

# Liberty Pines Academy Parent Night

LIBERTY PINES ACADEMY

MAY 9, 2022

6:00 PM



# Attendance Zone Changes

- On April 26, 2022, the School Board approved an advertisement for the proposed Attendance Zone Changes for the 2022-2023 School Year. Although, the official approval will not occur until May 31<sup>st</sup>, it is unlikely that a change will be made at this point, as it would require the District to take several steps back in the process. Florida Statute requires that a proposed Attendance Zone change be advertised for 30 days before a School Board can act.
- Since we are so close to the end of the school year and to make the transition as smooth as possible for families, the District has asked Principals of the receiving schools to begin communication with the families included in the advertisement.

# The LPA Support Team

Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Counselor  
Counselor  
Instructional Coach  
Dean

Mrs. Hemingway  
Mrs. McCool  
Ms. Glennon  
Mrs. Heller  
Mrs. Cox  
Mrs. Langowski  
Mr. Cromwell



# We are your cheerleaders!

Moving to a new school can be an exciting time, but it can also be filled with jitters and nervous energy for students and parents.



Be confident in LPA's team! The administrators, dean, teachers, counselors, and staff are all committed to supporting your child, so they experience a strong work ethic, positive attitude, independence, and social, emotional and academic success!

# LPA School Wide Expectations

## Be Respectful

- ▶ Treat others with respect
- ▶ Use good manners, not bad language
- ▶ Be tolerant and accepting of differences
- ▶ Respect school property and other's belonging
- ▶ Words do hurt – be considerate of other's feelings

## Be Responsible

- ▶ Do what you are supposed to do
- ▶ Persevere, keep on trying and always do your best
- ▶ Take ownership of your learning success
- ▶ Don't make excuses – accept the consequences for your actions

## Be Ready to Learn

- ▶ Come to class prepared with supplies, books, all completed homework and assignments and a positive attitude



# Communication With Teachers

- ▶ We welcome your communication. Email communication is the preferred method. Due to the busy nature of the school day our teachers will need time to respond. Please allow up to 48 hours.
- ▶ Schoology Messages is a way for students to communicate with their teachers in grades 3-8.
- ▶ To request a meeting with an individual teacher via email for an appointment. Many middle school teachers generally like to meet as a team when there is a parent conference. This helps with getting a better understanding of what is going on with the student in all his/her classes.
- ▶ Being an informed parent will allow you the opportunity to support your child throughout their school experience.

# Elementary Folders, Planners, Schoology, and HAC

- ▶ Organization is key to success! A communication folder for grades K-2, planners for grades 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> are provided to each student at the start of school year and is an excellent tool to remind your child of upcoming assignments and due dates.
- ▶ Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> should record all homework, assignments and assessments in their planner each day.
- ▶ Schoology is where 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade teachers post the learning activities and power point presentations students get in the classroom. This is an excellent resource to use when studying for a test and keeping organized.
- ▶ Home Access Center (HAC) is where K-8 parents can see interim reports and report cards. In grade 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, parents and students can see the grades for each assignment or assessment for all their classes. This should be checked on a weekly basis.

# Backpacks

- ▶ Backpacks may be carried between classes for middle school students – please stress the importance of load capacity with your child and utilizing their lockers. Elementary students are provided a cubby to place their backpacks and lunch boxes.
- ▶ No rolling backpacks are allowed without a doctor's note – these cause a trip hazard during hall change





