

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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Principal's Message

Message from Mrs. Amy Maruca: As I "sign off" as your building principal and head into retirement, I want to express my gratitude for having the opportunity to serve such a forward-thinking community. I have really enjoyed my time getting to know so many Lapeer students and their families. I leave you in very capable and caring hands with Mr. Stanton and Mr. Hamilton! Best wishes for a great 2019-20 and beyond!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Amy Maruca

This newsletter will serve as your "wrap up" for the 18-19 school year and also your "preview" for the 2019-20 school year. So, whether you are reading it in June or August, the same information will apply. We really wanted to get this out as soon as possible to help families plan before the summer started. Although most of our families are familiar with me from being at Rolland-Warner, there are a few who have moved into the district after their 7th grade year so I'd like to take the time to introduce myself to those who may not have met me. I have been a principal in the Lapeer Community School District for the past six years, the first three of which were spent at Murphy Elementary, and the last three at the Rolland-Warner Campus. In that time I am very proud of the accomplishments at both buildings and look forward to continuing this success at the Zemmer Campus next year. This newsletter is the first of what I hope will be outstanding communication to all Zemmer families. Much like at Rolland-Warner, each month you will receive a newsletter that will contain the most important news and dates for the upcoming month. We would like personally to invite our parents to join in activities throughout the year that strengthen our commitment to excellence and maintain our Lightning Pride at Zemmer School!

This particular newsletter contains many important items, both to tidy up this past school year and also to prepare for the 19-20 school year. Most notably in this newsletter you will find the upcoming exam schedule, as well as the dates and times of school activities and special events that will be coming up over the summer for next school year. Please take the time to read them carefully and contact the office if you have remaining questions.

Dr. Jeffrey Stanton, Principal
Zemmer 8/9 Campus

Office Hours + Telephone 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:

School Office:	667-2413
Attendance Office:	667-2413, ext. 3402
Counseling Office:	667-2413 (Mrs. Cole —A-K: ext. 3410), (Mrs. Van —L-Z: ext. 3409)
Dean of Students:	667-2413, ext. 3405 Mr. Austin Green (Discipline issues)
Associate Principal:	667-2413, ext. 3404 Mr. Zach Hamilton (Athletics/Discipline)
Principal, Dr. Jeff Stanton:	667-2413, ext. 3403

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.

Mark Your Calendar!

July 25, 2019

- Year-Round Orientation (at RW), Noon-6pm

July 30, 2019

- First Day of School (Year-Round) (at RW), 8:39-3:24

August 6-9, 2019

- Athletic Clearance (grades 6-12), 7:00-3:30

August 12, 2019

- First Day of Practice for Athletics (9-12)

August 15, 2019

- Fall Sports Meeting (at RW), 6:00-7:00

August 20, 2019

- Student Orientation/Schedule Pickup, 9:30-3:30

August 21, 2019

- Student Orientation/Schedule Pickup, 4:00-8:00
- Open House, 6:00-7:00

August 21-23, 2019

- No School (Year-Round)

August 26, 2019

- First Day of School (Traditional), 7:40-2:25
- First Day of Practice for Athletics (6-8)

August 30, 2019

- No School

September 2, 2019

- No School

September 3, 2019

- School Resumes

September 16-20, 2019

- Homecoming/Spirit Week

Exam Schedule

Please see the last page of the newsletter for the Zemmer Exam Schedule which takes place this week. Remember June 12th is a FULL DAY, while June 13th and 14th are early release days.



Mark Your Calendar!

September 19, 2019

- Picture Retakes

September 23, 2019

- Parent Teacher Conferences – Year-Round

September 25, 2019

- Parent Teacher Conferences – Year-Round

September 27, 2019

- No School – (Year-Round)

October 21-25, 2019

- Year-Round Intersession – No School

October 22, 2019

- Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-7:30

October 29, 2019

- Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:30-7:30

November 1, 2019

- No School

Open House

August 21, 6pm to 7pm

We hope you will have an opportunity to attend our Open House.

