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BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL

**AUGUST 22, 2023
5-8 P.M.
STEVENSON
HIGH SCHOOL**

**PRESENTED BY
LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND THE
LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

FEATURING:

INFLATABLES

**FACE
PAINTING**

**BALLOON
ARTISTS**

PETTING ZOO

**PONY/
HORSE
RIDES**



**ADMISSION: \$ 5 PER CHILD (AGE 3 & UP)
CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE LPS EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

**Check Page
4 for an
update on
ParentConnect!**



Not sure which school your child will attend? Go to the link <https://webapps.resa.net/sa/> and type in your street address to locate your school!

ONLINE REGISTRATION AT A GLANCE

- Visit www.livoniapublicschools.org/registration to begin the registration process as early as possible.
- Complete the registration forms online, and upload all the required documents. If you are unable to load your documents, you will be required to present them in person.
- After you submit your form, you will be prompted to schedule an appointment to visit and present identification to confirm your registration.
- If you do not have access to a computer, paper packets will be available for you to complete in our office. **Appointments are required.**
- **You must provide identification in person to complete the registration process.**

HEALTH RECORDS FOR NEW STUDENTS

All new students must have up-to-date immunization records, or a waiver from the Wayne County Health Department. Vision records are required for incoming kindergartners.

Contact Pupil Accounting at 734-744-2541 or email registration@livoniapublicschools.org with any questions.

BEFORE AND/OR AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE INFORMATION

734-744-2813 ext. 22130
livoniapublicschools.org/sacc

Office hours are Monday through Friday,
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

K-6 STUDENTS

Centralized Registration is offered for K-6 students during the summer months in the front lobby of Central Office (15125 Farmington Rd.). **The office is available for scheduled appointments only.**

Summer Registration Information

July 10-September 6
Monday/Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday/Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

Beginning September 7, all registrations will be completed through your child's school.

7-12 STUDENTS

Summer registration for students in grades 7-12 is facilitated through the assigned school, beginning July 10. **Please call the school directly to make a registration appointment.**

STARTING JULY 10:
MONDAY-THURSDAY,
8:00 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.
CLOSED FRIDAYS

Emerson Middle School
734-744-2665
ext. 36102

Churchill High School
734-744-2650
ext. 46913

Frost Middle School
734-744-2670
ext. 37103

Franklin High School
734-744-2655
ext. 47913

Holmes Middle School
734-744-2675
ext. 38902

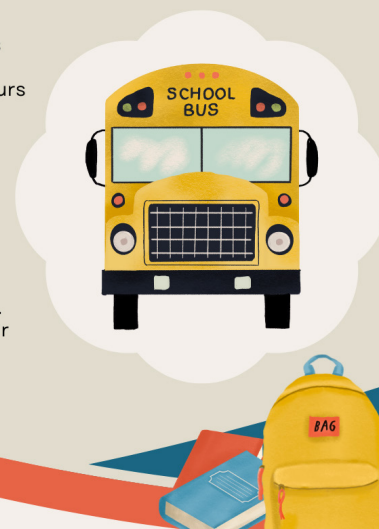
Stevenson High School
734-744-2660
ext. 48913

School Tours For New Families

School tours for new families new to the district will be offered at all K-4 schools. Tours will be held on the following date:

Tuesday, August 22
10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

No reservations are required. Please attend the tour at your child's assigned school.



FROM SUPERINTENDENT ANDREA OQUIST



Greetings LPS Community,

What a beautiful Michigan summer we have been enjoying. While the summer is beginning to wane, my hope is that you cherish the memories of long, summer days doing the things that you love, with the ones you hold nearest to your heart. Our family always enjoys some time together in northern Michigan which is such a joy.

As we prepare for a brand new school year in Livonia Public Schools, I remain grateful for our amazing team that has been focused on taking our school district to the next level, on several fronts. Our focus this summer has been on reaching high levels of learning for all students; enhancing our brick and mortar through numerous construction projects around the district; and on finding new ways to support our incredible staff as they prepare for the most important job of all – teaching and caring for our 13,000 students who call LPS their school home.

We will kick off the new school year with thoughtful and impactful professional development for our staff, and a newly revamped orientation for our new staff members who are joining LPS. We continue to prioritize our Professional Learning Communities journey, which carves out dedicated time for instructional and support staff to collaborate with purpose and vision, with student achievement at the forefront of the work.

