



“News From The Middle”

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WELCOME TO -
NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE

The Middle School will be publishing a newsletter during the school year to provide information and updates. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

Upcoming Events

- 9/6 Students Report
- 9/15 Open House 7:00 PM
- 9/23 Fun Night 5-7 PM
- 9/27 MS Booster Meeting 7 PM
- 9/28 Picture Day
- 10/7 “Emergency” Go Home
Early Dismissal 2:10 PM
- 10/10 Columbus Day -
NO SCHOOL
- 10/15 Color Run
- 10/18 MS Booster Meeting 7 PM
- 10/28 Fun Night 6-8 PM
- 11/1 Picture Re-Take Day
- 11/4 End of 1st Quarter
- 11/11 Veteran’s Day- No School
- 11/18 Fun Night 6-8 PM
- 11/22 MS Booster Meeting 7 PM
- 11/23 Supt. Conf. Day- No School
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Recess



New Student and 6th Grade Orientation

The Middle School’s new student and 6th Grade Orientation program is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, August 31, 2016, from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM.

This program is designed to assist incoming sixth graders and any new students to the district who will be attending the Middle School.

All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar!

The Middle School Open House for staff and parents will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM. Additional information to follow.

Dear Middle School Parents & Guardians:

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year! I hope that your summer has been safe and relaxing and that you have been able to spend some enjoyable time with your children and families. For many of our students summer is a time to kick back and relax and to be “a kid” as they recharge their batteries for a school year filled with new friends, new teachers and academic challenges.

At this time I would like to take a moment to appreciate the following staff members for their dedicated service to the students of Lake Shore Middle School: Ms. Karen Gillman-Retirement, Mrs. Marsha Cloos - Retirement, and Ms. Donna Browne - Retirement, and Mrs. Carrie Poissant-Resigned.

As your child begins school this fall there will be a few new faces here at the Middle School. As of this writing, the Middle School would like to welcome the following teachers to the building: Mr. Eric Duma - Science, Mr. Mike Kromer- Math, and Susan Walterich- Librarian.

The Middle School faculty, staff and I have been busily preparing for September since the close of school in June and I am anxiously looking forward to the beginning of another great year.

The Middle School has been a very busy place this summer. We hosted the Middle, High School, and Elementary Summer School. It was a wonderful experience having all levels of students in one building. Our custodial staff has been doing a great job of getting our building ready for the opening of school. Our Main Office and Guidance staffs have been preparing opening day materials including locker lists and cafeteria PINS, ordering and inventorying supplies, and registering and scheduling students. Additionally, many of our Teachers have been in working on curriculum projects.

The Middle School will continue to utilize a **Six-Day Cycle**. Most of your child’s classes will meet every day 1-6. Some like PE and Music ensembles will meet on Days 1,3,5 or Days 2,4,6. Middle School faculty will work closely with our students to ensure that they understand their schedules.

Middle School students will continue to have 4 ten-week marking periods and they will continue to take their respective Foreign Language courses for a full year in 7th & 8th Grade.

The Middle School Exploratory rotations will be as follows:

Grade 6

Art
Health
Home & Careers
Technology

P/E
Library Skills / Music

Grade 7

Art
Health
Home & Careers
Music

P/E
Technology

Foreign Language

Grade 8

Art
Health
Music
Technology

P/E
Home & Careers

Foreign Language

Tuesday September 6, 2016, is the first day of student attendance. **Please Note:** The Middle School day begins with the pledge at 7:37 AM and our doors are open at 7:00 AM for student drop-off and breakfast. Please be aware that there are no provisions for supervision before this time, and that students should not arrive prior to this time.

As a School Community, we at Lake Shore Middle School are very proud of our students and our program. Ours is a school community of high expectations and respect. We offer a comprehensive academic program that is rigorous well rounded and engaging. Our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and service organizations. I encourage you to talk with your child about these opportunities and for you to, in turn, encourage them to get involved in them.

