

# 5th Grade Parent Meeting



LCJSMS  
January 2022

# Agenda

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- LCJSMS Moto & Rules
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# Introductions

## ADMINISTRATION

- **Dr. Donna Gallo**, Principal
- **Ms. Laura Muller**, Assistant Principal
- **Mr. John Ciferni**, Assistant Principal

## SUPERVISORS

- **Mrs. TranLe Hill**, Supervisor of Special Services
- **Mrs. Laura Kaplan**, Director of School Counseling, K-12

- **Mr. Armando Quiroz**, World Language Supervisor, K-12
- **Ms. Karen Forgione**, Fine, Performing & Practical Arts Supervisor, K-12
- **Mr. Corey Walsh**, English Supervisor, 6-12
- **Mr. Eric Fontes**, Math Supervisor, 6-12
- **Mr. Thomas O'Dowd**, Science Supervisor, 6-12
- **Mr. David Howarth**, Social Studies Supervisor, 6-12



# Students Change So Much in Middle School



# LCJSMS: What we're all about!

- Motto

- “We Give Respect;  
We Take Responsibility”

- School Rules

- Take Care of Yourself
- Take Care of Others
- Take Care of This Place



# A Typical Day: Before School

Homeroom begins at 8:00

- To and From School:
  - Walk
  - Bike
  - Parent drop-off (in the front and rear of the building)
- 7:30 am enter the building for activities
- 7:55 bell to enter



- Morning activities:
  - Library Learning Commons
  - Fishbowl (Computer Lab)
  - Intramurals (basketball, soccer)
  - Breakfast (opens at 7:40 am)
  - Extra-help office hours with staff

# Typical Day: Sample Schedule

- HOMEROOM 49 Minute Periods
- Period 1: **ELA**
- Period 2: **Math**
- Period 3: **Physical Education / Health**
- LUNCH
- Period 4: **Social Studies**
- Period 5: **Cycles**
- Period 6: **World Language or Reading**
- Period 7: **Science**



## Typical Day Continued

- 3 Quarters of PE, 1 Quarter of Health
- Cycles:
  - Art
  - Film Studies
  - Drama AND General Music
    - OR
  - Robotics & Coding AND Technology, Engineering, & Design





# A Typical Day: After School

School day ends at 2:45



- Clubs and Activities
- Eco Club
- Math Club
- Anime & Manga
- French Club
- Battle of the Books
- Bel Canto (tryout selection)
- Fall Play and Spring Musical (tryout selection)
- STEP Team
- Extra Help Office Hours for Staff
- Yearbook



# Sports

## 6th Grade:

Cross Country  
Track

## 7th/8th Grade:

Cross Country  
Track  
Basketball  
Softball (girls)  
Field Hockey (girls)

\*Additional opportunities within the community



# Teaming

- 3 Teams per grade (A, B, C)
- Share all core teachers: Math, ELA, Social Studies, Science
- Teachers meet regularly to discuss student concerns, curriculum projects, etc.
- Team Website



# Timeline

- February
  - Math Grade Inventory Test
  - World Language and Music Selection via Genesis
- March/April
  - Principal and School Counselors visit each elementary school
- May
  - “Open Doors” – 5<sup>th</sup> graders visit LCJSMS





# Music Program

Ms. Karen Forgione, FPPA Supervisor



## Curricular

- Band
- Orchestra
- Chorus

## Co-Curricular

- Stage Band
- Jazz Lab
- Chamber Orchestra
- Bel Canto
- Spring Musical/Drama Club

## "BOC" Structure

- Takes place concurrently with PE
- Year long commitment
- Drop option: End of MP1
- Small Group Lessons pull-out rotation
- Shared option students can enroll in more than one ensemble
- Concerts - January & May

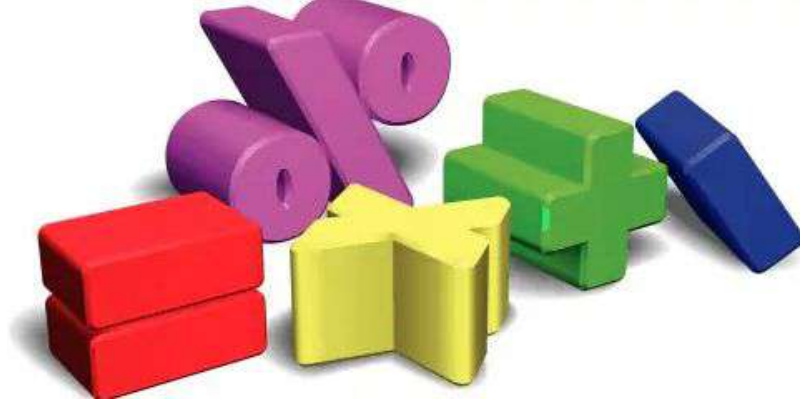
# World Language: Selection

- Mr. Armando Quiroz, Interim Supervisor of World Languages
- Students make selection from the following languages:
  - Mandarin Chinese
  - Spanish
  - Latin
  - French
- Selection made upon entrance to LCJSMS is a commitment of three years.
- Seal of Biliteracy



# Mathematics Information

Mr. Eric Fontes, Math Supervisor

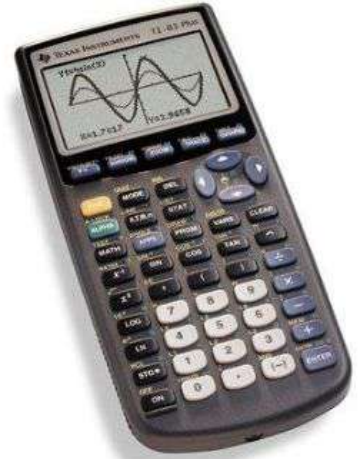


- Grade 6 Mathematics:
  - Math 6
  - Accelerated Math 6
- Placement is based on several factors including:
  - Student performance on:
    - 5th grade unit assessments
    - District 5th Grade Inventory Test (Feb)

# Mathematics “Big Picture”

Three math courses offered in 8th Grade:

- Algebra 1 Enriched
  - Year One of Two-year Algebra I Experience
    - Year One (8th grade) - Foundations of Algebra
    - Year Two (9th grade) - Algebra 1 - Modeling with Functions
  - Pre-Algebra 8
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- At this time, HS graduation requirements include Algebra 1, Geometry, and a third year of mathematics, typically Algebra 2.
  - Many students not only meet these requirements, but often study beyond them in Pre-Calculus and Calculus.





