



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

September 13, 2024, Family Newsletter

Hello Leota Middle School Families!

The school year is off to a great start. After two weeks into the school year, I see so much promise in an amazing year. I hope your student’s experience has been positive as well. This newsletter has a lot of very important information, please take the time to learn more about upcoming events and opportunities.

Campus Safety

I just want to remind families that Leota Middle School is a closed campus for visitors while school is in session. This includes the tennis courts, athletic fields, and track. We really appreciate your support and cooperation. We ask that when you come onto campus, please report directly to the main office. School safety and supervision is very important to me. I ask that students are not dropped off prior to 7:30 am. We are not equipped to supervise students prior to that time period.

Bus Message

NSD Transportation Department has requested no bus passes issued until the end of October, after their official ridership count. On Leota's campus, all bus passes are issued centrally by a staff member in our Attendance/Counseling Office. Please do not phone or email your student's teachers for bus passes.

Curriculum Night

Wednesday, September 18th is Leota Middle School’s Curriculum Night. We hope you are able to join us for the evening to learn about each of your student’s classes. I will open the evening with a brief information session in the gym starting at 6:30pm. Your student will bring additional information home on Monday, please check in with them. On the evening of the event, you will find their class schedule in your student’s 1st period class. For planning purposes, below is the schedule for the evening.

CURRICULUM NIGHT SCHEDULE	
Opening Remarks	6:30 – 6:45 Gym
Period 1	6:50-7:00
Period 2	7:05-7:15
Period 3	7:20-7:30
Period 4	7:35-7:45

Period 5	7:50-8:00
Period 6	8:05-8:15

Parent Feedback

Each year Leota Middle School develops a School Action Plan. I have included a survey to gain valuable information about your expectations and hopes for the current school year. Here is the link to the survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHq_GLO4sYIMITgSYw55ZCYqVXtPqV2TQu63Z3OJH5uurztw/formResponse

Please take some time to complete the survey, as your voice matters to me.

iReady Screener

Your student will take the iReady screener this week. On Tuesday, September 17th your student will complete the Reading section during their Language Arts and Social Studies class and on Thursday, September 19th your student will complete the Math section during their Math and Science class. Make-up or assessment completion will take place the following week for those absent or needing additional time. The iReady screener is an important tool in determining student successes and areas of need. Please encourage your student to do their very best.

School Photos

September 19 Photo Make Up Day 10:30-1:30

September 19 Season One Team Sports Photos after school

Photo Retakes will take place on October 22nd

To order photos, go to www.mydorian.com.

Yearbook Message

Leota's yearbook would love to feature your students' summer and back-to-school photos! Please send pictures of your student doing summer activities, getting ready for back-to-school, or first-day-of-school fits to leotamsyearbook@nsd.org.

From the Leota Counseling Office

Leota participates in many programs in the community, dedicated towards meeting the needs of all families and students who attend our school. There are several programs and opportunities throughout the year that provide support for families. Please complete the survey to be considered for any of the following programs or services for this year 2024-2025. All information collected from the survey will be kept confidential by the counseling team and family engagement specialist . Completed forms may be

returned to the counseling office. You may also fill this form [out online](#). Please note: We will do our best to provide families with the resources they requested; however, due to limited availability and resources, we may not be able to serve all families in all requested areas.

Sincerely,

Leota Counseling Team: Erin Palmer epalmer@nsd.org - 6th grade | James Kim jkim@nsd.org - 7th grade | Taryn Bakkane tbakkane@nsd.org - 8th grade | Family Liaison: Maria Cisneros Mcisneros@nsd.org

Notes from the Nurse

Medications

Please remember that students are not allowed to carry medications (even over the counter medications) while at school. If your child needs to have medications while at school, please have your doctor fill out the [Medication Authorization](#) form from the district and submit it with a labeled container of the medication. For special circumstances, please contact the nurse to discuss options.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Each year in Northshore schools, students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 receive hearing and vision screenings. We are currently scheduled for vision and hearing screenings on Wednesday, October 30th. If you would like to exempt your child from either of these health screenings, please contact the school nurse.

It is important to understand that these are basic screenings and are designed to identify students who may require further testing. They are not intended to replace regular exams by qualified health care providers. A student who does not pass any screening will be rechecked in a few weeks and you will be notified if there are any concerns.

Vision screening uses PlusOptix. The PlusOptix is an auto-refractor that takes a measurement of the refraction of the eyes. The results are baseline refraction measurement.

If your child wears glasses or contact lenses for distance or near vision, please be sure that they have them on for the screening day.

If your child has hearing loss and is being followed by a healthcare provider or specialist and you do not wish for them to participate in the screening, please let the school nurse know.

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Student Locker Update

Students will have the option of obtaining lockers during the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Thank you for taking the time to read through all of this information. Have a wonderful weekend.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal

Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

9/16 Per 1-6, Pride

9/17

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iReady ELA/SS

Future Problem Solving:2:35 Library

9/18

Periods 1-6, Early Release

9/19

Per 1-6, Pride

iReady Math/Science

Picture Make-up Day 10:30-1:30

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