



# From the desk of Bryan J. Fleming, Principal

Long Pond School

September 6, 2024

## Important Dates and Events

### September

- 11 LPS Back to School Night 6:40
- 11 School Spirit Day- wear Red, White and Blue
- 13 PTA Ice Cream Social @FMB 5pm-7pm
- 16 SEPAG meeting- 6pm @ FMB
- 17 PTA Meeting FMB
- 17 New Student Breakfast 9-9:30am
- 23 *EARLY DISMISSAL*: 12:30pm

### October

- 03 Picture Day
- 08 PTA Meeting @ FMB 7pm
- 14 *CLOSED FOR STUDENTS*
- 18 Student Council Dance Grades 7th/8th
- 18 PTA Parent Night Out Time TBD
- 25 PTA Trunk or Treat @ LPS 6:30-7:30

The PTA's Welcome Back Ice Cream Social is on September 13, 2024:

If you are able to help them on September 13th from 5-7pm @ FMB (or any part of that time), please sign up using the sign up genius link here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054DA5AE2CA6F58-50353198-arsd>

- Message from Newton High School: Again, this year Newton High School is enforcing the rule that students under the high school grades must be accompanied by an adult when attending any NHS athletic events.
- LPS Intramural Kickball- will run from 9/24-10/11 from 7:30-8:30 before school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please see the following two links for more information:
  - [Information Sheet](#)
  - [Permission Form](#)
- LPS Field Hockey and Soccer both begin this week. The coaches will be sending home communications with the details.
- Mr. Zuccheri is creating the band lesson schedules as we speak. Lessons will begin in the near future.
- Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinators are busy working on reviewing data and will begin notifying parents and running small groups within the next two weeks.
- Marking Period 1 Dates-
  - September 5, 2024- -November 11, 2024
  - Mid-Quarter- 10/4/24
  - Grades Posted: November 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- Please be sure to add students to the dismissal list via Parent Portal *everytime* they are not taking the bus at dismissal. You may grant permission for a different adult to pick up your child within the entry by listing their name in the notes. If students are not listed for pickup or for after school activities via portal, they will be sent home on the bus.
- [Nurse's Office Website](#)

## Additional Updates and Reminders

- **Student Council Update:** The Long Pond School Student Council is excited to begin the 2024 - 2025 school year and we encourage all Chargers to take part! This week, all 7th and 8th grade students received Student Council Application Packets. If your student would like to participate in Student Council as an officer, member, or homeroom representative, please remind them to submit their applications to Mr. Mendes or Mrs. Coffey by Friday, September 13th. We look forward to a great year! Please feel free to contact Mrs. Coffey with any questions. Thank you, [CLICK HERE](#) for student council activity afternoon and school dance dates!
- **Positive Feedback Googleform-** Please use this form to share any positive feedback that you'd like to share about the first two days of school at LPS. I'd like to share this feedback with the staff at our first PLC meeting Monday afternoon. I'm open to suggestions as well, but my main goal is to celebrate and recognize what worked well to start off the year. ([CLICK HERE](#)). Thank you.
- **Back to School Night Schedule, 9/11/24:**

Doors Open- 6:30

Welcome in Gymnasium (School Counselor, Nurse, Principal)- 6:40

1st Period- 7:00-7:08

2nd Period- 7:11-7:19

3rd Period- 7:23-7:31

4th Period- 7:34-7:42

5th Period- 7:46-7:54

6th Period- 7:57-8:05

7th Period- 8:09-8:17

8th Period- 8:20-8:28

extra session #1- 8:31-8:39

extra session #2- 8:42-8:50

- Presentations will be 8 minutes per period or 19 minutes per block
  - Please note that Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 will be considered "A-days" and Periods 2,4,6,8 will be considered "B-days" at BTSN. This will allow parents/guardians to visit both the Social Studies and Science classes at BTSN.
- PE Presentations will be in the gymnasium
- Encore Presentations will be in the cafeteria
- The extra sessions will 8 minutes each- these sessions are designed to allow parents with multiple children visit a few more teachers since they can't be in two places at one time.

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- Breakfast will be available for LPS students starting the first day of school. We are happy to inform you that a “Grab and Go” breakfast will be available to purchase at a cost of \$2.25 for students at both FMB & LPS! Choices for breakfast will consist of a muffin bag or bagel bag. The same provisions apply as those to lunch, therefore; if you are eligible for free or reduced lunch, you will also be eligible for breakfast. Please note that any student who wishes to purchase a breakfast will report directly to the cafeteria after they unpack their bags and will remain in the cafeteria until the end of morning homeroom. The teacher on duty will record the student attendance and notify the main office so it can be updated accordingly in Realtime.
- An A-Day and B-Day schedule rotation will be implemented this school year allowing the science and social studies teachers work in blocks (two periods) every other day rather than one period daily so they can dive deeper into the content without as many breaks each week.
- This is a reminder of the key points found in our HIB Policy:

Harassment, Intimidation and/or bullying means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-14, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability, or by any other distinguishing characteristic;
2. Takes place on school property, at any school-sponsored function, on a school bus, or off school grounds, as provided for in N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15.3;
3. Substantially disrupts or interferes with the orderly operation of the school or the rights of other students; and that
  - a. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, that the act(s) will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a student or damaging the student’s property, or placing a student in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
  - b. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any student or group of students; or
  - c. Creates a hostile educational environment for the student by interfering with a student’s education or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the student.

Consequences and appropriate remedial action for pupils who commit acts of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion, as set forth in the Board adopted Pupil Discipline/Code of Conduct. Remedial measures shall be designed to correct the problem behavior, prevent another occurrence of the problem, and protect the victim of the act.

- Cell Phone Policy:
  1. Cell phones are required to be **turned off and kept in lockers** throughout the school day.
  2. Text messaging is prohibited at any time during school hours.
  3. A cell phone will be confiscated if a student is caught with the phone during school hours (including AM homeroom and PM homeroom)

### **Disciplinary Actions:**

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| 1st Offense- | Phone sent to the office and returned to student at end of day with a warning; parents notified |
| 2nd Offense- | Phone sent to the office and parent/guardian must retrieve                                      |
| 3rd Offense- | Phone sent to the office; parent/guardian must retrieve; Administrative Detention               |
| 4th Offense- | Phone sent to the office; parent/guardian must retrieve; Administrative After School Detention  |