

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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April 2024



Mark Your Calendar!

April 10

- PAC Meeting 7:50 a.m.

April 12

- Spring Dance 6-9 p.m.

April 17

- PSAT Testing (8/9)

May 1

- M-STEP Testing (8th)

May 1

- ½ Day for 9th Grade
(start at 11 a.m.)

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.

April is a Busy Month

As is usually the case, April is a busy month at Zemmer, mainly due to State testing. Technically, we don't have M-STEP testing until May 1st this year, but preparing students and adjusting schedules is a demanding time for them, as well as for the staff. All the specifics on testing are below.

You have seen some email/text messengers recently regarding bringing charged Chromebooks. This will be extremely important on April 15th (and 16th for those who forget them on the 15th). **All students should be sure to bring their Chromebooks with them on Monday, April 15th.** They will be turning them into their 1st hour teachers in preparation for the PSAT test on April 17th. This will allow the teachers to make sure they are charged and ready to go, but also gives us an idea ahead of time how many extra Chromebooks are needed. If your student has misplaced their Chromebook, they should notify our Media Center as soon as possible so we can begin the process of locating it or providing a backup to them for testing.

Congratulations to 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.

We are very proud to announce our Lightning Leaders for March!

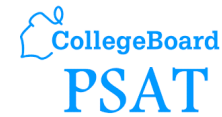
8th Grade – Jadenn Jacovetti & Ben Kamin

9th Grade – Summer Kinney & Dylan Smith

Zemmer Spring Dance on April 12th



The dance will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 12th. Tickets are now on sale during lunches through April 10th. The cost is \$10 and each student will get a slice of pizza and pop. Students can choose to dress casually or semi-formally. The dance will be held in the gymnasium. The dance is open to only 8th and 9th grade students.



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, April 10 at 7:50 a.m.** Please just check in at our main office. The last PAC meeting of the year will be on May 8th.

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/>

PSAT Testing April 17th

For all Zemmer students (both 8th and 9th grade) testing will take place on **April 17th**. 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:

- 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 17th.**
- 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>

Half Day for 9th Grade Students on May 1st 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 May 1st. 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 11:00 a.m.) on Wednesday, May 1st.** 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.

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 and potentially discipline.

Office Hours & Phone Numbers

Regular office hours at Zemmer 8/9 Building are 7am - 3:30pm.

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	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 Spring Sports 2023-2024

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will be updated on the district athletics' website:
<http://lapeerlightning.com>

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MS Boys Track

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Spring 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

Spring Sports Practice Times

8th Baseball – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. @ CFI JV Field

8th Softball – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. @ Zemmer Field

MS Track – 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. @ CFI Track

Spring 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 censoring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

