



# LAKE DENOON MIDDLE SCHOOL



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

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Check out our website 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:

- May 1: STAR Math Test
- May 8: PTO Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
- May 16: 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert – 7:00 at MHS
- May 22: 6th Grade Band concert – 7:00 p.m. at Lake Denoon
- May 23: Choir concert – 7:30 p.m. at MHS
- May 28: Memorial Day – **NO SCHOOL**
- May 30: Recognition day
- May 31: Last day of school – Dismissal 12:00 p.m.
- May 31: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade promotion – 7:00 p.m.
- August 13: Registration – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- August 14: Registration – 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- August 29: Open House/School Supply drop off – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



## 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 **May 7**. 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 for your child’s picture? E-mail it with your child’s name in the body of the e-mail to [annamarie.morinerdman@muskegonorway.org](mailto:annamarie.morinerdman@muskegonorway.org)

## CROSS-COUNTRY, IT’S A GREAT SPORT!



Sign up for Fall 2018 Cross Country is the week of **May 7 – May 11** with Coach Kruk. All sign up paperwork **is due May 17**. 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. **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**. Any available racing slots will be opened up to 5th graders on a first come, first served basis. All athletes will be able to run at our Lake Denoon home meet and at all practices.

If your child currently attends Lake Denoon, but will be attending Muskego Lakes next year and would like to participate in cross country, he/she can turn in his/her paperwork at Lake Denoon with a post-it that says 'Muskego Lakes'. We will date and forward it to the Muskego Lakes coach.

On Thursday, **May 24**, we will be holding our annual *Cross Country Experience* at LDMS. The Cross Country Experience is for 2018 Lake Denoon Cross Country runners. This will involve a 1.5 mile run and a team meeting. More information will be included in the CC sign up packets.

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 Kruk at [katie.kruk@muskegonorway.org](mailto:katie.kruk@muskegonorway.org) with any questions.

## **LIBRARIES ROCK!**

It is that time of the year again! All library books are due back in the library on **May 14**, so we will be ready for Summer 15 Checkout!

Permission form link for summer check out is: <https://goo.gl/LHFZSS>

## **BAND CONCERT**

The spring band concert for **Grades 7 and 8** will be held on **Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** at the Muskego High School PAC. **Students need to be at the PAC by 6:30 p.m.**



The spring band concert for **Grade 6** will be held on **Tuesday, May 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m.** at Lake Denoon Middle School. **Students need to be at LDMS by 6:30 p.m.**

## **SPRING CHORAL CONCERT**



The spring choral concert for grades 6, 7, and 8 will be at **7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018**, at the Muskego High School PAC. **Please drop students off at the Muskego High School PAC at 7:00 p.m.**

**Attention 6, 7, and 8 grade CHOIR FAMILIES:** This is just a friendly reminder that the concert attire is now officially changed to black dress pants for ALL members. There will no longer be dresses or skirts of any kind allowed. Also, please be sure it is 100% black. No stripes, no white sweaters, etc. Concert attire will be black dress pants, black dress shirt, and black shoes for boys. For girls, it is a black blouse, black dress pants with black shoes.

## **END OF THE YEAR RECOGNITION**

Plans are already underway for the end of the year Recognition Celebration on **Wednesday, May 30**. 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.

## **EIGHTH GRADE PROMOTION AND DANCE**

The eighth grade promotion celebration and dance have been set for **Thursday, May 31, at 7:00 p.m.** The dance will immediately follow the ceremony and end promptly at 9:30 p.m.

