

# Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### May 12

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade M-STEP Testing – **Late Start (11am) for 9<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### May 23-28

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C Trip

### May 24-28

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Education Classes

### May 31

- Memorial Day – No School

### June 9-11

- Final Exams (Early Release on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>)

### June 11

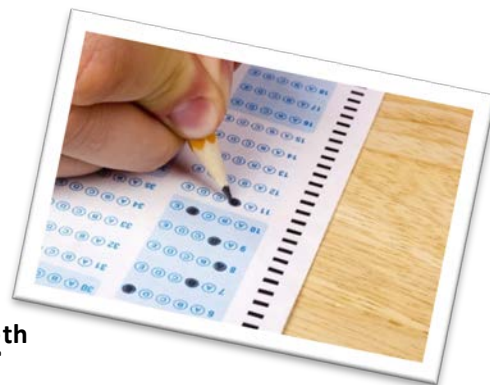
- Last Day of School for Students

## Principal's Message

Everything is on track to return from our virtual pause on **Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**. Until that time, students should continue to participate in Google Classroom and Zooms according to the schedule. Please encourage students to stay caught up on their assignments and activities during the virtual period as teachers are taking attendance and grading assignments. It's important students avoid digging themselves any kind of hole so close to the end of the year. Teachers are offering extending support during the final half of Zoom sessions for any students who need help or have questions. It is likely they can receive one-on-one help in most situations at that time. If students need additional support, they should contact teachers by email or calling the school.

## PSAT Testing – Final Make-Ups

About 90-95% of our students have now completed the PSAT testing for both 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. We still have a few that were in quarantine or absent during both the initial testing and the make-up testing last week. We will attempt to test these students on May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> when they return from the virtual pause.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade M-STEP Testing – May 12<sup>th</sup> – (Late Start for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

Due to the virtual pause, we needed to push back 8<sup>th</sup> Grade M-STEP testing for Social Studies and Science to **Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Each test takes about an hour and is taken on the computer. Students should be very familiar with the format of this test as they have been taking M-STEP for the past several years.

**Because 9<sup>th</sup> grade students DO NOT TAKE THE M-STEP, they will have a ½ Day of School (do not report until 11:00am) on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>.** This allows us to maximize our computers and resources to test ALL 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in one morning without having to do a crazy schedule. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be provided with transportation to school on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The buses will just be coming **approximately 4 hours later** than their normal pick-up time. Students will be served lunch when they arrive during their normal lunch schedule.



## Returning Chromebooks

Our plan is to allow students who checked out Chromebooks to keep them as long as possible. These are useful even during face-to-face instruction because most students will use theirs during regular class periods. What that being said, we will most likely start collecting them at the beginning of June to ensure we have all of them before the end of the year. Please make sure all Chromebooks are returned with the charger that was given to you at the time of checkout.



## PAC Meetings (Parent Advisory Council)

Each month we hold a PAC meeting at Zemmer. The PAC is different than a PTC in that we focus on academics and other matters that are directly related to the school day, rather than fundraisers or other events.

Any parent is welcome to attend. For May, our PAC meeting will be held on Thursday, May 13 at 9am via Zoom.

Please go to the following link to participate at that time.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544043435>



## Washington DC Update

The Washington D.C. trip current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at

<http://www.lapeerschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=3097475&pageId=48659143>

## Academic Awards for Zemmer Students

Traditionally every September we hold an Academic Award Ceremony at the LHS auditorium to honor our students from the previous year. Students who receive at least a 3.5 grade point average the prior year earn a reward. For first time award winners in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, students receive a junior varsity letter. With each subsequent year, students receive a pin to put on that JV letter. Students who earn the reward as 9<sup>th</sup> graders receive a varsity letter.



