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# **January 19, 2024 Family Newsletter**

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

What a week! I hope everyone was able to stay warm and safe during these icy days. Please make sure you add a couple of additional snow makeup days to your calendar. School will be in session on Friday, May 24th and Tuesday, June 25th.

This week we wrapped up Season 2 sports. Our boys basketball team represented Leota well. The 8th graders finished with 7 wins and the 7th graders went undefeated with 9 victories.  The 6th graders also did a great job building the foundation for years to come.

Season 3 sports begins on Monday, January 22nd with 7th grade and 8th grade girls basketball and coed wrestling. The 6th grade girls basketball team will have to wait a week, as they will hit the court on Tuesday,  January 30th.

**National Junior Honor Society**

If your student plans to be a part of National Junior Honor Society, they need to make sure to join the NJHS Schoology group before the end of first semester (January 26). On the last day of first semester the Schoology Group will be locked and new members will not be allowed to join. Please have students double check that they are a member of the group. They cannot submit their hours if they are not a part of the Schoology group. The Schoology group code is: **G7JX-TP52-VZRCV**.

After the end of first semester, student GPA’s will be checked. Hannah Fast, the advisor of NJHS, will send an email out to students (and parents) who have joined the Schoology group to notify them if their GPA is high enough for them to apply. Then applications will be posted on Schoology in February. Students will submit a Google Form that includes their volunteer hours and essay. Both new and returning members of NJHS need to complete an application. The applications are due by March 29th at 3:00 pm. Late applications will not be accepted. If you have any questions you can email Hannah Fast at hfast@nsd.org.

​​High School Registration is just around the corner. Innovation Lab High School is offering information sessions next week. Please review the fliers below to learn more about how ILHS might be the best school for your student.

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**Leota Yearbooks On Sale Jan.20th- Feb. 3rd**

You can purchase your student’s Yearbook online or in the office from 1/20/24- 2/3/24 the cost is $28. If you are not sure if you have already purchased a yearbook this year you can either check in the office or your student online history in touchbase.  If this is a financial hardship for your family at this time, please let your student’s counselor know. There is funding available. Please use this link to pay for your yearbook online- [Payments](https://wa-northshore.intouchreceipting.com/) . Thank you and if you need help with your online Touchbase information please contact Mrs. Spencer @ 425 408 6503.

One final reminder, the first semester ends on Friday, January 26th. Monday, January 29th is a non-school day and the second semester begins on Tuesday, January 30th.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal

Leota Middle School

**Upcoming Events:**

**1/22**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Innovation Lab HS meet with interested 8th graders during Pride in the Cafeteria

First day of Practice for Wrestling and 7/8th Girls Basketball

Game Club: 2:35 Library

**1/23**

Periods 1-6, Pride

ASB Meeting: 2:35 P-5

**1/24**

Periods 1-6, Early Release

**1/25**

Period 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during lunches: Portable 2

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

**1/26**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Last Day of Quarter 2/Semester 1

**1/29**

Non Student Grading Day

REJ Meeting: 2:45pm Room 609

**1/30**

Periods 1-6, Pride

ASB Meeting: 2:35 P-5

First Day of Practice for 6th Grade Girls Basketball

**1/31**

Periods 1-6, Early Release

Black Student Union: 2:35 Room 604

**2/1**

Period 1-6, Pride

Black History Month Guest Speaker during Pride in Cafeteria

Latino Cultures Club: 7:30am Library

Star Time: 2:35-4:05 Library

Geography Club 2:35pm Room 720

**2/2**

Periods 1-6, Pride

Assembly (All Grades): Pride in Gym

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* **NEW:** PTSA meeting moved to Zoom!
* Student Store signup
* Open PTSA roles
* Thank you, sponsors

**Tonight’s PTSA meeting moved to Zoom!**

***LATE-BREAKING NEWS:*** *Due to today’s weather-related school closure, we have moved tonight’s PTSA meeting to Zoom. Stay cozy in your pajamas and join us using the link below!*

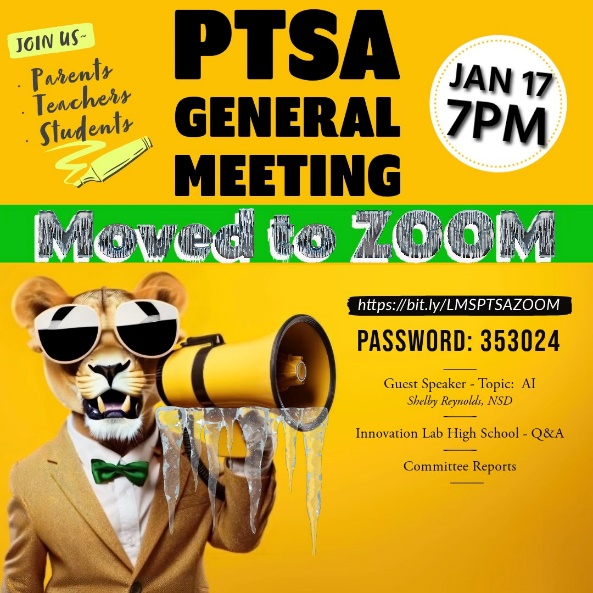
There’s something for everyone at tonight’s PTSA General Meeting! Come share your ideas and hear from our TWO special guest speakers.

