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Empowering Students. Engaged Community. Endless Possibilities.

A QUICK UPDATE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Michele Shaffer



It's that time of year again! Summer is coming to a close, and we're gearing up to see our students and staff back at our buildings. We know this year is going to

be an incredible new adventure, and we can't wait to see all that our students and staff achieve.

As we continue our vision to empower students and engage our community to create endless possibilities, **we are excited to celebrate the 75th year of becoming the Louisville Leopards.** In 1948, our community went from rooting for the Blue Raiders to cheering on the beloved Leopards. We plan to honor this 75th anniversary throughout the year with the community and our students and staff. You know what they say, "A leopard never changes its spots," and we are proud to say that the pride, tradition, and unity this town had back then, still continues today. We are Louisville. **Mark your calendars** for our first home football game of the season on September 1 for our kick-off celebration of honoring our 75th year of being Leopards. Let's pack the stands!

Have a fantastic year, Leopards!



Welcome to our BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION



Grab a coffee or a cup of caffeine because we've jammed packed this edition with lots of updates, reminders, upcoming events, and more to ensure you're up-to-date on everything you need to head back to school. We've also included information about what's going on throughout our community this fall!

Also, to kick off the 75th anniversary of being the Leopards, we thought we'd add some fun, and a touch of competition, into this newspaper. We've hidden a leopard paw (pictured below) somewhere in this edition. If you spot it, email our Communications Coordinator (jen.wilson@lepapps.org) with (1) your name, (2) the page number that has the leopard paw, and (3) your t-shirt size. At the end of the month, we'll draw a name from those who entered, and he or she will win one of our 75th anniversary leopard shirts. Happy hunting!

Can you spot this?



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OUR VISION: 5 YEARS OF EMPOWERING STUDENTS

At our June Board meeting, Superintendent Shaffer shared an update on our Strategic Plan, which is what we use to ensure all of our decisions are focused and intentional. This is our fifth year working towards our three goals.

AND



INFORMATION ABOUT OUR E3 VISION and each year's strategic plan updates can be found on our website.

From the main page, click the **District dropdown**, then click **About LCS**.

To quickly access this year's strategic plan, scan the QR code.



ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

As part of Goal 1, this year, we were able to create multiple opportunities in the area of curriculum in our district.

- Our library technicians worked in conjunction with the Louisville Public Library to learn about sensory library practices, then created a half hour daily sensory library learning time for our Resource Room(s) students.
- Our STEM students were able to work a week this year with Flex Factor. This program was a partnership through Stark State where students had an opportunity to research a variety of careers that interested them. **Our story continues on page 7**

TO CREATE



ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY CUPBOARD



THANK YOU: Last month, a group of teenagers from Northern Ireland came to the Cupboard and packed meal boxes and prepared our space for local families to gather food.

They were part of the Alliance Area Ulster Project, which is dedicated to fostering equality between Roman Catholics and Protestants.

We are incredibly grateful for their service and sincerely appreciate

that they gave their time to serve our community.



COMING UP: Next month, is the annual Constitution Parade on September 24.

We will once again be collecting food as we march along the parade route carrying our "Carry A Can" banner. We encourage everyone who attends the parade to bring a can, which will be collected along the parade route by our volunteers.

OUR INFO

DONATION DROP OFF SITES
CONSUMERS NATIONAL BANK OF LOUISVILLE
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 Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

ST. STEPHENS MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH
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 First and Third Thursday of the month
 3:00-5:00 p.m.

LOUISVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY
 700 Lincoln Ave.
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 Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

MONETARY DONATIONS
 LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY
 CUPBOARD
 P.O. Box 84
 Louisville, Ohio 44641

CONTACT INFORMATION
 LOUISVILLECOMMUNITYCUPBOARD.ORG
 330.704.7418

TRUSTEES
 Karyn Crislip, Ralph Gibson, Tom Glaser,
 Karen Metzger, and Barb Schleiden

Have a great school year,

Sally Samblanet, Director
 Trustees and Volunteers





This November,
**WE'LL BE
BACK ON
THE BALLOT**

NO NEW TAX

Unity. Pride. Community.
WE ARE LOUISVILLE.



SUBSTITUTE LEVY



Thank you

to all of the community members who attended our special board meeting in June where we discussed and asked for feedback regarding the upcoming November ballot issue.

In July, the Board held two special board meetings to further examine how to proceed this fall. It was determined that a substitute levy provided home owners and our community the most consistent (**no new tax**) and cost-effective (**no new tax**) option. This will allow our students to experience the same level of programming our community expects for our Louisville Leopards.

SO... WHY A SUBSTITUTE LEVY?

If you've driven around Louisville, we're sure you've noticed all of the construction and growth. (Let's face it, people want to raise their families here.) A substitute levy, (unlike an emergency levy) allows revenue growth on new construction on a continual basis.

This means as new homes and new businesses are built in the district, our schools can capture revenue without any change in how much existing property owners pay. It continues to stay the fixed-dollar amount the community approved back in 2013. This is **not a new tax** for existing property owners.

WE ARE 95% MORE COST EFFECTIVE

We take our job seriously. The money we receive is used wisely. According to the Ohio Department of Education's District Profile Reports (Cupp Report), we are in the bottom 5th percentile in total operating costs per pupil, which means we are 95% more cost effective than other districts in Ohio.

MEET OUR COMMUNITY LEADERS

We understand that contacting a board member or district admin may be intimidating. Reach out to community members, Mark Sigler and Greg Anderson, who are the co-chairs for the Levy Leps Committee. Email lepslevy@gmail.com. They will be able to answer questions and address concerns.

Get your
**QUESTIONS ANSWERED
AND LEARN THE FACTS**



Attend Our Informational Meetings

- Monday, Sept 11 6:30 p.m. (LMS)
- Monday, Oct 2 6:30 p.m. (LMS)

Auditor, Alan Harold will be there to answer questions. All meetings will be streamed on Facebook Live.

Visit our website or stay tuned for more information.



