

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2023

2023-24 Athletic Ticket Sales

Football

- \$8 General admission
- \$12 Reserve seats (Blue-back seats)
- \$9 Visitor reserve seats

HS Athletic Events

- \$8 General admission

MS Athletic Events

- \$6 General admission

All-Year Sport Passes

HS and MS home events-- excluding tournaments

- \$120 Adults
- \$60 Students

Opening Days

This year we are welcoming our newest class, Class of 2030, to LMS on **Tuesday, August 22**. This day is for our sixth grade students only. It gives our entire staff an opportunity to help students make a smooth transition from elementary to middle school. Students will report to their first period class and throughout the day experience team-bonding activities. They will meet the staff, learn about the building, and get familiar with the ins and outs of middle school. Students will end the day with a PTO-sponsored ice cream social. It's going to be a great day!

Wednesday, August 23 is seventh and eighth graders' first official day of school. Doors open at 7:20 a.m.

Meet the Teacher Night is Monday,

August 21, 2023

The LMS staff is excited to welcome students back into our building on **Tuesday, August 21** for Meet the Teacher Night. To ensure everyone has an opportunity to explore the building, put school supplies in lockers, and meet their teachers, grade levels will have different time slots. This evening helps make the first day of school less stressful. **Kona Ice will be in front of the school to give you an opportunity to purchase a flavored ice during Meet the Teacher night from 4-8. Twenty-five percent of all sales will go directly to LMS!**



Grade 8: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Grade 6: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Grade 7: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Student Schedules

Schedules are included are mailed home with back to school information. If you have a question about the schedule, please contact the guidance office at your earliest convenience. Sixth and seventh grade students' homerooms will be their first period class. Eighth grade homerooms will be their third period class. Students will receive another copy of their schedule the first day of school. **Be sure to bring the schedule included in this mailing with you to our Meet the Teacher Night!** Schedules **will not** be available for pick up that evening.

Student Day

A middle school student's day is 7:30 a.m.-2:35 p.m. this year. Doors will open at 7:20 a.m., and all students will go directly to their first period class. This year, breakfast will be grab and go from the kitchen. Students will pick up their breakfast and head to their classroom to eat.

If students are attending foreign language classes at the high school, their day will begin at LHS; they will walk over to LMS after their class. High school staff will help direct them to their foreign language classrooms.

Important Information from Our Food Service Department

To prepare for the upcoming school year, information regarding students' meal accounts is listed below. For more detailed information, check out the nutritional portion of our website at tinyurl.com/LCSDnutritionalservices or follow us on Twitter at @LepsLunchLand.

- We are excited to continue to serve breakfast at no cost to families, regardless of eligibility, during the school year.
- Due to disruptions in the national supply chain, which causes constant and consistent changes in item availability, posted menus may be subject to change. We will do our best to communicate such changes on our website; however, this means we will not be sending home printed menus this year. Check our webpage for digital copies of our menus (tinyurl.com/LCSDnutritionalservices), or visit tinyurl.com/LCSDmenus to view our interactive menus. Detailed information regarding menu items is available by downloading the *My School Menus* app (available on iTunes or Google Play), which provides all nutrient details, carb counts, ingredients, and allergens of all menu items.
- When lunch money is forgotten or there is a negative balance on a student's account, we have established a Meal Charge Policy, which can be found at tinyurl.com/LCSDmealchargepolicy.

Student meal account

To add money to a child's account, families are encouraged to send in a check or cash with the child that will be deposited into their personal meal account. Please consider putting enough money in to cover at least two weeks of school; however, any amount is accepted. The money will stay in the child's account until he or she uses it, and it will follow him or her as they change buildings.

Adding money to a student's account is available digitally; however, there is a service fee charge added to the transaction. Visit payschoolscentral.com to set up an account, which allows families to view purchases, add money to the account, schedule automatic payments, and send email reminders about the account balance. The only information needed to get started is the child's Student ID number. *It's advised to put at least \$25.00 in the child's account to minimize transaction fees.

