

# Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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December 2021



## Mark Your Calendar!

### December 7

- Band Concert at LHS Auditorium @ 7:00pm

### December 8

- PAC Meeting @ 7:30 a.m.

### December 20-31

- Holiday Break

### January 3

- Return to School

### January 12-14

- 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exams

### January 17

- No School – Teacher Records Day

### January 18

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins

### February 14-18

- Year-Round Intersession

### February 21

- Mid-Winter Break – No School

### March 28-April 1

- Spring Break

## Principal's Message

### Building Security

As you know, our neighbors in the Oxford Community School District were the victims of an unimaginable tragedy on Tuesday afternoon. As a school community, we stand in solidarity with Oxford and will support them in any capacity we can. We know that many people in our district have friends and family who have been impacted by this tragedy, and we are here to support them as well.

Moving forward, we are evaluating our efforts as a district to ensure the safety of students and staff. Further, we must continue to look after one another every day -- this is even more vital during times of uncertainty and fear. We continue to encourage students and parents to notify administration if they see, hear, or suspect something suspicious. We take any information, no matter how small, and investigate it thoroughly in coordination with the local police. For more detailed information, please see the Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> letter from Superintendent Wandrie on the BOLT blog at [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org)



## Instructional Focus

While the pandemic has made traditional education and instruction difficult the past year and a half, the staff at the Zemmer 8/9 Campus continue to strive to provide excellent instruction for all of our students. Every year our school improvement process focuses on goals that align with the Board of Education's district goals. This includes full days of professional development in August and March, monthly professional development after school, and weekly Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings within each department. The goals, which are based on research supported best practices, are aimed at improving classroom instruction which ultimately leads to an increase in student learning.

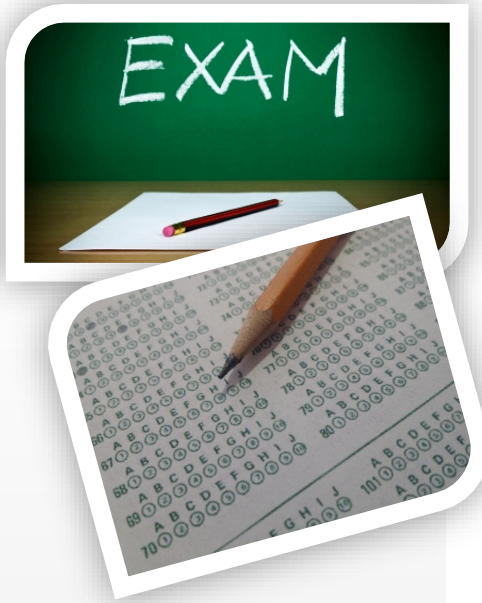
Over the past several years, more focus has been placed on student centered learning that encourages students to collaborate with peers, have meaningful discussions, and think deeply about concepts. These strategies not only lead to increased learning, but also provide a much more engaging environment where students are actively involved rather than passive participants.

For the 2021-2022 school year, Zemmer's focus has been on disciplinary literacy. In short, disciplinary literacy involves classroom practices integrated into all content areas and focus on the following concepts.

- Engagement
- Authentic problems
- Thinking typical of the discipline (i.e. math courses promote thinking as a mathematician would)
- Higher-order discussion techniques
- Opportunities for speaking and listening

Those are just to name a few. Education has definitely changed from the mid 90's when I was in high school and continues to evolve with the ultimate goal of increasing student learning and preparing students for life after their K-12 education.

## Exam Schedule



**Wednesday, Jan. 12th – Full Day (1st and 6th Hour Exams)**

**Thursday, Jan. 13th – Early Release-7:25 am to 11:35 am (2nd and 3rd Hour Exams)**

**Friday, Jan. 14th – Early Release-7:25 am to 11:35 am (4th and 5th Hour Exams)**

On Wednesday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> (full day), Thursday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> (Early Release), and Friday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> (early release), Zemmer will be on the exam schedule for all secondary schools. Each exam period is two hours long. On the early release days, there is a 10 minute break in between classes. While not every class is having exams, many are and a special schedule is required to make this happen. Since we share teachers with Rolland-Warner and LHS, all secondary buildings need to have an aligned schedule.

