

LaMUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER!

AUGUST, 2015

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Ms. Debra Long

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BACK TO SCHOOL

It's time once again to extend a warm welcome to all incoming 6th and 7th grade students. Please be sure to mark your calendars, and plan to attend, the upcoming **6th grade and New Student Orientation on Tuesday, August 18th, 2015** from 9:30 - 11:30 AM. This is a great opportunity for students to become acquainted with classmates and school faculty/staff, review their schedules, and prepare for a smooth transition to LaMuth.

Parents/students are encouraged to login in to the IC portal and print the schedule with locker combination (located under Reports) prior to attending. You will be notified when schedules are available.

Parents will need to transport students to and from orientation. Students can be dropped off at LaMuth Gym Doors (side of building) from 9:00-9:30 AM. They will be released at 11:30 for pick-up. Riverside Lo-

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cal Schools **will not be** providing transportation on the 18th.

Due to space concerns, we ask that parents not attend orientation with their children. Rather, you may come back to LaMuth with your child anytime after orientation to walk through schedules and practice opening lockers.

A MESSAGE FROM MR. RATENO ...

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing summer and would like to welcome you back for the 2015-2016 school year. Within a few short days, the busses will run, bells will ring, and LaMuth will be back in session. I am looking forward to the upcoming school year. I know it will be a year filled with new exciting challenges and experiences. I look forward to meeting, and working with, each of you throughout the school year!

I am excited about the new changes occurring to LaMuth for the '15-'16 school year. LaMuth and the Riverside District are expanding the 1-1 Chromebook program so that every LaMuth student will receive a Google Chromebook to use throughout the school year. An informational meeting regarding the program will take place at the beginning of the 6th and 7th grade Open Houses in the LaMuth gym. **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend this information session on the Chromebook program at LaMuth.** In order to receive a Chromebook, students must have a signed acceptable use policy and parent/guardian agreement on file. In addition to the expansion of the 1-1 Chromebook program, the Riverside Local District has updated its website. See the fresh look at www.riversideschools.net.

The '15-'16 school year also brings many personnel changes to LaMuth. Please join me in welcoming Ms. Debra Long as the LMS assistant principal. Ms. Long is transferring from the 8th grade assistant principal position at the Riverside Campus. Prior to working at Riverside, Ms. Long developed a passion for middle level education teaching at Memorial Middle School. Additional transfers to LaMuth include Mr. Zach Fiore (Team 6C & 7C Social Studies) from Haden, Mrs. Amy Alexy (Team 6A Math) from Hale Rd., and Mrs. Meghan Ellar (Intervention Specialist) from Madison Avenue. I would also to welcome Mr. Brad Allen (Choir), Mrs. Sarah Tufts (Team 7C Language Arts and Math), Mrs. Elizabeth Goodge (Team 7B Math), Mrs. Patricia Singh (Intervention Specialist), Mr. Evan McCormick (TESOL), and Mr. Jacob McDonald (Title I Reading) to both the RLSD and LaMuth Middle School Faculty.

Please make sure the district has an accurate e-mail account that you regularly check, as well as, an established Infinite Campus **Parent Portal** account. LaMuth utilizes mass emails and other electronic communication to notify parents of important information and upcoming events. Mass mailings will not be used for communicative purposes. **If you received this newsletter via email, we have a working account for you. If you did not, please check you spam account or contact the LaMuth office at 440-354-4394 to provide us with an updated email account.**

Finally, I encourage you to join Twitter at www.twitter.com and follow us [@LaMuthMS](https://twitter.com/LaMuthMS). Throughout the year we will be posting information, updates, and pictures of students to the Twitter account.

Please feel free to contact me for assistance by e-mail (christopher.rateno@riversideschools.net), telephone (440-354-4394), or stop by the office. Thank you for your support and Best Wishes to you during the upcoming school year!

