

LMMS Family Newsletter
2.28.2024

All School Announcements

LMMS Annual Dodgeball Tournament hosted by the PTO is TOMORROW, Thursday, 2.29, beginning at 2:45 in the LMMS Gym.

- Students and families are welcome to cheer on players! Students planning to attend (NOT participate) do not need a permission slip to attend. We ask that students and families communicate about their student's transportation home from the event!
- For more information, email LMMSPTO@littlemiamispto@gmail.com

7th and 8th grade Honors English

- We are happy to announce that to better serve our students and provide them with greater opportunities to expand the depth and rigor of our English Language Arts curriculum, we are introducing Honors English for those students entering 7th and 8th grades for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Course description** Honors English focuses on the central themes of maturation, diversity, and the development of compassion, empathy, and respect for others. The curriculum teaches the skills of reading, writing, discussion, language use, and vocabulary development through the study of both literature and informational texts. Core readings include novels, plays, short stories, and poetry. Students will be asked to explore additional works of literature as well. The writing modes targeted are expository and fictional/personal narrative. Honors English serves as both an introduction to the high school English curriculum as well as an opportunity for students to critically explore their maturation process through the lens of literature.

The rigors of the course are intended to be commensurate with the preparation students need for success later in high school, in college, and the working world. Students are being trained to be excellent critical thinkers, readers, textual analysts, writers, and creative producers of argument. The course will demand both high quantity and quality of effective writing for a range of audiences and purposes. By so writing, students will demonstrate their mastery of the conventions of the standard written language. Through the coursework, students will be expected to meet and exceed state standards for reading, writing, listening, speaking, and language.

- **Requirements for Honors English**
 - **Student Application – Due 3/8/2024 – Students will fill out an application stating why they think they would be a good candidate and agree to the expectations listed below for the class. Complete your application through this link: <https://forms.gle/ETts4JKv6CN6jYws9>**
 - **Teacher Recommendation** – Students will indicate the teacher they would like the English Language Arts Department to contact to provide a recommendation on their application form. The **preference** is that this is a current English Language Arts Teacher, but the recommendation **must** come from a teacher at Little Miami Middle School who has taught the student.

- **Expectations for Honors English Students**

1. Read and annotate an assigned book over the summer- **Incoming 8th graders only.**
 2. Be comfortable doing homework outside of school hours due to increased workload.
 3. Be an independent learner and strong collaborator.
 4. Have a strong work ethic.
 5. Be organized, and have good time management, and self-discipline.
 6. Be reflective and appreciate constructive feedback.
 7. Be resourceful, respectful, and a problem solver.
 8. Will meet deadlines on assignments.
- Please direct any questions to Karen Osborne at kosborne@lmsdoh.org or Matt McLaughlin at mmclaughlin@lmsdoh.org

Yearbook Sales: Don't miss the opportunity to give your student a keepsake they will cherish forever.

- HOW TO ORDER A YEARBOOK: Visit <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/13888>
- Order by 5/20 to guarantee that you receive your yearbook!
- QUESTIONS: Contact Shelley Trapp, Yearbook Adviser, at mtrapp@lmsdoh.org

Project Pass – Project Pass is held Tuesday and Thursday from the end of the school day until 3:30

- UPDATED LINK! Project Pass Sign-Up for March [Project Pass March \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)
- This year, we will have Project Pass on Tuesday and Thursday from the end of the school day until 3:30. An aide will sit with students from 2:05 until 2:35 while teachers have their end-of-the-day meetings, and then teachers will work with students from 2:25 - 3:30.
- If your student is not attending a session you signed up for, contact tshowers@lmsdoh.org.
- If we cancel the project pass, we will announce the end of the day and make every effort to email our parents.

PTO Information:

Popcorn Friday and Snack Shack have resumed! Below are Sign Up Geniuses if you would like to volunteer!

- Popcorn Friday-<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48ada62ca75-popcorn?useFullSite=true#/>
- Snack Shack-https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4aa8a82ea7fbc70-snack9?fbclid=IwAR3ze3o8n-q_qnhHGwWh40n_4aKoBTVd9EDeqBWjvwDs209HEuAHzddwTs4#/

LMMS Reminders:

- Please follow our Instagram page at [lm_middleschool](https://www.instagram.com/lm_middleschool) for weekly updates, news and photos from around the building!
- School website: www.littlemiamischools.com

- Click on “Schools”, then “Little Miami Middle School”, click on the tabs to find out about school information.
- **Attendance** - To place an absence call, call by 9:00 a.m. Call (513) 899-3408 and leave a message on the attendance line extension 25488.
- **Lunch Accounts** - You may apply money to a student’s lunch account by logging into www.payschoolscentral.com or by sending money into the school office. To check a student’s lunch balance, you can log on to www.payschoolscentral.com or call the school cafeteria at (513) 899-3408 extension 25491. You may also find the link on the Little Miami Schools website.
- **Transportation** - To inquire about a transportation concern, call (513) 899-2941.
- **School Nurse** - To speak with the school nurse, call (513) 899-3408, extension 25429.

Upcoming Dates:

Feb. 29, 2024 LMMS Dodgeball Tournament 2:30 – 8 pm
 Mar. 5, 2024 7/8th Grade Choir 7:00
 Mar. 8, 2024 End of Third Quarter
 Mar. 12-15, 2024 MAP Testing
 Mar. 14, 2024 Spring Pictures
 Mar. 15, 2024 Report Cards Posted to ProgressBook
 Mar. 18, 2024 MAP Testing Makeups
 Mar. 19, 2024 Teacher In-Service – No School
 Mar. 20-22, 2024 MAP Testing Makeups
 Mar. 29, 2024 Spring Break Begins
 Apr. 8, 2024 School Resumes
 Apr. 9-12, 2024 ELA AIR Testing
 Apr. 15-19, 2024 ELA AIR Testing Make ups
 Apr. 23-26, 2024 Math AIR Testing
 Apr. 30, 2024 Science AIR Testing
 May 1, 2024 Science AIR Testing
 May 2 -10, 2024 AIR Testing and Makeups
 May 16 2023 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choir Concert 7:00
 May 20, 2024 8th Grade Leaves for DC Trip
 May 23, 2024 8th Grade Returns from DC Trip
 May 23, 2024 Last Day for Students
 May 23, 2024 Report Cards Posted to ProgressBook
 May 24, 2024 Last Day for Teachers