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*Middle School*

Principal: Jason Orin

## Family NEWSLETTER December 2022/January 2023



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### Happy Holidays

As we are approaching the Holiday Season, the entire LMS staff would like to wish you a happy holiday season. May your time be filled with great memories with your family! You may choose to read books, play board games, or just spend time together, but just remember to enjoy the time you have to spend together. Winter break will begin on December 21<sup>st</sup> this year. Students will return to class on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.



## LOUISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK

December 19-20

**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Winter's Nap Day-PJ Day**

**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Most Festive Day! Wear those holiday sweaters, hats... Who has the most holiday spirit?**

Be sure all of your clothing is school appropriate throughout the week.



### College Credit Plus

This is a reminder to all parents and students who plan on taking College Credit Plus classes either on our Campus or on a College Campus next school year. The annual presentation will be posted online with the intent form the first week of January. No student will be permitted to take a college credit plus class without viewing the presentation and turning in a signed slip. Turning your slip in does NOT mean that you have to take CC+ classes but does allow you to sign up for them if you would like. Be sure to adhere to all of the deadlines.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of your help with the Halloween Party. The PTO is fortunate to have so many family members to jump in and help make the annual party a memorable time for our students!

### School Delays and Closings

School will either be delayed or closed on days when weather and driving/road conditions are hazardous and dangerous for students and staff. The forecasting and predicting of hazardous weather in Ohio is always challenging, and the decision to cancel or delay school must be made very early in the morning. **Delays and closings will almost always be announced by 6:30 AM. If there is no announcement to cancel or delay school by 6:30 AM, you may safely assume that school will be in session.**

Parents will be notified by the Blackboard Connect Telephone Notification System in the event school is delayed or cancelled. The "Blackboard Connect" phone call and parent

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notification may take several minutes to reach your home if there are a number of area school delays or closings.

If school is delayed, Louisville Schools will only delay the opening of school for two hours. Rarely, if ever, will school be delayed and then cancelled. All bus runs and school starting times will simply be delayed by two hours. There will be **no AM pre-school** when school is delayed for two hours, and no breakfast will be served in any of the school cafeterias.

A **two-hour delay** simply means that school will be delayed by two hours in the morning. Students should report to school or to their bus stop two hours later than their normal times. Buses will "pick-up" students two hours later than the normal pick-up times. School buildings will operate on an adjusted schedule, and students will be dismissed from school at their regular times and at their regular bus return trip times.

The following will have school delays and closings:

**Television Stations:**  
Channels 3, 5, 8, and 19

**Radio Stations:**  
WHBC (AM 1480, FM 94.1)

**Web Addresses:**

Louisville City Schools Webpage- [www.louisvillecityschools.org](http://www.louisvillecityschools.org)  
The Canton Repository Webpage – [www.cantonrep.com](http://www.cantonrep.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

### **December**

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 6     | Choir Concert 7 PM @ LHS |
| 8     | Band Concert 7 PM @ LMS  |
| 14    | Group/Club Picture Day   |
| 15    | Band/Choir Picture Day   |
| 21-30 | No School                |

### **January**

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|-----|-----------------------|
| 2-3 | No School             |
| 11  | Art 1 Exam            |
| 12  | Honors Algebra 1 Exam |
| 16  | No School             |
| 17  | PTO 6:30 Library      |
| 30  | Waiver Day-No School  |



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This letter contains information about your and your child's rights and why this survey is important.

Please visit [www.ohyes.ohio.gov](http://www.ohyes.ohio.gov) for additional information.

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

**Your child's school will soon offer the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, or OHYES!. This letter answers some basic questions about the survey's purpose, content, and administration.**

**What is the purpose of the survey?**

Our school district is committed to offering every student the best chance for success. That may include support services for students facing depression, anxiety, bullying, or other challenges. To meet students' needs, we must first understand what challenges they face.

**Who participates?**

The survey is designed for children age 12 and above. We are asking students in grades 7-12 to participate.

