

LSM High School Headlines

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Hello LSM Community,

We have had a very successful start to the school year using our hybrid transition plan. I am happy to report that with everything going so well, we will be transitioning to having all students attend every day starting this Monday, September 28th. This is in line with our original plan released at the end of the summer.

In order to keep everyone healthy, we will continue using many of the mitigation strategies that have been in place during the first month of the year:

- Most hallways will continue to be one-direction to prevent students from all crowding together or running into each other during class changes.
- Lockers will not be used. This also helps with any congestion in the hallways.
- We will continue to open bathrooms only during class times. (not passing times). This allows us to monitor the bathrooms and be sure no more than 2 students use them at a time.
- Our cafeteria set-up will remain the same with desks and 6 foot distancing. In order to accommodate all of the extra students, we will actually be using the Har-Bur cafeteria as well before their waves get started.
- Our band and chorus programs will continue to run, but with the distancing requirements, every student may not rehearse every day.
- Our mask requirements remain in place. Please keep in mind that masks with ventilators are not allowed.

I am confident that if we all continue to work together, we can keep everyone in the building safe and healthy. Please continue to screen your children every morning and if you have any health concerns keep students home. Please contact me or our head nurse, Mrs. Wasseluk, if you have any potential COVID exposure or concerns.

- For those families who are participating in our “opt-out” learning program, that program continues. Direct any questions you might have to Mrs. Otte.
- Unfortunately for our juniors, the opportunity for them to park on campus is now ending. Our seniors will be taking up all available parking spaces beginning on Monday. I apologize, but with so many members of the Class of 2021 hoping to park, I cannot make any exceptions for juniors.

Even with this transition, we also have some other information to share. Here are some things happening in the LSM community:

LSM Updates:

Open House: As mentioned last week, we will not be doing our in-person Open House event this year. On Wednesday of this week I sent out a link to all of our teacher videos created on Flipgrid. I hope you enjoyed this chance to “meet” all your children’s teachers. In case you missed it, here is the link again: <https://flipgrid.com/millsopenhouse>

October 14th: For those of you who like to plan ahead – Wednesday, October 14th will be a ½ day for LSM to accommodate for PSAT and SAT testing. All of our grade 10 and 11 students will be in the building in the morning taking the PSAT. Many seniors have also registered to take the SAT on the 14th and will be here as well. All of our grade 9 students and seniors not taking the SAT will not come into the building on the 14th.

Sports Spectators: Our shortened fall sports season gets underway this coming Thursday, October 1st. I sent home our spectator policy in a separate email yesterday, but here it is again for those who might have missed it. [Spectator Guidelines - Fall LSM Athletics-1.pdf](#)

Yearbook: There is now a yearbook link on the LSM website - you can purchase a yearbook at the lowest cost of the year!

Senior parents, if you follow this link there is also information regarding senior ads for our yearbook.

Also FYI, the deadline for senior bios is October 7th and all the information is in the student section on the LSM website.

If you have any questions email the advisor, Mrs. Angelicola-Manzoli at angelicolab@region10ct.org

College Financial Planning: We had a very successful start this week to our College Planning series. Next week we move to the second session, "Paying for College". This will take place on Tuesday, September 29th from 7-8:30 PM.

The Zoom link for this session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85044612726>

If you were unable to attend the session this past Tuesday, this link will take you to a recording of the session: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11MjWnmmDYg>

Class of 2022 Pasta Fundraiser: Support the Class of 2022 by purchasing fun-shaped and themed pasta from this link:

<https://funpastafundraising.com/shop/lewis-s-mills-high-school-class-of-2022>

The online shop is open until Friday, October 16th. Both delivery to the school or to your doorstep are available. Please reach out to Class22Advisor@region10ct.org with any questions.

Have a great weekend!

Stay Safe,

Chris Rau

Principal

[Contact Information](#) – Have questions for us? Here are some quick contacts. Information for all teachers and staff is available on the Region 10 website: region10ct.org.

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