



## ***Family NEWSLETTER Spring 2026***

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### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Update from the PTO**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Farewell Party is scheduled for Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. The party is being planned for 12-2 that day at Leopard Stadium. Students will head over after lunch and have snacks, activities, and music to celebrate their successful completion of middle school. We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the day for the students. Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the middle school library.

### **Rookies of the Year**



Louisville Middle School is proud to celebrate two outstanding educators who are being recognized as Rookies of the Year for their exceptional contributions to education.

Ms. Charleigh Riffle and Ms. Aerien Starkey have both demonstrated remarkable dedication, passion, and leadership in their first two years of teaching. Their commitment to student success and their ability to



create engaging, supportive classroom environments have made a lasting impact on the Louisville Middle School community.

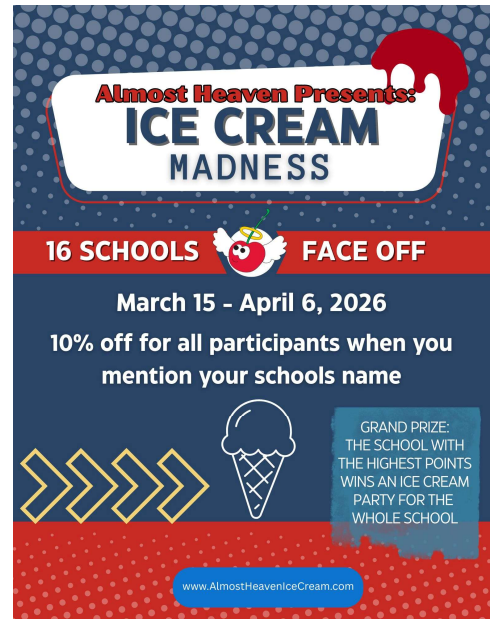
Ms. Riffle has been named Rookie of the Year for Louisville City Schools, an honor that highlights her excellence in teaching and her positive influence on students and colleagues alike. Ms. Starkey has also earned this distinguished recognition and will represent the Stark County Educational Service Center, showcasing her outstanding work and dedication.

Both educators will be formally recognized at the Stark County ESC Education Celebration on April 27<sup>th</sup> at La Pizzeria. This special event honors educators across Stark County who exemplify excellence in teaching and leadership, making a meaningful difference in the lives of their students and school communities.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Riffle and Ms. Starkey on this well-deserved achievement. We are incredibly proud to have such inspiring educators as part of the Louisville Middle School team.

### Ice Cream Madness in March

From March 15th - April 6th Almost Heaven will be offering 10% off to the local middle school students and families to collaborate with the schools to make it a fun March Madness competition among the schools. The school with the most visits during that time will win ice cream for the whole school (completely nut free, gluten free, and one dairy free option).



### LMS Honors Night

The LMS Honors Night is a ticketed event held on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. Families of students being recognized for academic, athletic and/or character achievements will be sent letters with their tickets. We are looking forward to having the opportunity to celebrate their achievements together.

### State Testing Incentive

If students fulfill all of the criteria listed below, they will have Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> off of school; this is part of our incentive for our Ohio State Test (OST) days.

1. Must be in attendance at school on **ALL** testing days. Excuses will be approved by principals only. **Please avoid scheduling appointments on these testing days.**
2. Must eat breakfast at school or home on the day of testing.
3. Must come prepared with appropriate materials for testing
4. Must use paper to work out math problems and organize writing.
5. Must work the minimum time on the test. Teachers will share minimum work times with the students.
6. Must maintain appropriate behavior during testing sessions.
7. Obtain goal level of performance.

Test	Part 1	Part 2
Grade 6 ELA (105 minutes)	April 14	April 16
Grade 6 Math (90 minutes)	April 28	April 30
Grade 7 ELA (105 minutes)	April 14	April 16
Grade 7 Math (90 minutes)	April 28	April 30
Grade 8 ELA (105 minutes)	April 14	April 16
Grade 8 Math (90 minutes)	April 28	April 30
Grade 8 Science (75 minutes)	April 21	April 23
Algebra 1 (90 minutes)	April 28	April 30

**Louisville Middle School  
Schedule of Events**

*All dates and events are subject to change*

**2025 - 2026**

<b>April</b>		19	Honor's Night 7 PM
1-6	Spring Break	20	Art 1 Exam
14,16	ELA State Test	21	Honors Algebra 1 Exam HS Graduation
21	PTO 6:30	22	8th Grade Farewell Party 12-2
21, 23	Science OST	26	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Akron Rubber Ducks Trip
28	Band Concert	27	Cedar Point Trip
28, 30	Math/Algebra State Tests	28	OST Incentive Day Last Day of School
<b>May</b>		29	Teacher Work Day
14	Choir Concert		
12	PTO 6:30 Library		