**Students need to be seated in the gym by 6:45 p.m. the night of the celebration.** Please note: no one will be allowed into the gym until the doors open at 6:00 p.m. As a courtesy to all attending, please do not reserve seats. Seating will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Suggested dress for boys is a dress shirt and slacks; no visible boxer shorts with loose, low pants, and something "dressy" for girls. We discourage shorts, blue jeans, tuxedos, and formal gowns. No strapless, backless, or bare midriff dresses will be allowed. This is a school event and School Board Policy outlines the parameters for student dress as "decency and moderation: no bare chests, midriffs, or backs." Moreover, as stated in our school handbook, "no part of any undergarment is to be visible while standing or sitting; no strapless tops, off the shoulder, or visible bra straps, or low cut tops; skirts should be mid-thigh or longer for students." If students are not following the dress code, we will have t-shirts and other clothes to appropriately cover up.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make the event a success for all of our eighth grade students! If you are interested in volunteering with this event, whether it is helping with food, decorations, chaperoning, clean up, or the eighth grade breakfast, please e-mail Lisa Duller at [roozee13@gmail.com](mailto:roozee13@gmail.com).

## **EIGHTH GRADE SCHEDULE FOR LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – MAY 31**

Meet in homerooms	8:05 – 8:24 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> grade slide show	9:34 – 10:25 a.m.
Promotion rehearsal	8:24 – 9:04 a.m.	Classes	10:25 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup> grade breakfast	9:04 – 9:34 a.m.		

## **MUSICAL**



We would like to, again, thank all the parents who volunteered their time and talents for our recent musical production of *The Rockin' Tale of Snow White*. Thank you for taking time away from your own families to help make our production a smashing success. In particular, a special thanks to the following parents: **Costume Coordinator** – Rici Welden (no longer a parent here, but a community member). **Costume Crew** – Carey Logan, Debbie Tupy, Amy Oechsner, Debra Roegner, Karen Torbeck, and Angela Kunath; **Hair and Make-Up** – Michelle Dietzler, Holly Lambert, Chris Hutchins, Amy Stachowiak, and Tammy Serdynski. **Publicity** - Karen Torbeck. **Behind-The-Scenes Photography** – Cecilia and Nathan Fernau.

## **DRESS CODE**

With warmer weather on the way, please note that LDMS and Muskego-Norway Schools have policies related to proper attire/dress for school. Specifically, the policies outline bare midribs, backs, and chest as not appropriate for school. Also, low cut shirts and spaghetti straps are not allowed. Skirts/shorts should be mid-thigh in length. We have talked with the children about the code and have, at times, asked them to change or put on a sweatshirt or jacket. We appreciate your support as we strive to maintain an environment conducive to learning. School administrators will make the final decision as to what constitutes appropriate dress.

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

As the last bell rings on May 31, I am sure the lyrics from Alice Cooper will enter my head....and while our students may not know that song, their heads will be filled with the anticipation of long days filled with relaxation and fun. From the perspective of parents, however, it is important that we consider how we keep our students engaged and active during the extra-long summer break this year. Students' priority for screens, possible addiction to video games and social media, and a sedentary lifestyle can result in our tweens and teens becoming isolated, disinterested, unhealthy, and possibly even depressed and anxious. To counteract their constant status checks on who has the highest number of "streaks" or the greatest number of "likes," parents and their children can create a daily summer schedule of structured and less structured activities that continue to activate their learning and expand their interests, while still having fun. Given that families' schedules vary during the summer, there are activities that can be incorporated throughout the day regardless of whether the student attends a summer camp, stays home on their own, or is cared for by friends/family/daycare.

These free activities help maintain academic learning and thinking, and include:

- 30 – 60 minutes of daily reading
- 10 – 15 minutes of journaling about what was read (or about the summer fun your child is having)
- Math fluency facts practice

Other more innovative options include:

- Duolingo (a free online language learning platform that teaches its users a different language with the use of lessons, interactive games, and a variety of exercises)
- Artfonica's How to Draw (70 step by step tutorials that teach its users how to sketch cartoons, animals, anime, figures, and more)
- iYoga (eight 30 minute videos teaching yoga, including energizing morning yoga and calming evening yoga)

There are also a plethora of free and fun family activities throughout the Waukesha and Milwaukee areas over the summer. Check these out as an option to stay connected with each other, enjoy summer weather, and spend some time together away from screens:

- Farmer's markets in many communities
- Monday Night at the Movies at Les Paul Performance Center in Cutler Park at 6:30 p.m., starting in June,
- Tribute Tuesdays in Waukesha – free music concerts
- Chill on the Hill at Humboldt Park Bandshell on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. from 6/17/18 – 8/30/18
- Waterfront Wednesdays at Lakefront Park in Pewaukee – free summer music from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. between 6/8/18 – 8/24/18
- Tosa Tonight (Wednesdays) at the Rotary Performance Pavilion in Tosa Village at 6:00 p.m. between 6/15/18 – 8/31/18
- Borrowing books from your local library
- Evening walks or bike rides in your neighborhood or paved trail system.

