



# LGPS CARDINAL CONNECTION



Sunday, August 4, 2024

## Principal Message

Cardinal Families,

Thanks to our staff, students, families, and partners for a positive and successful Open House. The energy and momentum is on pace to start the year strong. A few tips to start and sustain a strong school year.

- Primary aged children need 9-11 hours of sleep a night. Start healthy bedtime routines ASAP.
- Share your family expectations for behavior. Review the [Student & Family Handbook](#) to support these conversations throughout the school year.
- Early communication with the teacher and front office is key when there are changes or updates to your family PM transportation plan for your Cardinal student. Please call by 3:00 PM each day if you expect changes.

- Mr. Finger

## BE Present Be Proud

**Prioritize daily on time attendance.  
Make up work can not replace face to face instruction.**

## Back to School:

### 1st Day of School

Wed, Aug 7

### Curbside Car Rider Dropoff & Pick Up

Beginning day one we will receive and release students curbside. Families should plan to remain in their cars as we will have staff to escort and teach our young Cardinals how to find their homeroom.

### PM Dismissal

You can expect delays in transportation and dismissal routines as students, staff, and families learn each students PM transportation plan. Thank you for exercising patience with the students, staff, and our fellow Cardinal families in the first two weeks of school.

## Upcoming dates:

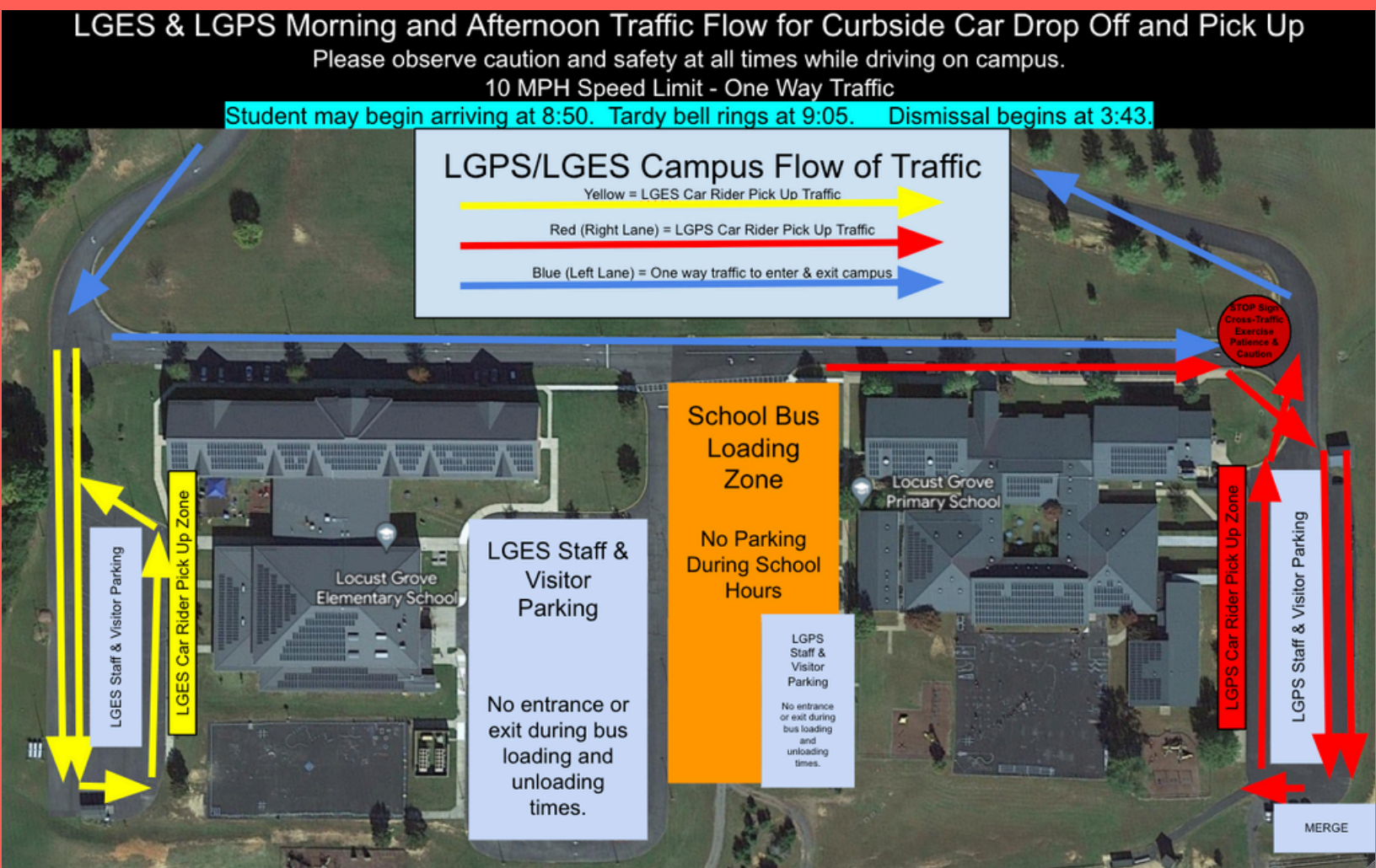
- 8/7 - First Day of School for Students (doors open at 8:50 / day ends at 3:43)
- 8/22 - 6:00 - 7:30 - Back to School Night - Learn More about a day for your child at LGPS.
- 8/30 & 9/2 - School Closed for staff and students in observance of the Labor Day Holiday

# Locust Grove Campus Traffic Patterns

## LGPS Campus Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures:

1. Review the visual guide below for drop-off and pick-up routes.
2. Expect longer wait times initially as everyone learns AM and PM transportation routines.
3. For car riders:
  - AM: Remain in your vehicle for curbside drop-off
  - PM: Be prepared to buckle your child during pick-up
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Note: Drop-off and pick-up times will improve over the first few weeks.





