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BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL

AUGUST 22, 2023
5-8 P.M.
STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTED BY
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND THE
LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

FEATURING:
INFLATABLES
FACE PAINTING
BALLOON ARTISTS
PETTING ZOO
PONY/HORSE RIDES

ADMISSION: $5 PER CHILD (AGE 3 & UP)
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

Check Page 4 for an update on ParentConnect!
Not sure which school your child will attend? Go to the link https://websapps.ren2.net/real and type in your street address to locate your school!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE
• Visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration to begin the registration process as early as possible.
• Complete the registration forms online, and upload all the required documents. If you are unable to load your documents, you will be required to present them in person.
• After you submit your form, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment to visit and present identification to confirm your registration.
• If you do not have access to a computer, paper packets will be available for you to complete in our office. Appointments are required.
• You must provide identification in person to complete the registration process.

HEALTH RECORDS FOR NEW STUDENTS
All new students must have up-to-date immunization records, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department. Vision records are required for incoming kindergarten, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department.

Before and/or after school
Child Care Information
734-744-2813 ext. 22130
livoniapublicschools.org/tacct
Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Summer Registration
For New Families
converted volume
K-6 STUDENTS
Centralized Registration is offered for K-6 students during the summer months in the front lobby of Central Office (15325 Farrington Rd). The office is available for scheduled appointments online.

Summer Registration Information
July 10-September 6
Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays
Beginning September 7, all registrations will be completed through your child’s school.

7-12 STUDENTS
Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 is facilitated through the assigned school, beginning July 10. Please call the school directly to make a registration appointment.

STARTING JULY 10
Monday/Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays

Emerson Middle School
734-744-2670 ext. 37103
Franklin High School
734-744-2655 ext. 47913

Frost Middle School
734-744-2670 ext. 37103
Stevenson High School
734-744-2655 ext. 48913

Holmes Middle School
734-744-2675 ext. 38902
Churchill High School
734-744-2650 ext. 49013

School Tours
For New Families
School tours for new families new to the district will be offered at all K-6 schools. Tours will be held on the following dates.

Tuesday, August 22
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child’s assigned school.

FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST
Greetings LPS Community,
What a beautiful Michigan summer we have been enjoying. While the summer is beginning to wane, my hope is that you cherish the memories of long, summer days doing the things that you love, with the ones you hold nearest to your heart. Our family always has some time together in northern Michigan which is such a joy.

As we prepare for a brand new school year in Livonia Public Schools, I remain grateful for our amazing team that has been focused on taking our school district to the next level, on several fronts. Our focus this summer has been on reaching high levels of learning for all students; enhancing our brick and mortar through numerous construction projects around the district; and on finding new ways to support our incredible staff as they prepare for the most important job of all – teaching and caring for our 13,000 students who call LPS their school home.

We will kick off the new school year with thoughtful and impactful professional development for our staff, and a newly revamped orientation for our new staff members who are joining LPS. We continue to prioritize our Professional Learning Communities journey, which carves out dedicated time for instructional and support staff to collaborate with purpose and vision, with student achievement at the forefront of the work.

Our voter-approved 2021 bond continues to yield incredible results in every corner of our district! These exciting construction projects bolster our learning environments for our students and serve as a significant source of pride for our community. We are watching with wonder the creation of the district’s first new-build construction project in more than 50 years, as the Early Childhood Center takes shape on Newburgh, north of Six Mile. We cannot wait for its completion and opening in the fall of 2024!

Other projects include the expansion of the Livonia Career Technical Center, with its new Robotics area for our thriving and expanding FIRST Robotics programs. This space will be ideal for student learning and collaboration, both for the teams and for students at LCTC. We will see this new space come alive this fall and are looking forward to sharing the final result with all of you.

Our voter-approved “sinking fund” is also providing essential updates to our facilities, including roof replacement, energy-efficient boilers and ongoing parking lot work in addition to a total rebuild and relocation of the tennis courts at Franklin High School, to name just a few enhancements.

