



# LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



*Every student learning, growing ... succeeding.*

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Check out Infinite Campus for daily school announcements.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Please know that other events will continue to be added, but here are the dates we know of:

- April 9, 10, 11: Forward Literacy Testing during Literacy Classes
- April 12: Teen Center – 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- April 16: Forward Math Testing – 8:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- April 17: Recognition Day
- April 19 - 26: – Spring Break - **NO SCHOOL**
- April 29: School Resumes
- May 1, 2: I Ready Reading Assessments
- May 7, 8: I Ready Math Assessment
- May 24: Professional Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- June 13: Last day of School
- June 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony – 7:00 p.m.
- August 12: Registration – 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- August 13: Registration – 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- August 28: Back to School Night – 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.



## TEST PREPARATION FOR FAMILIES

Please help us prepare students to do their best on upcoming state testing. The schedule was e-mailed earlier and can also be found again in the Dates to Remember section (above).

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD:

- 1) **HEADPHONES** - Students will need a pair for the literacy portion. Please check that the headphones are in working order.
- 2) **CHARGING** - Chromebooks should always come fully charged, but please check with your student on specific testing days.
- 3) **NO** phones, smartwatches, tablets or any unauthorized devices in the testing environment. This could result in a severe penalty. If possible, students might consider leaving all devices home that day.
- 4) **SLEEP** - Please try to encourage a good night's sleep the night before the test. Many of the tests will be administered in the morning hours.
- 5) **BREAKFAST** - Please encourage a healthy breakfast.
- 6) **ALL** students must use a school-issued Chromebook. Students who use personal devices will be assigned a school device for the purpose of testing only.
- 7) **BOOK** - Students need to come to school with a paperback/hardcover book to read when finished with the test.

Students not in school on the scheduled testing days will be scheduled for a make-up test prior to the close of the testing window, which is May 3, 2019.

The [Informational Brochure for Families](#) gives more information about the assessment including its purpose, what scores will be provided, and how the scores will be used.

This assessment measures the knowledge and skills your student(s) should have acquired by the time they reach each grade level. Their performance on the assessment will not affect any of their current grades. Please encourage your son or daughter to take the test seriously and do the best they can. The results of these tests will be used to help school staff make determinations or placement in classes to best support your child(ren).

If you have any questions, please contact Linda O'Bryan at [262-971-1820, x 7001](tel:262-971-1820).

## **RECOGNITION DAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter**

On **Wednesday, April 17**, we will have Recognition Day. Students in fifth and sixth grade who did not have any D's, F's, or disciplinary referrals are eligible during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Seventh and eighth grade students who do not have any D's, F's, three or more detentions, or one or more disciplinary referrals during 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter will be eligible for our activities. Students who are ineligible will be assigned to directed study during the activities.



**Activities include:** Stonefire Pizza and Bowling for fifth and sixth grade, a Brewers' game including the educational "Weather day" at Miller Park for seventh and eighth grade students, and open gym and a movie/game room at school for 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Parents/guardians are encouraged to send their child to school on Recognition Day. Students will be attending regular classes in the morning, with Recognition Day activities in the afternoon. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders attending the Brewer game will be leaving the school at approximately 8:15 a.m. and returning around 4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Please arrange to pick up your child promptly.**

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians: Later this month, your child will be bringing home information about new immunization requirements for students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please look over this packet. The gold record sheet will need to be completed upon your child entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please call the health room at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7436.

## **MATH CORNER**

Thank you for supporting your child's math thinking at home. The state Forward test on Tuesday, April 16, will include only the standards from their grade level, not their academic level. Any additional practice at home is appreciated. It is beneficial for students to spiral their practice to keep older standards fresh in their memories. This could be accomplished through website practice or any paper and pencil work.

Two good websites to use are: [www.mathgames.com](http://www.mathgames.com) and [www.mathgalore.com](http://www.mathgalore.com). Just click on their grade level for practice and videos.

