

# Londonderry Middle School

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Dear Londonderry Middle School Parents,

I want to welcome you to the 2019 – 2020 school year. We are excited about the coming school year as we complete the final summer preparations for the first day of school on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. As the new principal, I am anxiously awaiting the opportunity to greet all of our students, parents, and staff in anticipation of a great school year.

Our staff of highly qualified educators and support personnel is committed to providing the families in our community the very best school experience. As your children move through their middle school years, parents remain a vital part of their child's educational experience. Working together to keep the channels of communication open will be essential for their success. The LMS faculty and staff are professionals dedicated to meeting the needs of all the students and the families we serve. I invite you to take advantage and please join us for school activities and events whenever possible throughout the year.

We are committed to a standards-based learning approach that personalizes the student experience by requiring them to demonstrate *evidence of mastery* throughout the process. In addition, we emphasize the development of successful work habits that build self-confidence and student growth overall. These work habits include Self Direction, Communication & Collaboration, Engaged Citizen, Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Problem Solving. Information on how these skills are integrated into your child's learning experience will be discussed at the Parent Information night.

Each year we welcome new faculty and staff to the LMS family, and this year is no exception. Please welcome the following new staff members:

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| • Justin Blake, Grade 7 Special Education        | Cyclones     |
| • Michael Cuddyer, Grade 8 English Language Arts | Tornados     |
| • Debra Dunn, Grade 6, Special Education         | Tsunamis     |
| • Melissa Horn, World Language                   | Related Arts |
| • Danielle Seskes, Grade 7 English Language Arts | Hurricanes   |
| • Valerie Simpson, Grade 8 Advanced Math         | Heatwaves    |

As you prepare for the beginning of a new school year, I remind all of our students to complete the summer reading requirement. Also, take time as a family to begin talking about the start of school and the transition from summer routines. Just talking about school may help to lessen any apprehension or anxiety that often arises this time of year.

I look forward to meeting you throughout the school year, and if you have any concerns, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

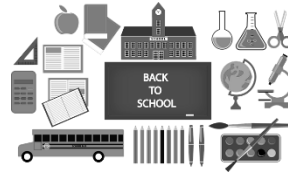
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## Opening Information

- **School Hours** **8:05 – 2:51**

- Students enter the building @ 7:50
- Breakfast @ 7:30
- Library opens @ 7:30



- **The Building Leadership Team** is comprised of the administrative staff at LMS. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the school @ 432 - 6925

- Mr. William Van Bennekum, Principal, wvanbennekum@londonderry.org
- Mr. David Sutherland, Assistant Principal, dsutherland@londonderry.org
- Mr. Ross McLean, Assistant Principal, rmclean@londonderry.org
- Mrs. Joan Campo, Special Education Director, jcampo@londonderry.org
- Mrs. Annie Collacchi, Curriculum Coordinator, acollacchi@londonderry.org

- [www.lms.londonderry.org](http://www.lms.londonderry.org) contains information important to the opening of school. Please check routinely as changes and updates are added.

- **School Supply Lists** – Academic Tab – Academic Team

- **Student Pick-Up & Drop Off** – Parents who drop off or pick-up their child should enter the LMS parking lot and follow the red and white signs for “**VISITOR & STUDENT DROP OFF.**” Students can be dropped off in the parking lanes or from a parking spot. A crossing guard allows for the safe passage of students across the bus lane.

- The lane in front of the school is for “**SCHOOL BUSES ONLY**” and must remain clear between 7:30 am – 8:30 am and 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm for the safety of all students.

- **PARENT PORTAL** – New students to LMS will receive a username and password information at THE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT. Mr. David Sutherland, Assistant Principal & Ms. Laura Lambert, Administrative Assistant, will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns.

- **STUDENT EMERGENCY CARD** – In the opening day packet emergency cards will be sent home with students. Please make sure to review and return as soon as possible to ensure student contact and emergency information is updated.

- **School Pictures** **Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**



- **Student Medical Services** are provided by two school nurses, Mrs. Kelly Boucher (ext. 3101) & Mrs. Lea Glickman (ext. 3102). Contact the nurse’s office if you have a child who requires medical support or to set up a prescription plan at school. If you have any other related health questions, please do not hesitate to call the nurses office.



- **STUDENT ABSENCE** – If your child is going to be late or miss school for any reason, please call the LMS Absence Line at 432-6925, press 2 for more options, then press 1 for the absence line. Please do not leave this information on the Nurse's line.

- **LOST & FOUND** – Lost & found items are collected and placed in a common area located near the back office. Students are reminded to check frequently; however, parents are welcome to come to LMS and look for items they notice are missing. Please note that all collected items are donated before each vacation break as this area tends to grow out of control.

## **Sixth Grade & New Student Orientation, Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 11:00.**

- **Student Orientation** is designed for students and parents to visit their child's teachers and their classroom areas. This year's orientation program has been updated from past programs and will provide students and parents a more self-paced experience. Eighth-grade students and staff will be on hand to help direct and answer questions.

### **STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THEIR CLASS SCHEDULES TO ORIENTATION**

#### **Orientation Outline**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Students will pick up their orientation checklist in the main lobby.
    - Tour the building
    - Visit the MPR room for school club information
  - 9:30 – 10:15 **Students & Parents report to their child's team area.**
  - **10:00 – 10:15 Parent Information Session in the gym with Administrative Team**
    - Mrs. White PTO Secretary
  - 10:15 – 11:00
    - Visit related arts classrooms
    - Visit the MPR room for school club information
    - Visit PE & Music teachers
    - Bring checklist to the cafeteria, meet the school administrative team, and enjoy a snack.
  - 11:00 Orientation concludes
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- **PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** is designed for parents to become acclimated to the school and their child's team. Parents can expect information on the X2 parent portal, music, and physical education programs, related arts, and a presentation from the administrative team. The eighth grade program will include details and information about the Washington D.C. trip.
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – 8:00
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – 8:00
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Information Night Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 6:15 – 8:00