Looking forward to another excellent school year in LPS prompts us to be ever-grateful to our supportive community. Great things are happening in our district, and we couldn’t be more thankful for all of the support. Just in the month of July, we saw this support, first-hand, as the community came out to the LPS Education Foundation’s first-ever golf outing on July 23 at Fox Creek Golf Course. It was a beautiful day and one that will certainly become an annual fundraiser for our amazing Foundation! During that same weekend, our district was featured as the official charity partner for the grand opening of the HopCat Livonia restaurant on Haggerty. Again, the support from the community was outstanding and we were able to raise funds to assist with the materials needed for the all-new Project Lead the Way STEM offering at all 15 of our elementary schools, starting this fall. On the other side of town, we are watching the creation of a new greenhouse on the grounds of Garfield Community School, made possible through a grant from Healthy Livonia. This new learning space will provide hands-on experiences for our Western Wayne Skill Center students and will enhance our community outreach efforts! We look forward to this unique addition to the Garfield community.

One final thought on community support leads me to our #LivoniaPride. There isn’t a school day that passes where we take for granted the trust that our families have in our LPS team. We know that your children are your everything – and they are also our most important focus, always. As we enter into a new school year, I personally invite you to be involved, to be our partners and hope that you will be raving fans of your home district! We strive to make you proud every day, and we know that our #LivoniaPride is something that our students and staff also live each day in Livonia Public Schools.

It is with great gratitude and pride that I serve as your Superintendent, and I hope that you know that our entire staff is here to walk arm-in-arm through another successful school year with you!

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2023-2024!

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the school websites for most current information throughout the year.

August 28
First day of school: See school website for times

September 1 - 4
NO SCHOOL: Labor Day Weekend

October 3
NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Staff PD Day

October 12
NO SCHOOL: Elementary, P/T Conferences

November 1 - 2
HALF DAY: Secondary, P/T Conferences

November 7
NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day

November 22 - 24
HALF DAY: Thanksgiving Recess

December 15
NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Staff PD Day

December 21 - 22
HALF DAY: Secondary, a.m. only

Dec. 25 - Jan. 5
NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess

January 12
NO SCHOOL: Secondary

January 15
NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 16
NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Staff PD Day

February 19
NO SCHOOL: President's Day

February 27
NO SCHOOL: Staff PD Day

March 8
HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only

March 25 - 29
NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess

March 25 - April 5
NO SCHOOL: Niji-Iro, Spring Recess

April 8
NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Staff PD day

April 26
NO SCHOOL

May 24
HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only

May 27
NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

May 28
NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day

June 5
HALF DAY: Secondary, a.m. only

June 6
HALF DAY: Last day of student attendance, a.m. only

June 13
HALF DAY: Niji-Iro, Last day of student attendance, a.m. only

Free School Meals Return to LPS

The State of Michigan fiscal 2024 budget includes funding for free breakfast and lunch to be available to all students, starting this coming school year. School meals will be free of charge to all students, under the new Michigan School Meals Program.

It remains important for families to complete the federal “free or reduced meals” application, in order to be eligible for other benefits available to income-eligible households. Benefits include the summer EBT program and reduced Pay to Participate fees for LPS athletics and activities. Filling out the form also enables Livonia Public Schools to receive important state funding for educational programs.

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For more information, visit the Food Service Department webpage or contact the Food Service Department at (734) 744-2820 or via email at foodservice@livoniapublicschools.org.

Food Service Update

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Transportation Update

SCHOOL BUS

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LPS PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Preschool Early Childhood Classes and Childcare
Jackson Center: 734-744-2813

Specialized Early Childhood Programs
734-744-2813, ext. 22902

Adult and Continuing Education
The Adult and Continuing Education Program provides adults and youth with opportunities for obtaining a GED or high school diploma, enhancing basic skills, and training for the workforce.

For more information, call 734-744-2607, or visit us online at www.livoniapublicschools.org/adult_ed.

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**SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS**

**MACAT (housed at Frost Middle School)**  
MACAT is a middle school program designed for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas. The MACAT curriculum consists of advanced classes in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The program is designed for entering 6th grade students. Applications are due by May 15. For more information, please contact the principal or assistant principal.  