Our voter-approved 2021 bond continues to yield incredible results in every corner of our district! These exciting construction projects bolster our learning environments for our students and serve as a significant source of pride for our community. We are watching with wonder the creation of the district's first new-build construction project in more than 50 years, as the Early Childhood Center takes shape on Newburgh, north of Six Mile. We cannot wait for its completion and opening in the fall of 2024!

Other projects include the expansion of the Livonia Career Technical Center, with its new Robotics area for our thriving and expanding FIRST Robotics programs. This space will be ideal for student learning and collaboration, both for the teams and for students at LCTC. We will see this new space come alive this fall and are looking forward to sharing the final result with all of you.

Our voter-approved "sinking fund" is also providing essential updates to our facilities, including roof replacement, energy-efficient boilers and ongoing parking lot work in addition to a total rebuild and relocation of the tennis courts at Franklin High School, to name just a few enhancements.

Looking forward to another excellent school year in LPS prompts us to be ever-grateful to our supportive community. Great things are happening in our district, and we couldn't be more thankful for all of the support. Just in the month of July, we saw this support, first-hand, as the community came out to the LPS Education Foundation's first-ever golf outing on July 23 at Fox Creek Golf Course. It was a beautiful day and one that will certainly become an annual fundraiser for our amazing Foundation! During that same weekend, our district was featured as the official charity partner for the grand opening of the HopCat Livonia restaurant on Haggerty. Again, the support from the community was outstanding and we were able to raise funds to assist with the materials needed for the all-new Project Lead the Way STEM offering at all 15 of our elementary schools, starting this fall. On the other side of town, we are watching the creation of a new greenhouse on the grounds of Garfield Community School, made possible through a grant from Healthy Livonia. This new learning space will provide hands-on experiences for our Western Wayne Skill Center students and will enhance our community outreach efforts! We look forward to this unique addition to the Garfield community.

One final thought on community support leads me to our LPS families. There isn't a school day that passes that we take for granted the trust that our families have in our LPS team. We know that your children are your everything ~ and they are also our most important focus, always. As we enter into a new school year, I personally invite you to be involved, to be our partners and hope that you will be raving fans of your home district! We strive to make you proud each and every day, and we know that our #LivoniaPride is something that our students and staff also live each day in Livonia Public Schools.

It is with great gratitude and pride that I serve as your superintendent, and I hope that you know that our entire staff is here to walk arm-in-arm through another successful school year with you!

Wishing you and your family all the best in 2023-2024!

Andrea Oquist

Andrea Oquist, Superintendent

LPS PROGRAMS AND CLASSES

Preschool Early Childhood Classes and Childcare
Jackson Center: 734-744-2813

Specialized Early Childhood Programs
734-744-2813, ext. 22902

Adult and Continuing Education
The Adult and Continuing Education Program provides adults and youth with opportunities for obtaining a GED or high school diploma, enhancing basic skills, and training for the workforce.

For more information, call 734-744-2607, or visit us online at www.livoniapublicschools.org/adult_ed.



If your child is in need of bus transportation for the 2023-2024 school year, and your home address is within eligible boundaries for bussing, please see the important information below.

Parents/guardians must now request transportation via their ParentConnect account.

See instructions below. For username and password recovery, follow the prompt on the home screen of ParentConnect. For further assistance, email parentconnect@livoniapublicschools.org. If you do not have a computer, or you are unsure if your student qualifies for bussing, please call (734) 744-2618 for assistance. If your student is new to the district, email communication will be forthcoming with ParentConnect log-in information.

Bus route information will be posted in ParentConnect, under the Transportation tab, after August 18th.

ParentConnect Update

Beginning August 7, 2023, all parents are required to login to ParentConnect to complete the electronic back-to-school information packet, including your contact information and emergency card information, for each child prior to the first day of school.



The breakfast program begins in all schools August 28. The lunch program begins in middle and high schools on August 28, and in elementary schools August 29.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS RETURN TO LPS

The State of Michigan fiscal 2024 budget includes funding for free breakfast and lunch to be available to all students, starting this coming school year. School meals will be free of charge to all students, under the new Michigan School Meals Program.

