in school; mandatory on the bus - we will support staff and students who choose to mask.

## **Upcoming Events**

October 21 - MS Choir Concert 6pm at HS Auditorium

October 27 - MS Band Concert 6:30pm

November 3-4 - P/T Conferences

November 5 - 1/2 day - 10:40am dismissal

November 23 - 1/2 day - 10:40am dismissal

November 24-26 - No School; Thanksgiving Break

December 9 - MS Holiday Band Concerts 6pm

December 16 - MS Choir Concert 6pm at HS Auditorium

December 20-December 31 - No School; Holiday Break

January 3, 2022 - School Resumes