Free and reduced applications are available

- Families who qualify for free and reduced meals in the school year will receive lunch at no cost. This year's free and reduced meal application is required and available to be digitally completed at payschoolscentral.com or the form can be downloaded from our website at tinyurl.com/LCSDnutritionalservices at the top right corner. This application needs to be completed and submitted each year to receive free and reduced meals; however, only one application is needed per family. **For those families who received a direct certification letter, do not fill out a free and reduced meal application.*

Meal Prices		
Grade Level	Lunch	Breakfast
Middle school (6-8)	\$3.00	No charge
Free and reduced K-12 qualifying students	No charge	No charge
Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50

Bookbags

Students this year will be permitted to utilize full-size bookbags throughout the school day. Please keep in mind that bookbags should be a reasonable size– as students will only need their Chromebook, paper, pencils, etc. Students do not need oversized backpacks. We encourage students to utilize their locker, so they are not carrying all of their books in their backpacks at the same time.

Final Forms

Be sure you have completed all of your back-to-school forms on Final Forms **PRIOR** to the first day of school. We are required to have up-to-date contact information and emergency contacts for each student. Students must also have all of their Chromebook forms completed in order to receive their device. Chromebooks will be able to go to and from school once **ALL** forms are completed.

Information on how to complete your back-to-school forms:

At the end of July, all families received a letter with instructions and an email with a link to confirm their Final Forms account. The email is from LCSD prompting them to confirm and complete this year's registration. Even though the information is saved from year to year, parents and guardians need to login and verify (or update any outdated information) at the beginning of each school year.

Can't find the email? We encourage families to first check their email's spam folder before contacting a building secretary.

Information needed to complete online forms:

- Basic medical history and health information
- Doctor and dentist contact information
- Insurance company and policy number
- Hospital preference

Morning Arrival and Bus Drop Off

It is important for our students, parents, and community to be informed of several traffic pattern situations at our building– both walkers and drivers.

1. **First, students walking** are expected to stay on the sidewalks and cross the campus driveways only at the marked crosswalks. Bus drivers and automobile drivers will be expecting walkers to cross at those locations and at those locations only!
2. **Second, for drivers**, the only way to enter the campus of the middle school is to enter from the west side of the campus. To do that, you will head to Route 44 on the south side of Louisville. Turn left onto South Chapel Street (as though you were going to go to the old roller skating rink). After you turn south onto Chapel Street, you need to turn left into the driveway. If you pass the roller skating rink and go farther south on South Chapel Street, you have missed the driveway to our building.

This driveway will take you to a stop sign for the walking track. Please be cautious at this point, not all walkers are accustomed to traffic on the road. After stopping at the walking track the driveway proceeds around the soccer field.

You will come to the back of the building first. The entrance drive to the right is for deliveries, so keep going east. The student drop-off area is along this sidewalk past the service delivery entrance. Be sure at this point to stay to the right, pull up to the end of the sidewalk (so that many cars can unload at one time), and have your child exit the vehicle and head to Door 16.

The second entrance drive (to the right) is the "Visitor Parking" entrance. If you need to enter the school, please turn here. You are encouraged to drop off your child prior to this entrance, so there will be a smoother traffic flow.

Students may enter Door 16 (up the steps) or Door 1 beginning at 7:20 a.m. Cars are never permitted to stop in the fire lane where the curb is painted red. **Do not drop off your child away from the curb in the "passing lane", and please do not "cut-through" the parking lot section.** If your child is going to take longer getting out of the vehicle, pull into a visitor parking spot to not impede the traffic flow. The visitor parking is in the middle of this circular driveway.

Dismissal

Bus riders will be dismissed at 2:29 p.m. Once all buses are loaded, the car riders and walkers will be dismissed over the PA around 2:35 p.m. Cars picking up students can line up in the right lane of the middle school driveway. Car riders will exit Door 1 and be able to go directly to their car.

Sick Students

Students who do not feel well during the school day, or have a temperature, will be directed to our clinic to wait for a ride home after parents or guardians are contacted by an office staff member.

Students who will be leaving school early must bring a note and give it to their first period teacher. (This is how the information will get to the attendance office.) If a student is being picked up by a parent or guardian, when he/she arrives at school, call the attendance office at 330.875.5597 (Option 1), so the student can be released.

