



WestWood Elementary & SAGE Academy

NEWSLETTER

October 2024



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well! As we wrap up the first few weeks of the school year, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your support and collaboration. It has been wonderful to see our students settling in, making new friends, and diving into their learning.

You have probably seen many pieces of information being shared from our office and via teacher newsletters about the upcoming referendum. It is important to me that you feel informed about the referendum and what it will mean for our students. The best place to go for comprehensive information is our district website via the [Referendum tab](#). There is also some information shared below. I encourage you to be informed. I'd love to hear from you if you have any questions. Most importantly, I urge you to head to the polls on November 5th and vote.

Your involvement is crucial to our school community, and we value your partnership.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school family.

Mrs. Manders

[Click Here to Visit the PLSAS Operating Levy Referendum Website](#)

Information

Early Release and No School Days:

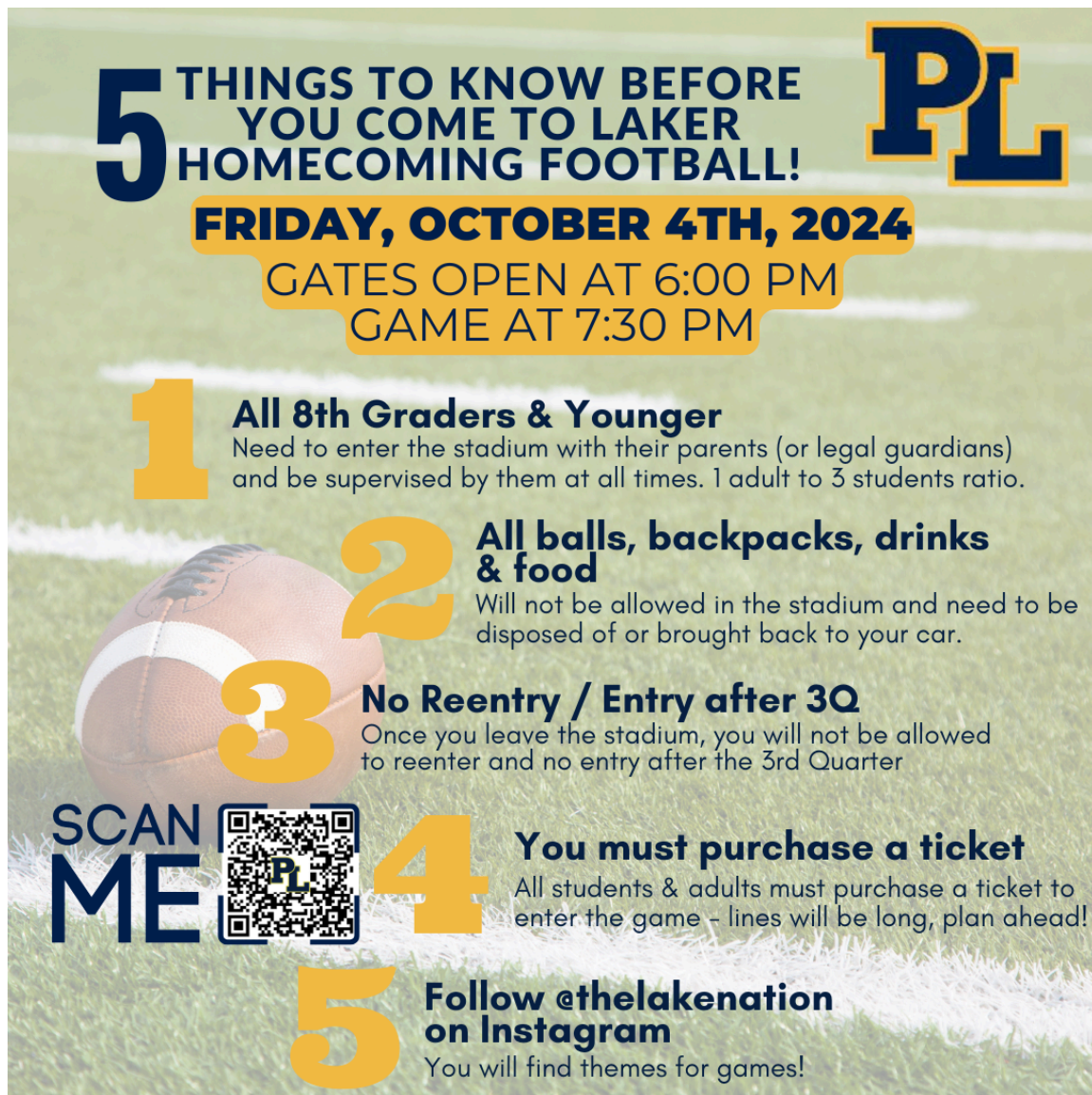
October 2 is our first early release day of the year. Students will be released 2 hours early.