As a faculty we recognize that our program is successful because of your daily support of your child. This partnership is essential to our mission and we invite you to actively participate in your child's education. Please feel free to contact us for ways in which you can be involved and I encourage you to join our Middle School Parent Boosters.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Erich Reidell

Cell Phone, iPod, Electronic Devices:

Cell phones and the technological age have, for good or for bad, provided convenience, independence and a sense of security for our children.

The increased freedom and independence that comes with cell phones and technology also comes with increased responsibility. It has been our experience that just like students who are supervised on the Internet, students whose text messaging and phone usage are monitored develop more responsible patterns of use than students whose usage is not supervised.

In these days of cyber bullying and Internet predators we encourage you to monitor your child's cell phone and computer usage closely.

That being said, this article serves as a reminder to students and parents that cell phones, iPods, and other electronic devices are ***not permitted in our school during the school day and that the use of them during school hours is strictly prohibited.*** If for some reason it is imperative that your child have an electronic device in school, they must keep it in their locker and turned off.

If a student is found to be in possession of an electronic device outside of their locker, or if they are found to be using one during the school day, it will be confiscated and brought to the Main Office. Parents will be contacted to pick these devices up from the Office. Reoccurrences will result in disciplinary action.

Parents who need to contact their child during the school day are asked to call the Main Office at 926-2400. Students who need to contact their parents during the day are able to do so in the Main Office during their lunch period. Your support and cooperation with this is greatly appreciated.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Dear Parent / Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to address the student dress code at Lake Shore Middle School. As you may know, the Middle School's Code of conduct addresses what is acceptable attire and what the consequences are for students who come to school inappropriately dressed.

The Middle School Dress Code appears on page three of the *Middle School Code of Conduct* in the District provided Student Agenda. It indicates that:

Students are expected to dress in a manner that is neat, clean and appropriate. Inappropriate dress is defined as anything bizarre, dangerous, or disruptive to the learning environment.

Clothing specifically banned by school policy:

- ***Hats, bandanas or other head covering***
- ***Clothing with alcohol advertisements, tobacco advertisements, or attachments such as chains.***
- ***Clothing which demeans the race, religion or gender of other persons.***
- ***Clothing which interferes with the school's mission.***

Other items that are not appropriate for school include: short skirts, short shorts, tube tops, halter-tops, spaghetti straps, plunging necklines, (front or back) and see through garments. Additionally, underwear and midriffs must be completely covered.

Since many of the dress code issues in the past have related to the length of skirts, dresses and shorts, we will be using the "finger tip" rule as a guideline. If a student's fingertips touch the fabric of the clothing (and not the skin) with a natural extension of the student's arms, the garment is acceptable. If not the article will be deemed too short.

When there is an infraction of these guidelines, students will not be permitted to return to class until they are in compliance with the dress code. ***Repeated violations of the dress code will result in disciplinary actions.***

Sending this letter during the summer will hopefully reduce the need to contact parents regarding their student's attire during the school year. It will also allow families adequate time to purchase clothing that is in compliance with the school's expectations and the dress code. Appropriate dress and conduct are significant building blocks for enhancing academic achievement and positive feelings of self worth for middle level students.

We encourage you to discuss this letter and these guidelines with your middle school student and we appreciate your support. Feel free to contact me if you have and questions, comment or concerns.

Sincerely,

Erich E. Reidell

2016-2017

M.S. Teams

All students will continue to receive academic instruction through the academic team format. Team names and personnel for the upcoming school year are as follows:

GRADE 6

Team Unity:

ELA – A. Conrad
Science – S. Muldowney
Social Studies – M. Herr
Mathematics – K. Schamberger
Blended – A. Gollnitz

Team Evolution:

Social Studies – T. Fitzgerald
ELA – T. Evans
Science – M. Mullins
Mathematics – S. Gizzi
Blended – D. Zwawa

GRADE 7

Team Infinity :

Mathematics – V. Smith
ELA – K. Moldenhauer
Science – C. Piede
Social Studies – L. Beehler
Blended- J. Linsley

Team Valor :

Mathematics – P. Shepard
ELA – D. Pickard
Science – M. Kerl
Social Studies – R. Kowal
Blended – J. Rinehart

GRADE 8

Team Pride :

Mathematics – E. Schamberger
ELA – R. Tonelli
Science – S. Caro
Social Studies – J. Ziobro
Blended – T. Smelser

Team Tradition :

Mathematics – M. Kromer
ELA – M. Gallineau
Science – E. Duma
Social Studies – C. Kowalski
Blended – D. Ford

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BUILDING VISITOR PROCEDURES

Parents or those acting in parental capacity are welcome in the M.S. and are reminded to please use the front center doors (the only doors accessible during the school day) and to first check in at the Main Office. Visitors will be asked to sign in and will receive a temporary visitor's pass.