## **SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL**

Congratulations to the following students who performed in the Solo Ensemble Festival, Saturday, March 9, at East Troy High School!

### **BAND**



**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Nico Norelli and Kira LaRose – flute solos; Madison Dorschner – xylophone solo; Evan Jones – drum set solo; Nina Norelli and Emma Loeffelholz – clarinet duet.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Maddie Yanacheck – flute solo; Sophia McCartney and Rachel Fredlund – trombone duet; Kenny Herda, Evan Stachowiak, and Zach Staniszewski – woodwind trio.

### **CHOIR**

**7th Grade:** Mackenzie Knippel, Emma Loeffelholz, Nina Norelli, and Lucy Oechsner

**8th Grade:** Olivia Feldmann and Kara Loeffelholz

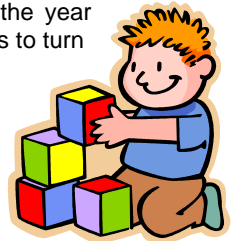


## **EIGHTH GRADE BABY PHOTOS NEEDED**

**8<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENTS:** Baby photos of our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are needed! Help make our end of the year promotion slideshow fantastic for our students by turning in a baby picture by **April 15**. There are two ways to turn in the baby pictures:

**Physical Picture:** Make sure your child's name is on the back of the photo and have them turn it in to Students Services. All photos will be returned.

**Digital Picture:** Have a virtual copy of your child's picture? E-mail it with your child's name in the body of the e-mail to [jen.heckman@muskegonorway.org](mailto:jen.heckman@muskegonorway.org).



Thanks for your help in this!

## **CROSS-COUNTRY, IT'S A GREAT SPORT!**



Sign up for Fall 2019 Cross Country is the week of **May 13 – May 17** with Coach Ignatowski. All sign up paperwork **is due May 23**. All grade levels are welcome to join our CC team. Due to high numbers in previous years, away races will be open to 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on a first come, first serve basis. Please turn in **all** paperwork as soon as possible, as this will hold your racing spot (physical cards can be turned in throughout the summer if needed). Any available racing slots will be opened up to 5th graders on a first come, first serve basis. All athletes will be able to run at our Lake Denoon home meet and at all practices.

**\*\*\*IN ORDER TO HOLD A RACING SPOT ON THE TEAM, ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE TURNED IN.** A racing spot will not be held for your child unless **all paperwork** is in (excluding the physical if you are getting one during the summer. A physical will be required in the fall to participate. **If your child does not have a physical at the start of the season, his/her racing spot will be given to someone else**). Once all paperwork is in, your child will be given a racing spot. Please note we have 70 racing spots and the **date/time ALL paperwork is turned in will determine your racing spot number.**\*\*\*

If your child has not been involved in a sport or does not have a physical card on file, he/she will need to schedule a physical. If your child is currently a 4th grader, that physical must be dated after April 1st. Sign up information for current 4<sup>th</sup> graders at elementary schools feeding into Lake Denoon will be sent to those schools in April.

On Thursday, **May 30**, we will be holding a team informational meeting. We will be discussing the season calendar, as well as summer running.

For more information about cross country, go to Fall Sports, which is located under Athletics, Clubs & Activities at the Lake Denoon school website. You can also check out our LDMS CC website at <http://ldmscross.weebly.com/>.

Be part of a team where encouragement is the norm.

Contact Coach Ignatowski at [katie.ignatowski@muskegonorway.org](mailto:katie.ignatowski@muskegonorway.org) with any questions.

## **FROM THE DESK OF YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST:**

As a brief reminder for my readers, I've decided to use the parent newsletter to chronicle the ins and outs of parenting a 7th grade boy this year, as I believe that my experiences may mirror many of yours.

My son's middle school recently had parent/teacher conferences. Conferences are formatted as a first come, first serve basis at his school. While waiting to speak with his first teacher, I looked at their version of Infinite Campus. I look at this periodically (and admittedly probably not often enough) and decided I better have the most updated information heading into conferences. I was appalled to see that his grades across the board had significantly declined since first and second quarters--and even in the last two weeks since I had checked it. Armed with this information, I spoke with his Math, Literacy, and Spanish teachers--the classes I was most concerned about because of grades.

