



Lyndhurst Middle School | THE SUMMER SERIES – July 20, 2022

3rd Edition – Bagels & Locks and Encore Curriculum

On Tuesday, August 23rd, LMS 6th graders & new students are welcome to join LMS staff for “Bagels and Locks” according to the last names/times indicated: A-D: 8:30-9:00 am; E-M: 9:15-9:45 am; N-Z: 10:00-10:30 am to socialize, practice lockers and receive chromebooks (with submission of this signed [Chromebook Contract](#).) A hard copy may also be picked up in the LMS main office, M-F, 8-noon. Please RSVP [here](#).

This edition of the newsletter will focus on Encore classes, electives that will expand the educational opportunities for your child(ren) and expose her/him to a world beyond core academic learning.

ENCORE: WHAT & HOW

Students take up to 2 Encore courses per semester for a total of up to 4 per year (and 12 during their 3 years at LMS.) The exceptions to this are Band & Choir, both of which are year-long courses, allowing for one additional encore each semester.

Selection in nearly all cases is based on student and parent/guardian preference and choice based on selections made via the Realtime portal last spring. Those who did not complete it had their encore courses chosen for them for the 2022-23 school year. W.I.N. enrollment is based on performance in the previous grade level, on district assessments, and through teacher/counselor recommendations. LA and Math Skills enrollment is based on the placement rubric.

Encore classes include students from 6th, 7th and 8th grades which allows for friendship development and leadership opportunities. A wide array of courses are available in the following areas:

ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Students have a myriad of opportunities to explore the fine and performing arts in order to develop and improve upon their techniques, poise/artistic expression, self-confidence and creative ability. While some pieces and even courses (ie. Yoga) concentrate on personal growth and internal reflection, others will be included as part of a culminating showcase we hope to have at the end of each semester. The courses included in this category are:

- Band
- Choir
- Dancing Shoes
- Theater Arts
- Yoga
- Drawing and 2D
- Sculpture and 3D
- Cartooning and Illustration
- Painting and Color Theory



“We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

Walt Disney

COMPUTER APPLICATION

Students utilize a variety of computer applications and websites to expand their knowledge of the available functions at their disposal. More importantly, students learn how to apply this insight to create posters, presentations, blogs, vlogs and spreadsheets through Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Google Suite and web 2.0 tools. Students come away with finished products to gift or use themselves to support education, recreation, career prospects and financial stability in the years ahead. Such artifacts will be displayed at LMS and in the community. The courses in this category are:

Computer Creations
Crackin' the Code
Makin' Money

* All 6th graders are enrolled in Computer Applications and all 7th graders are enrolled in Financial Literacy to fulfill state requirements.

HUMANITIES CONNECTION

Students have the opportunity to take classes designed to enhance and enrich subject matter touched upon in ELA and Social Studies classes. Through these electives, students are exposed to reading, writing, speaking and listening in ways that challenge their thinking, encourage risk-taking and develop creative expression. They research topics and create final products to share with the LMS community and beyond through multiple media formats. The courses included in this category are:

Art of Citizenship
Book Club
Broadcast Journalism
Creative Writing
Heroes through Literature and Film
Newspaper Journalism
Non-fiction Storybook Writing
Pop Culture
Public Speaking and Debate
Through the Camera's Lens



PRACTICAL ENGAGEMENT

Through these courses, students are able to learn skills and techniques designed to help them be productive members of society. There is a focus on problem solving, whether it be in the kitchen, our school, our community or the world. Hands-on application allows students to develop a growth mindset, stretch their imaginations, forge connections, make mistakes and rededicate themselves with a concerted effort. The courses included in this category are:

Community Collaborators
Culinary Calculations
Find It/Fix It
Life 101
Tastes Around the World
W.I.N. (What I Need)
Yearbook



STEM CONCENTRATION

Students may choose to take classes designed to expand upon and supplement topics that are covered in their Math and Science classes. Thus, they utilize formulas, tools, concepts and precision to research, design and implement solutions to both real-life and teacher-imposed problems. Final products will be both demonstrated and displayed in formats to be determined. The courses included in this category are:

Architecture
Dissect and Discover
Popular Science
Puzzles and Games
Robotics
STEM Sports



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