



Lyndhurst Middle School | THE SUMMER SERIES – August 3, 2022

5th Edition – Communication

Please note that the order of future newsletters has changed: Edition 5 - Communication; 6 - Handbook; 7 – PTA/Schedules. **Breakfast/lunch are no longer free**- click [here](#) to print the **free/reduced lunch application** or online via <https://lyndhurst.payschools.com/> using these [instructions](#) (using the Lyndhurst link for steps 1 and 3.)

The focus of this newsletter is one of the four Cs included in our mission: Lyndhurst Middle School inspires life-long learning through collaboration, **communication**, critical thinking and creativity, where all members of our community are encouraged to seek new opportunities, take risks, embrace diversity and strive for growth.



Realtime

The Realtime Parent Portal (**will reopen on 8/17**) is the best way to stay connected re: your child(ren)'s grades, assignments, attendance and conduct.

The mobile app continues to be enabled for Lyndhurst Public Schools. Please follow these steps:

1. Go to the App Store or Google Play to download the Realtime application.
2. Open the app. Enter the 4-digit district code: **2860**. Press Enter District.
3. Use the login information you use for this portal to log into the app:
Portal Code: 2860 + student id
Username:
Password:

Note: Once you have logged in, if you have allowed **push notifications** for this app, make sure to configure the types of notification you would like to receive by pressing the Menu button, then selecting *Notification Settings*. If you need login information, contact Samantha Scannell, Maureen McDewall or Yadira Navarro via email.



Website – general, teacher

Information will regularly be posted on the Lyndhurst Middle School [website](#). News & Announcements and Upcoming Events on the Home page will have both pertinent district information, as well as LMS-specific details. The Program of Studies, newsletters and summer work can currently be found on the website. Event calendars are updated as they become available. You can also find the [district assessment calendar](#).

Individual teacher websites can be found under School Information. Throughout the year, they will be a valuable resource to stay on top of events and assignments created for your child(ren)'s classes. All LMS teachers will utilize Google Classroom; links will be provided to students and their families. All coursework - assessments, tasks, projects and homework – will be listed on Google Classroom and completed student work will be submitted to that platform (rather than emailed) as well.



“Good communication is the bridge between confusion and clarity.”

Nat Turner

Email

The Summer Series Newsletters share information about what is in store for your child(ren) in the years ahead. During the year, expect to receive periodic email blasts to recap events at LMS and alert families to upcoming activities, as well. Teachers, counselors and administrators will also utilize email to contact guardians regarding individual students. As they have reached a critical age, middle schoolers are sent reminders or copied via email on certain communications, too.

It is our mission that families are comfortable reaching out to LMS staff should questions or concerns arise. Please note that often staff is teaching & may not be able to respond immediately, but return contact will be made asap. In some situations, phone calls are preferable as nuance can be misconstrued in text. The counselors are: 6th gr. - Maryann Mule', maryannmule@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us; 7th grade, Maureen Colombo, maureencolombo@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us; 8th grade - Joseph Fischer, josephfischer@lyndhurst.k12.nj.us.

Phone Calls

As stated, phone calls are at times the best form of communication as a true conversation can take place. Teachers and administrators will reach out to families to express both concern and appreciation. Please do not be alarmed should an incoming call be received from the school; we truly seek to keep the lines open. The LMS phone number is: 201-896-2061; extensions can be accessed from there.

More information will be included in next week's newsletter, however, please note that student cell phones will remain in their lockers throughout the school day. Landlines, however, will be available in the main office at appropriate times should students need to speak to someone. The reverse is also true – should there be an emergency and you need to contact your child, kindly call the office; do not text or call her/him directly. LMS staff needs your help in this regard. Of course, our goal is to minimize disruption to the educational environment. Also, for safety reasons, students should be with responsible adults during outgoing (feeling ill) or incoming (troubling news from home) emergency calls.



Social Media

Social media has its benefits and its pitfalls, but at LMS, the speed at which pictures and information can be shared makes it worth using. "Likes" and positive comments are always welcome. Should you have questions or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you privately rather than in a public forum; kindly contact Shana Wright via phone or email to set up an appointment.

The following accounts are available and we welcome you to join them if you have not done so already. Please follow us...

- on Twitter @ Lyndhurst Middle
- on Instagram @ Lyndhurst_Middle
- on Facebook @ Lyndhurst Middle

While we will be sharing permissible photos and information only, it is respectfully asked that any comments/posts not contain names, identifying information, nor photos of children not your own.



In-person/Virtual Meetings

Sometimes the best conversations take place in person where eye contact can be made and smiles can be shared. There are multiple opportunities throughout the year for families to interact with the staff at LMS. More information and dates for each event will be announced.

-Bagels and Locks for 6th grade and new students only will take place on 8/23. RSVP [here](#).

-Back to School Night for parents/guardians only will take place on Tuesday, 9/13, to learn more about individual teacher expectations.

-Parent-Teacher Conferences will hopefully be scheduled for January, however, details have not been finalized at this time.

-In-person/Virtual Individual Conferences with one or more faculty members can always be scheduled by those at school or at home to address the needs of a specific child.

-Quarterly Academic Invitationals will be organized for guardians to see demos of their child(ren)'s work in a variety of subject areas.



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