What I heard from each teacher was a theme I had been noticing at home--my son lacks the internal effort and drive to want to do the best that he can. He gets by, doing minimal work--both with how much time he puts in as well as the quality of work he produces. I know my son is much more capable than what his grades were indicating. So of course I first reacted as a parent. My initial response was to take away screens, initiate an earlier bedtime, and increase his chores at home. And of course his response was to sigh and grunt at me, isolate from his family, and generally be very unpleasant at home. My first response wasn't working. Then I realized, I was not doing what I needed or should have been doing. My school psychologist had went on and I realized that I, *as his parent*, have not spent the time teaching him study skills, as well as the *why* behind persevering, trying one's best, and finding the internal drive to push forward. It just wasn't present in my mind that I needed to teach him these skills, because he has done well in school so far. But knowing how to study is a skill set that doesn't just automatically happen.

I ultimately realized that his grades are perhaps a slight representation of my shortcomings in parenting. Now granted, he is responsible for his actions and needs to be accountable at school--but I also needed this to happen to remember my responsibility as a parent. Moving forward, it is our job together, as parent and son, to work on how to be a student who has growing expectations and increasingly complex content at school. How does one study? How does one organize information in notes? How do you prioritize what gets done first, second? How do I learn and remember information best? That's our task together--to help him learn those skills so he can be independent, pushed forward by his internal drive, and reaching those goals he has for post middle- and high-school. I am confident in him and his potential--but I need to make sure that I am setting him up for success, too.

In solidarity,

"Dr. R."

## **GUIDANCE REGARDING GASTROENTERITIS (“STOMACH FLU”)**

There has been some confusion by parents as to when to keep a child experiencing vomiting and/or diarrhea.....here is some guidance....

**Gastroenteritis** (or "stomach flu") is generally defined as the inflammation of the gastro-intestinal tract often resulting in the acute onset of vomiting and/or diarrhea along with other symptoms, usually caused by a viral infection, but may also be caused by bacterial or parasitic infection.

- Diarrhea is defined as 3 or more loose stools in a 24 hour period.
- Depending on the cause of the gastroenteritis (viral / bacterial / parasitic)....
  - The symptoms may last for 12 hours to weeks, the most common causes (viral) last 12 to 48 hours
  - The diarrhea may be non-bloody / bloody
  - Other symptoms may include fever, abdominal cramps/pain, fever, fatigue, weight loss
- The most common cause are:
  - Viral – norovirus, rotavirus (by far the most common overall)
  - Bacterial – campylobacter, salmonella, shigella, E.coli
  - Parasitic – cryptosporidium, giardia
- Most cases of gastroenteritis are not confirmed by a lab test and therefore the cause is often unknown. As such the recommendation is to exclude a student from school until asymptomatic for 24 hours, and it is strongly encouraged to exclude a student from school until asymptomatic for 48 hours.
- Vomiting and diarrhea may occur for many reasons other than gastroenteritis such as stress / anxiety. Further, students may often report to staff and/or parents that they have "thrown-up" when in actuality they did not or they merely "gagged."
- Gastroenteritis does not usually present with just one or two episodes of vomiting and /or diarrhea, symptoms tend to be more persistent over the course of 12-48 hours, again depending on cause, starting abruptly and then gradually improving.
- There is no bright-line rule as to when to exclude a child unless the cause of the gastroenteritis is laboratory confirmed.....which most are not....as such we may only provide general guidelines / recommendations.
- The current guidelines state:
  - Recommended - 24 hours minimum after last episode of vomiting/diarrhea (inherent in this guideline is that there is more than one occurrence of vomiting)
  - Strongly Encouraged - 48 hours after last episode of vomiting/diarrhea
- One or two episodes of vomiting, especially without any other accompanying symptoms, is likely NOT gastroenteritis....could be, but unlikely.