WE ARE LOUISVILLE



LEOPARD LEGEND

Celebrating 75 years of being the Louisville Leopards

Do you know how we went from the Blue Raiders to the Louisville Leopards? According to the 1948 yearbook, due to previous Mirror (yearbook) staffs inability to create suitable stories and descriptions using the 'Blue Raider' symbol, the 1948 Mirror staff brainstormed multiple options before selecting a Leopard.

The student body voted during their seventh period class on whether or not to make the change. The Leopard option won the vote 317 to 177. Below is a picture of the first leopard logo.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

GOOD MORNING CREW



One of the easiest ways to volunteer is to simply greet students as they enter our buildings in the morning. Volunteers on our Good Morning Crew spend 20-30 minutes during arrival time (at any building) being a friendly face as students walk into school. They simply pick which days and how many days work best for them, and show up.

If you're interested in helping make our students' day, please call the administration office at 330.875.1666 or email our Communications Coordinator at jen.wilson@lepapps.org.

LEGACY GROUP MENTOR

We are grateful that every month, local volunteers from the community have lunch with our middle school students as mentors from The Legacy Project of Stark.



We are in need of more mentors this year. Do you have one hour each week to dedicate time to building meaningful relationships with our LMS students? We would love to have you join us.

Apply at lpstark.org/apply-to-mentor



ELEMENTARY HELPERS



We truly believe as members of the community you have so much to offer our students and staff in a variety of capacities throughout the school day. We have numerous opportunities for you to get involved and support our students.

If you are interested in volunteering at Louisville Elementary or North Nim Elementary, please contact the school's office (LES-330.875.1177; North Nim- 330.875.2661).

Fall Opportunities

LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY ACADEMY

For the past few years to engage with our community, we've partnered with local businesses and showcased our staff's talents to offer community classes. Thanks to the GPD Employee's Foundation Grant, we're able to provide these experiences at a discounted cost. More information about each class, and how to register, is listed on our website: louisvillecityschools.org/community/lca



PARENT-CHILD WORKSHOPS

Sept 26

The Robot Revolution (\$15)

Oct 10

Hip Hop Step with Amanda from the Y (\$5)

Oct 28

A Morning with Zen Den Yoga Shala (\$10)

Nov 9 & 21

Crafty Creative Ceramics (\$10)

Dec 6

Paint Party with 4th Street Art (\$15)

ADULT-ONLY CLASSES

Sept 16

Mixology with Scratch Steakhouse (\$15)

Sept 19

Cookie Class with Panda Sweets Ohio (\$20)

Oct 3

Knitting 101 (\$10)

Oct 17

Train Like a Leopard (\$5)

FREE SENIOR-CONNECTION EXPERIENCE

This four-week experience is FREE, and open to anyone 65 and older. No registration required. Questions? Call our district office at 330.875.1666.



OCT 5
EAT, DRINK, & RELAX

Join Stark Parks and our LCSD Food Service Director as they share the best places to explore and easy-to-create healthy fall snacks. **(10:00 AM @ LOUISVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)**



OCT 12
PAINT PARTY WITH 4TH STREET ART

Louisville's 4th Street Art brings the creativity and fun as you'll assemble the perfect fall craft. We're not pumpkin-dding! **(10:00 AM @ LOUISVILLE HIGH SCHOOL-DOOR 1)**



OCT 19
INTERNET SAFETY

SPARCC's Director of Operations, Tyler Smith shares tips and explains what you can do to help keep you and your information safe online. **(10:00 AM @ LOUISVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL)**



OCT 26
STUDENT SHOWCASE

We're piggy-backing off of the Louisville Senior Citizen Group's monthly gathering at Paradise Church (619 E Main St) to put on a student showcase highlighting our amazing students' talents. Their program will begin at noon; however, if you would like to join students and other seniors for a meal, please bring \$7.50 and arrive between 11:00-11:30 a.m.

FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER, VISIT



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Check this out

Fall Fun with the Louisville Public Library!

Tailgate Party
Friday, September 1
4:30-6:30pm
@ the greenspace

2nd Fridays
September 8 & October 13
5-8pm
Downtown Louisville

Watch Louisville Varsity
Away Football Games
Fridays, Sept 15 & 29
9-11pm
@ the greenspace

Constitution Day
Parade
Sun, Sept 24
1pm

Halloween
Trick or Treat
Saturday, Oct 14
@ LPL

 Watch for the Fall & Holiday edition of *Shelf Life*, coming soon to your mailbox!

GET YOUR FREE EARLY LITERACY BAG

We're encouraging anyone who recently welcomed a new one at home to contact us to receive a free LCSD Early Literacy Bag. (The onesie inside the bag is sized 6-9 months.) Superintendent Shaffer would love to drop one off on your doorstep!

Simply send your name and address to kristina.barrows@lepapps.org with the subject line "Baby Leopard" or call our district office at 330.875.1666.



Funding for bags is provided by the GPD Employees' Foundation Grant.



CORRECTION

In our May edition, we printed the incorrect name as part of our Purple Star section. Listed below is the correct information. We sincerely apologize to Marcus and his family for our misprint.



Military Signing: Last month, Marcus French signed his intent to join the US Marines. He is one of five members of the graduating Class of 2023 who will be joining the military.



FROM OUR COMMUNITY



A MESSAGE FROM THE Constitution Committee



The United States Constitution is a rock-solid foundation that embodies our nation's most fundamental principles. Since the early 1950's, Louisville has continued to celebrate the values of our great nation by upholding and preserving the standards of the Constitution. Our committee, which began in 1952, is constantly and consistently evolving and has the oldest continuous observance of Constitution Day in the country. We do this to connect our past with our present and the future. Since our inception, we've continued to add and develop new ways to celebrate our town's commitment to patriotism.

One of our most notable celebrations that involves our Louisville students is our Queen's Pageant. Our committee recently brainstormed different ideas to keep this tradition going, while generating more interest amongst our students. Our decision was to expand this opportunity to any high school junior or senior who attends Louisville City Schools (or is homeschooled) and lives in Louisville. These individuals will represent our city and be the face of Louisville. The Queens Pageant has evolved to be an ambassador program. This year, we will be choosing two students to be the Louisville Constitution Community Ambassadors.