It remains important for families to complete the federal “free or reduced meals” application, in order to be eligible for other benefits available to income-eligible households. Benefits include the summer EBT program and reduced Pay to Participate fees for LPS athletics and activities. Filling out the form also enables Livonia Public Schools to receive important state funding for educational programs.

Please fill out the federal “free or reduced meals” program application by visiting Horizon Free & Reduced Apps (horizonsolana.com) (<https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/welcome>).

For more information, visit the Food Service Department webpage or contact the Food Service Department at (734) 744-2820 or via email at foodservice@livoniapublicschools.org.



2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Dates are subject to change. Please refer to the school websites for most current information throughout the year.

August 28	First day of school: See school website for times
September 1 - 4	NO SCHOOL: Labor Day Weekend
October 3	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Staff PD Day
October 12	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, P/T Conferences
November 1 - 2	HALF DAY: Secondary, P/T Conferences
November 7	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day
November 22 - 24	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Recess
December 15	HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only
December 18	NO SCHOOL: Elementary, Staff PD Day
December 21 - 22	HALF DAY: Secondary, a.m. only
Dec. 25 - Jan. 5	NO SCHOOL: Winter Recess
January 12	NO SCHOOL: Secondary
January 15	NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16	NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Staff PD Day
February 19	NO SCHOOL: President's Day
February 27	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD Day
March 8	HALF DAY: Elementary, a.m. only
March 25 - 29	NO SCHOOL: Spring Recess
March 25 - April 5	NO SCHOOL: Niji-Iro, Spring Recess
April 8	NO SCHOOL: Secondary, Staff PD day
April 26	NO SCHOOL
May 24	HALF DAY: All students, a.m. only
May 27	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
May 28	NO SCHOOL: Staff PD day
June 5	HALF DAY: Secondary, a.m. only
June 6	HALF DAY: Last day of student attendance, a.m. only
June 13	HALF DAY: Niji-Iro, Last day of student attendance, a.m. only

We look forward to welcoming our students and their families at the Open Houses. Parents will receive information about Curriculum Night and other important events after the school year begins.

ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSES

Lower Elementary	
Buchanan	Wed. Aug. 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Cleveland	Wed. Aug. 30, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Coolidge	Wed. Sept. 6, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Grant	Wed. Sept. 6, 5:30-6:00 p.m.
Hayes	K: Wed. Aug. 23, 5:30-7:00 p.m. 1-4: Wed. Aug. 30, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Hoover	Wed. Sept. 6, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Kennedy	Thurs. Aug. 24, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Randolph	Wed. Aug. 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Roosevelt	Wed. Aug. 30, 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Rosedale	Wed. Sept. 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Webster	Thurs. Aug. 24, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Niji-Iro	Wed. Sept. 6, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Upper Elementary	
Cooper	Tues. Aug. 29: 6th: 5:00-6:00 p.m.; 5th: 6:15-7:15 p.m.
Johnson	Thurs. Aug. 24 5th: 6:00-6:45 p.m.; 6th: 6:45-7:30 p.m.
Riley	Tues. Aug. 29: A-L: 5:00-6:00 p.m.; M-Z: 6:15-7:15 p.m.

SECONDARY OPEN HOUSES

Middle School	
Emerson, Frost, Holmes	Thurs., Sept. 7: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
High School	
Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson	Wed. Sept. 13: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
LCTC	Wed. Sept. 20: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
WWSC	Wed. Aug. 30: 6:00 p.m.

Welcome Walks	
Emerson, Holmes	Fri. Aug. 25, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
Frost	Fri. Aug. 25, 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson	Fri. Aug. 25, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
LCTC	TO BE DETERMINED
JACKSON CENTER OPEN HOUSE	
Jackson Center	Wed., Aug. 23: 5:00-6:00 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL SCHEDULE INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS (GRADES K-6)

Class assignments will be available on ParentConnect on August 24. ParentConnect information can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 28 - Half Day

Students attend in morning only.

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-12:10 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-11:45 a.m.

Transportation and breakfast program begin on August 28.

Tuesday, August 29 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins

K-4: 8:55 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

5-6: 8:25 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lunch program begins on August 29 for grades K-6.

WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (GRADES 1-6)

Elementary class assignments for ACAT students will be available on August 24 on ParentConnect.

