

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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December 2023



Mark Your Calendar!

December 6

- Holiday Band Concert at LHS @ 7 p.m.

December 7

- Zemmer Pita Way Fundraiser (see back page)

December 14

- Holiday Choir Concert at LHS (8 p.m. start for Zemmer students)

December 20 – January 2

- No School – Winter Break

January 3

- Return to School

January 10

- Full Day Exams (1st/6th)

January 11

- Early Release Exams (2nd/3rd hours)

January 12

- Early Release Exams (4th and 5th hours)

Holiday Spirit Days



To celebrate the holiday season, Zemmer is having a different spirit day every day in the month of December! Below is a list of the spirit days.



- 12/1 – Wear red, green, or white or a combination of all three
- 12/4 – Crazy Christmas sock day
- 12/5 – Hawaiian Holiday – Dress for your Hawaiian vacation
- 12/6 – Winter Wear – hats, scarves, mittens, boots, etc
- 12/7 – Flannel and/or plaid day

12/11 - Family Photo Day – Wear matching outfits!

12/12 – Merry & Bright – wear holiday hats, bling, tinsel, etc.

12/13 – I’m Dreaming of a Snow Day – wear holiday pajamas

12/14 – Warm and Cozy – wear your favorite holiday shirt or sweater

12/15 – It’s a Blue Christmas – wear blue



12/18 – “Don’t Sweat the Holidays” – wear your favorite sweats

12/19 – Ugly Sweater Day

January Exam Schedule

- Wednesday, Jan. 10 – Full Day (1st/6th Hour Exams)
- Thursday, Jan. 11 – Early Release-7:45 am to 11:55 am (2nd/3rd Hour Exams)
- Friday, Jan. 12 – Early Release-7:45 am to 11:55 am (4th/5th Hour Exams)

On Wednesday, Jan. 10th (full day), Thursday, Jan. 11th (Early Release), and Friday, Jan 12th (early release), Zemmer will be on the exam schedule for all secondary schools. Each exam period is two hours long. On the early release days, there is a 10 minute break in between classes. While not every class is having exams, many are and a special schedule is required to make this happen. Since we share teachers with Rolland-Warner and LHS, all secondary buildings need to have an aligned schedule.



PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meetings

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. Our next PAC meeting will be here at Zemmer on **Dec. 13 7:50 a.m.** Please just check in at our main office.

Yearbooks

Zemmer Yearbooks are currently available. Order now for the lowest price of the year. The weblink for purchasing is <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A01050650>.

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 typically the teacher's first name, a period, their last name @lapeerschools.org.

Example: (Jane Smith)
jane.smith@lapeerschools.org

Please go to the following link for a staff email list.

https://zemmer.lapeerschools.org/staff_directory

Bond Update

Every week there is tremendous progress being made on all the district improvements that the school bond will bring. To follow the progress please keep checking for updates at

<https://lapeerbond.com/>

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 2:35 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. 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.

Importance of Attendance

There is a very clear connection between good attendance and good academics. This is not only strongly supported by research, but we see the correlation every day here at Zemmer. Usually, when a student is struggling with their grades, it is due to missing assignments which is most often caused by poor attendance. It is extremely important for students to be here everyday to take part in lessons and activities. Now that the pandemic is largely behind us, we encourage all parents and guardians to ensure their student is attending daily unless they are very sick. If you are having trouble getting your child to school, please contact our main office as we have several programs and supports that we can offer to help improve attendance. If your child does need to miss time due to illness, consider having them attend after school tutoring to get caught back up with their missing assignments.

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 x223402
Counseling Office - Mrs. Isa	667-2413 x223410
Counseling Office - Mrs. Spisz	667-2413 x223410
Dean of Students, Jack Chittle	667-2413 x223405 (Discipline Related Issues)
Dean of Students, Tanya Blaine	667-2413 x223403 (Discipline Related Issues)
Associate Principal – Rich Cross	667-2413 x222348 (Athletics/Discipline)
Principal – Dr. Jeff Stanton	667-2413 x222380

The building opens at 7:15am for all students. After school, students should leave the building by 2:35pm unless involved in a supervised activity or class. The Media Center is open until 3:30pm for students who need space to work. The cafeteria is open until 3:30pm daily for athletes who are waiting for practices or games to start.



Athletic Update

Middle School Winter Sports 2023-2024

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

WINTER 1 SPORTS CONTACTS

7th Volleyball

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8th Volleyball

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Winter Sports Athletic Clearance

To participate in athletics, all student athletes need a physical (dated on or after April 15th, 2023) completed on a MHSAA Physical Form, a signed Athletic Code of Conduct acknowledgement, and a completed emergency medical form. All of these forms are available in the RW/Zemmer Main Offices and online at www.lapeerlightning.com

Winter 2 MS Sports Tryouts

8th Boys Basketball

- Wednesday, January 3rd through Friday, January 5th 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. (Tentatively) in the Zemmer 8/9 Gym

8th Competitive Cheer

- Wed. Dec. 13th - Cheer Camp 3:30 - 6:00 p.m.
- Tryouts - Thurs. Dec. 14th, Mon. Dec. 18th & Tues. Dec. 19th - 3:30 - 6:00 p.m. in the Zemmer 8/9 Cafeteria

Winter 2 Sports Practice Schedule is TBD after tryouts are completed.

Winter 1/2 Sports Schedules

Stay tuned to www.lapeerlightning.com for updated sports schedules.

Sportsmanship

Some general sportsmanship reminders for spectators:

- Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team, its fans, or the referees.
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.
- Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student-athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- Use only those cheers that support the teams involved.
- Be a positive behavior role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.



Zemmer Pita Way Fundraiser

This Thursday, December 7th from 4-9 p.m.

Dine-in/Take-Out or Donation

20% of Sales go to Zemmer PTC

Lapeer Restaurant Only

1111 Summit Drive

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