

LSM High School Headlines

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Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I hope that everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We are excited to welcome students back to LSM. The school year gets started next week with our orientation for the Class of 2025 on August 24th and the first official day for all students on Wednesday, August 25th.

While we are looking forward to having everyone back in the building, we are still working with some COVID guidelines. **Everyone in the building must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.** We will still be socially distancing as much as possible in classrooms and the cafeteria. The good news is that we are starting the year with many more activities in place. Our football and golf teams have already started practicing and all our other fall sports get going August 26th (more details below). All afterschool clubs and activities are scheduled to get going right away. We are hoping to have Open House on September 23rd and the Homecoming Dance on October 2nd.

One scheduling note – we will be having a short “flex block” at the end of the school day. Unlike last year, we will **not be** allowing students in grades 9-11 to leave during this block. Only seniors with privileges can sign out early. We anticipate using this time for academic support as well as several other important activities.

I know we all want things to operate as normally as possible. Please understand that LSM will do everything we can to balance both safety for our students, staff and families and creating the best educational environment for all. This is going to be a great Fall!

Here are some important dates to be aware of. Do not hesitate to contact the school at 860-673-0423 if you have any questions or need more information.

August 24th – Grade 9 Orientation – 7:25-11:30

August 25th – First day of school for all students! ½ Day schedule. 11:30 Dismissal.

September 6th – Labor Day – No School

September 13th and 14th – Final Senior Photo Days

September 15th – ½ Day for Teacher PD – 11:30 Dismissal

September 23rd – Open House – 6:30-7:30

September 27th and 28th – School Photos Grades 9-11

October 2nd – Homecoming Dance – 6:30-10:00

October 8th – No School – Teacher PD

October 11th – No School – Columbus Day

Some Additional Details:

Open House: As of now we are planning to have a “hybrid” Open House this September. Teachers will once again be creating short Flipgrid videos to introduce their classes. The links for these will be sent out by mid-September. For all those parents and guardians who would like to come into the building to meet the teachers or see the facilities, we are planning an in-person evening on Thursday, **September 23rd from 6:30-7:30**. More details will be coming out as we get closer.

Homecoming: Health guidelines permitting, we are planning for our Homecoming celebrations to take place on Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd. Many of our sports teams will be in action at home on Friday, October 1st, culminating with an evening football game under the lights. Right now, our Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd, from 6:30-10:00. We will be reviewing current COVID guidelines as this event gets closer. Currently, we anticipate that only LSM students will be allowed at this event.

Senior Photos: A reminder that any seniors who have not had their photos taken for the yearbook need to take advantage of the last two photo days: **September 13th and 14th**. We want to be sure every member of the Class of 2022 is included!

Senior Privileges: A reminder to all seniors wishing to park, please turn in your forms and payment ASAP. We are assigning spots this week and students may pick up their stickers and parking assignments in the main office **next Monday and Tuesday, the 23rd and 24th between 7 and 3**. Seniors may drive and park on the first day of school. Late arrival and early dismissal privilege forms will be available on the first day of school but will not begin until Thursday, the 26th at the earliest.

Grades 9-11 Photos: As of now we have scheduled photos for all students in grades 9-11 for September 27th and 28th. Look for more details to arrive home once school starts.

Johnnycake Mountain Planning: Check out this flyer for information about a planning session for the new park coming up this Saturday. [Johnnycake Meeting Flyer.pdf](#)

Athletic Information

We are excited that all of our fall sports teams are scheduled to have full seasons including post-season tournaments. For anyone interested in joining one of our teams, all needed information is posted on the LSM website in the athletics section. Every student athlete must register with Family ID and also get a blue/red card from the nurses' office in order to participate. Please reach out to our athletic director, Mr. Pelchar, with any questions. His contact info can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

It is going to be a great 2021-2022 school year! As we get started, don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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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