

# LONGWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

## 5TH GRADE ORIENTATION

### AUGUST 22, 2024

IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE A  
CHANCE TO SIGN-IN  
YET, PLEASE SCAN THE  
QR CODE WITH YOUR  
PHONE'S CAMERA AND  
SIGN-IN



# STUDENT PRESENTATION



# ADMINISTRATION



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# TYPICAL DAY 5TH GRADE

PERIOD	TIME	SUBJECT
0	8:30-8:38	HOMEROOM
1	8:38-9:38	ELA
2	9:42-10:02	SEL
3	10:06-10:46	WIN
4	10:50-11:30	LUNCH
5	11:34-12:34	MATH
6	12:38-1:38	SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES
7	1:42-2:22	SPECIAL (ART/MUSIC/PE)





# BUILDING LAYOUT

THE BUILDING IS MADE UP OF THREE SEPARATE HOUSES;  
SOUTH, NORTH, AND EAST.

## WEST WING

ART, MUSIC, ENL,  
SPEECH, OT/PT & ALP

## SOUTH

1S (5TH) – Rooms 101–113  
2S (6TH) – Rooms 201–213

## NORTH

1N (5TH) – Rooms  
301–313  
2N (6TH) – Rooms  
401–413

## EAST

1E (5TH) – Rooms 501 –  
510  
2E (6TH) – Rooms 601 –  
610





# WELLNESS TEAM MEMBERS

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS :

AMY GARBACZ

MICHELLE HORSHAM

## SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS :

DR. ANNE ARNDT

KEEGAN JOHNSON

## SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS:

TBD

MAUREEN BEATRICE

## BEHAVIORAL T.A.

HEATHER DIAMOND



WELLNESS TEAM MEMBERS CAN ALSO  
BE CONTACTED BY CALLING: (631) 345-2752 / 2753

# HOUSE CAPTAIN

SCOTT KING

MR. KING HANDLES  
DISCIPLINARY CONCERNS  
DURING THE LUNCH PERIODS







## BR3: BE A PART OF THE PRIDE



### BE READY

### BE RESPECTFUL

### BE RESPONSIBLE

#### CLASSROOM AND INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS

BRING ALL MATERIALS

BE ON TIME

BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT

USE POLITE LANGUAGE

BE ACCOUNTABLE  
FOR YOUR ACTIONS

#### HALLWAYS

LINE UP QUICKLY AND  
QUIETLY IN 2 LINES

WALK QUIETLY  
KEEP YOUR HANDS AND FEET  
TO YOURSELF

STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF  
THE HALLWAY AND STAIRS

GO DIRECTLY TO  
YOUR DESTINATION

#### BUS - ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

PACK UP ALL YOUR  
BELONGINGS

USE POLITE LANGUAGE  
FOLLOW DIRECTIONS GIVEN  
BY THE BUS DRIVER  
STAY IN YOUR ASSIGNED  
SEAT

WALK DIRECTLY TO YOUR  
BUS/CLASS

#### LUNCH

BRING NECESSARY ITEMS

USE POLITE LANGUAGE  
CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS  
THE FIRST TIME  
WALK DIRECTLY TO YOUR  
TABLE AND LUNCH LINE

#### RECESS

LINE UP QUICKLY AND  
QUIETLY IN 2 LINES

BE KIND.  
INVITE SOMEONE TO PLAY  
SHARE, TAKE TURNS, AND  
USE EQUIPMENT PROPERLY

FOLLOW DIRECTIONS  
THE FIRST TIME  
TAKE YOUR BELONGINGS  
WITH YOU

#### BATHROOM

SIGN IN  
SIGN OUT

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF  
STAY IN YOUR STALL

FLUSH TOILET AND  
WASH HANDS WITH SOAP  
RETURN TO CLASS  
PROMPTLY

#### EVENTS

ARRIVE QUIETLY AND  
PROMPTLY  
FOCUS ON THE PRESENTER

LISTEN QUIETLY WITHOUT  
INTERRUPTING  
USE POLITE LANGUAGE

RAISE YOUR HAND TO ASK  
QUESTIONS  
LEAVE THE AREA CLEAN

BR3 VIDEO







# DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

- CELL PHONES MUST BE OFF AND IN LOCKERS WHILE IN SCHOOL
- STUDENT SHOULD NOT BE TEXTING PARENTS WHILE AT SCHOOL
- IF A PARENT/GUARDIAN NEEDS TO CONTACT THEIR CHILD, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN OFFICE.
- MOST POPULAR APPS – TIK TOK, SNAPCHAT, INSTAGRAM
- MONITOR YOUR CHILD'S USE OF DEVICES
- CONSIDER PUTTING THEIR SCHOOL EMAIL ON YOUR DEVICE
- CHROMEBOOKS ARE PROPERTY OF THE DISTRICT SO WE CAN TRACK AND VIEW ALL ACTIVITY
- INAPPROPRIATE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL CAN RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION INSIDE OF SCHOOL
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO SEEK HELP FROM AN ADULT AND NEVER SHARE PASSWORDS



# CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

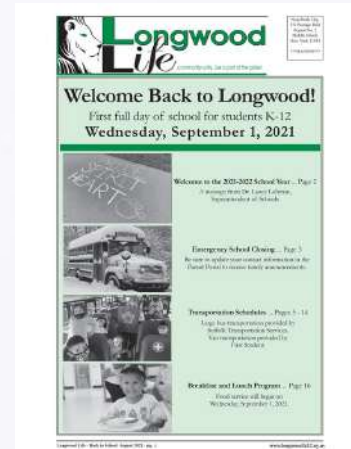
- ★ CHORUS
- ★ DRAMA
- ★ BAND
- ★ ORCHESTRA
- ★ ROBOTICS
- ★ INTRAMURAL SPORTS – BASKETBALL, KICKBALL, FLAG FOOTBALL, LACROSSE
- ★ STUDENT GOVERNMENT
- ★ NEWSPAPER/MULTIMEDIA CLUB
- ★ MY BROTHER'S/SISTER'S KEEPER
- ★ STEAM
- ★ CLUBS – MINDFULNESS, YOGA, DANCE, CHEERLEADING, STEP, FITNESS, ART, LEGO, ESCAPE ROOM, MOVIES THROUGH HISTORY
- ★ LONGWOOD LEADERS OF TOMORROW





# SUMMER To-Do List

- MEMORIZE YOUR HOMEROOM NUMBER/TEACHER NAME
- PRACTICE USING A COMBINATION LOCK
- FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH YOUR BUS STOP AND TIME
- SUPPLY LIST
- DOWNLOAD/SIGN UP FOR THE PARENT PORTAL





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WILL I GET A LOCKER? WHAT IF I HAVE TROUBLE OPENING IT?

IS IT HARD TO CONCENTRATE WITH THE OPEN FLOOR PLAN?

HOW CAN I VIEW MY GRADES AND ATTENDANCE ? [PARENT PORTAL](#)

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW TO GET TO MY CLASSROOM?

WHERE DO I GET DROPPED OFF BY A PARENT?

WILL I HAVE MORE THAN ONE TEACHER?

WHAT DO THEY SERVE IN THE CAFETERIA?

WHAT TIME WILL MY BUS COME IN THE MORNING?



# PARENT PRESENTATION



# ATTENDANCE

**ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW**

**GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...**



## **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS**

read well by the end of third grade



## **MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

pass important courses



## **HIGH SCHOOLERS**

stay on track for graduation



## **COLLEGE STUDENTS**

earn their degrees



## **WORKERS**

succeed in their jobs

Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.





# Attendance Continued

Excused  
Vs.  
Unexcused

ALL ABSENCES counts towards total # of absences

The following information can be found in the  
Parent Handbook

## Excused Absences

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| A. Illness<br>B. Death in the family<br>C. Critical family illness<br>D. Court summons<br>E. Work; study, exams or school related service with prior approval<br>F. Observance of a religious holiday | G. State emergency<br>H. Snow day/impassable roadways as declared by the school district or other governmental municipality<br>I. Suspension<br>J. Approved college visits<br>K. Health care appointments that cannot be scheduled outside the school day |
|---|---|

Please note: Any excused absence will still count as an absence from school, as required by NY State.

All other absences, tardiness, and early departures will be considered **unexcused absences** and must be accounted for under our Attendance Policy. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the school office on the next school day of the absences, tardiness, and early departures, and to provide a written excuse upon the student's return to school.

### All absent notes need to include:

1. Student name
2. Date of absence(s)
3. Reason for absence
4. Legible parent signature



# HEALTH OFFICE

SCHOOL NURSES : Ishica Lopez & Robyn Prentiss

- ALL MEDICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CORRECT PAPERWORK IN A ZIPLOC BAG
- INFORM THE HEALTH OFFICE OF ANY MEDICAL ISSUES WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IN ORDER TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD
- UPDATE ALL CONTACT NUMBERS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS WHEN NEEDED
- ALL 5TH GRADERS NEED A NYS PHYSICAL WITHIN THE YEAR



# CONTACT THE WELLNESS TEAM



## School Counselors

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NEW YORK LAW

# THE DIGNITY ACT

*THE DIGNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS ACT*

NO STUDENT SHALL BE SUBJECTED TO BULLYING,  
DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, OR CYBERBULLYING  
BASED ON THE STUDENT'S ACTUAL OR  
PERCEIVED:

- RACE
- WEIGHT
- COLOR
- NATIONAL ORIGIN
- ETHNIC GROUP
- RELIGION
- RELIGIOUS PRACTICES
- DISABILITY
- SEXUAL ORIENTATION
- GENDER: INCLUDING GENDER IDENTITY AND EXPRESSION
- SEX
- Other

THIS ACT APPLIES TO INCIDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY  
AND SCHOOL SPONSORED FUNCTIONS. ALSO, ACTS  
OCCURRING OFF GROUND THAT COULD DISRUPT THE SCHOOL  
ENVIRONMENT.



# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BULLYING IS REPORTED?

1. INCIDENTS OF BULLYING OR HARASSMENT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER IMMEDIATELY :  
TEACHER, STAFF ASSISTANT, BUS DRIVER,  
ADMINISTRATOR, COUNSELOR, SOCIAL WORKER
2. STAFF MEMBERS WILL COMPLETE AN OFFICE DISCIPLINE  
REFERRAL (ODR) AND TURNS IT INTO A BUILDING  
ADMINISTRATOR
3. ADMINISTRATION WILL REVIEW THE REPORT AND REFERS  
CASE TO A DIGNITY ACT COORDINATOR WHEN APPLICABLE
4. THE DAC WILL COMPLETE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BY  
TALKING WITH ALL THE STUDENTS INVOLVED
5. THE DAC, ALONG WITH AN ADMINISTRATOR, WILL  
DETERMINE IF THE REPORT IS EITHER FOUNDED OR  
UNFOUNDED
6. DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS, STUDENTS ARE SUPPORTED  
BY THE WELLNESS TEAM, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION  
NECESSARY ALONG WITH PARENT CONTACT ARE MADE



# MEET THE LMS PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD 2023-2024



*President:*  
**Amanda McCann**



*Treasurer:*  
**Sara Diaz**



**Maura Shovlin**  
Council Delegate



*Recording Secretary:*  
**Krystin DiBenedetto**



**Corresponding Secretary**  
**Lindsey Scuteri**



*Vice President:*  
**Kimberly Stepnowski**

**NYS PTA WINNERS OF THE EARLY  
BIRD AWARD, ON TARGET AWARD ,  
TRAILBLAZER AWARD & SAVVY  
MEMBERSHIP AWARD.**





# WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN THE PTA?

- TO BENEFIT YOUR CHILD
- WITNESS IMPROVEMENTS AT OUR SCHOOL
- PTA ALLOWS YOU ACCESS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM IN A DIFFERENT WAY— GIVING YOU AN INSIDER'S PERSPECTIVE

YOUR PTA MEMBERSHIP= AN ADVOCACY VOICE FOR ALL CHILDREN

## OKAY, SO WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO ?

- JOIN US AT OUR PTA MEETINGS ONCE A MONTH, ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7PM IN THE ACTIVITY COURT OR VIA ZOOM
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR EVENTS THIS YEAR
- VOLUNTEER AT ONE OF OUR EVENTS ! ANY AMOUNT OF TIME IS APPRECIATED.

SCAN THE QR  
CODE TO SIGN UP  
TO VOLUNTEER AT  
ANY EVENT



**FIRST PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR**  
IS  
**TUESDAY,**  
**SEPTEMBER 19TH AT 7PM!!**



SCAN ME

# JOIN TODAY AND STAY IN TOUCH



JOIN GIVEBACKS FOR INFORMATION, MEMBERSHIP AND SPIRIT WEAR:

[HTTPS://LONGWOODMS.MEMBERHUB.STORE](https://longwoodms.memberhub.store)



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LONGWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA



REACH US WITH INQUIRIES VIA EMAIL:

[LMSPTAINFO @GMAIL.COM](mailto:LMSPTAINFO@GMAIL.COM)

**givebacks**  
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# LONGWOOD 2024-2025 SEPTO MEETINGS



Longwood SEPTO Meetings are at 7pm  
in the Longwood Middle School Library

Date	Topic
Thursday, September 26, 2024	ABC's of Special Education
Wednesday, October 16, 2024	Mini Resource Fair
Thursday, November 21, 2024	OPWDD
Thursday, January 23, 2025	Understanding Social & Emotional Needs
Thursday, February 27, 2025	Special Education Class Structures
Thursday, March 27, 2025	Social Media Awareness
Thursday, May 15, 2025	Special Education Success Stories

## SEPTO ACTIVITIES

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Friday, September 27, 2024	Paint Night	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, October 18, 2024	Halloween Event	Longwood Junior High	6PM
Friday, November 15, 2024	Sibling Support Group	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, December 6, 2024	Snowflake Social	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, January 17, 2025	BINGO	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, February 7, 2025	Sibling Support Group	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, March 7, 2025	SEPTO Prom	The Meadow Club	6PM-9PM
Friday, March 14, 2025	Spring Fling Dance	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Saturday, April 5, 2025	Family Fun Day & Resource Fair	Longwood Junior High	11AM-3PM
Friday, May 16, 2025	Sibling Support Group	Longwood Middle School	6PM
Friday, June 13, 2025	SEPTO Field Day	Longwood High School	7AM-2PM

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[WWW.LONGWOODSEPTO.COM](http://WWW.LONGWOODSEPTO.COM)



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