



Londonderry Middle School
2022 – 2023
Parent & Student Opening Information

We are excited to welcome your child to Londonderry Middle School as the first day of school approaches. If you are a new student, we look forward to meeting you and seeing all our students returning to LMS. I have provided information to assist our students and parents in preparing for the start of school. As we start a new year, we want to convey that we take pride in working hard to provide an exceptional educational climate at LMS for our students and the community we serve.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 603-432-6925.

Have a great school year.
Mr. Van Bennekum, Principal ext. 3300

A vision of EXCELLENCE at Londonderry Middle School

As we begin a new school year, we do so with a vision and commitment to excellence, “*taking what we do well and striving for better.*” A vision is designed to guide our practices at LMS but, more importantly, provides a framework for teaching and learning. Three pillars support our vision of excellence; *Student Academic Growth, Instructional Refinement, and Collaborative Practices.*

First Day of School Tuesday, August 30, 2022



Drop Off Time: 7:24

Those students planning to be dropped off in the morning can depart their vehicles at 7:24 when student supervision begins. **If you arrive before this time, students must remain in their vehicles**, and parents should park in the main lot. At 7:34, the morning bell sounds, and students enter the building.

Bus Riders: 7:30

Students who ride the bus to school will be dropped off in the bus loop at the back of the building.

Pick Up Time 2:30

Students will be dismissed at 2:30, and those picked up in the afternoon will exit the building through the main doors. Please be cognizant that children walk through the parking lot in the afternoon, and **be patient and expect delays** during the first week of school. We encourage parents to park and have students walk to their cars.



TARDY TO SCHOOL: “Rise & Shine and be on Time”

The middle school will be monitoring students who are tardy to school. All students are expected **to arrive by 7:34** when the morning bell rings, signaling students to enter the building. Arriving each morning on time is essential and part of being a responsible student. All students are expected to be in class, seated and ready to learn for the start of A Period at 7:44.

HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP WITH PLANNING FOR THE START OF SCHOOL.

1. **Prepare the night before.** A big part of success in middle school is being organized and prepared daily.
 1. Make sure your clothing choice is ready the night before, and all your school materials are packed and ready to leave in the morning.
 2. Ensure you have your instrument, change of clothes for PE, and sports equipment/gear ready to leave in the morning.
2. **Wake up early,** eat breakfast and give yourself extra time to prepare before leaving. **A little extra time to relax before you leave in the morning can be very helpful.**
3. If you are planning to **be dropped off** in the morning, **expect delays**, Mammoth Road is busy every morning and afternoon. There will be traffic, as everyone is taking extra precautions as school is in session. Those driving are expected to be vigilant and attentive to students who are either walking or riding their bikes to school.
4. **PLAN AHEAD.** Create a family plan for your morning schedule to ensure you are organized and ready for school. Middle School students will be expected to arrive on time. We understand that unforeseen circumstances arise, and we will work with you, but in the end, you are responsible for getting to school on time and being prepared to learn
5. Lastly, do not wait for the first day to prepare. Instead, **PRACTICE** your plan, which means the week before school starts, begin getting up on time.

The Assistant Principals will take time to discuss arriving on time with the students at their grade level assemblies during the first week of school and will outline expectations and answer any questions pertaining to being tardy.

Team Supply List



Google Classroom will provide the list of supplies students will need for their teams.

Student Handbook

The student handbook is located on the LMS webpage. Please take time to read and review the material.

Lockers: Students will have access to lockers as determined by their team. An adopted belief at LMS is the absence of locks on lockers and respect for their individual property. However, if you want to purchase a lock, the school can supply one for \$5.00. No outside locks are permitted.

School Pictures

Picture Retake

Friday, September 23 “Smile Everyone.”

Thursday, October 27

**Opening Student Packet******Emergency Cards****

The opening student packet will be going home with students on the first day. Please look for this information and return it as soon as possible. The emergency card is one of several items that are critical for LMS.

