

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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April 2023



Mark Your Calendar!

April 7

- Good Friday – No school

April 10

- Easter Monday – No school

April 12

- PSAT Testing

April 13

- PAC Meeting

April 14

- Student Council “Spring and Shout” Dance After School

April 26

- 8th Grade M-STEP Testing – Late Start for 9th Grade (10:45 a.m.)

May 10

- PAC Meeting @ 8:00 a.m.

June 2

- All late assignments due

June 9

- Full Day Final Exams (1st and 6th Hour exams)

June 12

- Early Release Final Exams (2nd and 3rd Hours)

June 13

- Early Release Final Exams (4th and 5th Hours)
- Last Day of School

Principal’s Message

Only 11 weeks left in the 2022-23 school year! April is one of our busiest months. Not only do we have State testing, but we are also finishing scheduling for next school year. Also, Spring is a busy time for athletic teams and always involves a lot of cancellations and rescheduled events due to poor weather. Now is a good time for students to make sure they are completing any late assignments as **June 2nd will be the final day that late work is accepted by teaching staff.** Parents and students should frequently check PowerSchool to stay current on grades and assignments that may be missing so they don’t dig a hole that proves difficult to climb out of.

Student Council Dance April 14

Zemmer's "Spring and Shout" dance is scheduled for Friday April 14th. Tickets will be \$10 and are on sale now during lunches. The dance starts immediately after school (2:30pm to 5pm) to limit the need for student transportation to the event. As is the case for extracurricular activities at Zemmer, any students who have received 2 or more suspensions are not allowed to attend the event unless they contact administration and schedule community service at the Zemmer 8/9 campus outside of normal school hours. **No tickets will be sold at the door and all tickets MUST be purchased by Noon on Friday, April 14th.**

Congratulations to Our March Lightning Leaders

Lightning leaders are selected by staff monthly. A lightning leader consistently excels on a daily basis displaying positive character traits and skills that promote an all-around great school environment. All staff members are invited to nominate a student to be a Lightning Leader each month. Of all the nominations, 4 students are chosen. Selections are based on our PBIS behavior matrix (BOLTS) that identifies behaviors such as organization, displaying leadership, being trustworthy, and taking actions which leads them to becoming successful in their endeavors.



Last Month’s Lightning Leaders

8th Grade

Olivia Hayes, Surenity Vyse

9th Grade

Josh Kabelman, Owen Jeffery

PSAT Testing April 12th

You should have received a letter in the mail recently containing the PSAT schedule for 8th and 9th grade students. **For all Zemmer students (both 8th and 9th grade) testing will take place on April 12th.** With each grade level the students advance to, the standardized testing becomes that much more important. The PSAT testing influences many different areas including:

- student scheduling
- placement in advanced courses
- early college credits earned (better scores mean more advanced classes leading to more opportunities for dual enrollment)
- preparation for the SAT for college entrance

For our 8th grade students, the PSAT is their first experience with a completely different format. Some differences include:

- It is taken with paper and pencil and NOT on the computer (unlike M-STEP)
- The test is **TIMED** so students have to be efficient
- The rules and regulations are much more secure. No cell phones will be allowed in the school on testing day

How can you prepare now?

- Please make sure not to schedule student appointments on **April 12th**.
- Begin talking to your student about the PSAT
- Visit <https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/psat-89> for general information
- Review the practice test at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-practice-test-1.pdf> This can help students become familiar with the format of the test

Half Day for 9th Grade Students on April 26th for M-STEP Testing

Our 8th grade students will also participate in the M-STEP for Social Studies and Science. The testing date for this will be April 26th. 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 9th grade students DO NOT TAKE THE M-STEP, they will have a ½ Day of School (do not report until 10:45 a.m.) on Wednesday April 26th. This allows us to maximize our computers and resources to test ALL 8th grade students in one morning without having to do a crazy schedule. All 9th grade students will be provided with transportation to school on April 26th the buses will just be coming approximately 4 hours later than their normal pick-up time.