Yours in Education,

Chris Rateno
LMS Principal

SAVE THE DATES:

6th Grade and New Student Orientation

August 18, 2015 @ 9:30

First Day of School:

August 24, 2015

6th Grade Open House and Parent Chromebook Meeting:

August 24, 2015 @ 5:30

7th Grade Open House and Parent Chromebook Meeting:

August 25, 2015 @ 5:30

Picture Day

September 2, 2015

AMSCO Meeting

September 14, 2015 @ 4:00

Parent Teacher Conferences

November 4th, 10th, and 19th

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All Students have Mandatory **Summer Reading Assignments.** See LaMuth website for details.

All 7th grade student athletes must pay a participation fee specific to that sport. See the **RLSD athletics website** for fees and due dates. Fees can be paid online at myschoolbucks.com

All 2015-2016 7th graders interested in trying-out for athletics will need an up-to-date, complete **OHSAA physical form** and **emergency medical form** the first day of try-outs/practice. These forms are available in the office or online under the Resources column of the Riverside Athletics homepage. The student-athlete will not be permitted to participate without these forms.

FALL SPORTS INFORMATION

Mr. Joseph Weimer & Mr. Michael Luzar—LaMuth Facilities Co-Directors

7th Grade Girls & Boys Cross Country

Official practice will begin August 3rd at 8:00 am at the Riverside Campus. Athletes are to meet near the board office doors.

Coach: Mrs. McKenrick
happydayellen@yahoo.com

7th Grade Football

Practice Begins:
Monday, August 3 from 7:30 - 11:00 am

Coach: Mr. Weimer
Joeph.Weimer@riversideschools.net

7th Grade Girls Volleyball Tryouts

August 3rd –August 4th
from 3:30 - 6:30 pm
Riverside Field House

Please wear comfortable, lightweight clothing (shorts and a t-shirt), and tennis shoes for running and jumping. Bring a water bottle and knee pads if you have them. As team membership is limited, it is not recommended you purchase these items until you've secured a position on the team. Any questions regarding tryouts, please contact Brandy Thomas at brandy.thomas@riversideschools.net



Good Luck to all Fall Sport Athletes!

WHEN DO I GET MY SCHEDULE/LOCKER ASSIGNMENT?

An "all call" and mass email will be sent when schedules are available on the **IC portal** for viewing and printing. Please print the schedule with locker combination listed under the reports tab.

For those without student or parent portal accounts:

7th grade students will receive their schedules on the first day of school in advisory. Advisory lists will be posted in the front lobby and the gym lobby. 7th graders should check these lists, and then report directly to their advisory first thing in the morning on the first day of school.

6th graders and 7th graders new to the school will receive their schedules at orientation. If your child is unable to attend orienta-

tion you may pick up his/her schedule at LaMuth Middle School after the August 18th orientation.

HONORS CLASSES:

Students placed in Honors Language Arts or Honors Math classes have met specific criteria in that subject area. The following criteria are considered for honors placement: MAP scores, CSI score, OAA scores, prior academic achievement, and teacher recommendation. Honors classes will be noted on the student's schedule when the schedule is released. All students will be rescreened within the first two weeks of school using the MAP test, and schedules, will be adjusted as needed.

A NOTE FROM THE CLINIC

All 7th grade students must have a **written** record of the Td or Tdap immunization on file in the clinic. As you are making your annual well check appointments, please inform your child's pediatrician of this Ohio Health Department requirement. Seventh grade students must also show proof of receiving his/her #2 MMR vaccination

Just a reminder that according to Ohio State Law, your child will not be able to enter the seventh grade without proof of receiving these two vaccinations. Valid proof is either a physician's signature or a signature from the Health Department along with the date that the vaccine was given. Proof can be dropped off in the LaMuth office or faxed to LaMuth at 440-354-8218 attn. Nurse Bobbi. A copy from a "Baby Immunization Book" is also acceptable.

Handbook Reminders...

