Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

Principal, Dr. Jeff Stanton
Associate Principal, Mr. Rich Cross
Deans of Students, Jack Chittle, Tanya Blaine
Head Secretary, Mrs. Ann Vierk
Athletic/Attendance Secretary, Mrs. Ann Tiffany
Auxiliary Secretary, Mrs. Michelle Sierakowski



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January 2024



Mark Your Calendar!

January 3

■ Return to School

January 5

 Last day for late assignments to be turned in

January 10

■ Full Day Exams (1st/6th)

January 10

■ PAC Meeting 7:50 a.m.

January 11

 Early Release Exams (2nd/3rd hours)

January 12

 Early Release Exams (4th and 5th hours)

January 15

No School for Students

After School Tutoring

Is 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) if they choose.

First Semester Exam Schedule

- Wednesday, Jan. 10 Full Day (1st/6th Hour Exams)
- Thursday, Jan. 11 Early Release-7:45 am to 11:55 am (2^{nd/}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.

Please note that **on the early release days, lunches will not be served to students**. Students will ride their regular buses home on these days so be aware they will be arriving earlier than a normal day. Students should be picked up in the car rider loop as is normal, just at the earlier time of 11:55 a.m. A detailed schedule is included on the last page of this newsletter.

Second Semester Schedules

Students will receive their schedules for 2nd semester during the exam week. Please help students remember these schedules on Tuesday, January 16th, which is the first day of the 2nd semester. A good tip we give students is to snap a picture of their schedule on their cell phones. This way, they can review their schedule between classes by checking their phone.

As is the case often in grades 6-12, students may be switching teachers at the semester break, even for core classes (Science, Math, ELA, and Social Studies). All classes are at the same point once we reach the end of the semester, so students do not have to worry about being in a different spot than their last class was in. If you have any concerns about your child's schedule, please contact the counselors for assistance. Although the schedule is very tight with little wiggle room, we really try to do our best to ensure students are placed appropriately.



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 Wednesday, January 10th at 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?r ef=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/

Staff Changes

Beginning with the 2nd Semester, **Mrs. Lareau** will be shifting from her role as a Biology teacher to a full-time counseling position here at Zemmer. This will help us tremendously as Mrs. Isa remains out on maternity leave.

We are excited to announce that we have hired **Mr. Rowley** to take over for Mrs. Lareau in our Biology department. Mr. Rowley is a Lapeer East graduate who recently did his student teaching in Davison, and has guest taught for us in the past. We will be introducing him to students next week as we begin the transition process.

Also, in what is a somewhat happy and somewhat sad change, **Mrs. Vierk**, our long-time head secretary will be retiring with her last day being January 15th. Mrs. Vierk has worked in a variety of roles for Lapeer Community Schools for the past 28 years, the last 7 ½ of which have been here at Zemmer. While we know Mrs. Vierk will certainly enjoy retirement and we celebrate her accomplishment, the staff, students, and families of Lapeer are definitely going to miss her and the excellent service she provided for so many years.

Moving into the role of head secretary will be Mrs. Fredericks. Mrs. Fredericks is currently a 504/instructional paraprofessional at Zemmer and has already started the transition process. She will be working alongside Mrs. Vierk for the next couple of weeks and will take over full-time on January 16th. Mrs. Fredericks is well known to the students here at Zemmer and we know she will do an excellent job in her new role.

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. Lareau 667-2413

Counseling Office - Mrs. Spisz 667-2413 x223410

Dean of Students, Jack Chittle
Dean of Students, Tanya Blaine
Associate Principal – Rich Cross
667-2413 x223405 (Discipline Related Issues)
667-2413 x223403 (Discipline Related Issues)
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.

ZEMMER 8/9 Campus January 2024



Middle School Winter Sports 2023-2024

Rich Cross

Associate Principal - Zemmer 8/9 Campus Middle School Athletic Director <u>richard.cross@lapeerschools.org</u> 810-667-2413 (ext. 222348)

Ann Tiffany

Attendance/Athletics Secretary Zemmer 8/9 Campus ann.tiffany@lapeerschools.org 810-667-2413 (ext. 223402)

Amanda Turner

Attendance/Athletics Secretary Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus amanda.turner@lapeerschools.org 810.538.2334 (ext. 223302)

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

WINTER 1 SPORTS CONTACTS

8th Basketball

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Jack Davis

jack.davis@lapeerschools.org

MS Competitive Cheer

Deanna Michalik

deanna.michalik@lapeerschools.org

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

 Monday, January 8th through Wednesday, January 10th 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. in the Zemmer 8/9 Gym

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

Winter 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 Winter 23-24 Exam Schedule

| January 10 – Full Day | | | | | |
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| Period | Start | Stop | Time | | |
| 1st Hour Exam | 7:45 | 9:45 | 2 Hr | | |
| 2 nd Hour | 9:50 | 10:09 | 19 min | | |
| 3 rd Hour | 10:14 | 10:34 | 20 min | | |
| 4 th Hour | 10:39 | 11:59 | 2 Hr | | |
| A Lunch | 10:34 | 11:04 (dismiss @ 10:59) | 30 min | | |
| B Lunch | 11:04 | 11:34 (dismiss @ 11:29) | 30 min | | |
| C Lunch | 11:34 | 12:04 (dismiss @ 11:59) | 30 min | | |
| 5 th hour | 12:04 | 12:25 | 21 min | | |
| 6 th Hour Exam | 12:30 | 2:30 | 2 Hr | | |

| January 11 - EARLY RELEASE @ 11:55am (No Lunches Served) | | | | | |
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| 2 nd Hour Exam | 7:45 | 9:45 | 2 Hr | | |
| Break | 9:45 | 9:55 | 10 min | | |
| 3 rd Hour Exam | 9:55 | 11:55 | 2 Hr | | |

| January 12 - EARLY RELEASE @ 11:55am (No Lunches Served) | | | | | |
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| 4 th Hour Exam | 7:45 | 9:45 | 2 Hr | | |
| Break | 9:45 | 9:55 | 10 min | | |
| 5 th Hour Exam | 9:55 | 11:55 | 2 Hr | | |