



LEOTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

**December 6, 2024 Family Newsletter**  
**Hello Leota Middle School Families!**

With just two weeks left before Winter Break, this time of year brings great for some, and uncertainty for others. Leota is committed to both high levels of learning and behavioral expectations. Please continue to encourage your child to come to school ready to learn and engaging in being an outstanding member of the Leota learning community.

#### **Middle School family survey**

You previously received a message from the district office on the topic of a survey relating to gathering information to support the work of the Middle School Task Force. It is my request that you please take some time to complete this survey. The deadline was extended to Friday, December 6th. Here is the link to access the survey.

- Family English: <https://www.research.net/r/LeotaSMSFamilyEng>
- Family Spanish: <https://www.research.net/r/LeotaSMSFamilySpanish>
- Family Simplified Chinese:  
<https://www.research.net/r/LeotaSMSFamilyChinese>

#### **Health and Fitness Uniforms - On Sale though January 5, 2025**

It's that time again! If your student has health and fitness second semester, we've opened a second online store. If you ordered back in August, we have those orders in storage and will distribute during the first week of the new semester. Cloud 9 ordering is 100% optional. If you choose to purchase clothing outside of our vendor, be sure to have an all-grey shirt and either black or grey bottoms. We highly recommend warmer clothing options as a back up since we go outside for activities. Reach out to Kristina Berube (kberube@nsd.org) for questions. *Ordering closes @ midnight on 1/5.*

<https://leotamiddle2024.itemorder.com>

### **Leota Yearbook~ On Sale Jan. 6th- Jan. 20, 2025**

Yearbook sales will be open online or in the office from 1/6/25-1/20/25. The cost is \$35. If you are not sure if you have already purchased a yearbook this year, you can either check in the office or your student online history in Touchbase. Please use this [link](#) to pay for your yearbook online.

Thank you and if you need help with your online Touchbase information please contact the main office at 425 408 6503.

### **Construction Update**

As you may have noticed, we are making progress on our upcoming construction project. I will provide visual details before Winter Break. Here are a number of updates to begin planning for:

- The two double portables are in place (teachers will move in on January 6th, students will enter on January 7th)
- ADA walkway will be regraded during winter break (backside of main office)
- Family drop off and pick up (new loop will go around the new portable and back out to 168th)
- Covered walkway between the Main Office and 700 Building will be removed (January 27- Non Student Day)

### **Superintendent Tolley Visit**

I am excited to share that Superintendent Tolley will be visiting Leota Middle School on Thursday, December 19th. He will spend a couple of hours visiting classrooms, meeting with four students from each grade level, and then conclude the afternoon meeting with the staff. I very much look forward to highlighting the great work by both the students and staff at Leota, as well as learn additional ways to create a sense of belonging for all students.

This was a great week for activities on the Leota campus. I had the opportunity to see a talented group of basketball players take on both Northshore Middle School and Skyview Middle School. I also was able to see Leota actors and actresses performing in Zombie Middle School. This coming week, I look forward to hearing our amazing musicians performing their favorite holiday pieces. It is great to be a LION!

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [sleick@nsd.org](mailto:sleick@nsd.org) or by phone at 425.408.6505.

In partnership,

Scott Leick, Principal  
Leota Middle School

Upcoming Schedule Highlights:

**December 9** - 1-6, Pride

Drama Club Spring Musical Auditions: 2:45 Theater

6th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Timbercrest@Leota

7/8th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Timbercrest@Leota

**December 10** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Drama Club Spring Musical Auditions: 2:45 Theater

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

**December 11** - 1-6, Early Release

LMS Winter Concert: 7:00pm Gym

**December 12** - 1-6, Pride

South Asian Association during Lunches Choir/Band Room

BSU Speaker during Pride Cafeteria

Yearbook Club during lunches Room 711

Drama Club Spring Musical Auditions: 2:45 Theater

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Star Time: 2:35 Room 719

7/8th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Leota @Northshore

6th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Leota @ Northshore

**December 13** - 1-6, Pride

WEB Social: Pride Gym

Drama Club Spring Musical Auditions: 2:45 Theater

NJHS Service Card Making 2:35 Library

D&D Club: 2:35pm Room 604

**December 16** - 1-6, Pride

ASB Meeting during Pride Band Rm

Game Club: 2:35 Library

7/8th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Canyon Park@Leota

6th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Canyon Park@Leota

**December 17** - 1-6, Pride

East Asian Club during Lunches P-1

Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library

Season 2 Team Sports Photos: 2:35 Gym

**December 18**- 1-6, Early Release

**December 19**- 1-6, Pride

Superintendent Tolley Visit

LCC Guest Speaker during Pride Cafeteria

South Asian Association during Lunches Choir/Band Room

Yearbook Club during lunches Room 711

Geography Club: 2:35 Room 720  
Star Time: 2:35 Room 719  
Future Problem Solving: 2:35 Library  
7/8th Boys Basketball: 3:30 Kemore@Leota  
6th Boys Basketball: 4:30 Kenmore@Leota  
**December 20** - 1-6, Pride  
ASB Assembly during Pride  
D&D Club: 2:35pm Room 604  
**December 23-January 3** – Winter Break



**Leota PTSA E-Newsletter:** For the week of Dec. 2, 2024

### **Join the PTSA!**



Have you joined the Leota PTSA yet? If not, click [here](#) to learn about the benefits and discounts that come with being a member!

### **December Staff Appreciation**



Let's spread some holiday cheer before winter break by gifting our staff cocoa and treats next Wednesday, December 11th!

We will be setting up a table of hot cocoa, cookies, and candy bars for staff to put together their own little gift bag to take home for the holidays. Sign up to contribute goodies [here](#)!

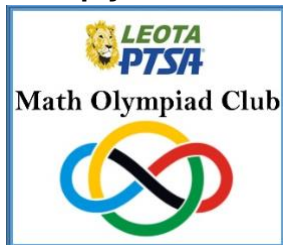
### **Our Student Store Needs Volunteers!**



Each Wednesday students have the opportunity to use their hard-earned Pride Tickets to purchase popcorn, candy, and North Creek HS or Woodinville HS swag! Grab a friend and sign up or sign up and make a new friend. NSD Level 1 [Volunteer clearance](#) required. Click [here](#) to sign up! We especially need volunteers after the new year.

Training is provided if it is your first time volunteering. Feel free to contact Emily at [studentstore@leotaptsa.com](mailto:studentstore@leotaptsa.com) with any questions.

### **Multiply Your Math Skills with Math Olympiad**



The Leota Math Olympiad Club is still enrolling participants! This free school-wide math enrichment program is open to any Leota student at any math level or grade.

Students participate in weekly Zoom meetings (Wednesdays 3-4 pm) with the North Creek High School Math Honor Society Club to hone their math problem-solving skills. They also participate in many math competitions throughout the year and have won many Team school awards and Individual recognitions in past years.

To learn more about Math Olympiad, including how to sign up and access the online sessions and competition info, click [here](#).

### **Financial Review Committee**



In order to stay in legal compliance we need a few more people to spend a few hours in January and/or July going through the books! Without our financial reviews we are unable to run our PTSA!

If you would like to help, please contact our Treasurer, Monica Jilka at [treasurer@leotaptsa.com](mailto:treasurer@leotaptsa.com).

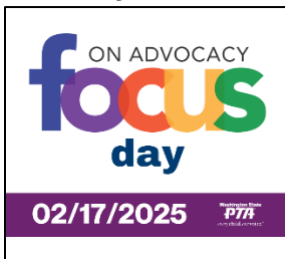
### **Leota Spirit Wear!**



Social Club Sweatshirts, a local women-owned business, will donate a portion of the profits to Leota to help fund programs, scholarships, events, and supplies.

Check out their offerings [here](#)!

### **February 17th is Focus on Advocacy Day**



Focus Day is an opportunity for PTSA members to engage with legislators and committees in Olympia to make sure their voices are heard. More information on how you can get involved to come.

Please visit our newly updated Advocacy [website](#) to learn more about advocacy.

## First School Dance



Save the Date! Our first school dance will be January 10th. More details to come!