

October 2020

# Lakeland Junior High

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## Upcoming Events

### October 1 & 2

No school for students

### October 19

Picture Re-Take Day

### November 5

End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

### November 6

Teacher Work Day- No School for Students

## Principal's Message

Hello Hawk Families!

I can hardly believe we are one month into our school year. September flew by. I cannot express to you how wonderful it has been being able to be back in the building and having students fill our classrooms. As I have met with students and talked with them during lunch or passing periods, the resounding message is that they are just so happy to be back. There really is a special feeling in our building right now.

Our goal this year is to keep up on health and safety protocols, so we can continue to be in the building learning face to face. It will take all of us doing our part this year. In our building we are socially distancing to the greatest extent possible, sanitizing desks between each class period, and our custodial staff is disinfecting every classroom every night to ensure we have the cleanest possible environments for our staff and students. We are asking parents to be diligent about keeping their students home if they are ill. Please also notify the school as soon as possible if your student has been diagnosed with any illness, as it helps us stay on top of what is going around our building. Plus, we have different protocols we must follow when students may have been exposed to different viruses.

If your student has to be out, there are ways for both you and them to keep up on their learning. This year all teachers are recording their classroom lessons and uploading them to their Google Classrooms. Have your student show you the Google Classroom for each of their classes. You can also check grades in Skyward Family Access as well as find your students teachers and their contact email.

We appreciate your partnership in your child's education. I know, despite all the challenges 2020 wants to throw at us, that together we can make this a great year.

Thank you,  
Keri Murphy

## Important Reminders:

Attendance Reminder – Please remember to call our attendance line anytime your student is going to be absent or tardy. This will eliminate our staff having to try and contact you at home or work during the day to verify any unexcused absence.

**Dial 208-687-0661 and select option 1.**

### Office Hours:

Monday- Friday  
7:00am-3:00pm

Office: 208.687.0661  
Fax: 208.687.1510

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## Counselor's Message

Families,

It has been a busy few weeks with school starting! I know it was a challenge not having an open house, where students and parents could come in and meet me. Many of you have been kind enough to give me a call and let me know any concerns you have regarding school scheduling, grades, or giving me a "head's up" about important changes in your child's life that may impact their learning. My time getting to know students and their families is truly the best part of my role here at Lakeland Junior High!

Please make sure your students know that I have an open door policy, which means that students are welcome to visit me anytime I am in my office. When I am not in the office, perhaps because I am working with another student or in a meeting, they can check in with Mrs. Dexter in the library to request a visit with me. Also, with all students now having access to technology, I am working on a new system where students can send a counseling request slip through Google. My Google classroom is under construction, but students may access this by using the code: **audmbu7**. I plan to add resources and information throughout the year!

As a note for the beginning of the year, be sure you are becoming familiar with Skyward if you haven't already. This is a wonderful way to check grades, look at upcoming events, and email teachers if you have concerns with grades or classes. I am always available to support students, but it is always best to talk directly with the teacher first when grades are of concern.

Mrs. McAlister

### SPORTS---ACTIVITIES---CLUBS



Cross country has been putting in a lot of miles preparing for their first meet on Wednesday, September 30th. Please go cheer them on as they conquer Cherry Hill!

Volleyball and Cross Country pictures will be on Friday, October 9th.

We had a great fan turn out for our first home volleyball game against the Sandpoint Bullpups! We are so appreciative of all parents, guardians, students, and community members who join us to support our Lakeland Hawks! 8th grade girls volleyball plays at home vs. the Timberlake Tigers tomorrow the 29th, and the 7th grade girls will be at Timberlake. Both teams will start at 2:30.



#### **FALL SPORTS:**

Cross Country  
7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball  
Dance

#### **WINTER SPORTS:**

Wrestling  
8<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls  
Basketball  
7<sup>th</sup> Boys and Girls  
Intermural Basketball

#### **SPRING SPORTS:**

Track

## Meet your LJHS Office Staff

Harrison Bertsch- Assistant Principal

I am starting my 14th year in education and this will be my 5th year working in the Lakeland School District. I am a proud graduate of Lakeland high school and spent my junior high years at LJHS. I truly believe that we have a great school, school district and community. Serving our students and our community is something that I am very passionate about. I look forward to working together with our parents, students and community.



