

Good evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Monday, January 23 is an ODD Day. Friday, January 27, is a professional day for teachers, there will be no school for students.

- **Testing Update:** WIDA assessments for our EML students start on January 23rd and will run into late February.
- **African American Parent Association Meeting:** We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our first **African American Parent Association Meeting on January 31st from 6:00 - 8:00 PM** at Loiederman Middle School. Parents and students, we would love for you to meet other African American families in our community. We will be serving dinner and will have some fun community building activities. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by completing the form linked [here](#). Please reach out to Mr. Chet Hardy at 240-740-5840 with any questions. We can't wait to see you there!
- **Are you interested in seeing the process of the SMOB election unfold?** Want to attend the annual SMOB Nominating Convention to participate in the democratic process in the selection of our two finalists for the next SMOB on February 15th? If you are interested, please contact your school's SGA advisor, Ms. Veronica M. Ostrega by Thursday, January 26th, 2023 by email (Veronica.M.Ostrega@mcpsmd.net) to learn more about the process to becoming a delegate to the SMOB Nominating Convention. *This opportunity is open to all Loiederman Students.*
- **Attention students and families! The LMS Yearbook staff needs your help!** We want to celebrate what students have been up to outside of school this year! Please share photos of your student engaged in after school activities and clubs, celebrating family holidays, creating art, traveling, hanging out with family, friends or pets, cooking and baking, engaged in a hobby, or playing their favorite video games or sports. Whatever your student does outside of the building, please snap a pic and share it with the yearbook staff for possible inclusion in the 2023 LMS Yearbook. Click [HERE](#) and enter the code LMS to upload your photos or for additional information click [HERE](#)! And don't forget to visit www.yearbookforever.com to purchase your 2023 LMS Yearbook - use the code LMS5 a checkout to save \$5.
- **Hey 8th Grade Families!** Please share your 8th grader's baby picture with the LMS Yearbook staff! We want to include as many 8th grade baby pics as possible in this year's book! This is for 8th graders ONLY! Please email photos to Ms. Moore at christiana.e.moore@mcpsmd.net or click [HERE](#) and use the access code LMS to upload your photos.
- **The Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) College Fair:** HBCU College Fair co-sponsored by Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and the Montgomery County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), is scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2023. The event will take place in person at The Universities at Shady Grove for

students in Grades 8–12 and their families to meet with representatives from over 50 historically black colleges and universities.

- **Calendar of Upcoming Dates/Events:**

- Jan 27: Professional Day for Teachers- No School for Students
- January 31: African American Parent Association Meeting

Please be sure to check out the [LMS PTSA Page on Facebook](#). Stay well, stay safe, and thank you for staying connected to Loiederman. Have a good evening!