STUDENT ABSENCES

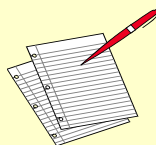
Students are encouraged to attend school at all times possible. However, illnesses do occur which require students to remain home. There will be instances in which an attendance monitor from the Middle School will be calling home regarding an absence.

Also, for absences of less than two days, students/parents can call the Home Work Hotline to get a list of daily homework assignments missed.

If your child is out three or more days, parents are encouraged to call the Team Leader to set up arrangements to pick up homework.

HOME WORK HOTLINE

Ext. 4001 Unity
Ext. 4002 Evolution
Ext. 4003 Infinity
Ext. 4004 Valor
Ext. 4005 Pride
Ext. 4006 Tradition



NEWS BRIEFS

Middle School doors open for students at 7:00 a.m. Students are not allowed inside the building until this time. Homeroom attendance and announcements occur at 7:37a.m. **Messages for students should be called to the Main Office before 1:30 p.m.** whenever possible. Buses normally dismiss from the Middle School at 2:30 p.m.

AGENDAS

Student Agendas are provided for all Middle School students. This has proved a successful method for helping students with organization and general academic success. This book will contain important Middle School information including the Middle School student handbook and Lake Shore Middle School Conduct Code. Students will be expected to make effective use of these assignment notebooks. We also encourage their utilization as a means of communication between parents and teachers regarding student progress.

Free/Reduced School Breakfast and Lunch Program exists at all Lake Shore School Buildings. Information regarding this program is published in the Penny Saver. Application forms are available in the Business Office and all Main Offices. All students who have participated in the program previously in our school district will be continued until the end of September. All families seeking to participate should complete an application form.



LOST AND FOUND

Each year the Middle School collects a number of lost items. Every attempt will be made to return found items to the rightful owner. Labeling personal belongings (i.e. gym clothes, jackets, sneakers, notebooks, etc.) will help this effort.

Found items will be collected in a box on the table in the cafeteria. On Mondays, an announcement will be made reminding students to check the table for any lost items.

All unclaimed items are donated to charity three times during the school year: winter recess, spring recess and the first week in July.

BUS PASSES



If for some reason, your child needs to get dropped off at a different location other than their regular drop off location, he/she must bring a note in from his/her parents giving permission for the change. This note should be given to their homeroom teacher first thing in the morning, and a special, one day only, bus pass will be issued to that student.

The following information needs to be complete or we might not be able to issue a bus pass:

- 1.) First and Last name of child
- 2.) Complete address to where you need your child to be dropped off.
- 3.) Bus # (if known).
- 4.) Parental Signature.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is taken in first period each morning. Any student not in his/her seat when the tone sounds is considered absent or tardy unless special permission has been granted. If your child is absent from school, we ask that parents notify the school that morning by calling 926-2302 to verify absence. Otherwise, a courtesy call from the school to home will be made. Written excuses are required for all students that are absent or tardy.

EARLY RELEASE FROM SCHOOL

Requests to leave school early must be presented to the nurse before first period where a passport will be issued to the student. Students leaving are to sign out in the Middle School Main Office where they must wait for their ride. Students returning to school the same day the passport was issued must report the office before going to class.

PARENT VERIFICATION FORMS:

Parents are reminded of the importance of updating and returning the ***Parent Verification Update Forms*** to the Middle School Main Office as soon as possible. These forms are critical if there is some type of emergency and for those times when someone other than you needs to pick your child up at school.

Students will not be released to adults who are not listed on the verification update form.

Your understanding and cooperation with this is appreciated.