

## Paw Prints

### Dear Panther Families,

This newsletter will be sent out on an as-needed basis to keep our families informed of upcoming events and other information. If you know someone not receiving this email, please forward them this email and have them contact [Melissa.Laudani@scps.us](mailto:Melissa.Laudani@scps.us) Office hours are Monday - Thursday from 8 am-4:30 pm. Appointments are encouraged. Please call 407-871-7050.

### Important Dates

**9/27** – PTSA Student Member Incentives @ lunches – is your child a member?

**9/28** – 5<sup>th</sup> period – Scheduled Code Red Drill

**9/29** – Cross Country Meet @ Indian Trails MS

**10/1** – Picture Retakes – pictures will be distributed 9/28 & 9/29

**10/1** – Wear Pink to kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**10/1** – Middle School Night @ HHS Football Game – watch the LCMS Band perform pregame

**10/4-10/7** – Common 9 week Assessments – taken in class (see below)

**10/6** – Cross Country Meet vs. Jackson Heights MS

**10/8** – Teacher Workday – No School

**10/9** – SCPS District Cross Country Meet

**10/11** – Track Tryouts – Girls (see below)

**10/12** – Track Tryouts – Boys (see below)

**10/13** – Track Tryouts – Boys/Girls Long Jump & Shot Put (see below)

### 419 Crosswalk

We have had complaints of students not following protocols at the crosswalk on 419 at the light by Partin/Twin Rivers. As a result, we are dismissing the bike riders before all other students to decrease the number of students at the crosswalk at the same time. Please continue to discuss proper crosswalk behavior with your students.

### Front of School Crosswalk

We have had a few near misses in the crosswalk in front of the school between the flagpole and the front office. Please drive with caution as you pass the front office recognizing that someone may be crossing. We will add cones to this area so that it stands out more to drivers.

### Algebra 1 EOC

For those who completed Algebra 1 over the summer via SCVS or for those who are eligible for a retake, the fall testing dates are September 29 & 30. Please contact Mr. Linquist for more information [garrett\\_linquist@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:garrett_linquist@scps.k12.fl.us)

### Crooms Academy of Information Technology

All 8<sup>th</sup> graders attended a presentation from the Crooms Academy of Information Technology on Friday. Students who were absent or parents wanting more information should view this video: <http://www.cait.scps.k12.fl.us/our-school/prospective-students.stml>

8<sup>th</sup> graders who are interested in attending Crooms can attend a field trip on October 18 to visit and tour the school. Students will leave during WIN and return during 6<sup>th</sup> period – Students may bring lunch or get lunch at Crooms. The field trip is limited to a small number of students – first

come first served. Permission slips and information can be found on the school website. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mrs. Stivers at [kelly\\_stivers@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:kelly_stivers@scps.k12.fl.us)

### **Common 9 Week Exams – UPDATES IN BOLD**

Students will take their 9 weeks exams in class as follows:

- Mon/Tue Oct 4/5 – **ELA**/Science exams
- Wed/Thu Oct 6/7 – **Math**/Social Studies exams

### **Track Tryouts**

Track tryouts are coming! If your child is interested in running track this year, tryouts will take place on the following dates:

- Girls: October 11th 4-5 pm
- Boys: October 12th 4-5 pm
- Boys and Girls Long Jump and Shot Put: October 13th 4-5 pm

This is for students ONLY to attend. Please have your child change into exercise clothes after school and meet Coach Rohr, Coach Capp, and Coach Bond outside by the tennis courts. They should have water with them. The tryout will consist of a 200 meter and 400-meter run. Long jump and shot-put tryouts are on a different day. Below is some more information about track:

- Once your child makes the team, there will be required paperwork to complete, including a sports physical and proof of insurance. If you don't currently have insurance, please consider purchasing the low-cost school option on the forms sent home at the beginning of the year
- Practices will be Monday- Wednesday 4-5 pm
- Events include: 100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m, 1600 m, 4 x 1 relay, 4 x 4 relay, long jump, and shot put.
- Coaches will pick events each athlete participates in for meets (up to 4 events)
- Once meets start, they will take place on Wednesdays from approximately 4:30-6:30 pm
- Team will take a bus to away meets (or students can ride with their family to the meets)
- The SCPS County meet will take place Saturday, December 11th beginning at 8 am at Hagerty High School (athletes MUST be available this date to participate in track.
- The cost to participate in track is \$60. Students receive a track team shirt as part of this fee, and there is an additional option to purchase a jacket or hoodie.

