

Good evening, Loiederman Families!

This is Megan McLaughlin, proud principal of LMS, calling with some important information. Monday, November 14 is an EVEN day.

- **Conferences are November 21st:** Parent/Caregiver Teacher Conferences will be both in-person and virtual this year on Monday, November 21st. In-person conferences will take place in the school building from 1:30-3:10 and virtual conferences will meet through Zoom from 4:30-7:00 pm. The links to register for a conference will be posted on [our website](#) on Monday, November 14th.
- **Pie Donations for November 21st:** We love our amazing LMS teachers and staff! Please show your support and help keep their spirit high by dropping off a pie that teachers and staff can snack on while participating in Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 21, 2022. Please drop off pies at the main entrance between 8:00 and 12:30 on Monday, November 21st. There will be a labeled cart in the main entrance vestibule, so you or your student can drop your donation there! You can sign up to indicate the pie you will bring [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact Mimi Truong at mythuytruong@hotmail.com. Thank you in advance for all your support!
- **Drop-Off Safety:** This is a reminder to please use the designated pick up and drop off area near the school parking lot (entrance on Weller Road). We have received reports from community members that caregivers are stopping on Goodhill road to drop their students off, which can cause a couple of issues: It is illegal to stop on Goodhill when traveling east because it blocks the normal flow of traffic. Additionally, students who are dropped off from westbound cars cross a busy street to get to Loiederman with no protected crosswalk. We recognize that the drop off/pickup area at Loiederman can back up, but please continue to use it to ensure the safety of our students.
- **Social Media Safety:** We are aware of and deeply concerned about multiple Instagram accounts being run by students that use our school name and logo on their pages. None of these pages are representative of Loiederman as we are a No Place for Hate School. These pages are, in fact, extremely toxic, harmful forums for bullying and harassment. We have reported the pages and individual posts repeatedly with some success in getting Instagram to ban the accounts. We are asking for the support of our community members in the following ways:
 - 1) If you allow your student access to social media, please establish safe social media use boundaries with your child and review the content they are viewing to ensure they are not interacting with or following harmful accounts.
 - 2) If your student is following any “Loiederman” pages on Instagram, please report those pages for bullying and harassment and then have your student unfollow the pages.

We are committed to providing the members of our school community with an environment that promotes the physical and psychological safety of our students, staff and families, but we can not achieve that without collectively combating these types of accounts and negative social media activity that threatens the well-being of our students. It is also important to note that students who are found running or interacting with these accounts are actively participating in online bullying and harassment and are subject to consequences as per the MCPS Code of Conduct.

- **Loiederman's Annual Fall Art Show is this week!** The LMS Art Dept will showcase beautiful Studio and Digital Artwork from our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders! The grand opening of the LMS Fall Art show will happen the same night as the Fall Theatre Production: Young Sherlock Thursday, November 17th at 6:00 am. The art show display will be up for viewing before, during, and after school until Friday, Dec. 16th. Come support our talented artists! For reference, The art show information is also posted on our LMS website! If you have any questions, please contact: Ms. Ely, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Wysong, and Mr. Wilson: **LMS Fall Art Show Poster 1.jpg**
- **Young Sherlock:** The Drama Club is proud to present "Young Sherlock," a play of mystery, suspense, and plenty of laughs. Take a trip back in time to when young Sherlock Holmes was a student at Butterworth Academy. Two girls are kidnapped from the school, and John Watson hopes Sherlock will be able to solve his first crime. Help Sherlock solve the mystery by joining the Drama Club in our beautiful Performance Space on November 17, 18, and 19 at 7 pm. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time for \$10 at <https://loiedermandrama.ludus.com>.
- **Athletics:** Winter 2022 middle school interscholastic athletics online registration through the ParentVUE Portal opened at 12:00 noon on October 31, 2022. The ParentVUE online registration portal, available in English and Spanish, incorporates all required paper forms and documents into an internet-based platform that can be accessed using a secure ParentVUE Portal login. Parents/guardians are also able to scan and upload their student's physical as part of the registration process. We will be hosting parents and caregivers for an opportunity to get in-person assistance registering students after school on Monday, November 14th from 3:15pm - 4:45pm.
- **Yearbook:** It's time to buy your LMS 2022-2023 yearbook! Buy this awesome book of memories before November 30th for the EARLY BIRD sale price of \$25! To purchase this book of memories for your student visit www.yearbookforever.com. Grab yours before the sale ends!

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

- Nov. 21- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 21 and 22- Half Days, students dismissed at 12:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23- Systemwide Closure- Offices and Schools Closed
- Nov. 30- Make Up Pictures

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