# LGPS 2024-2025 Supply List

- Backpack
- Crayons
- #2 Pencils
- Scissors
- 3 Glue Sticks
- Pencil Case/Pouch

## **Provided by the School**

- Composition Notebooks
- Pocket Folders

## **Donations Accepted of the Following**

- Tissues
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Dry Erase Markers
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils



# BACK TO SCHOOL



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024**

**THURS.  
AUGUST  
01**

### DISTRICT-WIDE OPEN HOUSE

➤ 1pm through 6pm - all schools

**WED.  
AUGUST  
07**

### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

➤

**THURS  
AUGUST  
22**

### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

6:00 - 7:30

**FRI AUG 30  
&  
MON SEP 2**

### SCHOOLS CLOSED LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

**Attendance  
Matters!**

**Every Child,  
Every Day**

# ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS | 2024-2025 Calendar

Approved February 5, 2024

JULY 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 22-26 New Teacher Institute
- 29-31 Teacher PD (AM); Work Hours (PM)

JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- 1-3 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 6 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 7 **First Day of Second Semester**
- 20 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

AUGUST 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- 1, 6 Teacher Work Day
- 1 **Open House All Schools 1:00-6:00 PM**
- 2, 5 Teacher PD Day
- 7 **First Day of School**
- 30 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

FEBRUARY 2025						
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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- 13 Student Early Dismissal & PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 14 No School for Students & AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

SEPTEMBER 2024						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 2 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 19 Student Early Dismissal & PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 20 No School for Students & AM Parent/Teacher Conferences

MARCH 2025						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 11 End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks
- 14 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 17 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day

OCTOBER 2024						
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 10 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks
- 11 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day
- 14 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day

APRIL 2025						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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- 7-11 No School - Student and Staff Holiday
- 18 Student Early Dismissal

NOVEMBER 2024						
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- 5 No School for Students - Teacher PD Day
- 27-29 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

MAY 2025						
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- 17 **OCHS Graduation**
- 21 Student Early Dismissal & End of School Year
- 22 No School for Students - Teacher Work Day

DECEMBER 2024						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 20 Student Early Dismissal & End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester
- 23-31 No School - Student and Staff Holiday

- Regular School Day
- New Teacher Institute
- Teacher PD Day
- Teacher Work Day
- Student Early Dismissal
- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Student & Staff Holiday

**School Closing Make-Up Plan**  
In the event of unanticipated school closings, make-up days will not be added to the school calendar. The last day of school for students will be Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

# SCHOOL NURSE-LETTER

## From the nurse

Welcome back to another amazing school year! I'm so excited to be back for my 3rd year at LGPS and working with your kiddos!

My goal at school is to not only be there for our students when they are hurt or sick but to educate and influence our students in a positive way! I have an open door and I truly do love seeing all the kids, but I also work with the teachers on things that can be handled in the classroom as well. This keeps our students in class more and does not impede on their learning for minor issues (for example: paper cuts).

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns, I look forward to a great, collaborative year!

-Nurse Sam

## Back to School Reminders

- Up to date vaccinations
  - DTAP x4
  - Polio x4
  - Varicella x2
  - MMR x2
  - Hep A x2
  - Hep B x3
- Physical
- Clinic Card (presented at open house in classrooms)
- Change of clothes: in book bag or classroom
- Medical Action Plans must accompany allergy, asthma, and seizure medication



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## School Health Reminders

We want to see our students every day but we also need to be aware of the health of our kids and others. Therefore, if your student has had a fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the past 24 hours (to include the night before and/or the morning of school) please do not send them to school.



## Hand Washing!

As we start another school year, it is important to remind our students when and how to wash their hands. The start of the school year is always a time for students to come in contact with new germs and become ill. This is normal. One way to prevent this, however, is proper hand washing and helping our kids remember their personal bubbles with friends.

The CDC recommends that we wash our hands before and after eating, after spending time outside, after blowing our nose or touching our faces, and after coughing or sneezing.

Please help make sure our students are using soap and scrubbing away from the water for 20 seconds before rinsing.

Lastly, it is important to note and to also remind our students that hand sanitizer is a great alternative when we can't use soap and water. However, hand sanitizer is for when our hands look clean but need the germs off. If hands are visibly soiled, they need to be scrubbed with soap and water for 20 seconds!

## Medication at school

If you feel your student would benefit from having an over the counter medication (such as Tylenol, cold medicine, etc.) available at school for them, you are able to do so! Please make sure the medication is in a new, unopened bottle and the parent/guardian is the one delivering to the school. There will be a form to sign, giving me permission to administer the medication to your student. Please note: Students are not allowed to transport medication to and from school.





## General Reminders

- **Please send in a change of clothes with your student(s).** Accidents happen, and not just the bathroom kind. If your child does come home with a change of clothes from the clinic, please wash and return them so they can be used again for others (with the exception of underwear).
- **Pink slips follow students to and from the clinic.** They are my way of communicating home to parents that a child was seen in the clinic. Please note, serious visits will warrant a call home as well. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out.

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