Monday, August 28 - Half Day

All Webster students attend in morning only, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Transportation and breakfast program begin on August 28.

Tuesday, August 29 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins, from 8:00 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Lunch program begins on August 29.

CENTER PROGRAM STUDENTS

Bus assignments for students being transported to the center programs within or outside of the district will be listed in ParentConnect on August 24.

NIJI-IRO JAPANESE IMMERSION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades K-6)

Monday, August 28 - Half Day:

8:25 a.m.-11:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 29 - Regular full day schedule begins:

8:25 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Lunch program begins on August 29.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7-8)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect on August 24.

ParentConnect information can be found at

www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 28

Grade 7: Full day: 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Grade 8: Delayed start

Times will be communicated to families by the school

Tuesday, August 29 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins 8:00 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Aug. 28.

HIGH SCHOOL (GRADES 9-12)

Schedules will be available on ParentConnect on August 24.

ParentConnect information can be found at

www.livoniapublicschools.org/parentconnect.

Monday, August 28

Grade 9: Full day: 7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

Grades 10-12: Delayed start

Times will be communicated to families by the school

Tuesday, August 29 - Full Day

Regular full day schedule begins 7:25 a.m.-2:20 p.m.

Transportation, breakfast, and lunch programs begin on Aug. 28.

SECONDARY PROGRAMS FOR ACADEMICALLY TALENTED STUDENTS

MACAT (housed at Frost Middle School)

The Middle School Alternative Classrooms for the Academically Talented (MACAT) Program is the District's middle school program designed for students of high ability and high achievement in all academic areas. The MACAT curriculum consists of classes in language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The current process for entering MACAT begins with the grade level testing that every LPS 6th grade student participates in. Based on the results of these tests, letters are sent to parents and guardians to inform them of the opportunity to have their student considered for the MACAT Program for 7th grade. A selection committee comprised of teachers and administrators then selects the MACAT students from the students who have returned the nomination materials.

Please email macat@livoniapublicschools.org with questions.

MSC (housed at Churchill High School)

The Livonia Public Schools Math/Science/Computer (MSC) Program provides a concentration in math/science/computer science to students in grades 9-12 who have a high level of achievement and interest in the areas of math and science. MSC students split their day between regular study and MSC classes.

Eighth grade students who will have completed Algebra 1 by June 2024 are eligible to apply for the MSC Program for 9th grade. MSC students become full-time Churchill High School students. Transportation to Churchill is provided for MSC students who live in the Franklin and Stevenson attendance areas. Parents of LPS students who fit the Algebra eligibility guideline will be notified the week of October 23, 2023 of the opportunity for the student to apply to the MSC Program for the fall of 2024.

Applications for all students are due by Thursday, November 16, 2023. Testing for fall 2024 admission to the MSC Program is currently scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2023.

The MSC Program is open to LPS students only. Students in eighth grade residing within the district but not currently enrolled in LPS should contact msc@livoniapublicschools.org for more information.

For more information

More information about the MACAT and MSC programs can be found at www.livoniapublicschools.org/Academically_Talented. The MSC website will be updated by mid-August with all relevant information.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADA Accessibility

Livonia Public Schools, consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), is committed to ensuring that communication with individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others and will furnish appropriate aids and services where necessary to meet this commitment. Persons desiring further information are to contact the Director of Student Services at 734-744-2524.

AHERA Update

LPS, as required by the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) conducts ongoing surveillance and re-inspection programs for asbestos. LPS has an ongoing operations and maintenance program to address the asbestos in the buildings owned and operated by the district. Visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices for the annual update and information.

Child Find (Student Evaluations)

If your child is between birth and age five and you suspect that they may have a special need or developmental delay, please call 1-800-EARLYON (for birth to age three) or 734-744-2765. If your child lives within LPS boundaries in grades pre-K to 12th grade and you suspect a special need or disability, or you are an adult who may need accommodations or services as an individual with a disability, please contact the administrator at your child's school or the Student Services Department at 734-744-2524.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA is a federal law that affords parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. They include the right to: inspect and review records; request an amendment to records; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information in student's records (except in instances where disclosure without consent is allowed); file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school district to comply with the requirements of FERPA. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students." See full policy at livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) offers anyone the right to request access to public documents or information. Within LPS, requests can be made to the Human Resources Department. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

Integrated Pest Management

Occasionally, Livonia Public Schools may apply pesticides to our schools, school grounds, and athletic areas. As parents and guardians, you have the right to be notified prior to such applications. If you wish to be notified via first class mail or e-mail, please contact Harry Lau at hlau@livoniapublicschools.org or 734-744-2511.