This year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we were not allowed to gather an audience in the auditorium. We pushed off handing out rewards in the hope that restrictions may be lifted to allow for a ceremony. Unfortunately, that never happened. Therefore, principals will be passing out JV letters and pins at school to students in their classrooms to show our recognition in front of their peers. All current 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned a 3.5 grade point average **last year** should receive their award in the coming weeks. We had plans to pass these out as far back as a month ago, but it was pushed back due to an increase in the number of quarantined students, as well as the virtual pause. **Please see a list of students who earned their letter/pin for the 2019-2020 school year (last year as 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) at the end of this newsletter.**

## June 4<sup>th</sup> - Last Day to Turn in Assignments

Any late assignments will be due on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will no longer be accepting late assignments after this date. We like to give as much advanced notice so students can plan accordingly. With final exams on June 9<sup>th</sup> through June 11<sup>th</sup>, and grades due by June 14<sup>th</sup>, teachers will need adequate time to ensure work that is turned in late is graded and stored.

## Office Hours & Phone Numbers

Regular office hours at Zemmer 8/9 Building are 7am - 3:30pm. To facilitate a prompt response to telephone calls, direct lines are provided. The telephone numbers are as follows:

Main Office	667-2413	
Attendance Office	667-2413 x3402	
Counseling Office		
Mrs. Spisz (Counselor (A-K))	667-2413 x3410	
Mrs. Vanooteghem (Counselor (L-Z))	667-2413 x3409	
Dean of Students, Jack Chittle	667-2413 x3405	(Discipline Related Issues)
Associate Principal – Zach Hamilton	667-2413 x3404	(Athletics/Discipline)
Principal – Dr. Jeff Stanton	667-2413 x3403	



The building opens at 7am. After school, students should leave the building by 2:30pm unless involved in a supervised activity or class. The Media Center and the cafeteria are open until 3:25pm for students who need space to work, or are waiting for athletic practices to start.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Awards for 2020-21 School Year (Current 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)

Amy, Madison C	Forgione, Camden P	McDonnell, Angel M	Sokolowski, Adair C
Anderson, Will M	Freeland, Rosa E	McKenna, Mya Nicole	Soldenski, Kate A
Andritsis, Aurora M	Garcia, Layla O	McKinstry, Avah J	Stephen, Zephyr J
Angle, Tyler D	Garcia, Lorenzo A	McLaren, Lucas R	Sumner, Talan A
Ayres, Makenzy K	Garris, Jacob DA	McMahan, Corianna R	Swafford, Shyanne I
Ayres, Weston M	Gavan, Seth P	Mento, Wesley S	Taylor, Brooke L
Baker, Kylie J	Grote, Devon J	Miller, Abigal M	Taylor, Dawson M
Bannasch, Christina L	Harrington, Kayleigh J	Mills, Madeline A	TerBush, Ella M
Becker, Maevyn A	Harrington, Patrick J	Mills, Madison E	Thompson, Mason A
Berard, Avere G	Heathcock, Lydiha D	Murphy, Fergus R	Tucker, Aiden T
Berlin, Leah B	Henry, Sara D	Nagle, Shawn J	VanBrocklin, Elizabeth M
Bernate, LuzEstella J	Hensel, Olivia R	Noell, Kirra K	von Knorring, Julia I
Bierbusse, Brooklyn I	Hill, Jadin N	Novak, Craig	Wakefield, Blake T
Bieszczad, Zackary J	Hirsch, Mia R	Osentoski, Baylee R	Walton, Kylie F
Blaine, Jackson S	Hoch, Leah M	Overmyer, Abigail J	Warren, Addalyn J
Blaszczyk, Alaina M	Hollenbeck, Hunter L	Overmyer, Danielle J	Weber, Grace D
Bolton, Isac W	House, Logan J	Pardington, Isaiah D	Williams, Kimberly T
Boots, Johnathen M	Howard, Riley J	Perez, Natalie	Wright, Adrian O
Brennan, Drew J	Howell, Hunter J	Polk, Camden R	Zehr, Emma C
Brown, Averie M	Hudson, Dominic L	Presnell, Heidi A	
Bundy, Brayden R	Jostock, Brooke E	Priest, Logan M	
Campbell, Dashed R	Kamicka, Bela S	Pryde, Jaden D	
Caron, Jesi W	Kirk, Aubrey I	Przekora, Alexander G	
Carrow, Aayden S	Klinkenberger, Jordan R	Racknor, Kiley R	
Cascioli, Shelby D	LaBar, Broderick D	Readwin, Justin M	
Castelluzzo, Ava L	Lane, Brady D	Renshaw, Andrew C	
Cipielewski, Joshua T	Lange, Carlie E	Rhinehart III, Hughie D	
Conforti, Evan M	Lange, Nolan G	Rice, Garrett C	
Crispin, Owen M	LaSalle, Alexis R	Ridley, Daniel I	
Curry, Noah M	Levine, Jacob D	Ring, Alicia N	
Cutway, Reese N	Lewis, Lilly J	Robinson, Logan M	
Dahl, Aubrey E	Lock, Tyler J	Rohlman, Ava Lynn	
D'Anna, Joseph S	Lovellette, Ava	Romero, Elizabeth A	
Depew, Lara Pearl B	Luisier, Brooklyn S	Scharrer, Jason L	
Diaz, Julia M	Lyons, Sophia C	Schudlich, Kaydence M	
Dosch, Sarah M	Makowski, Lindsey G	Schwab, Josephine R	
Dowdy, Chavell A	Mann, Kiersten M	Scott, Natalie A	
Droz, Kathryn E	Mattila, Egan Q	Seifferly, Addison M	
Fantin, Breana A	Maxson, Elijah T	Skeen, Kyleigh F	
Fenner, Lydia L	McClusky, Mya R	Smith, Jadyann N	
Flansburg, Kimberly S	McCormack, Abigail M	Smithhart, Gracie S	



