

Welcome to Liberty Middle School



Incoming 6th Grade Parent Orientation

August 2026

Mr. Xavier Fitzgerald
Principal

Mr. Stephen Olshalsky
Assistant Principal



Who's Who at LMS

Main Office Staff

Mr. Xavier Fitzgerald

Principal

Mr. Stephen Olshalsky

Assistant Principal

Ms. Sendi Mendoza

Mrs. Noura Estrada

Administrative Assistants

Mr. Aaron Carr

Security

Counseling Staff

Mrs. Taylor Tellawy

Last Names A-K

Mr. Jeff LaFoon

Last Names L-Z

Mr. Frank Urgiles

Student Assistance Counselor

Child Study Team

Mr. Todd Cohen

LDT-C

Mr. Raphael Leniar

School Psychologist

LIBERTY PERSEVERANCE RESPONSIBILITY INTEGRITY DETERMINATION EXCELLENCE....PRIDE



From Elementary to Middle: What's Changing?

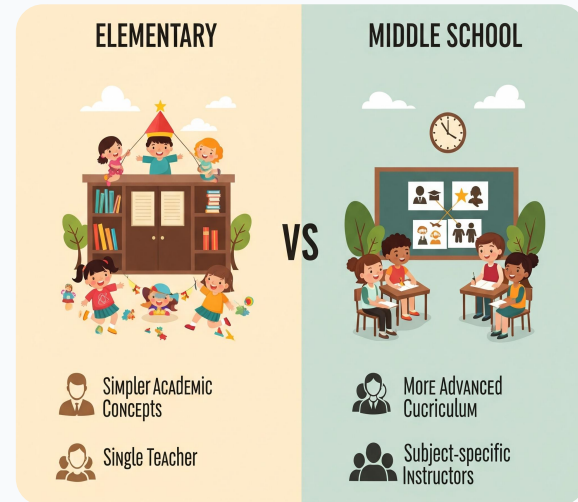
Key Changes & Growth

- **Learning a New School:** Navigating a larger environment
- **School Hours:** 8:00 am arrival – 2:53 pm dismissal
- **Switching Classes:** 3-minute passing periods
- **Expanded Faculty:** Working with 7 different teachers
- **Independence:** Lockers & combination locks
- **Making New Friends:** Growing your social circle



Academic Opportunities

- New Related Arts Classes
- New Enrichment Courses
- Variety of Extracurricular Clubs & Activities



Middle School: Helping Your Child Thrive

Encourage Independence

Encourage your child to email teachers and staff members with questions about assignments. Partner with us to teach students responsibility.

Support from Home

Visiting LMS website and checking student agendas daily; attending Back to School Night and reviewing LMS Student Handbook with your child are ways to support your middle schooler from home.

Supportive Habits

Keep technology in a public area while at home - create a shared space to study and complete work, know your child's usernames and passwords, bring any devices out of the bedroom.

Skills to Develop

Organizational and study skills the keys to success in middle and high school. LMS School Counselors are here to assist your child with these skills if needed!



General School Expectations

School I.D.

School issued IDs are **required** to be worn on a lanyard daily and at all times during school hours.

Academics

- HW daily in several classes
- Multiple assessments may occur on one day
- Projects could be overlapping

Behavioral Expectations

Maturity, good decision making, kindness, respect, organization, and self-advocacy are key to success.

Cell Phones & Ear Devices

Off and in locker from **8:00 am to 2:53 pm**. Medical exemptions are allowed.

High Achievement

Always takes place in the framework of expectation.



Chromebooks

Distribution & Use

Will be distributed in September in School
Bring to each class



Google Classroom

Turn on Notifications & Check Often



Gmail

Check During Homeroom, Check Often



Google Drive

Organize your Docs & Slides in
Folders



LMS Schedule

- Bell rings at 8:00 am
8:00-8:10am Locker time any student reporting to school after 8:10 am is marked late
- Homeroom in Period 1 until 8:10 am
- 8 periods each day
 - ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies meet every day.
 - A-B Schedule:
 - Languages: Spanish, Italian, Mandarin
 - 3 quarters of Phys. Ed. and 1 quarter of Health
 - Related Arts: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Art
 - Enrichment Course
 - Lunch: 23.5 minutes / Advisory 23.5 minutes
- End of Day 2:53 pm
- After school Help 2:53- 3:23 pm (Monday - Thursday)
 - *Parent Pick up required*



What is Advisory?



Social Emotional

Character Education lessons



Tutorial Time

Extra help and focused study sessions



Organization

Agenda Book and readiness checks



Announcements

Daily school news and updates



D.E.A.R.

Drop Everything And Read time



School Trips

Information and permission slips



LMS Core Academic Classes



Language Arts



Science



Social Studies



Math

ELA

Language Arts 6

Accelerated ELA

Math

Math 6

Accelerated Math

(Pre-Algebra)

