



# Principal Update

## **Super Wednesday – October 13, 2021**

We will be administering the PSAT and the SAT to high school students. Super Wednesday will be an asynchronous learning day for any student NOT taking one of the tests.

- Students in grades 6-9 will stay home and follow instructions they've been given by their teachers.
- All students in Grade 10 will attend school and take the PSAT.
- Grade 11, students may choose to attend school and take the PSAT. Non-testers will stay home.
- Grade 12, students may choose to attend school and take the SAT. Non-testers will stay home.

**All 9th grade students** staying home on Super Wednesday, October 13, are being asked to attend this one-hour event. Attending this event will record your attendance for the day. The event will be facilitated by two Technology Integration Specialists and will address online tracking. The content is connected to district technology standards.

[Join the Live Event](#)

## **LEAP Day**

October 15, 2021, is LEAP day. There is no school on this day.

## **SBA Testing**

SBA testing will be held on November 3 and 4, 2021. These will be shorter tests to make up for tests not administered last spring. All tests will be given during the regular school day. More information coming soon.

Math SBA: Grades 6, 7, 8,9, and 11

ELA SBA: Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11

Science: Grades 6, 9, and some grade 12.

## **COVID Safety**

Thank you for keeping your student home if they have any COVID-like symptoms. We know it's difficult given the common cold and flu have similar symptoms. It seems our processes are constantly changing as we respond to evolving guidance. If you've been involved in a quarantine process you also know things can move slowly. Please trust that we're doing everything we can to minimize any disruption to learning while also trying to keep everyone safe and healthy.

The district's website: <https://www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward> is the best place to find current information. If you don't find what you are looking for there, feel free to email [Mr. O'Donnell](#) with any questions.

## **Free and Reduced Meal Applications**

Several benefits come with filling out a School Meal Application; not just meals. Even though meals are free this year, we strongly encourage all parents/guardians who might be eligible for benefits to submit an application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per family.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:

- Healthy & Nutritious Meals
- Fee Waivers for ASB Cards
- Fee Waivers for Athletic Participation & Extracurricular Activities
- Health and Wellness Services
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions tests
- College Scholarships

School Counselors can help connect you with benefits that you may be eligible for if you qualify for free and reduced meals.

**Applications may be completed online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)/or downloaded from our website ([English](#) | [Español](#)).**

For more information, please visit our website: [www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals](http://www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals).

## **TikTok Challenges**

You may have heard about the series of TikTok “challenges” that are affecting schools throughout the country, including ours. We are asking our families to help us shut these down quickly.

A previous challenge encouraged students to vandalize schools and school property. LWSD, like many other school districts, is experiencing this trend with destruction and theft of items in school bathrooms.

While the TikTok challenge may seem like an innocent prank to students, it has serious consequences. Not only is the damage expensive to repair, stolen items are difficult to replace during the pandemic.

Additional TikTok challenges are planned for the rest of the school year, including those that promote physical violence against educators and school staff, vandalism and even physical/sexual assault. Any action resulting in theft, destruction of property or assault will be dealt with in accordance with the Student Rights Handbook.

Please talk to your child(ren) and help us send a message about respecting their school, their teachers and all staff members and classmates.

Thank you for taking this matter seriously and for your efforts to help ensure Lake Washington Schools are safe for all students and staff.

## **Parents bringing items**

There is a shelf inside the school entry for dropping off any items, such as lunches, books, or homework for your student. Please make sure that the item is labeled with your students name and that you have informed them. Laptops must be brought into the office.

## **Attendance**

The Attendance Hotline phone number is **425 936 2381**.

If your student will be absent, arriving late or leaving early please contact our Attendance secretary, Ms. D. Ruiz via email at [druiz@lwsd.org](mailto:druiz@lwsd.org).

**Please report current day absences prior to 9:00 am.** Please provide the date of absence, your student's full name, grade, and reason for the absence.

For **Late Arrivals** – Students will need to sign in at the office for a late pass.

For **Early Dismissals** – Parents should come into the office to sign out.

For **Extended Absences** – Click [here](#) to complete a Pre-Arranged Excused Absence Form.

### **School Traffic Map**

Please view the [Traffic Map](#) for student drop off and pick up.