School Arrival + Departure

Students who do not utilize busing are to be dropped off/picked up behind the Zemmer building in the North Parking lot. For students who have a late arrival or and early pick up they will be picked up in the front of the building and students must sign in/out at the front office. Students who are driven to school should not be dropped off earlier than 7am as that is when the building opens.

Administering Prescription Medication at School

It is sometimes necessary for a student to be given medication while at school. To ensure the safety of the student, the State of Michigan requires the school to have a **School Medication Permission and Instruction Form** on file in the office. The form must indicate the amount of medication to be given and the time it is to be given. **The form must be signed by a doctor** and turned in to the office prior to any prescription medication being administered at school.

Over the Counter Medication

Students are allowed to carry their own over the counter medications, or students may keep their medication in the main office. To do this **student must have an "Authorization for Self-Administration/Self-Possession of Over-the-Counter Medications" form on file in the office** in order to access their medication.

Student Orientation/Schedule Pickup

July 25	8 th Grade Year-Round	Noon – 6pm. at Rolland-Warner
August 20	All Grades	9:30am – 3:30pm
August 21	All Grades	4pm – 8pm
August 21	Open House – All Grades	6pm – 7pm
September 19	Picture Re-takes	8am – 11am

All students MUST bring their Student Verification Sheet to orientation. This verification sheet will be mailed home the first week of August with picture packets.

All students are asked to **enter through the back of the school**. The orientation process will take 30-45 minutes. Parents are encouraged to attend with students but do not need to be present; however, **students must have the Student Verification Sheet**. It is important that the **correct addresses, emergency contact person(s), phone numbers, and parent/guardian work numbers** be kept up to date. **Students will not be given their schedule if they do not have the verification sheet signed by a parent/guardian.**

Student Information Update

Each year, we request updated information regarding addresses, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. This information is vitally important in an emergency. Our ability to contact parents or designated person(s) is essential to the safety and well-being of our students. You are receiving a computer-generated "Information Verification Sheet" in this packet (packet mailed first week in August). This shows what is currently available on our records. **This sheet must be updated, signed, and returned with your student at orientation. Any change of address must be accompanied by two pieces of information with the new address.** Please note the "Special Instructions" area. It is designed for information that may be helpful in an emergency (i.e., medical conditions or medications).

Student Schedules

Schedules will be available at orientation/schedule pickup. **Students need to bring schedules on the first day of class.** We also recommend students snap a picture of their schedule on their phone so they have a digital copy as well. **Counselors will be stationed at the schedule table during orientation.** If there is a legitimate educational reason to reconsider a student schedule, please call the counseling department at 667-2413, (Mrs. Cole: A-K: ext. 3410, Mrs. Van: L-Z: ext. 3409).

Attendance Procedures

If a student is absent, a parent should do the following:

Call the Attendance Office, for students in grades 8-9, by dialing **direct (667-2413, ext. 3402)** to excuse the absence. Also, provide a note from the parent/guardian for the Attendance office on the first day back from an absence (the note should explain the reason for the absence.)

The attendance and truancy policy will be explained and provided to students during the first week of school. Please take the time to review this policy with your student. You can find these policies in the student handbook.

First Day of School

For our Year-Round Students, the first day of school is **Tuesday, July 30th**. **From July 30th to August 20th, year-round students will attend at the Rolland-Warner campus.** On August 20th, year-round students will be bussed over to Zemmer with their materials for the transition. Please note that the hours for the year-round program in August will be from **8:39am to 3:24pm**. Students may be dropped off at 8:30am when the building opens.

The first day of the new school year is **Monday, August 26th**. The school day will begin promptly at **7:40am** and will be a full day, with students dismissed at **2:25pm**. They will be given important introductory materials during class. Students will typically attend six classes, a thirty-minute I-Connect class, and have a thirty-minute lunch period each day.

Semester Periods

Lapeer Community Schools uses a semester grading system. Each semester is approximately 85 school days. At the mid-point of the semester, parent-teacher conferences will be held. Report cards are emailed to parents two weeks after the conclusion of each semester.