LMS Related Arts

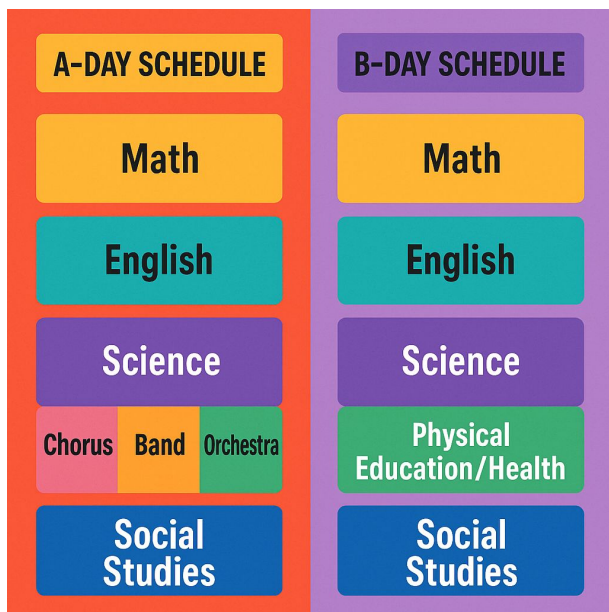
Example: Related Arts Daily Schedule



- 1 Marking Period Each of a Foreign Language (Spanish, Italian, and Mandarin)
- 1 Marking Period of Art
- By 7th grade, students select which Foreign Language they would like to specialize in and take in 7th grade

LMS Related Arts

Example: Related Arts A/B Day Schedule



- 6th Grade Students will take a music elective of their choice
- Physical Education is taken for 3 marking periods and Health is taken for 1 marking period
- Your child's music elective and phys ed/health class will be the same period each day and alternate on A and B Days

Music Program



Instructional Class



- Band
- Gen Music/Chorus
- Orchestra

Extra-Curricular



- Jazz Band
- Chamber Singers
- Select String



Sample Student Schedule

Expression	Term	Course Number	Course Name	Teacher	Room
1(A)	26-27	MFA06023	Chorus 6	Pomeroy, Bonnie	CHORUS
1(B)	26-27	MPE0602	Physical Ed/Health 6	Jacob, John	GYM
2(A-B)	26-27	MMA0602	Math 6	Gray, Floyd	205
3(A-B)	26-27	MLA0602	English Language Arts 6	McManus, Daniel	201
4(A-B)	Q1	MSS0602CE	Current Events with Financial Literacy	Cohen, Deborah	201
4(A-B)	Q2	MMA0602W	Math Workshop 6	Martino, Melissa	207
4(A-B)	Q3	MLA0602W	Story Studio 6	Gordillo, Carmen	206
4(A-B)	Q4	MCT0602	Discovering STEM	Bridge, Danielle	209
5(A-B)	Q1	MWL06021	Chinese 6	Li, Dongmei	106
5(A-B)	Q2	MWL06023	Italian 6	Felici, Carlo	108
5(A-B)	Q3	MWL06024	Spanish 6	Salazar, Thany	107
5(A-B)	Q4	MFA06021	Art 6	Villalobos, Lisette	ART1
6(A-B)	26-27	MAV06021	Advisory / Lunch	Bejian, Edward	203
7(A-B)	26-27	MSC0602	Science 6	Moses, Scott	210
8(A-B)	26-27	MSS0602	Social Studies 6	Toriello, Jaime	206

End of Day



Final Destination



Bus or Walking

Dismissal at 2:53 pm

Extra Help



Mon – Thu

2:53 – 3:23 pm

Parent Pick up required by 3:30 pm

Clubs & Activities



Mon – Thu

3:00 – 4:00 pm

*Pick up by 4:00 pm
(No Late Busing)*



LMS Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

- Academically Speaking
- Art Club
- Culture Club
- Drama Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Helping Hands (Community Connections)
- Italian Club
- Jazz Band
- Math Club



- Newspaper Club
- Science Club (Explorers)
- Select Strings
- SOUL Mentoring/Majority Ambassadors
- Strategic Gaming Club
- Student Council
- Yearbook
- Best Buddies



Field Trips and Events

6th Grade Field Trips

- Club Field Trips
- Frogbridge
- Sterling Mines
- BBQ/ Field Day

School Events

PTA

Back to School Get Togethers, Movie Nights

Student Council

Fall Dance, Winter Dance, Spring Dance



Making Memories



Health Requirements for Entry into 6th Grade

IMMUNIZATIONS

The State of New Jersey has revised the mandatory requirements for school attendance (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) for children entering **SIXTH GRADE**:

- One dose of **meningococcal vaccine**
- One dose of **Tdap**, given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

PHYSICAL EXAM

An updated physical dated within the past year must be submitted to the school nurse **before school begins**.

A physical is required for students in:

- Pre-K & Kindergarten
- 4th, 6th, and 9th grades
- New enrollees in other grades

Written medical documentation of immunizations is required by New Jersey State Law. Your child must be in compliance with this law to begin school as scheduled.

Liberty Website



Quick Links

Welcome to Liberty Middle School! Need info now? Use these links for direct access to **important resources** and **essential school tools**.



DAILY BULLETIN



WHAT'S HAPPENING



LIBERTY CALENDAR



STUDENT HANDBOOK



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES



PERMISSION SLIPS



DISTRICT DOCUMENTS
& RESOURCES



FAMILY RESOURCES



LIBERTY INSTAGRAM



Join our PTA!!

**CALLING ALL INCOMING
LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!**



**WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO
SERVE ON THE PTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

OPEN POSITIONS:**

- **PRESIDENT**
- **RECORDING SECRETARY**
- **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**
- **VP OF FUNDRAISING**



EMAIL LIBERTYMSPTAWO@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

**** POSITIONS ARE 2-YEAR TERMS**



Tour Liberty!!

What to Expect:

- Explore classrooms and see our facilities.
- Meet some of our staff!
- Experience a day in the life at LMS.



Perseverance • Responsibility • Integrity • Determination • Excellence....PRIDE



THANK YOU & NEXT STEPS



Self-Guided Tour

Feel free to tour our building.



Connect on Instagram

@libertylions_wo

Follow us for updates and a glimpse
into student life!



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