A NEW STUDENT OPPORTUNITY

LOUISVILLE CONSTITUTION COMMUNITY AMBASSADORS



Open to ANY Louisville City Schools or homeschooled junior or senior living within the district.

Application deadline: **August 22, 2023**

For more information, or to access the application, visit our website: louisvilleconstitutiontown.org



OUR VISION: CONTINUED

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In Goal Two, we aim to promote successful relationships and opportunities. This year, we focused on our partnerships.

- We held parent and grandparent cafes to provide a non-judgmental opportunity for parents and caregivers to be informed and engaged in conversations about what it means to keep their children safe and families strong.
- LHS teacher, Pete Carpico has his current students complete a project interviewing former students about their career path.
- We grew our social media presence. In 2022, we had 29,640 people visit our Facebook page. This year, we had 215,222 people visit our Facebook page.

Even though our final goal was developed to equip students for lifelong success, Goal Three ultimately reflects the budget.

- This year, we were awarded numerous grants totaling \$345,791.40.
- Our Full Belly, Backpack Program and Leopards Helping Leopards continued to receive private donations to help our students and families.
- Our monthly board meeting agendas reflect the donations received over the past year: \$90,548.60.

This is only a small snippet of all the great work our staff does each and every day. We will continue to focus on this plan because it puts student success at the center of our work.

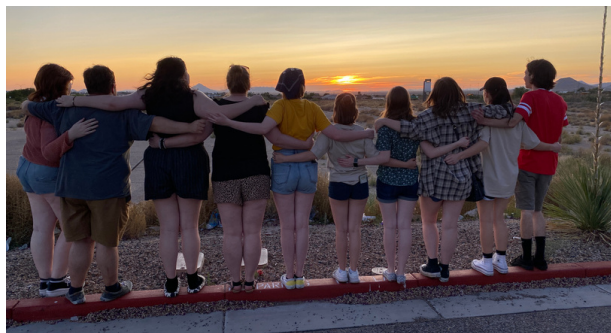
WE BELIEVE IN FINDING A niche FOR EVERY STUDENT.



Our E3 Vision is the pathway to make this possible.



Celebrating STUDENT SUCCESS



Leopard Speakers Sizzle at National Tournament in Phoenix

In capping off an incredible 2022-23 season, the LHS Speech and Debate team not only matched its record of nine national qualifiers, but our students rose to the top in several areas during the June competition in Phoenix, Arizona. During the grueling week of competition in 90-100 degree heat, students found their stride amongst 6,000 world-wide students.

Here are some of the highlights:

- The team of Morgan Callan and Alex Mohr were octafinalists in Duo Interpretation-- finishing 31st of 254 entries. (Top 12% in the nation.)
- As part of the Eastern Ohio World Schools Debate Team, Chloe Millard, along with four students from other schools, broke to the top 64 of 183 teams.
- Jessie Stewart and Kenna Dunlap were in the top half of the competition in Original Oratory and Program Oral Interpretation.
- In Expository Speaking, Jessie Stewart was a double octafinalist-- finishing 82nd of 548. (Top 12% in the nation.)
- In Extemporaneous Debate, Noah Capo broke to the top 60 of 1,044 debaters. (Top 5% in the nation.) *This was the largest category competition in Nationals' history.
- In a first for Louisville, Katie George competed in Original Spoken Word Poetry-- reaching the quarterfinals and finishing 25th of 242 entries.
- Poetry competitor, Alex Mohr reached the octafinals and finished 50th of 467.
- In what has become a strong point of our program, we had two standouts in Storytelling. Of 389 competitors, Morgan Callan reached double octafinals-- finishing 89th in the nation, and Kylie Daum reached the quarterfinals-- finishing 16th (top 4%).

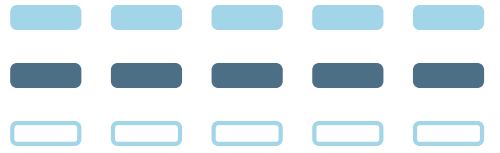


Our students stand out earning top national rankings

-Coach Katy E. Russell



We had



FUN THIS SUMMER

Before we kick off the new school year, check out the learning opportunities that took place this summer.

Pages 8-12

Safety City



Thank you to SRO Carosello for organizing this experience!

Our soon-to-be kindergarteners had a blast at Safety City this summer! We are incredibly thankful to ALL of our neighborhood experts who came and shared with our students. Check out how much our little ones learned:

- A park ranger taught them about bike and park safety.
- Mayor Pat and our Student Resource Officers (SRO) shared with students how to be safe on their bike.
- LCSD Nurse Gronow taught hand washing and germ safety.
- Deputy Miller taught students seatbelt safety.
- North Nimishillen and Louisville Fire Departments taught about fire and medical safety.
- SRO Joe Letta from Perry Local showed students the Eddie Eagle video about gun safety.
- Our LCSD CARE Team volunteers, along with Bonnie and Katie from CommQuest, talked about kindness and being safe in school.
- Coach Folk from LMS taught about stranger danger, exercise, and nutrition.
- K9 Sadie made a special visit, and Officer Miller and Officer Cox taught students about police officers.
- West Main Vet shared about pet safety.
- Deputy Miller taught students about poison safety.
- Logan from the Health Department shared how to be safe on the playground.
- Stark County Safe Communities taught students about safety signs on the road.

Whew... that's a lot!