Student Dress

Student dress and grooming is an important factor in establishing an appropriate atmosphere for learning. **Some popular styles may not meet the dress expectations of school.** Please be certain to review your handbook on this issue. **It is expected that all attire will meet the dress code expectations at all times.**

Teacher Contact

Teachers may be contacted by using their email address at Zemmer 8/9 Campus. This is a quick and easy way to keep in touch with your child's individual instructors as well as all staff members. Email addresses are the first initial and last name of the teacher@lapeerschools.org.

Example: (Jane Smith)
jsmith@lapeerschools.org

Information is available on the Lapeer Community Schools website at www.lapeerschools.org.

Student Meals

Student meals will be served beginning the first day of school. Breakfast is free to all students. Students qualifying for free or reduced lunch currently receive free lunch until October, but will need to fill out new forms to continue to receive them. Students not qualifying for free and reduced lunch will be charged \$3.00 per lunch.

Free and reduced lunch forms will be available at orientation. These forms must be filled out each year. This form is also available on-line at the www.lapeerschools.org website.

Bond Update

For the past year we have been seeking feedback from residents about a significant transformation of our school district. The changes we discussed and agreed upon will better serve our students and others in our community. As the transformation plans move forward, we will continue working to make sure everyone is updated. Thank you!

POWERSCHOOL

PowerSchool's user-friendly and easy-to-navigate interface provides a convenient way to check your student's grades, attendance, school bulletins, notes from teachers, and any missing assignments. We highly recommend enabling the e-mail notifications in Power School to automatically receive daily, weekly, every other week, or monthly updates via e-mail. This eliminates the need to log into PowerSchool to check your student's progress and attendance.

If you currently do not have Internet access at home, we encourage you to access PowerSchool via computers at a public library or via a mobile device with the "PowerSchool for Parents" App. The website for PowerSchool is: powerschool.lapeerschools.org. Please do not add "www" to the beginning of the website.

If you have previously accessed your student's information via PowerSchool, your Access ID and Password are the same. If you have never used PowerSchool, you will need your Access ID and Password from Zemmer. You may stop in the school office or call to get this information.

School Pictures/ID's

School pictures will be taken during student orientation/ schedule pickup on **August 20th and 21st**, and all students are expected to have pictures taken. Beyond yearbook purposes, the picture will be used for issuing student identification cards. Purchase of a picture package is optional. Information regarding pictures will be mailed home the first week of August within the packet. Please make sure students dress appropriately for pictures.

Yearbooks will be on sale during orientation and the first week of school during all lunch hours. Please order your yearbook online at Jostensyearbooks.com.

School Supplies for Next Year

We have compiled a list of suggested supplies for 2019-2020. Of course, students will always be supplied with the basics at Zemmer (pencils, paper, books) but the following items will be used regularly in all classes. Many of these can be found at the summer back-to-school sales for very cheap prices.

School Supplies for Zemmer	
All Subjects (most important materials that are used in most classes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of Extra Pencils • Erasers • 4-6 - 1 or 2 inch three-ring binders with pockets • Dividers for binders • 4-6 Folders with pockets • Zipper pouch to hold pencils/pens and odds & ends • Composition and Spiral Notebooks (few of each) • Math recommends a Quad Ruled Composition Notebook • Highlighter • Mechanical Pencils • Colored Pencils • Sticky Notes • Red Pens
Overachiever Stuff (some other things students may find useful)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glue sticks • Colored Pencils

Many parents are always asking if the school would like other items donated as well so we also have a "Much Appreciated Wish List" of things that our teachers spend a lot of money on.

- Kleenex/Tissues
- Clorox/Disinfecting Wipes
- Expo/Dry Erase Markers
- Hand Sanitizer



Fall Athletics

Associate Principal & Athletics, Zach Hamilton: zhamilton@lapeerschools.org

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

Fall Athletic Clearance Process:

Mandatory Athletic Meeting/Meet the Coach for Fall Sports on August 15th from 6-7pm at Rolland-Warner. Prior to the meeting, the following items are available in the Zemmer or LHS office or online at <http://lapeerlightning.com> and MUST be turned in at the **Mandatory Athletic Meeting/Meet the Coach** OR to the Zemmer Office during the week of August 19th. Students will get a bracelet upon completion of the clearance process to show they are cleared. They must have this bracelet in order to practice.