**What:** PTSA General Meeting  
**When:** Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 pm  
**Where:** Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/LMSPTSAZOOM>, password: 353024  
**Who:** All Leota parents, students, and teachers are welcome!

Agenda includes:

* **Discussion of artificial intelligence (AI)** with guest speaker **Shelby Reynolds**, NSD assistant director of Instructional Technology & Library Services
* **Q&A about Innovation Lab High School** with guest speaker **Mo Diehl**, ILHS English teacher
* **Committee and ASB updates**, including news about the return of the Leota school dance

See you online tonight! If you have questions, please email [president@leotaptsa.com](mailto:president@leotaptsa.com).

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**Student Store would love your help**

Sign up to volunteer in the Student Store! We have several openings in the upcoming months. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience middle school lunch culture! [Click here to sign up](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BA9A922A7F85-44205802-leota#/) or [email Emily Cavanaugh](mailto:mlecavanaugh@gmail.com) if you’d like to be added to the mailing list or sub list.



**You can make awesome things happen at Leota!**

Several wonderful parents have stepped up to lead our committees, but **we still have vacancies that need to be filled.** You don’t need any prior experience, just a willingness to jump in! Please reach out to [president@leotaptsa.com](mailto:president@leotaptsa.com) if you would like more information regarding any of the open positions. Without volunteers we are unable to run these amazing programs for our kids and community.

**8th Grade Party:** **Open** *(one event near end of year)*  
**Advocacy:** Rachel Fitzgerald *(temporary until new chair found)*  
**Awards:** **Open** *(one event)*  
**Career Day:** **Open** *(one event)*  
**Communications:** Carol Dillingham  
**Community Donation:** **Open** *(few times a year)*  
**Dance/Social:** **Open** *(one event)*  
**Emergency Preparedness:** **Open** *(year-round)*  
**Fundraising:** **Open** *(one event)*  
**Launch Day:** **Open** *(one event in Aug. 2024)*  
**Lions Day:** **Open** *(one event near end of year)*  
**Math Olympiad:** Valli Dorai *(temporary until new chair found)*  
**Membership:** Tracey Ward  
**Nominating Committee:** **Open** *(start Jan.)*  
**Reflections:** Heather Jenks  
**Science Olympiad:** Surendra Mohan  
**Special Education Rep:** Liz Wong  
**Staff Appreciation:** Vicki Johnson, Karla Pak  
**Student Store:** Emily Cavanaugh



**Reminder: Volunteer background checks**

To volunteer on campus at Leota or any other facility in the Northshore School District, you’ll need to submit an online application for a Level 1 background check. Volunteers must update the application every year, and it must be completed before the first day of volunteering. To begin the process, visit the district’s [Become a Volunteer webpage](https://www.nsd.org/get-involved/volunteer/become-a-volunteer).

**Thank you to our sponsors**

The Leota PTSA thanks all of the Paving the Way Together donors, and especially this year’s sponsors (listed below). Our programs and events are possible because of you all!

**Lionheart Champions**Anonymous  
Cheng Peng & Jerry Zhang  
Noli Bruk  
Gene & Sharon Park

**Lionheart Heroes**Mosaic, Pablo Sala, Vijay Ankireddi

**Lionheart Friends**Carrie Mosley, Paul Chang, Held Family, Stodola Family, Prajinesh & Priya, Peter Waddington, Randy Graybeal, Dynamic Natural Medicine, Theresa Miller, Tracey Ward

**Let’s get social**

For the latest news and opportunities, follow us on social media:

* Join the Facebook page [Leota Middle School PTSA](https://www.facebook.com/LeotaPTSA)
* Join the Facebook private group [Leota PTSA Volunteers and Info](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LeotaPTSAVolunteers)

**About us**

Leota PTSA is a parent, teacher, staff, and student membership organization that advocates for all students. We make a variety of educational and community programs possible at Leota. For more information, visit [www.leotaptsa.com](http://www.leotaptsa.com).

Thanks for reading our e-newsletter! We hope you find it a valuable resource to learn about the events, programs, and opportunities available to all Leota families. If you have feedback or suggestions, please reach out to us at [communications@leotaptsa.com](mailto:communications@leotaptsa.com).

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