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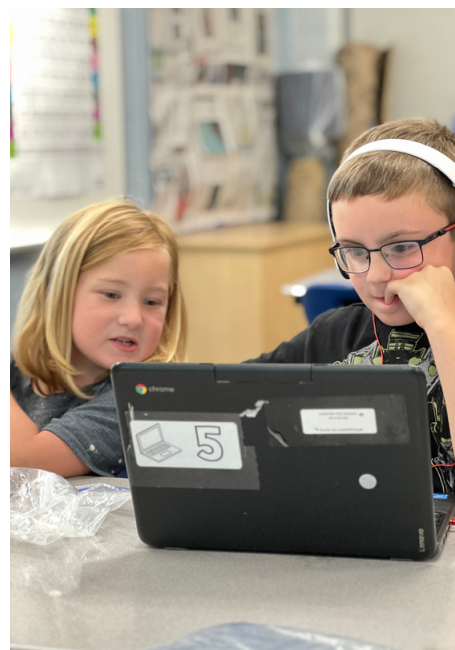
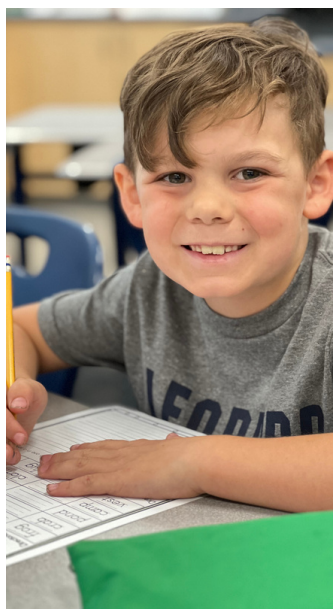


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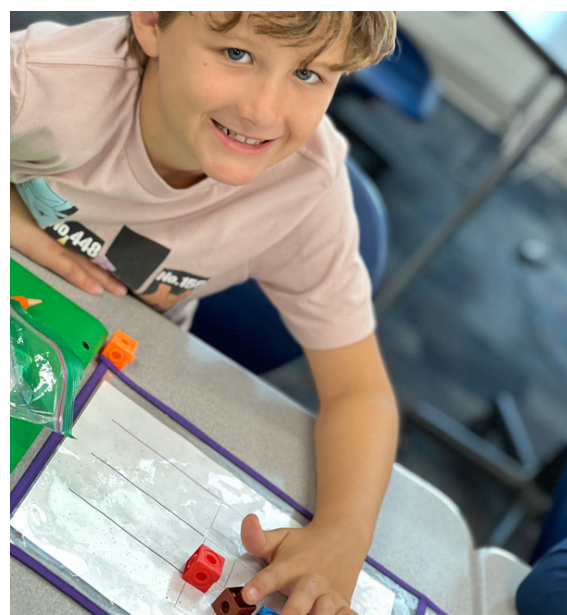


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Summer Acceleration Camp



Thank you to our amazing staff for crafting personalized, engaging, and meaningful activities during this two-week summer learning opportunity.



Empowering and engaging to create endless possibilities

EXPLORE

The World

A FRENCH ADVENTURE

This summer, a small group of our high school students traveled to France. Abbi DeSimio, Aviana Heckman, Mia Peloso, Lance Riehl, and Molly Simpson, along with two Marlington students and their teacher, traveled with Madame Todd on her ninth trip taking Louisville students to France.

During their first week, to have first-hand experience in French culture, they lived with host families following their daily routines, which included going to school and participating in classes.

After a week of living as French teenagers, the group came back together, and Vistas in Education Inc. touring company planned an incredible sightseeing adventure. Students explored breathtaking castles, including Le Château de Chambord and Le Château de Vitré. They also visited Normandy Beach and Saint Malo before traveling to Paris, where they were able to see the Mona Lisa and have dinner on the Eiffel Tower.

Not only did this trip allow our students to visit extraordinary places, it took the language and culture they learned about in class and made it into an incredibly authentic and valuable experience.

Madame Todd will be taking another group of students again in the summer of 2025.



You don't realize how different it is until you're there. It was cool to experience it, and see how they live!

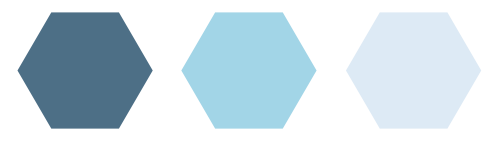
-Molly Simpson



Pictured above is Molly and her host family.



CAMP INVENTION ROCKS



This year's STEM Camp for grades K-6 turned these curious kids into innovative and creative thinkers! Thank you to our staff for making this week memorable, exciting and fun!



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Meet OUR NEW STAFF

Staff featured below were hired prior to this edition's deadline.



KARRE BUTLER

5th Grade Intervention Specialist

This will be my 13th year of teaching. I attended Malone University for my bachelor's degree and Mount Union University for my master's degree.



LAURA HOOD

Preschool Teacher

I attended Waterloo High School and the University of Akron. I can't wait to create an atmosphere where the children are not only learning something new, but also having fun!



CHRISTOPHER KAPPAS

PE teacher & Head Varsity Football Coach

I am most excited about bringing people together and raising everyone's expectations and standards.



AMBER MOULIN

LMS Intervention Specialist

This is my 5th year in education. I graduated from LHS, and I'm most excited to be back working in my home district.



AMBER NORRIS

LHS Permanent Substitute

I am a 2002 graduate of LHS, and am excited to be at the high school for my daughter Chloe's senior year!



DANIELLE RAEBER

3rd-5th Grade Intervention Specialist

I recently graduated from Walsh University. I student taught at LES. I am excited to be a new teacher and learn from other teachers.



NIKKI SWIGER

Food Service at North Nim

When it comes to this school year, I am most excited about working with the children and experiencing a new opportunity.



DAVID WERTZ

8th Grade Social Studies & JV Head Basketball Coach

I graduated from Perry High School and attended Kent State University. I'm excited to make a positive impact.



JIM WHARMBY

District Van Driver

I am most excited to be around the kids because I enjoy them.



JAKE WILLIAMS

LMS Permanent Substitute

I am most excited about being a part of the Louisville community and school system.



HEATHER ZAPOLNIK

LHS School Counselor

I was a school counselor at GlenOak High School for 11 years, and this year I am excited to meet Louisville students.

WELCOME TO LEOPARD NATION

Check our Facebook page to learn more about each of these new Leopards!