Summer wishes to all the Lake Denoon families--enjoy the weather, each other, a burger or two from the grill (and perhaps an activity listed above). We will see you in the fall!

Dr. R

## **MATH CORNER**

From Mrs. Quirk, Mathematics Coach

Our last STAR assessment will be May 1 for all grades. Any additional practice at home is appreciated, to ensure the best performance and most accurate picture of your child's understanding of mathematics.

Thank you for your support of mathematics throughout the year. Please encourage your child to continue thinking mathematically over the summer. Some ideas include: math games online, budgeting for items at home, figuring out the tip at a restaurant, card games, interpreting graphs from the newspaper, figuring out how many miles per gallon your vehicle got, estimating the cost of items at the store, and logic puzzles. You can find many great online resources at [Mathgames.com](http://Mathgames.com), [Prodigy](http://Prodigy), and on my math website: [www.mathgalore.com](http://www.mathgalore.com)

## **FINAL REPORT CARDS**

Once the final report cards are completed, parents will be e-mailed to let them know that they can access the report.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

All lost and found items left at the end of the year will be donated to charity one week after the last student day.

## **ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY FOR 2018-19**



**All of our interscholastic athletic opportunities require a physical examination by a licensed physician PRIOR to tryouts or participation. Sports requiring a physical are: sixth, seventh, and eighth grade boys' and girls' basketball, cross country, track, wrestling, cheerleading, and seventh and eighth grade girls' volleyball.**

Since the physical is required **PRIOR** to tryouts, often it is a scramble for you to get your child in for a physical at the last minute. To avoid this unneeded stress we recommend that you get your child in for a physical **AFTER APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>** and **PRIOR** to the **end of August**. Even if, at this point, your child doesn't want to play sports, or isn't sure, it still would be a great idea to get your child in for a physical.

The physical exam form that needs to be filled out by you and signed by your physician can be picked up in the school office or found at the Lake Denoon website under co-curricular, then under forms. All the physicals are good until the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Each year after the physical, you must file an alternate year card, which the athletes' parents sign.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mark Nagy, LDMS Activities Coordinator, at (262) 971-1820, ext. 7118, or you can e-mail him at [mark.nagy@muskegonorway.org](mailto:mark.nagy@muskegonorway.org).

## **ARE YOU MOVING?**

Please notify the Main Office if you have a change of address or if your child will not be returning for the 2018-19 school year.

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS AT LDMS**

The Main Office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.



## **SUMMER REGISTRATION DAYS**

2018-19 registration dates for grades 5 – 8 are as follows:

- **Monday, August 13 – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, August 14 – 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

During registration, students receive their schedule, have their pictures taken, tour the building, and pay their fees. Typically, registration can be completed in less than an hour. More information will be sent home in late July, along with forms that need to be returned at registration.

## **OPEN HOUSE ALL GRADES/DROP OFF SUPPLIES**

On **Wednesday, August 29**, we are hosting an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Students can bring in their school supplies at this time. Fifth and sixth grade teachers will have desk and locker assignments ready for your child. In 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, you can go to your homeroom to get your locker assignment.

## **2018-19 CALENDAR**

As a reminder, the 2018-19 school year calendar has been approved by the school board and is available at this [link](#). **Please note, next year's calendar has Muskego-Norway Schools starting school on September 4, 2018.**

# **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.*

**Teacher Appreciation Week** – We will celebrate our teachers the week of May 7 – 11. More details will be forthcoming.

**Next PTO Meeting** – Our last PTO meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 8, at 3:30 p.m.** in the library. We are always looking for parents/guardians to take leadership roles and chair committees for our PTO. At this meeting, the election of PTO officers will take place. We would love to have 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians attend and see what our PTO is all about.