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Awards for 2020-21 School Year (Current 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Students)

Alexander, Eli	Gizinski, Tristyn	McKinstry, Harper	VanTress, Renee
Allie, Angelina	Goin, Andrew	McLain, Riley	Voss, Joseph
Austin, Piper	Grosskopf, Jacen	Michals, Logann	Walter, Avery
Baldwin, Halle	Grzyb, Ginger	Miller, Sephora	Warford, Michael
Basil, William	Guzek, Spencer	Morris, Gabriella	Weatherford, Abigail
Beaudette, Zoey	Hammond, Jorja	Moshier, Nevaeh	Whipple, Charleah
Beeman, Braylon	Hartwell, Joslynn	Norman, Alexis	Will, Avery
Bennett, Aubrey	Heaton, Christopher	O'Donnell, Luke	Williams, Josie
Benson, Ava	Herrera, Sylvia	Olejniczak, Zakery	Wilmoth, Nathaniel
Benson, Isabella	Hobbs, Mason	Oliver, Madalyn	Yanuska, Teagan
Billings, Paige	Honsinger, Charles	Ondoy, AJ	Yax, Ethan
Blalock, Dylan	Hulett, Clara	Orwig, Mark	
Brasseur, Rylee	Hundt, Brayden	Parry, Elizabeth	
Bright, Juliann	Jacklyn, Sophie	Patten, Abigail	
Brown, Connor	Josef, Hayden	Patterson, Emily	
Bruce, Logan	Keast, Lucy	Percival, Leona	
Campbell, Abigail	Kirby, Sophie	Polega, Sophia	
Capstick, Kaden	Klinkenberger, Caden	Przekora, Alaina	
Carr, Vanessa	Klug, Brenden	Putnik, Gage	
Chappel, Audra	Landry, Ava	RaCosta, Aidan	
Charter, Mason	Lareau, Riley	Reyes, Emma	
Chouinard, Kyle	Lau, Jada	Richards, Jayden	
Clark, Caiden	LeClaire, Evangeline	Rosebush, Isabelle	
Corke, Liam	Lennox, Grace	Ross, Shane	
Courneya, Arianna	Leszczynski, Matthew	Rutledge, Conner	
Cox, Emma	Leuck, Lydia	Sankiewicz, Evan	
Crockett, Natalie	Li, Brandon	Schlaud, Natalie	
Daly, Mackenzie	Lindsay, Jace	Schoen, Brielle	
Deal, Alexia	Little III, David	Schwab, Margaret	
Dennis, Hannah	Loomis, Kamryn	Sharp, Ashley	
Dennis, Nicholas	Lovelette, Katie	Sherman, Chloe	
Diaz, Joseph	Makela, Alexander	Sherman, Lauren	
Dougherty, Alexis	Malloy, Jade	Slieff, Christina	
Elizondo, Brooklyn	Marino, Jessica	Smith, Raiden	
Engelhardt, Dominic	Martz, Makenzie	Spencer, Logan	
Eskestrand, Meah	Mashni, Essa	Suckow, Kya	
Evoy, Avery	Mashni, Nickola	Tackabury, Macy	
Fearnley, Autumn	Mazur-Batistoni, Sophia	Thibodeaux, Steven	
Fisher, Jacob	McAley, Hannah	Thompson, Brandy	
Fuerst, Carson	McClusky, Autumn	Thompson, Brittney	
Gallegly, Brianna	McGinnity, Jack	Uryga-Williams, Zachary	



