



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all of our families for joining us during last week's Open House. We hope that you enjoyed the evening. We appreciate the partnership we share with you and want you to know that our doors are always open to any questions, concerns, and thoughts you may have as we move forward into the year.



This week's Bulletin is our "Extra-Curricular Bulletin." We are proud AND excited to offer numerous extra-curricular offerings at Luther Burbank this school year. Please look through the offerings with your child and encourage your child to consider participating in one, two, or even more opportunities. Extra-curricular opportunities are an excellent way for students to explore different interests and to develop new friendships. With so many offerings, it may be hard to decide!

Best Regards,

Laura J. Friend

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Pictures, September 20 - DATE CHANGE!

Please note that our picture day has changed to this Thursday, September 20th. Informational packets from Hockmeyer Studio were mailed home last week. Order forms are also available in the Luther Burbank office. Although all students will need to have their picture taken, purchasing pictures is strictly optional for families.

Student Dismissal Pick-Up Procedure

This year we have many families opting to pick up their child at dismissal. With the increase in cars in our back parking lot at this time, I remind all families to be extremely mindful as they drive in and out of the area. We have students crossing the lot to access their cars and it is imperative that all drivers are vigilant as they pull in and back out of their parking spots. While we have staff on duty to help support this process, we need your attention to this matter. I will continue to monitor our pick-up procedures for the safety of our students and will notify you of any changes to our current procedures if necessary.

School Safety Presentation, September 26

As part of our district's ongoing commitment to provide a safe educational environment for students and staff, parents/guardians are invited to an informational session to learn about school safety practices and protocols. The session will be co-presented by school district leadership and local safety representatives. The presentation will begin at 6:00 PM in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium.

Laura Friend
Principal

Steven Grant
Assistant Principal

Judy Ursuliak
Administrative Assistant

Luther Burbank Apparel and Other Items! Online Store Open for a Limited Time!

Reminder! Luther Burbank now has an official online store selling items to promote spirit and raise money for our Student Activity Fund. If you are interested in ordering items, click [here](#) to access the online store. Items will be delivered to Luther Burbank and distributed from there. The store will be open for a limited time, so now is the time to SHOP! Check out the new fall items and catch some school spirit!

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 17: Washington, D.C. "Capital Experience" Parent/Guardian Meeting, 6:00 PM, Auditorium

September 18: [SE PAC](#) - "The Kerrigan Classroom," 7:00 PM, Florence Sawyer School Media Center

September 19: Lancaster PTO Meeting, 6:30 PM, MRE Library

September 20: Picture Day

September 26: Safety Presentation, 6:00 PM, Auditorium

October 2: [SE PAC](#) - "Meet the Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joan DeAngelis" TBD

October 8: Columbus Day, No School

October 10: Walk/Bike to School Day - More info to follow

October 19: Early Release, 11:30 AM Dismissal

LBMS EXTRA-CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

Art Club (Advisor: Mrs. Slattery)

Art club will start on Monday, September 24. The club will meet every Monday from 2:15 - 3:10 in the LBMS Art room. Students may take the MRE bus home, or may be picked up at 3:10. Art club is open to anyone in grades 6, 7, and 8. Art club is an opportunity to work with a variety of art materials, to explore and be creative. There will be a specific project each week. There will also be opportunities for students to choose an art material to work with. Students must turn in a completed art club permission slip in order to attend the first meeting. Mrs. Slattery will have these available during class, and there will be extra forms in a pocket folder on the art room door.

AV/LBTV Club (Advisor: Mr. Newton)

In LBTV, students will work with iPads and cameras to film school events and report back some "LBTV News". This offering is perfect for students who enjoy working with a green screen and engaging in video production. The Club will meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2:15 -3:15 starting in October.

Best Buddies (Advisor: Mrs. Lonardo)

Since 2008, Luther Burbank Middle School has been an "officially chartered chapter dedicated to establishing mutually enriching one-to-one friendships to enhance the lives of people with intellectual disabilities." Our chapter will plan to meet on the last Wednesday of each month from 2:15 to 3:10, in Mrs. Lonardo's classroom, beginning in October. If your student is planning to participate, there will be extracurricular activity forms and membership applications outside of room D-136 (end of 6th grade hallway). Past members are encouraged to complete applications on-line. Hope to see you there!

Chorus (Advisor: Ms. Belhumeur)

In Chorus, students have the opportunity to learn how to sing in a healthy manner, and join in the making of music with their peers. Repertoire spans a wide variety, including jazz, folk, classical, and even pop! Chorus at LBMS is a unique ensemble as it is encouraged for any student who has never been part of an ensemble before (or even never sung before!) as well as seasoned vocalists. The "come one, come all" attitude allows us to create a safe space to join together and create something greater than ourselves. ***"If you can talk, you can sing!"***

Chorus rehearses after school on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:00. Our first rehearsal was 9/12, but students are still welcome to join this coming week. To join, see Ms. Belhumeur for a permission slip.

Creative Writing Club (Advisor: Mr. Burks)

This club is a productive, reflective, fun, and collaborative space where students are invited to engage in a variety of creative writing and discussions about creative writing. We will be writing, discussing each other's writing, and working to build our skills as authors! This is a great opportunity for students to make new friends, develop collaboration and critical thinking skills, and have lot of fun with Mr. Burks. Joining the club requires a permission slip in advance of participation. The first meeting for those who submit signed permission slips will be on Monday, September 24th. The club will meet in Mr. Burks' room on Mondays from 2:15-3:10. Students will be expected to take the elementary bus or be picked up no later than 3:15.