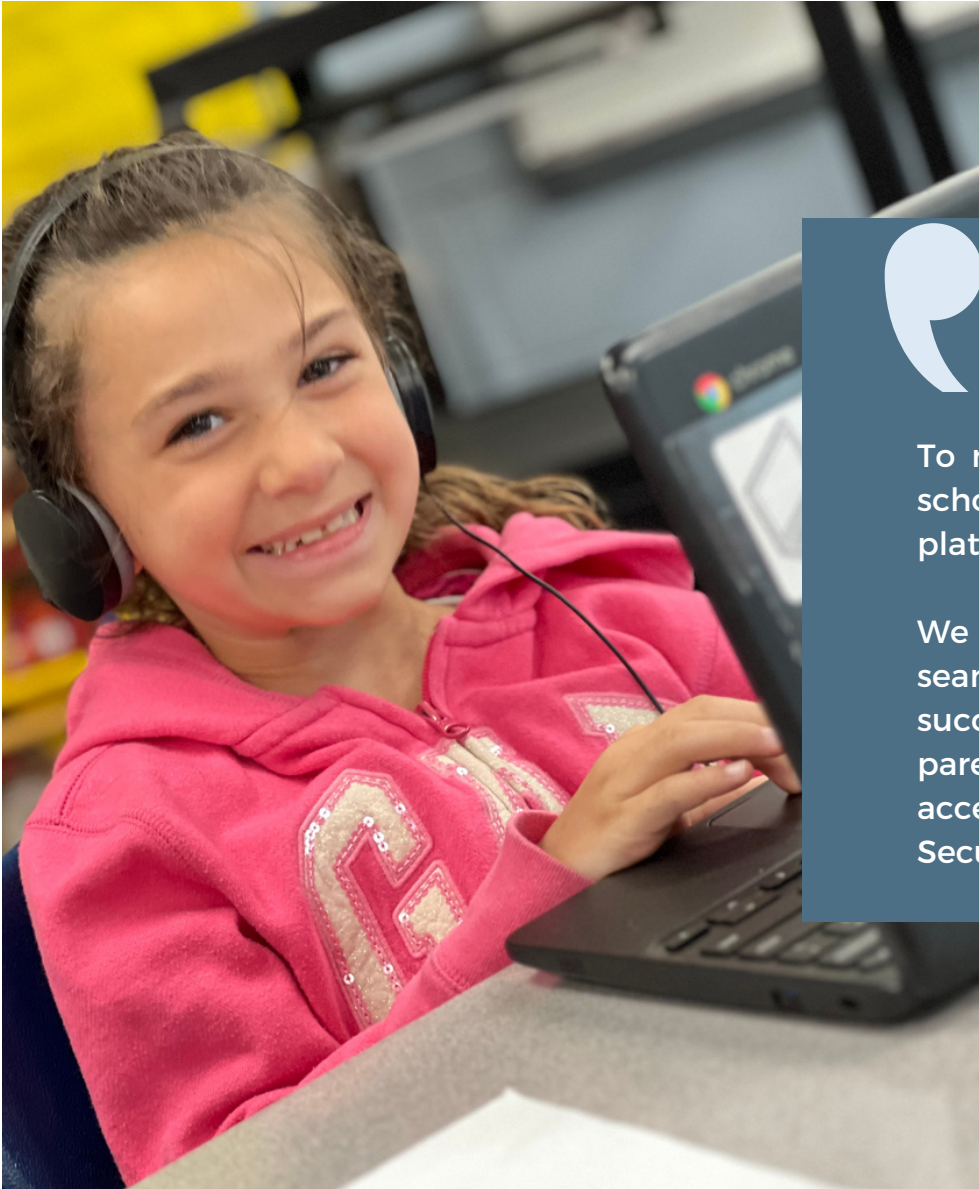


All you need to know

2023-24

BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFO

Get this checked off your list



PARENT PORTAL



To monitor and keep our students safe on their school-issued Chromebooks, our school uses the platform Securly.

We know that partnering with families to create a seamless support system is essential to student success; therefore, this year we have also given parents and guardians of 2nd-12th grade students access to Securly Parent Portal and the free Securly HOME app.

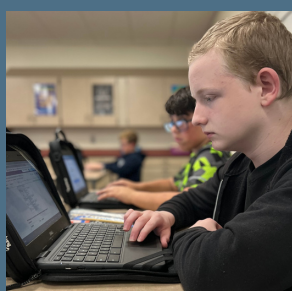
If you are new to the district, or have never signed up for Securly, during the first week of school (August 22-25), you will receive a "Welcome Email" from Securly. This will give you access to the Securly Parent Portal and the Home App.

WEEKLY SUMMARIES OF YOUR CHILD'S INTERNET PRODUCTIVITY

If you sign up, you will receive a summarized activity report that is emailed every week with your child's productivity on the Internet.

The 4 topics covered include:

- Educational Sites
- Sites
- Searched Words
- Videos



VIEW AT-HOME ACTIVITY AND REPORTS FOR YOUR CHILD AT ANY TIME

While at home, you will see a full audit trail of what your child is doing on a school-owned Chromebook. The Parent Portal contains 3 categories:

- **Activity**- View all Internet activities on the school-owned Chromebook.
- **Flagged**- Check activities that have been blocked by Securly.
- **Rules**- Block additional websites while at home, and also use other monitoring features.

THE APP PROVIDES MORE OPTIONS

Check our website to learn how to get started.
louisvillecityschools.org/back2schoolhub



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WELCOME TO LHS

PARKING PASS & SCHEDULE PICKUP

All students must have a completed Emergency Medical Authorization form and the Acceptable Use of Technology form completed via FinalForms to receive their schedules before the first day of school. Outstanding fees and fines should be paid before school starts. As a reminder, schedule changes will only be permitted during the first five days of school. (Parking pass prices can be found on the bottom of page 20.)