**Elementary Class Assignments**  
Elementary class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on August 24.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)**  
Elementary class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on August 24. More information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

**HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)**  
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**Eighth grade students who will have completed Algebra 1 by June 2023 are eligible to apply for the MSC Program for 9th grade.** MSC students become full-time Churchill High School students. Students interested in applying for the MACAT Program for 7th grade can apply by the end of May. Applications are due by Thursday, November 16, 2023. Testing for fall 2024 admission to the MSC Program is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023. The MSC Program is open to LPS students only. Students in eighth grade residing within the district but not currently enrolled in LPS should contact msc@livoniapublicschools.org for more information. For more information, visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/AcademicallyTalented. The MSC website will be updated by mid-August with all relevant information.

**ADA Accessibility**  
Livonia Public Schools, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is committed to ensuring that communication with individuals with disabilities is as effective as communications with others and will furnish appropriate aids and services where necessary to ensure this, including a Braille version of this policy. Persons desiring further information are to contact the Director of Student Services at 734-744-2524.

**AHERA Update**  
LPS has completed the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) conducts ongoing surveillance and re-inspection programs for asbestos. LPS has an ongoing operations and maintenance program to address the asbestos in the buildings operated by LPS. More information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/ahera.

**Child Find (Student Evaluations)**  
If your child is between birth and age five and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child lives within LPS boundaries in grades pre-K to 12 and you suspect a need for the district, you or your child's caregiver may request an evaluation, regardless of whether or not the child is enrolled in school classes.

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**  
FERPA is a federal law that affords parents certain rights with respect to their children’s education records. They include the right to inspect and review records; request an amendment to records; consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s records (except in instances where disclosure without consent is allowed); file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level to whom the student and the student’s parents transferred rights have transferred are “eligible students.” See full policy at livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**  
The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) offers anyone the right to request access to public documents or information. Within LPS, requests can be made to the Livonia Resources Department. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

**Integrated Pest Management**  
Livonia Public Schools may apply pesticides to our schools, school grounds, and athletic areas. As parents and guardians, you have the right to be notified prior to such applications. If you wish to be notified via first class mail or e-mail, please contact Harry Lau at ha256@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2544.

**Public Notice**  
Livonia Public Schools and its staff members are not liable for damage or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner’s policy.

**Mckinney Vento Act**  
Livonia Public Schools follows federal mandates for the McKinney Vento Act by enrolling any homeless children who lack a regular and adequate nighttime residence. Homeless children are placed in school according to their best interests, and have the same rights as resident students. If you are aware of children in this circumstance, please contact the school principal.

**Nondiscrimination Policy**  
It is the policy of the Board of Education that Livonia Public Schools School District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, weight, marital status (including pregnancy), handicap, disability, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or transgender status. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status - Director of Human Resources, (734) 744-2566. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: handicap or disability - Director of Student Services, (734) 744-2524.

**Personal Curriculum**  
A personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements. A PC may be requested by the parent or guardian of a student for whom the curriculum is sought, or by a student of majority age or emancipated minor status. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.
WE ARE GRATTFUL FOR THE VOLUNTEER EFFORTS OF THE LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION!

The mission of the LPS Education Foundation is to enlarge the resources available to the school district, which will foster and expand educational opportunities for programs impacting students by building effective collaborations.

BUY OR LEASE A VEHICLE AND $200 WILL BE DONATED TO THE LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Bill Brown Ford 734-421-7000
Feldman Chevrolet of Livonia 734-425-6500

Bring this coupon to Bill Brown Ford or Feldman Chevrolet of Livonia when purchasing or leasing a new or used vehicle. Does not include prior sales. Coupon must be present at time of purchase.

For more information, call the LPS Education Foundation at 734-744-2510.

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- OHM Advisors
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- Plante Moran CRESA
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- Rotary Club of Livonia – AM
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- Sellinger Associates
- SHS Booster Club
- West Bend Mutual Insurance Co.
- Wines for Humanity