As you shop for clothes (and other items) for the upcoming school year, please keep the following in mind:

- **FLIP FLOPS, STRAPLESS SANDALS, AND "Heelies" (or other types of roller skating shoes) ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE WORN AT SCHOOL.**
- **PAJAMA PANTS MAY NOT BE WORN TO SCHOOL**
- **All shirts, regardless of style, should provide appropriate coverage. Undergarment straps, bare midriffs, or bare backs may not be visible.**
- Distressed pants or jeans may be worn if the following guidelines are met: **holes may not be above the knees. If distressed areas are above the knee area, the area must have a patch underneath, no skin or underwear can be visible.** Holes are inappropriate for school in all other articles of clothing. Patches in suggestive places are prohibited.
- **Shorts, skirts and dresses must be appropriate for school**—all shorts and skirts will be measured by having the student stand at attention with his or her arms to their side. The length of the garment should not be above the student's fingertips.
- Cutoffs, skin-tight pants (including yoga pants), boxer shorts, and skin-tight shorts such as cycling shorts or spandex are not appropriate attire and may not be worn.

THE COMPLETE LMS STUDENT HANDBOOK IS LOCATED ONLINE AT: www.riversideschools.net

14-15 School Fees of \$68 payable to LaMuth Middle School.
Pay any school fee online at myschoolbucks.com

7TH GRADE CHICAGO TRIP

This years 7th grade educational tour will be to Chicago, Il. from May 11th - May 13th. The cost of the trip will be \$475 and it includes all expenses (hotel, bussing, meals, taxes, tips, guides, and admissions) except spending money for souvenirs. The trip needs to be paid in full by registration day - March 4, 2016. All payments are made directly to the tour company, Discovery Tours, and can be paid in 2 installments or all at once. Please do not send money to the school. The payment schedule and account information is on

LaMuth's website.

Some of our trip highlights will include: The Museum of Science and Industry, The John Hancock Observatory, Navy Pier, Natural History Museum, Millennium Park, Shoreline Architecture Cruise, Authentic Deep Dish Chicago Pizza, Lincoln Park Zoo, and the John G. Shedd Aquarium.

Start making your plans now and saving money for the trip! We are sure to have a great time, and an experience



that will make a lasting impression on your child's education. An informational parent meeting will be held later in the school year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Breech at 440-354-4394 ex 7124 or e-mail at Jonathan.breech@riversideschools.net

AMSCO UPDATE (Your LaMuth Middle School Organization)

All parents or legal guardians with a student enrolled at LaMuth Middle School are eligible to become members of AMSCO. The suggested donation for membership is \$10. AMSCO funds many programs/purchases for our school; equipment, books, field trips, social activities, and much more. Discussions/vote of future purchases take place at the monthly meetings. **The meetings are held at 4:00 pm in the LaMuth Library on the 2nd Monday of the month. The "kickoff" meeting will be September 14, 2015.** Please plan to attend!

Planning is underway for the 2015-2016 school year!

AMSCO Officers

Teri Snyder
President

Tina Miklos
Vice President

April Kovalchuk
Treasurer

Beth Carrow
Secretary



Questions? Ideas? Want to receive email updates?

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www.orgsites.com/oh/amsco/
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SCHOOL SUPPLIES

6th Grade General Supplies:

Language Arts:

- 1 1/2 inch red binder for language arts (hardbound with pockets)
- five dividers for the binder
- red spiral notebook
- Post-it notes
- (Mrs. Vernon's Language Arts classes will need a 3 subject notebook and a composition notebook, any color)

Math:

- 1 inch green binder for math
- Non-scientific 5 function calculator
- five dividers for binder
- green spiral notebook
- 3 dry erase markers

Science:

- 1 inch blue binder for science
- 5 dividers

Social Studies:

- 1 inch black binder

General Supplies:

- homework folder (any color/design except red, yellow, or green)
- 1 pack of loose leaf notebook paper
- pencils (large package)
- pens (one pack blue or black)
- highlighters (5 colors)
- colored pencils (These are in addition to the ones needed for art.)
- 2 large glue sticks
- Headphones or Earbuds
- Mouse (optional)
- Kleenex (2 boxes to be given to your child's advisory teacher)
- Microfiber cleaning cloth

ART SPECIFIC SUPPLIES:

- Art pouch- Double bag two one gallon zip lock bags. Please keep supplies in original boxes. It makes cleanup easier. Supplies will be kept in the art room.
- 12- # 2 Pencils
- White illustration eraser
- Pencil sharpener (make sure it works)
- 22" X 28" poster board (any color-light colors are best)
- Crayola brand ONLY- Colored pencils- 12 (larger sets- optional)

- 2- FINE point black permanent marker
- 2- ULTRA Fine point black permanent marker
- Pocket folder with 12 blank and 12 lined sheets of paper

7th Grade General Supplies:

General Supplies:

- 2 packets of loose leaf notebook paper
- Blue or black pens
- Pencils (at least 12) /Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighters (2 colors)
- 2 packets of graph paper (8 1/2 X 11 sheet; 4 squares per inch) for science and math
- Kleenex (two boxes to be given to your child's advisory teacher)
- Colored Pencils
- Vinyl eraser
- Glue Sticks
- 2 packages of 3x5 index cards (lined and blank)
- Headphones or Ear Buds compatible with chromebooks and computers in our technology labs.
- Screen Cleaning Wipes

Language Arts:

- 1 inch white binder
- 1 3 ring supply pouch
- Spiral Notebook (must stay in class)
- Hole reinforcement stickers
- Folder

Language Arts Novels:

- Each student will be required to acquire a copy (paperback, e-reader, or library) of The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton at some point during the school year. They will not be required on the 1st day of school.

Math:

- 1 inch green binder
- Five dividers for binder
- Spiral Notebook (1 subject)
- Non-scientific 5 function calculator

Social Studies:

- 1 inch black binder
- Five dividers for binder
- 3 ring supply pouch
- Colored Pencils (box of 24 or more)

Science:

- 2 inch blue binder
- Dividers (5)
- 3-ring binder pouch (1)
- Metric ruler
- 2 packs of 3x5 index lined cards
- 2 glue stick. This will be kept in the 3-ring binder pouch
- 1 pair of scissors. This will be kept in the 3-ring binder pouch
- 1 highlighter. This will be kept in the 3-ring binder pouch
- 1 pack of colored pencils. This will be kept in the 3-ring binder pouch
- 2 hand held pencil sharpeners. This will be kept in the 3-ring binder pouch

Art Specific Supplies:

- #2 wooden pencils. Please donate one "loaner" pencil to be kept in the art room in case you forget or lose one.
- 1 glue stick. This will be kept in the art room and brought out as needed.
- 1 pack of blank index cards, any size.
- one piece of 22"x28" poster board color coded for your class period.
- additional art supplies: the following can be purchased and brought in on you own, or can be obtained in class for a \$5.00 fee.
- Art Sketch Pad (inexpensive - 30 pages is fine.)
- Vinyl eraser (These are usually white or bright colors.)
- drawing pencil (6B, 4B, or ebony)
- tortillon (pencil blending stump)

6th and 7th Grade Music:

- See LaMuth website for specific requirements.

****Please note that this is a general list. Additional supplies may be required by certain teachers and classes.**

See LaMuth home page www.riversideschools.net or visit our school for lists in larger print.

For those who ordered school supply kits from AMSCO, you will be notified via email when the kits arrive.

From the Cafeteria

To apply for free or reduced price meals for the 2015-2016 school year, please go to www.SchoolLunchApp.com. If your child received this benefit last year, you must reapply. All Nutrition Services information can be found online at www.RiversideLocalSchools.com on the Nutrition Services page. Changes to the Nutrition Services program as well as a letter to all households for this school year can be found on the same site. Please call 358-8212 if you need a paper application mailed to you.