Aug 15 & 16 *Enter through Door 3*

SENIOR YEARBOOK INFO

LHS seniors, including those attending R.G. Drage, must have their senior yearbook picture taken by either Rick Black or Denny Valentine. These pictures will be taken FREE of charge at LHS from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Aug 15

Denny Valentine Photography

Aug 16

Rick Black Photography

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 22** Freshman Orientation
- **Aug 23** First day of school for **ALL** students
- **Sept 1** No school
- **Sept 4** No school
- **Sept 15** Upstander Day
- **Sept 28** Parent-teacher conferences

HAVE A GREAT YEAR, LEOPARDS!



PRINCIPAL TAUSCH

- I'm going into my 29th year in education.
- **This school year's mindset:** As we embark upon our 75th anniversary of being Louisville Leopards, let us build upon our shared identity and traditions, while also pushing forward so we continue to grow, innovate, and embrace new opportunities.
- **What makes Louisville special?** Leopard pride is real. The traditions are real. There is NO place better.



lhs.louisvillecityschools.org - [@PrincipalTausch2.0](https://www.instagram.com/PrincipalTausch2.0) - Garry.Tausch@lepapps.org



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HELLO, LMS

BOTH LHS & LMS EMAIL MONTHLY FAMILY NEWSLETTERS. ALL BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION IS LISTED IN THEIR FIRST EDITION.



PRINCIPAL ORIN

- I'm going into my 26th year in education-- all in Louisville.
- **This school year's mindset:** "If there is no struggle, there is no progress." – Frederick Douglass
- **What makes Louisville special?** Louisville is special because the students and staff are committed to continual growth. The best keeps getting better.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 21** Meet the Teacher night
- **Aug 22** 6th Grade Welcome Day
- **Aug 23** First day of school
- **Aug 31** Picture day
- **Sept 1** No school
- **Sept 4** No school
- **Sept 15** Upstander Day
- **Sept 19** PTO meeting in the LMS Library at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 21** Dentist at LMS (Offered dental-care service)

CALLING ALL VETERANS

If you have served in the armed forces and would like to join us for our annual Veterans in the Classroom event on **Friday, November 3**, please call the school at 330.875.5597. We would love to honor you.



Some of our LMS students at Acceleration Camp this summer.

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT

Our Meet the Teacher night will be on Monday, August 21. The schedule is listed below.

- 8th grade 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 7th grade 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 6th grade 6:00-8:00 p.m.



NORTH NIM NEWS

Where our littlest Leopards come to learn



PRINCIPAL DAVIS

- I'm going into my 30th year in education.
- **This school year's mindset:** We have the opportunity every day to make a difference in the life of a child.
- **What makes Louisville special?** Louisville constantly seeks out new learning opportunities for our students.

JOIN OUR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

North Nim has four amazing preschool classrooms. If you, or any friends or family, have a child who is between three to five years of age and is a resident of Louisville City Schools, we'd love for him or her to be one of our Little Leopards.

Our preschool program offers morning and afternoon sessions, and classes are five days a week.

Call our preschool office for more information. (330.875.7602)



2023-24

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Each year, we offer a screening to assess the developmental progress of three and four year olds (preschool-aged children). The purpose is to identify children who may require special services and identify those who are typically developing children, so they can serve as peer models.

Tuesday, August 22, 2023
Wednesday, August 23 (if needed)

North Nim Elementary

★ Register for a time slot by calling 330.875.7602



AREAS SCREENED

Social skills

Motor skills

Speech and language

Hearing abilities

Pre-academic knowledge

After the screening, we provide information to families about their child's overall development. Follow-up and referral services will be provided to families of any child in need of additional services.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 16** Meet the Teacher night from 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Aug 22** First day of school (Grades 1-2)
 Kindergarten Parent Orientation by appointment
 Preschool screening (Day 1)
- **Aug 23** Kindergarten phase-in (Group A)
 Preschool screening (Day 2)
- **Aug 24** Kindergarten phase-in (Group B)
- **Aug 25** All kindergarten students
 Preschool Parent Orientation 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- **Aug 28** First day of preschool
- **Sept 1** No school
- **Sept 4** No school
- **Sept 7** Fall pictures
 Preschool Welcome Party from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at North Nim
- **Sept 8-29** PTO fundraiser kick-off
- **Sept 12** PTO meeting in the North Nim cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept 14** Kindergarten Welcome Party at Metzger Park at 6:00 p.m.
- **Sept 15** Upstander Day
- **Sept 18** Upstander classroom meetings



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT



Our Meet the Teacher night will be on Wednesday, August 16 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.



LOUISVILLE

ELEMENTARY

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Aug 16** Grade 5 & K-2 Meet the Teacher Night
- **Aug 17** Grade 4 & 3 Meet the Teacher Night
- **Aug 22** Kindergarten Parent Orientation by appointment
First day of school (Grades 1-5)
- **Aug 23** Kindergarten phase-in (Group A)
- **Aug 24** Kindergarten phase-in (Group B)
- **Aug 25** All kindergarten students
- **Sept 1** No school
- **Sept 4** No school
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- **Sept 19-21** Fall pictures

ELEMENTARY PTO

We are a local group that supports both LES and North Nim Elementary; we are comprised of caring parents, guardians, teachers, and administrators, who take an active interest in the success of our schools.

Beyond the traditional purposes of providing financial and volunteer support to the schools, our PTO seeks to bring together our school community with safe, helpful, and fun activities for all. We look forward to seeing you at our exciting events we have planned to kick off back to school!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PTO OFFICERS FOR 2023-24

Executive Board

Stacy Johnson- PTO President

Lisa Gregory- VP PreK - 2 North Nim

Kelly Leasure- VP K-2 LES

Jessica Howiler- VP 3-5 LES

Adrienne Kautz- Treasurer

Lindsay Patterson- Recording Secretary/Parliamentarian

Josh Ondo- Communication Secretary

Grade Level Chairperson

Heather Wiseman- Pre-K North Nim

Stefanie Workman- Kindergarten LES

Rachael Parent- Kindergarten North Nim

Tae Beckett- 1st Grade LES/ Bri Williams- 1st Grade North Nim

Nicole Wiser- 2nd Grade LES/ - Jessica Shaw 2nd Grade North Nim

Mindy Briggs- 3rd Grade LES

Keirsten Todoran- 4th Grade LES

OPEN- 5th Grade LES

To learn how you can get involved with the PTO, visit us on Facebook, or send us an email to lespto23@gmail.com.



