2026 October Newsletter

Lombardi Middle School

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Dear Lombardi Middle School Community,

As we move into October, I want to thank everyone in our community for helping us start the school year with support, enthusiasm, and energy.

So far, we've enjoyed athletic competitions in cross country, volleyball, soccer, and football. Our RPG Club, Trees For Tomorrow Group, Student Council, and Asian American/Pacific Islander (AAPI) Club have all held their first meetings, and tryouts and auditions for Jazz Band and Show Choir are officially complete.

Additionally, our school store, Sparty Mart, is now fully operational thanks to partnerships with several student clubs. Sparty Mart gives our students the hands-on opportunity to work alongside staff, develop strong customer service skills, and learn the fundamentals of running a successful business.

Our students continue to showcase their talents and leadership in so many ways. Looking ahead, our Oneida YES Program staff and Lombardi Science Department are partnering for a collaborative White Corn and Science event on October 5th. Further down the road, following auditions completed in September, our students will take the stage for our production of *Finding Nemo, Jr.* on January 14th, 15th, and 16th (more details to come as we get closer to January). Together, these experiences give our students meaningful opportunities to embrace our diverse community, collaborate, and shine.

Thank you again for all the time and effort you've invested in helping us build a strong, goal-oriented learning community for the 2026–2027 school year. As a Lombardi staff, we remain fully committed to providing the best possible educational environment for your children.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful October and Go Spartans!

Appreciatively,
Seth A. Meinel

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ART CLUB will have its first meeting Thursday October 15th, 2026 in room A101. Art club meets from 3:00 - 4:00. Please make sure your child has arranged a way to get home safely. Questions? Please email Ms. Gronke at hlgronke@gbaps.org

Lombardi Way

Lombardi Way is a committee that encourages positive behavioral interventions and supports. We use an evidence based three-tier framework to encourage positive student behavior.

In the month of September we had three lessons/refreshers for students during advisory. The focus of the lessons were based on leadership, school expectations, doing things the right way, and having positive interactions with all people.

Some highlights from the lessons included who Vince Lombardi was and what he stood for. We took that message and discussed how we could implement some of Coach Lombardi's winning ways. By grade level, students attended a school wide expectation refresher. Finally, there was a lesson on how students should respond to adult redirection.

Please feel free to have an open conversation with your child about the importance of Being Respectful, Being Responsible, and Being Safe = The Lombardi Way!!!!





Going to school every day is very important because it helps kids learn new things, make friends, and do their best in class. One way to make sure kids are ready for school is by having a good bedtime routine. Going to bed at the same time each night helps kids get enough sleep, so they wake up feeling happy and ready to learn. Doing quiet things before bed, like reading a book or taking a warm bath, can help the body know it's time to sleep. When kids sleep well, they can focus better and have more fun at school.

Did you know that your child needs **9-10 hours of sleep** each night?
Here are a few things that will help!

1. Turn off screens before bed: Studies have shown that digital screens interfere with the production of melatonin, a hormone that helps individuals fall asleep. The light from TVs, tablets, and phones can make it harder to sleep. Try stopping screen time 1-2 hours before bed.

2. Avoid late snacks: A diet with sugar and carbs can make it much harder to fall asleep and can even pull the body out of a deep sleep, leading to exhaustion the next day. A small, healthy snack is okay if needed.

3. Sticking to a consistent bedtime and wake-up routine:
A bedtime routine helps children relax because they know what to expect. As a child gets ready for bed, they will automatically become sleepy. Sticking to a consistent wake-up time is just as important as setting a bedtime. If your child is consistently tired in the morning, it may be a sign that your child needs more sleep and their sleep schedule needs to be adjusted.



Student Council

Meeting Dates are as follows:

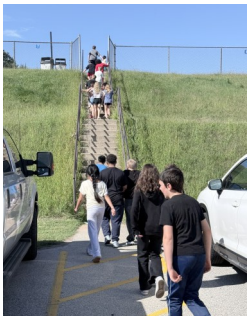
Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Wednesday, December 16, 2026
Wednesday, January 20, 2027
Wednesday, February 17, 2027
Wednesday, March 3, 2027
Wednesday, April 7, 2027
Wednesday, May 5, 2027

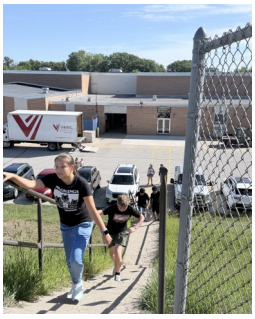


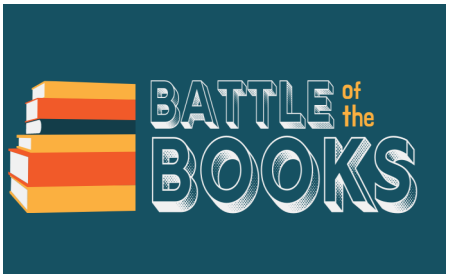
Physical Education



Students engaged in a 9/10-9/11 Stair Climb during their physical education class. This activity was done to remember and honor all the victims/hero's of the 9/11/2001 tragedy. Students were given some background information on the events of that day, other stair climbs that take place (i.e. Lambeau Field), as well as why we are doing it in class. As a school, we have put in the steps/miles to honor those that are no longer here with us. Be proud of your student.
Appreciatively, LMS PE Staff







Battle of the Books is a book-related competition. In teams of 4, students will read 20 books from October until February. Teams are quizzed about the books that they read. The winning team will compete virtually in the state Battle of the Books competition. In March, teams have the opportunity to compete against the other middle schools in GBAPS.