**Seeking two co-presidents for next year** – The PTO is in need of two co-presidents for next year. Current co-presidents, Courtney Korselt and Connie Peplinski will stay to help with the transition. Please e-mail [lakedenoonpto@gmail.com](mailto:lakedenoonpto@gmail.com) if interested in the position.

**8th Grade Promotion** – The 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion will take place **Thursday, May 31 at 7:00 p.m.** The dance will immediately follow and end promptly at 9:30 p.m. Alpine Lanes and been booked for the post-promotion student event.

**Help with Registration** - We are looking for help with back-to-school registration. Monday, August 13, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 14 from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the middle school.

# ACT<sup>®</sup> Practice Test

**Find out where you stand!**

**Attention Middle School students...**

Want to take a **FREE** full-length **practice ACT**?

MHS is pleased to offer you this opportunity!

*Our target audience is 8th grade,*

*but any middle school student is welcome to attend.*

## **Time and location:**

- Date: **Saturday, May 12th, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** (check-in from 7:30-7:45)
- Location: Muskego High School – Room 243

## **Test event includes:**

- Full-length practice ACT test that you are able to keep
- Scoring session: immediate feedback on your composite scores

## **What to bring:**

- school ID
- scientific or graphing calculator
- sharpened #2 pencils
- water and peanut-free snacks, if desired

**Scan here for signup**



## **Registration:**

- Registration open until Wednesday, May 9th, or until spots are full.
- **Space is limited to 100 students, so please sign up early!**

Scan the barcode above or visit this website: <https://goo.gl/forms/qKTYLzyoXNQsICFg2>

**Questions? Feel free to contact any of the following MHS teachers:**

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# Preventing Cyberbullying

## Top Ten Tips for Parents



Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D. and Justin W. Patchin, Ph.D.  
Cyberbullying Research Center

**1. Establish that all rules for interacting with people in real life also apply for interacting online or through cell phones. Convey that cyberbullying inflicts harm and causes pain in the real world as well as in cyberspace.**

**2. Make sure your school has Internet Safety educational programming in place.** This should not solely cover the threat of sexual predators, but also how to prevent and respond to online peer harassment, interact wisely through social networking sites, and engage in responsible and ethical online communications.

**3. Educate your children** about appropriate Internet-based behaviors. Explain to them the problems that can be created when technology is misused (e.g., damaging their reputation, getting in trouble at school or with the police).

**4. Model appropriate technology usage.** Don't harass or joke about others while online, especially around your children. Don't text while driving. Your kids are watching and learning.

**5. Monitor your child's activities** while they are online. This can be done informally (through active participation in, and supervision of, your child's online experience) and formally (through software). Use discretion when covertly spying on your kids. This could cause more harm than good if your child feels their privacy has been violated. They may go completely underground with their online behaviors and deliberately work to hide their actions from you.

**6. Use filtering and blocking software** as a part of a \*comprehensive\* approach to online safety, but understand software programs \*alone\* will not keep kids safe or prevent them from bullying others or accessing inappropriate content. Most tech-savvy youth can figure out ways around filters very quickly.

**7. Look for warning signs** that something abnormal is going on with respect to their technology usage. If your child becomes withdrawn or their Internet use becomes obsessive, they could either be a victim or a perpetrator of cyberbullying.

**8. Utilize an "Internet Use Contract" and a "Cell Phone Use Contract"** to foster a crystal-clear understanding about what is appropriate and what is not with respect to the use of communications technology. To remind the child of this pledged commitment, we recommend that these contracts be posted in a highly visible place (e.g., next to the computer).

**9. Cultivate and maintain an open, candid line of communication** with your children, so that they are ready and willing to come to you whenever they experience something unpleasant or distressing in cyberspace. Victims of cyberbullying (and the bystanders who observe it) must know for sure that the adults who they tell will intervene rationally and logically, and not make the situation worse.

**10. Teach and reinforce positive morals and values** about how others should be treated with respect and dignity.

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