## Athletics

For information regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletics, contact Associate Principal & Athletic Director,

Zach Hamilton:

[zhamilton@lapeerschools.org](mailto:zhamilton@lapeerschools.org)

810-667-2413

For information regarding Freshman, JV, and Varsity athletics, contact District Athletic Director, Shad Spilski:

[sspilski@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sspilski@lapeerschools.org)

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All information regarding individual sports will be updated on the website:

<http://lapeerlightning.com>

## Athletic Boosters

As most of you already know, the Lapeer Athletic Boosters is now supporting Middle School Athletics. We would love to have more involvement from Middle School parents. Please visit our website at [lapeerathleticboosters.org](http://lapeerathleticboosters.org). There you will see upcoming events, meeting dates, and more information about how you can get involved. Contact us at [lapeerboosters@gmail.com](mailto:lapeerboosters@gmail.com) with any questions you may have about the Lapeer Athletic Boosters!

## High School

### Spring Sports:

Please visit the website [www.LapeerLightning.com](http://www.LapeerLightning.com) for updated information regarding Spring Sports at the high school level.

## Spring Sports Season

Our Middle School Spring Sports are under way! Baseball, Softball, and Track are all running as scheduled and have started competitions. COVID guidelines and regulations are listed below as well as game schedules. Please check in at [lapeerlightning.com](http://lapeerlightning.com) regularly for updates to practice schedules, up to date information, and game scores. Come out this season and support our Spring athletes!

### COVID 19 Guidelines for middle school athletic events:

The following COVID 19-related accommodations are in place for all Middle School Spring Sports competitions:

- There will be no concessions available per MHSAA guidelines, however, spectators are permitted to bring their own capped (water, Gatorade, pop, etc.) beverages.
- Coaches and spectators must wear a mask at all times. Spectators must also practice social distancing to the extent possible.
- Baseball, Softball, and Track athletes, when in active participation, do not need to wear masks. They will however be required to wear masks when in the dugouts, bleachers, waiting for events to start, before and after games, etc.
- All players must provide their own water.
- We will be charging \$3 at the gate for track meets. Baseball and Softball will not be charging at the gate.
- All spectators for all events must sign in upon arrival for the purpose of contact tracing.
- We will be monitoring the number of spectators at our events to make sure we are staying below the 20% capacity limit, however, we do expect to be able to accommodate everybody that wants to come and watch our Middle School Baseball, Softball, and Track events.
- All Spring athletes will be tested for COVID once per week throughout the season. Tentatively, we will be testing all 8<sup>th</sup> grade athletes on Wednesday of each week, right after school in the Zemmer Cafeteria.
- Athletes will be getting COVID testing release forms on the first day of practice/tryouts and those must be turned in to the Zemmer office by Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Athletes will also have their temperatures checked and will be screened for COVID symptoms before every practice and competition.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Schedule:
  - <https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/2883743/boys/baseball/8th%20grade/schedule>
- Baseball COVID 19-related accommodations:
  - MHSAA Baseball Return to Play Guidelines
    - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20BA.pdf>

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Schedule:
  - <https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/2883745/girls/softball/8th%20grade/schedule>
- Softball COVID 19-related accommodations:
  - MHSAA Softball Return to Play Guidelines
    - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20SB.pdf>

### Middle School Track:

- Middle School Track Schedule:
  - <https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/2942949/boys/track/middle%20school/schedule>
- COVID 19-related accommodations:
  - MHSAA Track Return to Play Guidelines:
    - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20TRACK.pdf>