PRINCIPAL NORRIS

- I'm going into my 18th year in education.
- **This school year's mindset:** "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you're right." - Henry Ford
- **What makes Louisville special?** Our rich history of community, schools, and athletics!



MEET THE TEACHER NIGHTS

August 16

Grade 5 4:00-6:00 p.m.

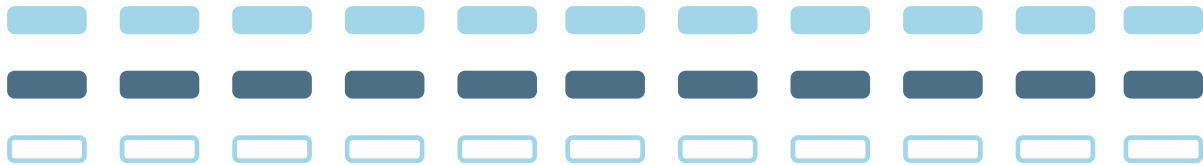
Grades K-2 5:00-7:00 p.m.

August 17

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

Grade 3 5:00-7:00 p.m.





WE NEED YOU SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS

This is a great part-time job. You only work when kids are in school; therefore, you would get summers off. There are morning and afternoon routes available, and we'll pay 100% of the training.

Join our great work environment

QUESTIONS?
Call 330.456.2899

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Monday-Friday

BUS INFORMATION

August 7

Bus times and numbers will be emailed to families (or mailed to those who do not have an email on file) on August 7.

To avoid confusion and ensure student safety, we will continue requiring that students have the same pick-up and drop-off location for both AM and PM. No passes will be permitted for students to switch buses or bus routes. Students will also have assigned seats on the bus; we have found this cuts down on student behavior and transition time getting on and off the bus.

IMPORTANT TIMES

	School Doors Open	First Bell Rings	Tardy Bell	Dismissal Bell
LHS	7:00 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	7:40 a.m.	2:19 p.m.
LMS	7:20 a.m.	7:20 a.m.	7:30 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
LES	8:20 a.m.	8:20 a.m.	8:35 a.m.	3:00 p.m.
North Nim	8:10 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

STUDENT FEES

As part of the May 2021 levy campaign, we promised there would be no general school fees for a five-year period.

The only specialty fees families will need to pay this year are:

- **AP course fee** (\$88)
- **Parking fee**
 - Year-long pass (\$35)
 - Semester pass (\$20)
 - 9-week pass (\$10)
- **Chromebook insurance** (\$25)



Pay-to-Participate fees must be paid before the first regular season game/contest/event or the student-athlete cannot participate. Scan the QR code or go to tinyurl.com/P2P24LCSD to download the form.

- LHS Athletics (\$120)
- LHS All-year band (\$60)
- LHS Marching band (\$30)
- LHS Concert band (\$30)
- LHS Choir (\$30)
- LHS Speech (\$120)
- LHS Fall or winter cheerleading (\$60)
- LHS Per season eSports (\$60)
- LHS Club (\$30)
- *Individual cap (\$240) *Family cap (\$360)
- LMS Athletics (\$60)
- LMS Band (\$30)
- LMS Choir (\$30)
- LMS Cheerleading (\$30)
- LMS Clubs (\$30)
- *Individual cap (\$120)
- *Family cap (\$180)





BACK-TO-SCHOOL

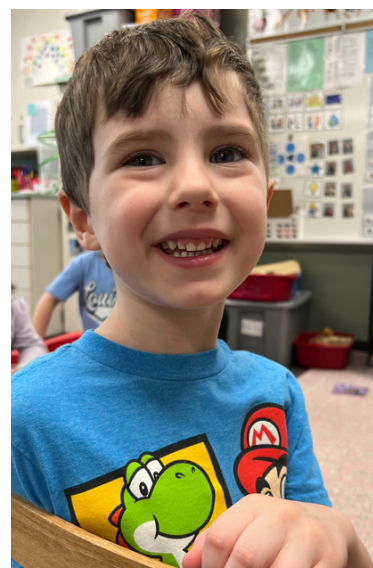


FOOD SERVICE


Add money to a child's account: Families have two ways to load money to their child's meal account.

1. Send in a check or cash with the child that will be deposited into their personal meal account.
2. Digitally add money to the child's account through Pay Schools Central. (A step-by-step guide on how to set up an account and add money can be found on our website. Scan the QR code below.)

Free and Reduced Meals: Families who qualify for free and reduced meals in the 2023-24 school year will receive lunch at no cost. Besides the families who received a direct certification letter, the application (available on our website) needs to be completed and submitted each year to receive free and reduced meals; however, only one application is needed per family.