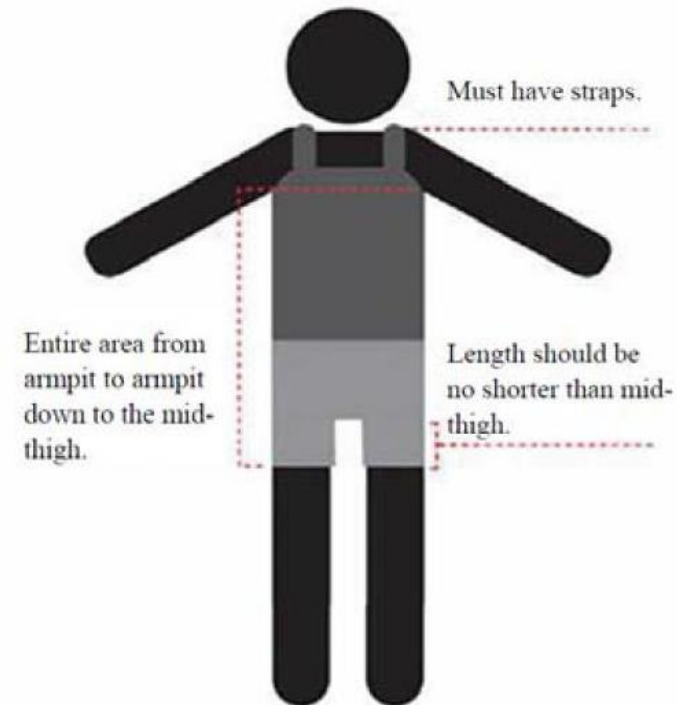
# Cell Phones and Smart Watches

- ▶ Must be OFF and kept in backpack for K-5 and in their locker for grades 6-8.
- ▶ Students may not use the cell phone during the day.
- ▶ A phone will be taken if it is out during the day.
  - ▶ First Violation: Phone confiscated; corrective consultation & phone returned at end of day by the Dean
  - ▶ 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation: Parent must meet with Dean for a conference
  - ▶ Subsequent Violations: Progressive Discipline Followed



# SJCSD Dress Code Policy

- ▶ Personal attire may be in the style of the day. Clothing, piercings, and accessories displaying profanity, violence, discriminatory messages, sexually suggestive phrases, phrases or symbols of alcohol, tobacco or drugs is unacceptable.
- ▶ Gang graffiti will not be drawn or worn on backpacks, notebooks, folders, papers, clothing or any other object or on the body of any student or person on school property.
- ▶ Pajamas shall not be worn as exterior clothing on campus.
- ▶ Head gear, including but not limited to, caps, hats, bandanas and/or sunglasses shall not be worn indoors on campus unless permitted by school administration for religious or medical reasons. Students may wear sunglasses, hats, or other sun-protective wear while outdoors during school hours.
- ▶ Clothing must cover areas from one armpit to the other armpit, down to the mid-thigh. Tops must have shoulder straps and be long enough to adequately cover the waistline and not expose the midriff.



# Elementary After School Enrichment

Offered through our Extended Day Program

For more information, please visit <https://www-lpa.stjohns.k12.fl.us/extendedday/>

- ▶ Drama Kids
- ▶ S4 Sports Academy
- ▶ Kidz Art
- ▶ Club Scientific
- ▶ The Knight School
- ▶ Pottery Plus
- ▶ Debbie's Dance Studio


These are contracted outside vendors that are approved vendors through the school district

# Middle School Clubs

- ▶ Math Counts – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – open club – only 11 students in the club offered the opportunity to participate in a Chapter Competition
- ▶ STEM Club – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – open club – participated in the Science Olympiad Competition in February at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University– Club begins in September.
- ▶ Robotics Club – Students use LEGO MINDStorm robots and a computer program that allows visual programming of the robots. Students can learn how to program the robots to accomplish tasks of varying complexity. Students can also design and build challenges for robots to solve.
- ▶ Odyssey of the Mind – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – 7 students form one team - Odyssey of the Mind is an international creative problem-solving program that engages students in their learning by allowing their knowledge and ideas to come to life in an exciting, productive environment. Students participate in a regional competition in March.
- ▶ Cross Country Club – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – Participates in district level Cross Country Meets throughout the county on Wednesdays after school
- ▶ Drama Productions – for students enrolled in grades 6-8 – students audition for the production – meets afterschool for practice and dress rehearsal
- ▶ Dungeons and Dragons – Students come together under the supervision of a teacher to play this popular game together.
- ▶ Wolfie Writes - Creative writing club focused on different elements of story telling – foreshadowing, characterization, conflict, and plot development.

# Middle School Sports

- ▶ LPA Volleyball – (Fall Sport) offered to students enrolled in grades 6-8 - this is a school and district ran sport - student's tryout for the team – practices are after school with games on Tuesday's and Thursday's
- ▶ LPA Basketball – (Winter Sport) offered to students enrolled in grades 6-8 - this is a school and district ran sport - student's tryout for the team – practices are after school with games on Tuesday's and Thursday's



# Middle School Sports Offered through SJMSAA

Sports ran through the Parks and Recreation  
Department (SJMSAA) – not LPA

- ▶ Football
- ▶ Baseball
- ▶ Softball
- ▶ Soccer
- ▶ Tennis
- ▶ Cheer
- ▶ Golf
- ▶ Dance

For more information, please visit  
<https://www.sjmsaa.com/>

# School Schedule

- ▶ Morning arrival 8:00 am -8:25 am
- ▶ Late bell rings at 8:25 am
- ▶ Dismissal Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 2:45 pm
- ▶ Dismissal Wednesday at 1:45 pm