# Lunchroom

## Our Goals

- Physical Safety
- Emotional Safety
- Making sure ALL students eat their lunch

## The Limitations

- Over 300 students
- Awkward lunch room

## What we know

- Lunch table seating is important to students

## How we work to address it

- Programming- lunch tables do not define friendships



# Lawton Leaders



- **Gift Cards:** Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Sweet Nothings, Tito's Burritos, etc.
- **Lottery containers on Concourse**
- **Winners announced during Lunch**



Weekly	Monthly	Marking Period
\$5-\$10 Gift Card per grade level	\$25 Gift Card per grade level	\$50 Gift Card School-wide

# STOKES Weekend Experience

- Mr. Warren Wannamaker: STOKES Program Director
- Mr. Colin Breivogel: STOKES Asst. Director of Logistical Support & Supplies



# STOKES



## **STOKES: General Information**

- **Weekend outdoor educational experience**
- **Part of our transition & orientation program**
- **Opportunity to make new friends**
- **Interact with Teachers, High Schoolers, and Community Members**

# STOKES 2022

- **Held at Fairview Lake YMCA Camp**
- **Two sessions to accommodate our large group**
  - **1st: Friday, Sept. 16 – Saturday, Sept. 17**
  - **2nd: Saturday, Sept. 17 – Sunday, Sept. 18**
- **Sessions assigned alphabetically, by gender, and by school**

# STOKES: Trip Information Packets

- **Info will be sent in March:**
  - **Registration**
  - **Session for your student**
  - **Medicine for your student**
  - **Payment for Trip**
  - **Materials/equipment your students should bring**

# STOKES: Important Information and Deadlines

- Please read the information carefully!
- Contact Mr. Wannamaker or Mr. Breivogel with any questions or concerns
- Submit registration & payment by deadline
- Website: <http://stokes.summit.k12.nj.us/>



# PTO Co - President's Welcome

- Alexandra Ross and Barbara Quesada
- PTO Co - Presidents 2022-2023



# Housekeeping

## 1. Re-Registration

- Online through Genesis

## 2. Residency Verification (After Spring Break)

- In Person
- Show proof of residency to elementary office staff

## 3. Resources from tonight's presentation

- LCJSMS website, Resources



# Introduction of Counseling Staff

- Mrs. Laura Kaplan, Director of School Counseling
- Mrs. Cristina Casani
- Mrs. Stefanie Jurista
- Mr. Lawrence Johnson
- Mrs. Elke Luftig
- Mrs. Sasha Hicks, SAC



# Mrs. Elke Luftig

- Role of a School Counselor
  - Point of Contact
  - Emotional, Academic and Social Support
- Transition to LCJSMS –
  - School Visits
  - “Open Doors”
- Passes



# Mrs. Cristina Casani

- Academic Concerns
  - Grading
  - Genesis
- Homework
- Teacher/Team Websites
- Planning Parent-Team Conferences - point person for this



# Mrs. Stefanie Jurista

- Advisory Program
  - Lessons align with SEL (Social Emotional Learning)
  - Meets about 2x a month
  - 8th Grade - Ryder's Challenge
- Groups
- Individual Counseling



# Mr. Larry Johnson

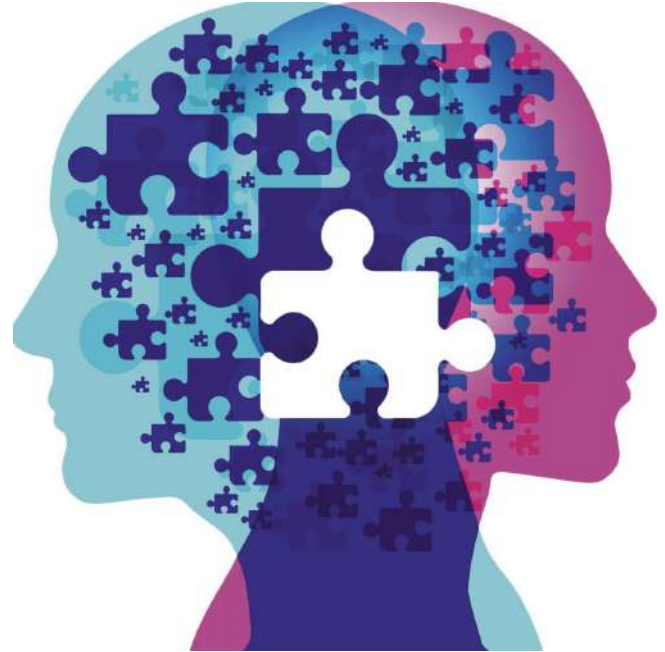
- Conflict Resolution
- Resources for Families
- Lockers -
  - Phones
  - Locks
  - Combination



# Mrs. Sasha Hicks

## Student Assistance Counselor

- ❖ Anti-Bullying Specialist
- ❖ Substance Awareness Coordinator
- ❖ Student Assistance Counseling Program





# Thank You



## Have a great evening!