All questions can be directed to Coach Capp at [jennifer\\_capp@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:jennifer_capp@scps.k12.fl.us) , Coach Rohr at [ken\\_rohr@scps.12.fl.us](mailto:ken_rohr@scps.12.fl.us) , or Coach Bond at [arthur\\_bond@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:arthur_bond@scps.k12.fl.us)

### **Candy/Chips on Campus**

Please refrain from sending your student to school with large bags of candy or chips as this can cause a disruption in the halls and classrooms.

### **Clubs**

Club information can be found on the Students Page of the LCMS Website. The following clubs are now up and running:

- BETA Club – Due to overwhelming demand – registration will reopen from 9/27-10/4
- Board Game Club

- Future Educators of America
- Gay/Straight Alliance
- Junior Optimist International
- PBS Voice Out Club

Please keep checking back as more clubs will be starting soon!

<http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/students/clubs.stml>

### **Pet Alliance Supply Drive**

Animals truly are one of the greatest gifts to us all, and now Panthers we are in a position to help out some of our animal and human friends at the Pet Alliance of Greater Orlando! After a horrific fire earlier this week that burned down a portion of their animal rescue facility, it's time for us to step up as animals' best friend and gather supplies for the animals in need. A collection bin will be placed in **Ms. Braun's room 3-204** to collect anything you are able to donate. They are in major need of **old blankets and towels**, and **wet cat food**. However, **anything** you are able to supply will gladly be appreciated!! Thank you for your help Panthers, let's get these animals back on all four!!!



### **STEM Opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup> grade Girls: Free Program**

Science Leadership and Mentoring (SLAM) is an academic year-long (Fall & Spring semesters) mentoring program sponsored by the University of Central Florida Women's and Gender Studies Program. We pair college leaders with 7th grade girls to empower them to be assertive, confident, independent, and proud leaders in STEM. We seek to promote girls' inspiration and excitement into STEM fields and careers while also building leadership abilities such as problem-solving, teamwork and cooperation, cultural identity and ethnic pride, advocacy for positive change, and goals for the future. SLAM aims to create spaces where girls and young people can share their real-life experiences, build themselves up and learn from one another.

Meetings will take place every Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:30 PM through Zoom. Mentees (Littles) will be paired with mentors (Bigs) based on interests and personalities. Meetings will include group activities as well as moderated one-on-one time between Littles and Bigs. All 7th grade girls are welcome to apply. <https://wgst.cah.ucf.edu/slam/apply/>

Complete and submit the application on our website ASAP. Please email SLAM Program Manager at [slam@ucf.edu](mailto:slam@ucf.edu) with any questions.

### **Rising 5K**

Join LCMS in participating in the Rising 5K, a local event held by the Oviedo Run Club, on Saturday, October 30. The course is traditionally an out and back route that runs along the Cross Seminole Trail and past many important Oviedo landmarks. The trail was once the railroad that helped Oviedo become one of the country's largest supplier of watercress and celery. Proceeds from the race are being donated back into the community, including HOPE Helps, Inc. and local public school food pantries. Registration is \$20.

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-964530?raceId=6937>

### **Yearbook Sales**

You can now preorder your child's yearbook by visiting: <https://yearbookforever.com/>

### **PTSA Reflections**

The 2021–2022 Reflections theme is I Will Change the World By...

Students submit their completed works of art in one or all of the available arts categories: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts. There is a box in the Growl Grill for students to submit their entries.

The deadline for all entries is **November 4, 2021**.

For more information, please contact the LCMS PTSA Reflections Chair, Sara Levin @ [LCMSPTSAreflections@gmail.com](mailto:LCMSPTSAreflections@gmail.com)

### **Someone at home has COVID – What now?**

If your student has been exposed to someone who has tested positive to COVID-19, it is recommended that they stay home and quarantine for 7 days. If you choose to do so, please contact [lcms\\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:lcms_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us) . If your child tests positive for COVID, please notify us immediately - call the main school number during office hours (407-871-7050 8 am - 4:30 pm) or email Dr. Laudani at [Melissa\\_Laudani@scps.us](mailto:Melissa_Laudani@scps.us) ASAP. While your child is at home and if they are feeling well, they will still be able to access assignments in their classes by logging into their teachers' eCampus courses.

### **Parent Info Page**

Do you know how to view your students' grades in Skyward?

Do you know how to set up notifications so Skyward can send you alerts?

Do you know how to be an Observer in eCampus so you can find out when assignments and grades are updated?

Visit our Parent Page for info: <http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/get-involved/>

Additional info can be found on the SCPS

Website: <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us/parents/electronic-school-resources/>

### **Want to know what's happening at Lawton Chiles?**

Check out our school website: <http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/calendar/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChilesMiddle>

Follow us on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ChilesMiddle>

Follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/chilesmiddle/>

### **Need to report an absence?**

Email [lcms\\_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:lcms_attendance@scps.k12.fl.us)

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