A posting of pesticides used inside or outside of any LPS building will be placed in advance at the entrance of the building, and on the Livonia Public Schools website. In an emergency situation,

LPS may make an application without prior notification to parents or guardians; however, parents/guardians will be notified of the application after it occurs. Further information regarding pesticides can be obtained by contacting The National Pesticide Information Center at 800-858-7378.

Immunization Requirements

Immunizations are one of the most effective and scientifically proven measures to protect children from harmful diseases and death. Since 1978, Michigan law has required that each student have an up-to-date certificate of immunization at the time of registration (or no later than the first day of school) for entry into kindergarten and 7th grade, and for enrollment into a new school district, grades 1-12. Michigan schools are required to report immunization information regardless of their mode of instruction. Any student who fails to meet the immunization requirements shall not be admitted or participate in school classes.

Lost or Stolen Property

Livonia Public Schools and its staff members are not liable for damage to or loss of personal property of students. It is suggested that items brought to school by your child and deemed by you to have substantial value be insured separately on your homeowner's policy.

McKinney Vento Act

Livonia Public Schools follows federal mandates for the McKinney Vento Act by enrolling any homeless children who lack a regular and adequate night-time residence. Homeless children are placed according to their best interests, and have the same rights as resident students. If you are aware of children in this circumstance, please call 734-744-2535.

Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Education that Livonia Public Schools School District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, sexual orientation, sexual identity, or transgender status. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, and marital status - Director of Human Resources, (734) 744-2566. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries and grievances for: handicap or disability - Director of Student Services, (734) 744-2524.

Personal Curriculum

A personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on the individual learning needs of a student. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize learning requirements to meet the MMC requirements.

A PC may be requested by the parent or guardian of a student for whom the curriculum is sought, or by a student of majority age or emancipated minor status. For more information, visit livoniapublicschools.org/publicnotices.

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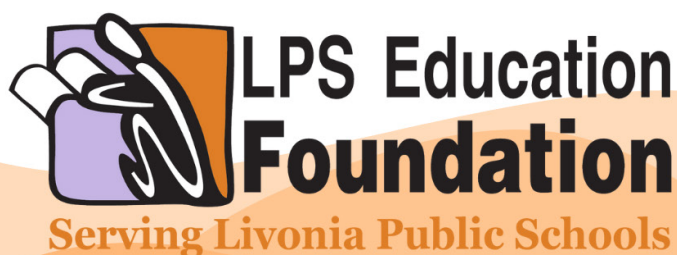
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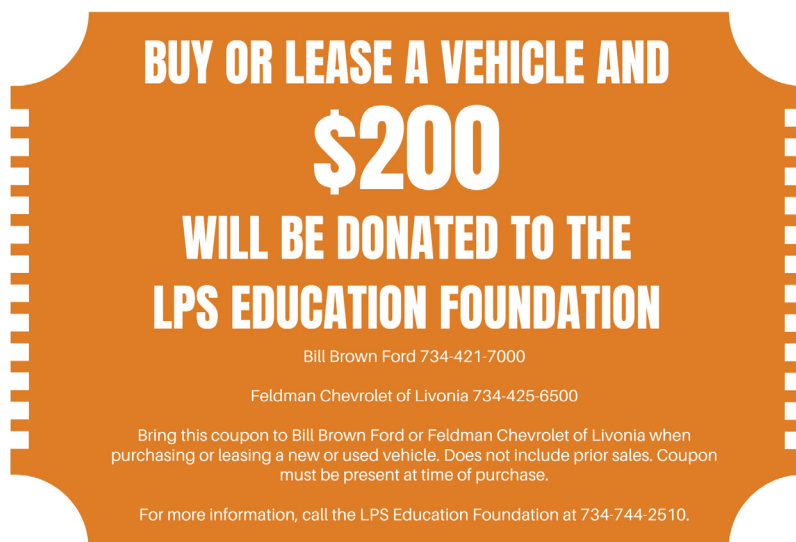
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