Drama Club (Advisor: Mrs. Castner)

The LBMS Drama Club provides an opportunity for LBMS students to be a part of a musical production in the Spring. No previous drama experience is necessary. There are opportunities for onstage roles or helping with backstage crew. Students interested in helping with lights and sounds should consider joining the LBT/AV Club and express an interest to Mr. Newton about helping with drama. LBMS Drama is open to all LBMS students. Auditions are required for any students wishing to perform onstage.

There will be a special mini musical theater workshop on Thursday, October 4th, 2018, from 2:20-3:00 p.m. in the auditorium for students interested in a sneak preview of what they will experience with LBMS Drama. This is a good opportunity for students who are deciding whether or not they would like to participate in drama this year.

A meeting for parents and students will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2018, in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium, beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. All interested students should have representation at the meeting of a parent or guardian. Information about the drama club, auditions, and director will be given as well as an opportunity to ask questions.

Auditions will be on Tuesday, November 13, and Thursday, November 15, 2018, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Students will need to attend both audition dates if they would like to be considered for all roles, unless they've made alternate arrangements ahead of time with the director. The attached forms must be filled out by the first night of auditions.

Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 27, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through the performances on Friday, March 29, Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31, 2019. All events will be held in the auditorium.

This year, there will also be a special opportunity for drama students to help host a comedy show and concert fundraiser the evening of Saturday, April 20th, 2019. More information will be forthcoming at the parent meeting.

Questions before November 8, 2018 may be emailed to Paula Castner at lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com.

Gaming Club (Advisors: Mr. Burks & Ms. Campbell)

The Luther Burbank Gaming Club is a fun and collaborate space where students are invited to engage in a variety of table top and role-playing games. This is a great opportunity for students to make new friends, develop collaboration and critical thinking skills, and have lot of fun with Mr. Burks and Ms. Campbell. Some games the club will be playing are: Dixit, Ticket to Ride, Parcheesi, Munchkin, Chess & Checkers, Playing Card Games. Joining the club requires a permission slip in advance of participation. The first meeting for those who submit signed permission slips will be on Wednesday, September 26th.

The club will meet in Mr. Burks' room on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:10. Students will be expected to take the elementary bus or be picked up no later than 3:15.

Green Team (Advisor: Miss Trahan)

Now in its third year, the Burbank Green Team will continue with its recycling initiative, morning announcement, GreenTips, and special Earth Day Advisory activities. We hope to start some new projects this year so students are asked to bring their eco-friendly ideas to make a difference!

Green Team meets in Miss Trahan's room on Thursdays after school from 2:15-3:05pm. We will begin Green Team next Thursday, Sept. 20th. Staff meetings will conflict with our meetings on the first Thursday of each month, in which case we will meet on Wednesday.

GSA (Gender and Sexualities Alliance) (Advisors: Miss Trahan & Mrs. Brunelle)

A club for LGBTQ students and their allies. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in D-124, the 7th grade ELA room. All are welcome! GSA will start Wednesday, October 3rd.

Jazz Ensemble (Advisor: Ms. Belhumeur)

In Jazz Ensemble, students have the opportunity to explore one of the only styles of music that is uniquely American. The ensemble rehearses as a traditional "Big Band," but is open to students who play nontraditional jazz instruments as well. Students study a mix of well-known charts, improvisation, jazz technique, and tunes arranged for Big Bands.

Jazz Ensemble rehearses after school on Tuesdays from 2:15-3:00. Our first rehearsal was 9/11, but students are still welcome to join this coming week. Jazz is open to any student who plays an instrument at 6th grade proficiency (including guitar, bass, and drums!). To join, see Ms. Belhumeur for a permission slip.

Math Club (Advisor: Mr. Millette)

The LBMS Mathematics Club will provide a social and an intellectual forum to all students interested in mathematics. Additionally, the mathematics club will foster awareness and appreciation for mathematics as an after school activity as well as an intellectual pursuit. Participants in the mathematics club will take part in problem solving and examining mathematical concepts. The math club is a great opportunity to make new friends, develop collaboration skills, fine-tune and advance mathematical skills and understandings, explore mathematical concepts in-depth, and most importantly - have fun. Joining the club requires permission in advance for participation. The math club is open to all students in grades 6, 7, and 8.

The first meeting for those who have signed permission slips will be on Wednesday September 26, 2018. Those who do not have a permission slip are welcome to join the math club at any time with a signed permission slip. Math Club will meet on Wednesdays. Due to Mr. Millett's schedule, the math club will not meet every week. A schedule will be provided at the first meeting. The club will meet from 2:15 - 3:05. Students will be expected to take the elementary bus or be picked up no later than 3:15. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Millett at jmillett@nrsd.net.

Student Council (Advisors: Ms. Campbell & Mr. Burks)

Student Council will meet every other Thursday beginning on September 27th. Meetings are immediately after school until 3:15. Interested students wrote speeches about how they could strengthen our LBMS community last week and shared these speeches at our Student Council assembly last Friday. Student representatives will be announced this week.

Yearbook Club (Advisors: Mrs. Brennan & Mrs. Parson)

The Luther Burbank Middle School Yearbook Club, directed by Mrs. Brennan and Mrs. Parson, is charged with the task of creating a yearbook to be completed and distributed by the last day of the school. Club members will photograph school activities and events, format images, design pages, and assist with the cover contest and the coordination of communications between the yearbook club and students and teachers for submitting information for the yearbook. Meetings will be held Mondays from 2:15 - 3:00 in the computer lab. The first meeting will be held Monday, October 15th.

The finished yearbook product is sent in an electronic format to Hockmeyer Studios, Inc. of Amesbury, Massachusetts for publishing.

Picture of the Week



Student Council Speeches
Faces in the Crowd