October 16-18 there is no school.

Be sure to click the "District Calendar" link above to view all of the early release and no school days for the school year.

Spirit Week!





5 THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOU COME TO LAKER HOMECOMING FOOTBALL!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH, 2024

GATES OPEN AT 6:00 PM

GAME AT 7:30 PM


1 All 8th Graders & Younger
Need to enter the stadium with their parents (or legal guardians) and be supervised by them at all times. 1 adult to 3 students ratio.

2 All balls, backpacks, drinks & food
Will not be allowed in the stadium and need to be disposed of or brought back to your car.

3 No Reentry / Entry after 3Q
Once you leave the stadium, you will not be allowed to reenter and no entry after the 3rd Quarter

4 You must purchase a ticket
All students & adults must purchase a ticket to enter the game - lines will be long, plan ahead!

5 Follow @thelakenation on Instagram
You will find themes for games!

SCAN ME 

Operating Levy Referendum



SUCCESS SUPPORT SAFETY

*Operating Levy Referendum Presentation by
Superintendent Dr. Michael Thomas*

**Tuesday, October 1
6-7 p.m. @ PLHS**

FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE
provided by the Jr. Optimist Club



School Safety and the November 5 Levy Proposal

School safety is one of the key components of the upcoming levy proposal on Election Day, November 5. The proposal outlines plans to enhance security across all schools with the following measures:

- **Classroom Security:** Update and standardize classroom door locks for quick emergency locking.
- **Perimeter Security:** Improve security with additional surveillance cameras and security film on entrance windows.
- **High School Security:** Construct a more secure lower-level entrance at Prior Lake High School.

These safety updates are based on recommendations from an audit conducted by the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security - Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency.

Look for more information on the district's website, www.plsas.org/referendum

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Safety Response Protocol Drills

Student safety is our top priority. One way we prioritize safety is by practicing a number of safety response protocol drills. We have already conducted our first fire drill evacuation and have also already

had our first "Hold" drill. A Hold would be called in the event there is something that necessitates the hallways being kept clear such as a medical emergency. In a Hold, we clear the halls, close and lock doors, but teachers and students continue on with teaching and learning as normal in the classrooms. Coming up in the month of October, we will be conducting an evacuation drill with relocation. In the relocation portion, staff and students will walk to Twin Oaks Middle School. We would call a relocation in the event we evacuated and the building was deemed unsafe to return to. We will also be practicing our first Lockdown drill in October. While this seems like a lot of drills, we want to make sure that all staff and students are prepared in the event of an actual emergency. You can always learn more about our district-wide Safety Response Protocols on the district website under [School Safety](#).

Technology Help

For help logging into any of our online systems contact our IT department by doing one of the following:

1. [Fill out an IT ticket.](#)
2. Email the helpdesk at ithelpdesk@plsas.org
3. Call IT at 952-226-0810



WestWood PTC

Parents, Teachers, and Children Organization

<https://linktr.ee/westwoodptc>



Save the Date: McHugh's Restaurant Fundraiser October 8th. More info to come!

Spirit Wear Sale: The PTC group is happy to offer another spirit wear sale through Paar Sports located in downtown Prior Lake! The **sale will be open today, Monday, September 30 through Thursday, October 24th.**

Use the link below to order Laker gear for your student, yourself or another Laker Fan. Orders placed can either be picked up at Paar Sports or shipped directly to your house. Orders will NOT be sent to WestWood. When you place an order through this link, WestWood PTC will receive \$5 per item ordered. Please note, there are no returns or exchanges offered by Paar Sports. Orders placed will take on average 15-20 business days to be completed. You will be contacted when your order is ready for pick-up or being shipped.

Happy shopping!!!

<https://westfall24.itemorder.com/shop/home/>





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