# Middle School Schedule

## 5<sup>th</sup> Period Only

Middle School A  
= All elective  
classes

Middle School B  
= All ELA, Math,  
Science, Social  
Studies Classes

Period		Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	Wednesday
HR/1 <sup>st</sup> Period		8:25-9:20	8:25-9:10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period		9:23-10:08	9:13-9:50
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period		10:11-10:56	9:53-10:30
4 <sup>th</sup> Period		11:00-11:45	10:34-11:11
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	A Class	12:21-1:06	11:47-12:24
	A Lunch	11:48-12:18	11:14-11:44
	B Class	11:48-12:33	11:14-11:51
	B Lunch	12:36-1:06	11:54-12:24
6 <sup>th</sup> Period		1:11 – 1:56	12:28-1:05
7 <sup>th</sup> Period		2:00 – 2:45	1:08 – 1:45



# Elementary Resource

## 8 Day Resource Rotation with

- ▶ PE twice
- ▶ Music
- ▶ Art
- ▶ Media twice
- ▶ Computer twice



Teacher led PE on Non-PE days – 30 minutes

Daily Recess – 20 minutes

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ PE (required)
- ▶ ICT 1 (\*required)

Options of 1 of the following:

- ▶ Beginning Band
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Two-Dimensional Studio Art 1
- ▶ Peer Counseling 1 (Teacher Recommendation Only)

\* Depending on Intensive Reading, Unique Skills, Learning Strategies, or Peer Counseling

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ PE (required)

Options of 2 of the following:

- ▶ Beginning Band
  - ▶ Concert Band (Previous band experience required)
  - ▶ Jazz Band (Must also be enrolled in Concert Band – teacher recommendation)
  - ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Two-Dimensional Studio Art 2
- ▶ ICT 2
- ▶ Theatre 1
- ▶ Middle School Beginning Spanish

\* Depending on Intensive Reading, Unique Skills, or Learning Strategies

# 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Electives

- ▶ PE (required)

Options of 2 of the following:

- ▶ Concert Band (Previous band experience required)
- ▶ Jazz Band (Must also be enrolled in Concert Band – teacher recommendation)
- ▶ Chorus
- ▶ Art 3
- ▶ ICT 2
- ▶ Computer Science Discoveries
- ▶ Theatre 1
- ▶ Theatre 2 (Prerequisite – Theatre 1 and teacher recommendation)
- ▶ Theatre: Design and Production
- ▶ Middle School Intermediate Spanish (Prerequisite – Middle School Beginning Spanish)
- ▶ Journalism (Application Only)
- ▶ TV Production (Application Only)
- ▶ Intern (Application Only)

\* Depending on Intensive Reading, Unique Skills, or Learning Strategies

# Things to consider when enrolling in a high school course:

- ▶ Honor's high school courses are very rigorous
- ▶ High school courses taken in middle school become part of the student's cumulative high school GPA - The high school GPA has an impact which is not limited to: college acceptance, Bright Futures eligibility and fulfillment of graduation requirements
- ▶ Courses taken in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade set the course for a student's progression throughout high school

# Middle School Course Change

- ▶ What this means for 2022-2023 School Year
  - ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> Grade = World History
  - ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade = US History
  - ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = US History
- ▶ What this means for 2023-2024 and after
  - ▶ 6<sup>th</sup> grade = World History
  - ▶ 7<sup>th</sup> Grade = US History
  - ▶ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade = Civics

# Application Only Electives

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Application Only Elective Classes

Email Mrs. Hemingway to request a specific application

[traci.hemingway@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:traci.hemingway@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

All completed applications and teacher recommendation forms must be turned in to your current school's principal. Each principal will interoffice mail them to LPA. All applications and teacher recommendation forms are due by Friday, May 20, 2022. Late applications will not be accepted.

# Contact Information

- ▶ Principal – Traci Hemingway
  - ▶ [traci.hemingway@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:traci.hemingway@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
- ▶ Counselor – Kelley Cox
  - ▶ [kelley.cox@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:kelley.cox@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
    - ▶ Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- ▶ Counselor – Katie Heller
  - ▶ [katheryne.heller@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:katheryne.heller@stjohns.k12.fl.us)
    - ▶ 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



# School Tour

Green Group – Mrs. Hemingway – Principal

Yellow Group – Mrs. McCool – Assistant Principal

Red Group – Ms. Glennon – Assistant Principal

Blue Group – Mrs. Langowski – Instructional Coach

Purple Group – Mrs. Heller – School Counselor

Orange Group – Mrs. Cox – School Counselor