**What does the survey ask?**

The survey will ask your child about:

- Feelings about their school and community
- Personal use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and their perception of risks
- Mental health, suicide, and access to health care
- Family and personal relationships, and demographics
- Health-related behaviors such as sleep, nutrition, and exercise

**How long will the survey take?**

The survey takes about 15-20 minutes. The survey can be viewed at the school's office, or online at (<http://ohyes.ohio.gov/Downloads>) – 110 item version.

**Who developed the survey?**

The survey was developed by the Ohio Departments of Education, Health, and Mental Health and Addiction Services.

**Does my child have to participate?**

No, that is a choice for you and your child. But we value your child's participation, which can help us make sure all students' needs are met.

**How do you protect my child's privacy?**

The OHYES! will be confidentially administered by trained school staff. Schools have been instructed on how to protect student anonymity and confidentiality. Please review these instructions at <http://ohyes.ohio.gov/Schools/Preparation/Confidentiality>.

**Who will know what my child shares?**

No one. The survey is anonymous, so students are NOT asked for their name, identification number or date of birth. Student responses will be combined and reported together. There are also minimum reporting requirements of 15 or more respondents.

Data is sent directly to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. No data is stored on school computers, and the school does not have access to any individual survey data.

**Will participating upset or influence my child?**

Many people like sharing their experiences and opinions. If questions do make a student feel anxious, he or she may skip any questions or stop the survey at any time. There is a back, next, and quit button on each screen. There is no penalty for not taking the survey or for stopping.

There is also no research indicating any connection between completing a health behavior survey and trying an unhealthy behavior. You may be reassured to know that many unhealthy behaviors among young people – including tobacco use, sexual behaviors, and some forms of violence – have declined since 1991. During that same period, youth surveys have increased nationwide.

**How does my family and community benefit?**

OHYES! results will help guide communities in creating and improving youth health programs in Ohio. The results will be shared with everyone, including families, faculty and students, and the public. State-level and county-level results will be available to the public at <http://ohyes.ohio.gov/Results>. District and school results will only be available to Superintendents and Principals with secured access.

**Do I have to sign a form for my child to participate?**

Federal regulations (45 CFR 46) require parent or guardian permission for research involving children. To protect you and your child, we require parent notification and provide parents the ability to opt out. This method is commonly known as passive consent, and minimizes administrative burden on schools, maintains student confidentiality, and increases response rates. We hope you will give consent for your child to participate. If so, there is no need to do anything. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this survey, please sign the form below. A separate form is needed for each child you do NOT want to participate.

**Who can I contact if I have questions?**

Visit the website at [www.ohyes.ohio.gov](http://www.ohyes.ohio.gov) or email [info@ohyes.ohio.gov](mailto:info@ohyes.ohio.gov). You can also call the OHYES! Team at 1-866-563-6904.

Sincerely,

Jason Orin  
Principal  
Louisville Middle School

Garry Tausch  
Principal  
Louisville High School



**PARENT OPT OUT FORM – for youth 12 – 17 years old**

Youth under 12 years of age are not eligible to participate

Parental consent is not required for youth age 18 and above

**A separate form must be returned for each child not participating.**

**Our school is conducting the survey on**

**LHS December 14, 2022**

**LMS December 19, 2022**

**Please return this form in person to Main Office Secretary of school**

**Or send it by U.S. Mail to**

**Louisville Middle School 1300 South Chapel, Louisville, OH 44641**

**Louisville High School 1201 South Nickelplate, Louisville, OH 44641**

**Or email the information below to:**

**LMS: [susan.lemonte@lepps.org](mailto:susan.lemonte@lepps.org)**

**LHS: [jan.borsellino@lepapps.org](mailto:jan.borsellino@lepapps.org)**

**Or call LMS (330)875-5597 LHS (330)875-1438**

**By December 8, 2022**

**Parents, please do not rely on your student to return this form.**

***NO, my child may not participate in the OHYES! survey***

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_