

## Important Upcoming Dates

8/28- 6th Grade Open House

8/29- 7th & 8th Grade Open House

8/29- School Pictures (Make Up Day 10/23)

9/2- Labor Day (no school)

**Drama Kids Acting Academy** is excited to return to Laing this Fall! Grades 6 - 8. Exclusive to middle school students, this intermediate drama class will meet weekly for one hour and include a wide range of higher-level activities. Students will express themselves & collaborate in a safe environment. Experienced teachers will help to promote self-expression, communication, & creative thinking. Expand on acting fundamentals: vocal techniques, dramatic movement, & improvisation while delving deeper into more complex acting techniques like script analysis, character development, & physicality. Beginners and experienced actors are welcome! Join us from August to December.

Grades: 6-8

Cost: \$85 per month

Day: Meets Mondays except when school is closed.

Times: 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Register At: [Laing Acting Academy Register HERE](#)

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)- Student Leader** meeting this Wednesday, August 28 from 7:30-8:00 am in the Laing Gymnasium. First regular meeting on Wednesday, September 4 from 7:30-8:00 am in the Cafeteria.

**Laing Spirit Store-** Our Laing PTO is offering a 10% discount on Laing apparel and merchandise. [Click here to purchase.](#)

**Laing PTO-** Register to be a PTO member, re-link your grocery card, become a Friend of Laing. Find all of the information [here](#)

**Mathcounts Club-** Does your child love solving challenging math problems or working with others to find answers? Does your child want to compete against other schools in an academic competition? Then your child should join Mathcounts! Our first practice will be on September 4th in Mrs. Chicarella's room (148) from 3:30 - 4:45. Email Mrs. Chicarella ([elissa\\_chicarella@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:elissa_chicarella@charleston.k12.sc.us)) if you have any questions.

**NJHS** - Applications for any 7th and 8th grade student interested in joining National Junior Honor Society are now open. [National Junior Honor Society Application](#)

NJHS is an organization that recognizes not only academic achievement but also qualities essential to being an upstanding citizen. It focuses on five pillars, scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. The requirements for joining NJHS is a GPA of 92 or above in the four core classes the previous semester and no office referrals. 7th & 8th graders can apply in fall while 6th graders can apply in January. Inductions into NJHS occur in late Spring.

Questions about NJHS:

7th graders see Mrs. Heard - room [Jennifer\\_Heard@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:Jennifer_Heard@charleston.k12.sc.us)

8th graders see Ms Shaver - room 122 [Lynne\\_Shaver@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:Lynne_Shaver@charleston.k12.sc.us)

### **Open House/Meet the teachers**

The annual open house where parents will have time to interact with the teachers will be held August 28th for 6<sup>th</sup> grade and August 29th for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. and provide parents the opportunity to spend 10-15 minutes with each teacher during the evening. Please make sure you have your child's schedule as we will not have staff available to print one. Space is limited in the classrooms so we ask this event be attended only by parents. The Laing PTO will be available to sign up for a membership as well as selling Laing merchandise.

**School Pictures-** We will be taking school pictures on Thursday, 8/29 during your child's related arts class. You can order pictures at <https://www.strawbridge.net/>  
The event code is FM443439.

**Student Council-** Come learn how you can make a difference here at Laing. Interest meeting is Sept. 5 from 3:35 pm-4:00 pm in the media center. Students will learn what student council is all about, information about running for office and start looking at the year.

\*\*7th and 8th graders are eligible to run for President and Vice President.

\*\*6th-8th graders are eligible for Secretary and Public Relations Director and Grade Level Representatives.

\*\*\*If you can not attend, please see Ms. Gachineiro or Ms. Hanks for information (guidance office or room 246)

## Wando Info

**\*Wando Boys LaCrosse Player Meeting** will be 8/26/24. 4-4:30pm in Wando Classroom D207. For students grade 7th-12th zoned for Wando and interested in playing. Contact Coach Renes at [lance\\_renes@charleston.k12.sc.us](mailto:lance_renes@charleston.k12.sc.us)