My name is **Francesca Myers**. I teach 8th grade English, I am the Principal Assistant and the Athletic Director at Lakeland Junior High School. I help with ensuring that our students are following school rules and expectations in regard to our student handbook as well as encouraging students to participate in extracurricular activities. If you need to contact me for any reason, please call the front office at 208-671-0661.



Sharon is in her 7th year with Lakeland Joint School District and 5th year at Lakeland Junior High School. She handles all of the Bookkeeping for LJHS including receipt of payments for ASB cards, Chromebook Insurance, Yearbooks and Lakeland Gear. Sharon assists in the Health Room with processing paperwork and logging in medication.



Maili Puzio is a new addition to our Lakeland Junior High Hawk Staff. She recently moved to the area and is very excited to interact with all of students. Maili handles keeping our attendance records accurate and up to date. She is also taking on the responsibility of making sure that all sports paperwork (physicals, release forms, etc.) are completed and turned in before students are eligible to participate.

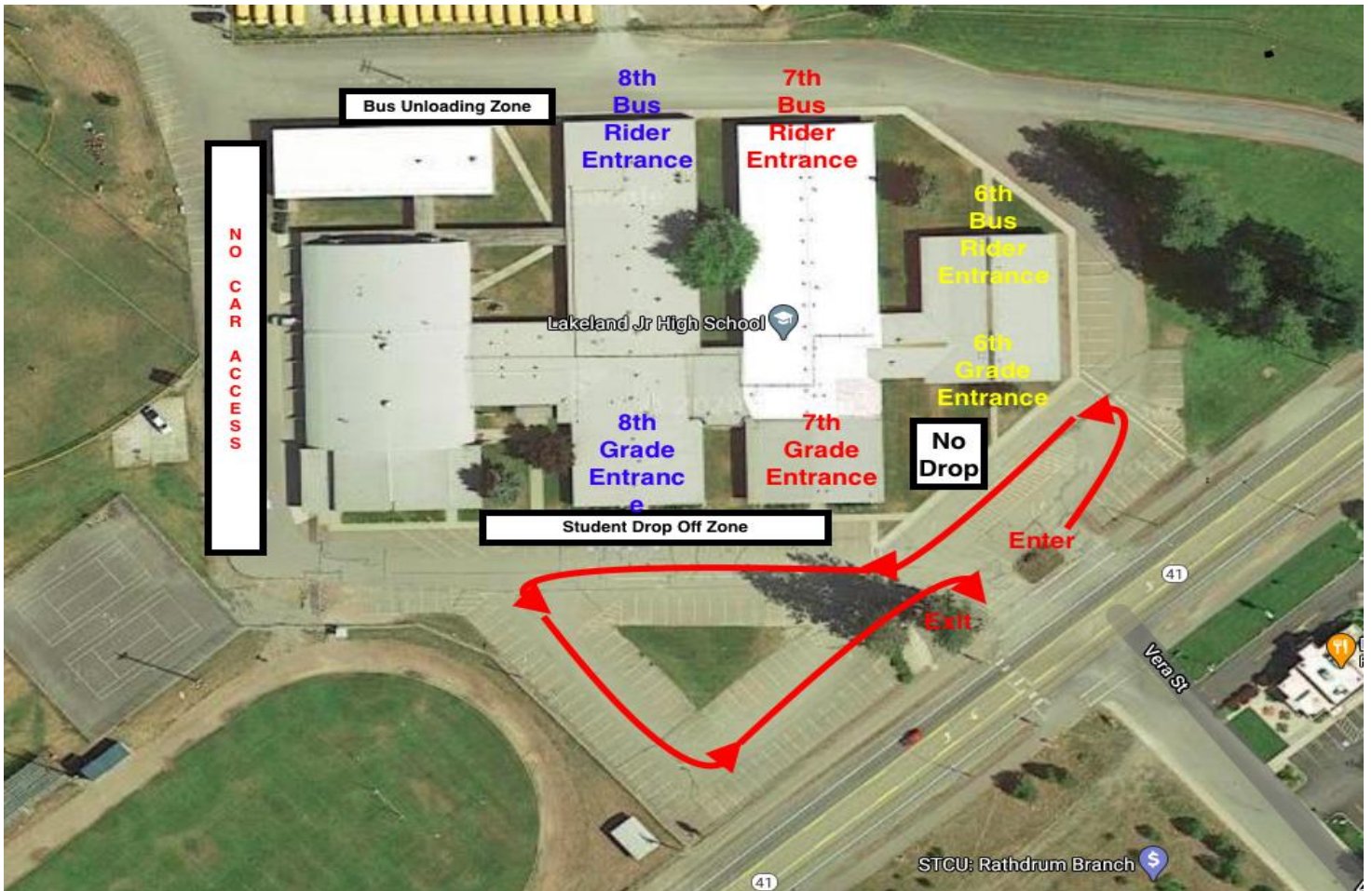


Hello Lakeland Junior High School Families and Staff,

My name is Rachel Stirn and I am so excited to be a part of the LJHS family. This will be my first year at LJHS as your new registrar, and my third year in the Lakeland School District.

As your school registrar, I maintain academic records, process grades, prepare transcripts, produce data about students and classes, as well as helping new families register for school, navigate through the application process, help current families with the online registration/verification process, and more. I look forward to meeting you and helping you in any way possible.





LJHS Parent and Guardians student safety is our top priority at LJHS. We are continually practicing and evaluating our safety protocols and procedures to ensure we are prepared and keeping students safe.

Please review the above map for morning student drop off. We are aware this can be somewhat time consuming and a slow process. There are a few things that will help it go quicker and smoother.

1. Please do not ever drop off or pick up your student on Hwy 41
2. Please drop off and pick up your student in front of the 7th and 8th grade door ways.
3. Please do not drop your student off in front of the 6th grade door this causes traffic to back up onto the highway.
4. Please do not access the back of school where buses are unloading and loading.

We greatly appreciate your cooperation and help with this process and are continuing to look at ways to improve it.