2023-24 Meal Prices

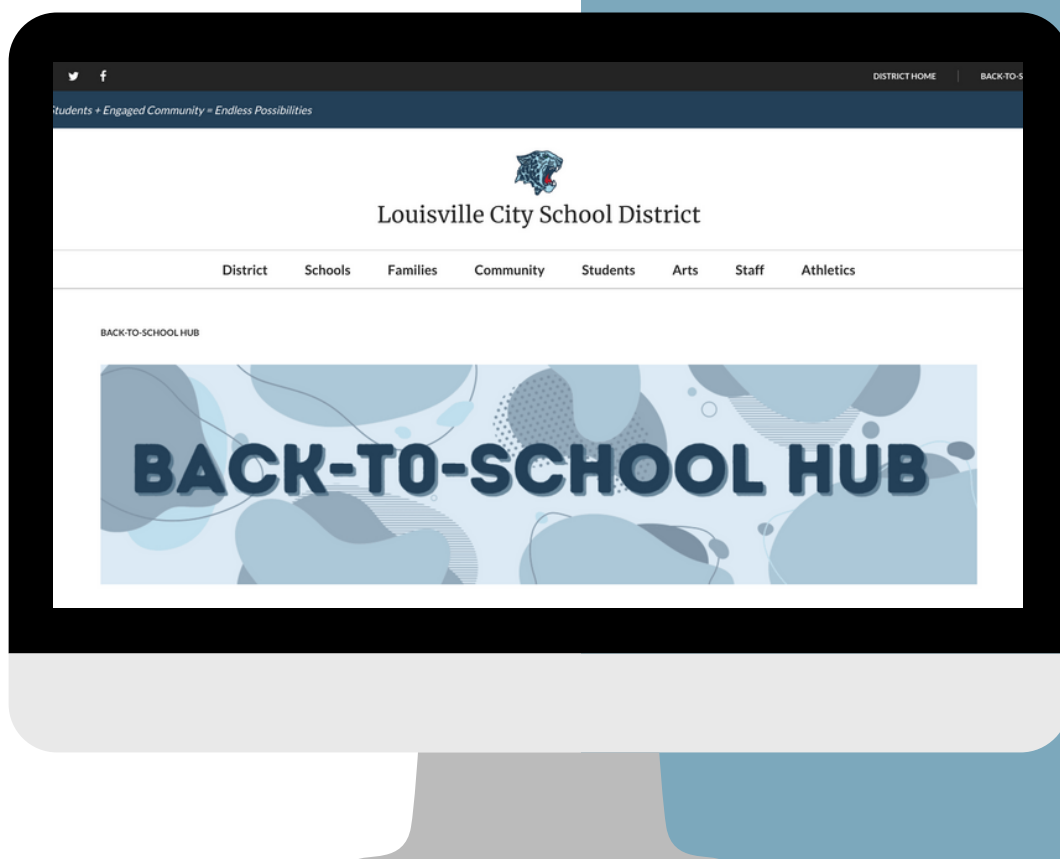
Breakfast	No charge for all students  Milk: .50¢			
Lunch*	\$2.50 (Grades K-2)	\$2.75 (Grades 3-5)	\$3.00 (Grades 6-8)	\$3.25 (Grades 9-12)

No charge for those qualifying for free and reduced priced meals



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

All back-to-school information, including school supply lists, can be found on our Back-to-School Hub. It's a one-stop-shop with everything you need to head back to school. Scan the QR code or follow the URL below.



louisvillecityschools.org/back2schoolhub





CHECK THIS OFF YOUR TO-DO LIST

CHEERS TO A NEW YEAR

ONLINE FORMS

Information needed to complete online forms:

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

At the end of July, all families received a letter with instructions and an email with a link to confirm their FinalForms account. The email is from LCSD prompting them to confirm and complete this year's registration.



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
our LEOPARDS again!

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.

NEW TO THE DISTRICT?

Welcome to Louisville! We are excited to have you and your family as part of Leopard Nation! **To enroll your child**, visit the New Student Registration Hub of our website to complete the online registration forms. (To find this, go to our website, then click the District dropdown menu. You'll find our New Student Registration Hub there.)

If you have any questions, reach out to your school's main office. (All phone numbers and school information can be accessed on our website.)



SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING

Louisville City Schools will be holding a public hearing regarding our district's special education funding and usage on August 23 from 5:00-6:00 p.m. During the hearing, Director of Special Programs Justin Haren will report how the district intends to use the IDEA Part B funds for special education.

In addition to presenting a spending plan for these funds, the hearing will include an opportunity for public comments and input from program participants and families regarding the usage of these funds. This event will be held at our Board of Education Building (407 E. Main). Please call Justin Haren at our district office 330.875.7602 with questions.





GET READY TO CHEER ON OUR



LEOPARDS



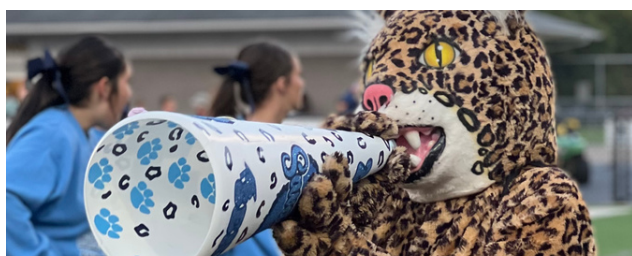
BE THERE

All of our Leopard athletic schedules are posted on the athletic portion of our website.

leopardathletics.org

This is where you can access any information about our athletic programs, including scores, the latest news, student forms, and ticket information.

FREE SENIOR CITIZEN PASS



Who's ready to cheer on our Leopards? If you're 65+ and live in the Louisville City Schools District, make sure to grab your **free** senior citizen pass! If you have a current senior citizen pass, plan to use it each year; there is nothing additional you need to do. Anyone needing to apply for a new pass, can stop by the high school athletic office (Door 1), beginning Monday, August 7. The passes are good for any MS and HS regular season home contest for the school year. Go Leopards!

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

Athletic Boosters

Andy Watters, Booster Club President

To the Louisville community, it's that time of year again! **Wednesday, August 9 is our Annual Booster Club Drive.** Our student-athletes will be canvassing the City and Township that evening selling Booster Patron memberships. The cost is \$10.

All proceeds support our student-athletes and their athletic programs. Your membership earns your name in our fall program as a proud Leopard supporter. (If you are not home on August 9, you may also become a patron at Beatty's Sports.) We thank you for your support in advance.

We would like to thank head football coach Chris Kappas, who took time out of his busy schedule to meet with the Club and share his outlook and enthusiasm for the upcoming football season. The future sure looks bright for our Louisville Leopard Football, and we can't wait to see his plans put into action for this storied football program!

The Club would also like to congratulate head coach Dan Moody, who has taken over the Louisville Lady Leopards Basketball program. Coach Moody will be meeting with us soon to share his vision for the upcoming Lady Leps season.

We would like to wish all of our student-athletes and coaches the best of luck as they kick off their seasons!

Our Club supports our athletic programs by assisting in covering the expenses that are realized for all of our teams. If you would like to make a difference and contribute to our student-athletes, join us! Membership is free! See you Monday!



Join us for a meeting.

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