Medication

Our school board policy regulates the administration of medications to students. Some students take prescription drugs on a regular basis, while others take them on a temporary basis. In order to ensure this medication is given, complete and return the form that allows students to take prescription drugs during the school day. (This form is available in the main office.)

- Students shall not carry prescription or non-prescription medication to school— unless it is accompanied by a "Request to Dispense" form which is signed by a physician and a parent/guardian.
- All medications must be housed at the attendance office. Students may not carry their medication with them (with the exception of a registered asthma inhaler).

State Testing Incentive

If students fulfill all of the criteria listed below, they will have Friday, May 10 off of school; this is part of our incentive for our Ohio State Test (OST) days.

1. Must be in attendance at school on **ALL** testing days. Excuses will be approved by principals only. **Please avoid scheduling appointments on these testing days.**
2. Must eat breakfast at school or home on the day of testing.
3. Must come prepared with appropriate materials for testing
4. Must use paper to work out math problems and organize writing.
5. Must work the minimum time on the test. Teachers will share minimum work times with the students.
6. Must maintain appropriate behavior during testing sessions.

Test	Part 1	Part 2
Grade 6 ELA (105 minutes)	April 17	April 18
Grade 6 Math (90 minutes)	April 24	April 25
Grade 7 ELA (105 minutes)	April 17	April 18
Grade 7 Math (90 minutes)	April 24	April 25
Grade 8 ELA (105 minutes)	April 17	April 18
Grade 8 Math (90 minutes)	April 24	April 25
Grade 8 Science (75 minutes)	May 1	May 2
Algebra 1 (90 minutes)	April 24	April 25

THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL!

To assist you with problems as they arise, we need your help. Please do not wait until a problem gets out of hand before you contact us. You may arrange for a conference with your child's teachers, counselors, assistant principal or principal at any time by simply calling the **guidance office at 330.875.5597 (Option 3)**. We want the time your child (and you) spend at Louisville Middle School to be positive and successful.

We sincerely hope the kick off of this new school year is smooth and stress free. We encourage you, as a parent/guardian, to encourage your child, question him/her about the work he/she needs to do for school, help with studying, provide a quiet time and place to do homework, and generally monitor his/her progress at school. We promise to do our best to educate your child! We look forward to working with you to help your child reach his/her fullest potential!

**Louisville Middle School
Schedule of Events**

All dates and events are subject to change

2023 - 2024

August

21 Meet the Teacher Night
22 Grade 6 Welcome Day
23 1st day of School 7th & 8th
31 Picture Day

September

1-4 No School
15 Kindness Day
19 PTO 6:30 Library
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October

6-9 No School
12 Conferences 3:00-6:30
17 Conferences 3:00-6:30
PTO 6:30 Library
24,26 Musical 7:00 PM
25 End of Grading Period
31 PTO Halloween Party 6-8

November

3 Veterans in the Classroom
14-16 Washington DC trip
22-27 No School

December

5 Choir Concert @ LHS
7 Band Concert
18 Group/Club Picture Day

19 Band/Choir Picture Day

21-30 No School

January

1-2 No School

9 Art 1 Exam

11 Honors Algebra 1 Exam

12 End of Grading Period

15 No School

16 PTO 6:30 Library

29 Waiver Day-No School

February

8,13 Conferences 3:00-6:30

14 Stupid Cupid Party 6-8

16-19 No School

20 PTO 6:30 Library

March

4 Waiver Day- No School

19 PTO 6:30 Library

20 End of Grading Period

21 Spring Picture Day

25-29 Spring Break- No School

April

1 No School

16 PTO 6:30 Library

17-18 ELA State Test

24-25 Math/Algebra State Tests

30 Band Concert 7:00

May

1-2 Science OST

9 Choir Concert

10 OST Incentive or Makeup Day

21 PTO 6:30 Library

- 24 Honors Algebra 1 Exam
- 28 Honors Night 7:00
- 29 8th grade Farewell 12-2
- 30 Last Day / Cedar Point