Fall Sports Information: lms@londonderry.org Athletic Tab: Scroll Down to LMS

Registration is still open; all students must be registered before starting. To register, use the tab to access the registration form on the athletic webpage.

Fall Try-Out Times & Location

Football 8/15	5:00 – 7:00 PM	Practice Field 5
Girls Soccer-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	LMS Practice field
Boys Soccer-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	LMS Game field
Girls Cross Country-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	@ LMS
Boys Cross Country-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	@LMS
Field Hockey-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	Lincoln Field
Girls Volleyball-8/29	2:45 – 4:45 PM	LMS gym

New Student Orientation**Monday, August 29**

Welcome new students. We are excited to welcome you to Londonderry Middle School and offer time to visit and meet your teachers. The dates and times below are those set aside for rising 6th graders and those students who will be new in 7th & 8th grade.

Sixth Grade Orientation is designed for **students to meet with their team teachers.**

Parents will meet with the Administrative Team and have the opportunity to become better acclimated to the student management system Aspen, which monitors academic progress and grades, and time to ask questions.

6th Grade Orientation Schedule

Sixth Grade Teams

- Monsoon 8:30 – 9:15
- Tsunamis 9:30 – 10:15
- Twister 10:30 – 11:15

*Students will be greeted by their teachers and led to their pod area. Parents/Guardians will report to the cafeteria.

Seventh & Eighth Grade 1:00 – 1:45

Students will be greeted by their grade-level counselor and led to their team area, while parents will report to the cafeteria to meet with school administrators.

Grade 7 School Counselor: Mrs. Heather Newman

Grade 8 School Counselor: Ms. Sharon McCarthy

Parent Information Night

Grade 8	Wednesday, September 7 th	6:00 – 7:30
Grade 7	Thursday, September 8 th	6:00 – 7:30
Grade 6	Tuesday, September 13 th	6:00 – 7:30

Parent Conferences Dates “Mark Your Calendar”

Monday, November 7 th	4:00 – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 8 th	7:45 AM – 2:45 PM

The format for parent conferences and sign-up information will be released in the fall.

Transportation

The transportation department is in the process of finalizing bus routes. If you have any questions, please contact the Student Transportation of America (STA) @ 668-2878



*Once the routes have been finalized, they will be released and posted on the school & district webpage.

Londonderry Middle School & School District Communication

The middle school utilizes various communication tools to keep parents informed of school and team events throughout the school year. In addition, the School District has created a Communication Committee, led by Mrs. Amity Small, Principal of Matthew Thornton, and together our goal is to ensure parents and the Londonderry community are kept informed of school and district events.

You can expect a monthly Parent Update emailed home highlighting school events, activities, and information pertinent to the Middle School. In addition, email is the primary communication tool for school-to-home communication for teachers, administrators, and other personnel. Finally, we encourage you to routinely check the school & district websites as they continue to be revised and updated to provide reliable contact points and serve as a springboard for links to other resources.

The most crucial aspect for us at LMS is to keep you informed. If you have questions, do not hesitate to contact your child’s teachers, school counselor, or grade level administrator. We are here to assist and support you and your child.



We are excited to bring the components of the State and Nationally renowned Choose Love movement to Londonderry Middle School. In our quest to address the critical aspects of social-emotional learning for middle-level students, a committee of dedicated teachers and administrators at LMS started working last year and over the summer to identify critical aspects and how the Choose Love components meet the needs of LMS middle school students. We have a lot planned for our students and staff this year and looking forward to rolling out this initiative.

Please plan to join us **on Thursday, September 15, from 6:30 – 7:15**, to hear Shannon Desilets, who will present the work of Scarlett Lewis and the Choose Love movement. We anticipate a large turnout as we plan to open up the presentation to all our families in the district to join us in learning how we can support children of all ages in their social and emotional development.

For more information on the Choose Love Program and Scarlett Lewis, check out the website <https://chooselovemovement.org/>