## Hawks Gear

We have Lakeland Gear for sale in the office. T-shirts are available for \$12.00/\$15.00, Beanies \$20.00 and Socks \$15.00.

# SOURCES OF STRENGTH

## Social and Emotional Learning

Sources of Strength (SOS) at its core is a suicide prevention program that builds from within. It teaches students to develop and use their strengths during difficult times. Our goals for this year is to bring awareness to this matter, spread positivity and create a strong community at Lakeland Jr High.

Each month we will be going into home bases to teach our students the pieces of the wheel. The pieces include:

- Generosity
- Family Support
- Healthy Activities
- Positive Friends
- Spirituality
- Medical Access
- Mental Health Access
- Mentors

During the month of October we will be teaching about the importance of Family Support and Mentors. Our peer leaders came up with a simple explanation of each.

**Family Support** is a person who is by your side no matter the circumstances and blood does not make someone part of your family.

**Mentor** is someone who helps you, someone you look up to, someone you trust, someone who guides you, and someone you open up to.

## NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY LADY

Welcome back to the new school year!

The school schedule may have changed a bit this year due to COVID, but checking out books has not! In fact, there is a new feature for students to use to find books AND put them on hold. When you put books on hold, I will pull them each morning and have them ready for you. If you are enrolled in Lakeland Online Academy, you can participate in this as well and books can be put in the office for pickup during the day or after school.

To make use of the feature, simply go to the school website, click on Library, and click on Library Search (located to the right under "Destiny". Once you've done that, click "Log In" in the upper right corner and use your Chromebook username and password. You will be able to search the school library catalog and put books on hold. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Happy Reading!  
Mrs. Dexter

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PURCHASE IN THE OFFICE WITH CASH  
OR CHECK

OR

PURCHASE ONLINE AT  
[WWW.YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM](http://WWW.YEARBOOKORDERCENTER.COM)  
AND ENTER THE SCHOOL CODE: 7570

**YEARBOOKS  
FOR SALE  
\$30.00**

# Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

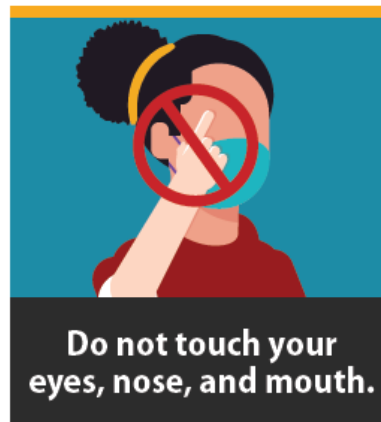
Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2–14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.

# Stop the Spread of Germs

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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