

Good evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Monday, January 30 is an ODD Day.

- **SGA Dance:** The SGA is proud to present the 2023 SGA Valentine's Day Dance on February 10th, 2023 from 3 to 4:35 PM in the Gym. Students must purchase a ticket for entry (\$4), and an optional ticket for pre-ordered pizza and drink (\$4) is available. Students must submit both a payment using [this link](#) and a student permission slip using [this link](#). When purchasing a ticket, please uncheck "Myself" and indicate the **STUDENT FIRST and LAST name** on the line "Who are you purchasing this for." **When purchasing for more than one student, please indicate EACH student's first and last name.** The deadline to purchase tickets is February 8th OR if the event sells out at 250 tickets. All proceeds of the dance will go to future SGA events. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Ostrega ([Veronica M Ostrega@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Veronica.M.Ostrega@mcpsmd.org))
- **Girls Basketball:** The deadline to order Girls Basketball apparel is this Monday, January 30th, 11:59pm. Players and player parents have been emailed a link for ordering directly on the website. T-shirts are \$14, and Hoodies are \$32. Girls Basketball will host a home game against Parkland on Thursday, February 2nd at 3:20pm. Come to LMS to cheer our players on!
- **SSL Hours:** Any **middle school student** who has submitted documentation to show the completion of the **75-hour SSL graduation requirement** (for the first time in middle school) by March 30, 2023, will receive the Superintendent's SSL Award. If you have questions regarding the Superintendent's SSL Award, please contact Mr. Hardy at [Chester L Hardy@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Chester.L.Hardy@mcpsmd.org).
- **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 students 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.

- **Black Family and Student Alliance Meeting:** We are excited to announce that we will be hosting our first **Black Family and Student Alliance 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.
- **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.*
- **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:**

- January 30: Semester 2/Marking Period 3 Begins
- January 30: EBB Semester 2 Begins
- January 31: African American Parent Association Meeting
- February 1: HS Registration Visits
- February 6: Report Card Distribution
- February 10: SGA Dance ([Permission Slip](#) and [Ticket](#) Needed to Attend)
- February 20: President's Day- Offices and Schools Closed

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!