- All athletes must have a completed **MHSAA Physical** (dated April 15, 2019 or after – must be new form or sign waiver when turning in)
- All athletes must have a completed **Emergency Card**
- All athletes must have a signed **Athletic Code of Conduct Card** (parent & student signatures required)

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

***Please see the Athletic Code of Conduct for information on 8th and 9th Grade Eligibility requirements (grades) needed last year and current.**

***Impact Testing is required for all 8th and 9th Graders participating in athletics (Schedule to be determined)**

Fall Sport	Tentative Spring Practice Times/Dates
8 th Girls Basketball	Practice/Tryouts: August 26 th – 29 th Time TBD @ Zemmer Gym
8 th Boys Football	Practice/Tryouts: Aug 26 th – 29 th Time: TBD @ Zemmer
8 th Sideline Cheer	Practice: Aug 26 th - 28 th Time and Place TBD
8 th Cross Country*	Practice: Aug 26 th – 29 th 4:05-5:30 @ RW Campus

Summer Weight Room Program: (8th and 9th grade) We will also have a summer weight lifting program. We do not yet have specific dates and times for different groups and age levels. Keep an eye on Zemmer Facebook and Lapeerlightning.com for more information about that program.

Fall Sports for 9th Grade Students

Co-Principal & Athletics, Shad Spilski: sspilski@lapeerschools.org

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

Fall Athletic Clearance Process:

***Pay to Participate, Eligibility, and Impact Testing, same as above.**

Athletic Clearance: Begins on August 6th 8:00-3:30pm (Tuesday-Friday). Please turn in materials to the Athletic Office at LHS (materials are the same as outlined above in the 8th grade section)

Season Begins: August 12th: Cross Country, Football, Girls Golf, Boys Tennis

August 14th: Girls Swimming, Volleyball

Summer Athletic Dead week: July 1st – 7th. No player contact

Eligibility

To participate in extracurricular programs (including athletics), students must have passed 5 out of 6 classes in the preceding semester. Eligibility is checked weekly. During the school year, if students have a failing grade in one class they need to maintain a 2.0 GPA overall to preserve their eligibility status.

Please see the student handbook for further information.

Athletics, Pay to Participate

Pay to participate fees are \$150 for grade 9. Pay to participate fees are \$125.00 for grade 8. Family maximum is \$300 for all students in grades 6-12. Students who qualify for free lunch will pay \$25 and students that qualify for reduced lunch will pay \$75.

Athletes will not be allowed to play in a game if their fees have not been paid.

Fees may be paid at the Athletic Office, during regular office hours. Parents should wait until the student has made the team to play athletic fees.

Exam Schedule 2019 Semester 2

Period	Start	Length	End	Notes
Day 1: Wednesday, June 12, 2019				
Exam 1	7:40 AM	2:00	9:40 AM	
2 nd Hour	9:45 AM	0:30	10:15 AM	Locker Clean Out
NO 3 rd Hour Classes				
4th Hour	10:20 AM	2:00	12:20 PM	Include Lunches & I-Connect
Lunch A	10:20 AM	0:30	10:50 AM	
Lunch B	10:50 AM	0:30	11:20 AM	
Lunch C	11:20 AM	0:30	11:50 AM	
Lunch D	11:50 AM	0:30	12:20 PM	
NO 5 th Hour Classes				
Exam 6	12:25 PM	2:00	2:25 PM	
Day 2: Thursday, June 13, 2019				
Exam 2	7:40 AM	2:00	9:40 AM	
Break	9:40 AM	0:10	9:50 AM	Snacks available for purchase
Exam 3	9:50 AM	2:00	11:50 AM	
Day 2: Friday, June 14, 2019				
Exam 4	7:40 AM	2:00	9:40 AM	
Break	9:40 AM	0:10	9:50 AM	Snacks available for purchase
Exam 5	9:50 AM	2:00	11:50 AM	