**In general, a student may return to school if they have only had one or two episodes of vomiting without any other accompanying symptoms.** This general guideline is more often than not going to prevent a student from attending school with gastroenteritis, while allowing a student to attend school when the cause of the vomiting is not gastroenteritis. This will not be exact, as previously stated, unless we have a lab confirmation of cause we will never know for sure but this is the most rational approach.

## **END OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

Plans are already underway for the end of the year Recognition Celebration on **June 12, 2019**. Specific information on these activities will be available as plans are finalized. As with other Recognition Days, there will be activities at school and off campus.

Eligibility requirements for the indoor water park at Lake Geneva (grades 5 and 6) and Great America (grades 7 and 8) are as follows:

- Students may not have any office referrals or may not have 3 or more detentions during fourth quarter.
- Students may not have any F's as a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter grade in any subject. Students who have incompletes may or may not be eligible to attend.
- Any student who has NOT earned Recognition Day and who is taken out of school and arrives at a Recognition Day activity will NOT be allowed to participate in the following Recognition Day.
- Any eighth grade student who has NOT earned Recognition Day and who is taken out of school and arrives at a Recognition Day activity will NOT be allowed to participate in the eighth grade dance on the night of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion.

## EIGHTH GRADE SCHEDULE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

8:24 – 9:04 a.m.	Promotion rehearsal
9:04 – 9:34 a.m.	8th grade breakfast
9:34 – 10:25 a.m.	Slide show
10:25 – 12:00 p.m.	Back to classes

## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased to announce that the Muskego-Norway School District is offering a variety of summer school and sports academy options for our elementary and middle level students this summer! To access more details about the summer offerings, please use this [LINK](#) to learn more! Here's some general information regarding Summer Learning Academy:

**Location** - Lake Denoon Middle School  
**Registration Opens** - Monday, March 18  
**Registration Closes** - Friday, April 5  
**Confirmation of schedule available on IC**- Friday, May 24

**Week 1:** June 24 – June 27  
**Off Week of July 1**  
**Week 2:** July 8 – July 11  
**Week 3:** July 15 – July 18  
**Week 4:** July 22 – July 25

\*\*Dates are different for -All-Sports Academy, Fab Lab, and Muskego Power (formerly Strength & Conditioning).

**WCTC – SUMMER CAMPS:** [Find My Future Hands-on Career Exploration Summer Camp](#)

[Discover Me Hands-on Career Exploration Summer Camp](#)

**2019 CAMP ANOKIJIG:** [Click here for information](#)



## PTO UPDATE



*The PTO's guiding mission is to encourage a team atmosphere amongst parents, teachers, and administration by lending our energy, talent, resources, and time to improve the quality of education and Lake Denoon Middle school environment.*

*E-mail us at [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) with questions or suggestions.*

**RECOGNITIONS:** The PTO would like to offer our deep appreciation to Julie Misiak for leading the Book Fair this year and Candice Cook for leading the Ice Cream Social along with every volunteer and donation offered. Thank you!

### ACTIVE PROJECTS:

- PTO participants will be reading submitted essays and determining two \$500 Scholarship winners next month!
- Planning around Teacher Appreciation week is underway for May 6- May 10, volunteers and donations wanted.
- Finalizing our new school supply vendor, 1<sup>st</sup> Day School Supplies. Our new online school supply store will be open soon for your 2019-2020 school supply shopping convenience!

### NEEDED:

- PTO Secretary is needed for the next school year. Please email inquiries or interest.
- PTO Treasurer needed for next school year as well, this year is a great opportunity to shadow our current treasurer.
- Parent Volunteers needed to ensure the success and appreciation of our faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation week in May. Anyone interested in supporting this event please email your interest to [LakeDenoonPTO@gmail.com](mailto:LakeDenoonPTO@gmail.com)

**JOIN US:** Our next, and last, PTO meeting of the school year is Tuesday, May 7 at 4:30pm in the LDMS Library. Everyone is welcome.