Teams will meet on Tuesdays during advisory starting October 6th. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Wilson: kjwilson@gbaps.org

Athletics and Activities

We would like to enhance our communication and engagement through our athletics and activities app! It's a valuable resource for staying updated on schedules, game results, and important announcements. Please scan the QR code to download the app and join our athletics and activities community today! The app has a section for both Lombardi Middle School and Southwest High School. Let's work together to support our students and make the most of this great tool. Also, please contact Lombardi/Southwest AD Chris Williams, at jcwilliams1@gbaps.org or (920) 492-2734, if you have any questions about the athletics and activities app.

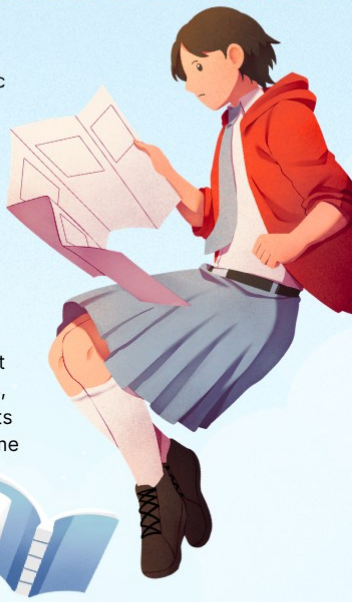
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LOMBARDI FORENSICS

WHAT IS FORENSICS?

Middle School Forensics is a competitive extracurricular activity that is focused on public speaking, drama, and debate. Students can work in pairs, small groups or as individuals. They choose a category such as prose, poetry, play acting, or news reporting and work with coaches to refine their delivery and speaking skills and then present their work at interscholastic events.



PARTICIPATION PHILOSOPHY

Teachers who work with students in middle level grades are aware of the pre-adolescent need for positive reinforcement and success, as well as the inherent willingness of students at this age to try new things! It's a perfect time to experiment by joining Forensics!



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Promote literacy: read, write, speak, and listen
- Build confidence and social skills through peer support
- Foster information literacy and research
- Develop critical thinking skills and logical reasoning
- Increase social awareness and responsibility
- Provide an outlet for creative expression for both gifted and at-risk youth
- Conquer stage fright before fear of public speaking can develop
- Explore topics of personal relevance
- Extend learning in cross-curricular topics
- Festivals promote individual achievement through rating and constructive criticism
- Non-competitive; students are not compared to each other; they are evaluated on a rubric

FOR MORE INFORMATION

There will be an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining our team on **Nov 3rd from 2:50-3:30 in Rm D109.** If there is a conflict, please contact the coaches; Ms. Wood (sewood@gbaps.org) or Mrs. Bruesch (hmbruesch@gbaps.org). Check out the registration information here as well.



STINGCANCER

STINGCANCER meetings will be from 2:50pm-3:30pm in D205

October 6th
October 27th
November 17th
December 15th
January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 6th
April 20th
May 4th
May 18th



TREES FOR TOMORROW

Trees For Tomorrow meetings will be held in Mrs. Bruesch's Room-D109

10/7 Culver's Share Night 4:00pm-7:00pm

- We receive 10% of ANY order made during 4-7

10/13 Student Meeting 3:00pm-3:45pm

10/20 Gallagher's Day All Day!

- We will get 20% of the proceeds from anyone who shows our group's voucher when they order from ANY LOCATION ALL DAY

10/28 Student Meeting 3:00pm-3:45pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3
4	5 Day 1	6 Day 2 STINGCANCER 2:50pm-3:30pm	7 Day 1	8 Day 2 Picture Retakes End of 1st Grading Period	9 **No School**	10
11	12 Day 1 Beginning of 2nd Grading Period	13 Day 2 Trees For Tomorrow 3:00pm-3:45pm	14 Day 1	15 Day 2 Art Club 3:00pm-4:00pm	16 Day 1	17
18	19 Day 2	20 Day 1	21 Day 2 Student Council 2:50pm-3:30pm	22 Day 1 AAPI Club 2:45pm-3:30pm	23 Day 2	24
25	26 Day 1	27 Day 2 STINGCANCER 2:50pm-3:30pm	28 Day 1 Trees For Tomorrow 3:00pm-3:45pm	29 Day 2	30 **No School**	Green Bay Area Public School District *Engagement. Equity. Excellence.*

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29	30 Day 2 Beginning of 3rd Grading Period					

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