



From the desk of Bryan J. Fleming, Principal

Long Pond School

September 13, 2024

Important Dates and Events

September

- 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 was Friday night and it was such a fun night for many members of the school community. The PTA continues to work hard to support our students, staff and community and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to our PTA for kindly and generously donating some recess equipment for our students: volleyball nets, badminton nets and equipment, a portable soccer goal, recess balls and jump ropes to name a few.

- LPS Back to School Night- A special thanks to everyone who attended our BTSN this past Wednesday. It was great to see so many people fill our hallways and classrooms. The feedback was positive and I am hopeful that this set the tone for a great school year.
- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- Positive Feedback Googleform- Please use this form to share any positive feedback that you'd like to share about the first six days of school at LPS. I'd like to share this feedback with the staff at our next PLC meeting. 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.
- Updates from the School Counselor's Office
 - [Chargers' Connection](#) - [Express Yourself](#)

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! All 7th and 8th grade students received Student Council Application Packets. Applications were due 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!
- 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.
 - Next week's A/B day rotation will be: **B, A, B, A, B**

* 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:

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