We will be sending home more detailed information about this ½ day on April 26th for 9th grade students over the course of the next two months. For now, 9th grade parents should just make sure to mark this date on their calendar as a reminder that students will NOT have school that morning and will report for just the afternoon.

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.

Telephone numbers follow:

Main Office	667-2413
Attendance Office	667-2413 x3402
Counseling Office - Mrs. Isa	667-2413 x3409
Counseling Office - Mrs. Spisz	667-2413 x3410
Dean of Students, Jack Chittle	667-2413 x3405 (Discipline Related Issues)
Associate Principal – Kevin Wenzel	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 2:15pm 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.



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. Meetings are held at 7:30am on the second Wednesday of every month.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 7:30am in our Media Center or Conference Room.

After School Tutoring

If your son or daughter is struggling in any classes, would like help from a certified teacher, or would just like a quiet place to work on missing assignments they should attend our after school tutoring program **every Monday and Wednesday from 2:15pm to 3:30pm**. Students must be provided with their own transportation, but can stay on either day (or both) they choose without signing up. They will just go to the media center after school is over and then be assigned to a teacher based on the content area they want support with.



Student Handbook Notes

Dress and Grooming Administrative Guidelines (p.90)

[Find HERE in Secondary Student Handbook](#)

The dress code School Board Policy promotes an environment where “grooming guidelines are necessary to promote discipline, maintain order, secure the safety of students, and provide a healthy environment conducive to academic purposes.” There are not specific rules listed in the handbook, and the ultimate determination is up to administration. Some general guidelines are as follows.

- No clothing promoting alcohol, drugs, or tobacco.
- Clothing should not be too revealing. Shorts and shirts should be an appropriate length and underwear should not be showing at any time.
- Hats and hoods are prohibited.

If students are violating the dress code, they may be asked to change clothes or put other clothing over the top of existing clothes. Repeated violations will result in parent contact

April Athletic Update

Spring Sports 2022-2023

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Ann Tiffany, Attendance/Athletics Secretary

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

Shad Spilski

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All information regarding individual sports will be updated on
the district athletics' website: <http://lapeerlightning.com>



Schedules

Track

<https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/3412213/boys/track/middle-school>

8th Grade Baseball

<https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/3356390/boys/baseball/8th-grade>

8th Grade Softball

<https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/3356392/girls/softball/8th-grade>

For all Varsity, JV, and Freshman Sports go to

<https://lapeerlightning.com/>

****Please be reminded that all schedules are subject to updates and changes prior to the start of the season****

Spring Sports

Track, Softball, and Baseball will be offered in the Spring for 8th Grade athletes.

Spring Coaches Contact Information

MS Track & Field – Ken Baginski - kenneth.baginski@lapeerschools.org

Carter Cerny – carter.cerny@lapeerschools.org

8th Grade Baseball – Jim Lane – james.lane@lapeerschools.org

8th Grade Softball—Lauren Weidman —

lauren.weidman@lapeerschools.org

Practice Times & Locations

MS Track & Field – 4:30 - 6pm @ CFI Track (Varies due to track availability, coaches will communicate)

8th Grade Baseball – 3:30 - 5:15pm @ CFI JV Field

8th Grade Softball – 3:30 - 5:30pm @ Zemmer Softball Field

Athletic Clearance

The following items are available in the office or online at <http://lapeerlightning.com> and MUST be turned into the Zemmer Main Office prior to first practice/tryout:

- All athletes must have a completed **2022-2023 MHSAA Physical** (dated April 15, 2022 or after)

- All athletes must have a completed **Emergency Card**

- All athletes must have a signed **Athletic Code of Conduct Card** (parent & student signatures required)

*All athletes must have passed at least 5/6 classes during the previous academic semester. *

*Please see the Athletic Code of Conduct for information on Eligibility requirements (grades) needed last year and current. *

*Pay to Participate must be paid in full before any athlete may participate in a game/contest/meet. *