Please note that on the early release days, lunches will not be served to students. Students will ride their regular buses home on these days so be aware they will be arriving earlier than a normal day. Students should be picked up at 11:35 am in the car rider loop as is normal, just at an earlier time. A detailed schedule will be included in next month's (January) newsletter.

## Family Life Education

All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students should have received information in the mail regarding the family life education that will be starting next week. Most students will receive the family life program within their Health class. Other students who do not have Health or are normally at Lapeer High School during the day may have some temporary adjustments to their schedule to accommodate the classes.

**Included in the mailing was an opt-out form for parents to sign and return if they want their child excused from the family life program.** Only students who have provided this signed form will be excused from the class. If you did not receive the form in the mail and wish to opt out, or want more information on the program, please contact the school or Mrs. Slominski-Wood at [sara.slominski-wood@lapeerschools.org](mailto:sara.slominski-wood@lapeerschools.org)



## PAC Meetings (Parent Advisory Council)

Each month we hold a PAC meeting at Zemmer. The PAC is different than a PTC in that we focus on academics and other matters that are directly related to the school day, rather than fundraisers or other events. Any parent is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at 7:30am on the second Wednesday of every month.

**Our next meeting will be December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30am in our Media Center.**

## Office Hours & Phone Numbers

Regular office hours at Zemmer 8/9 Building are 7am - 3:30pm. To facilitate a prompt response to telephone calls, direct lines are provided. The telephone numbers are as follows:

<b>Main Office</b>	<b>667-2413</b>	
<b>Attendance Office</b>	<b>667-2413 x3402</b>	
<b>Counseling Office</b>		
<b>Mrs. Spisz (Counselor (A-K))</b>	<b>667-2413 x3410</b>	
<b>Mrs. Vanooteghem (Counselor (L-Z))</b>	<b>667-2413 x3409</b>	
<b>Dean of Students, Jack Chittle</b>	<b>667-2413 x3405</b>	(Discipline Related Issues)
<b>Associate Principal – Cayla Dowdall</b>	<b>667-2413 x3404</b>	(Athletics/Discipline)
<b>Principal – Dr. Jeff Stanton</b>	<b>667-2413 x3403</b>	



The building opens at 7am. After school, students should leave the building by 2:15pm unless involved in a supervised activity or class. The Media Center and the cafeteria are open until 3:25pm for students who need space to work.



## Athletics

For information regarding 8th grade athletics, contact Associate Principal and Athletic Director:

Cayla Dowdall, 810-667-2413  
[cayla.dowdall@lapeerschools.org](mailto:cayla.dowdall@lapeerschools.org)

For information regarding Freshman and JV athletics, contact District Athletic Director:

Shad Spilski, 810-667-2423  
[shadwin.spilski@lapeerschools.org](mailto:shadwin.spilski@lapeerschools.org)

All information regarding individual sports will be updated on the website:  
[lapeerlightning.com](http://lapeerlightning.com)

## Winter Sports Updates

### Winter 1 Sports information:

**Wrestling** – Practices are from 3:30 – 5:30pm @ CFI

Coach: Lenny Gosciniak – [leonard.gosciniak@lapeerschools.org](mailto:leonard.gosciniak@lapeerschools.org)

**Volleyball** – Practices are from 5:30-7:30pm in the Zemmer Gymnasium

Coach: Tessa Becker - [tessa.becker@lapeerschools.org](mailto:tessa.becker@lapeerschools.org)

### Winter 2 Sports Information:

Winter 2 sign-ups will be available in the main office starting Monday, November 29th. If your child is interested in trying out, please have them stop in to sign up.

**Competitive Cheer**- Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 14th through Thursday, December 16th at a time/location TBD.

**Boys Basketball**- Tryouts are tentatively scheduled for Monday, January 3rd through Wednesday, January 5th.

More details on tryouts for both Competitive Cheer and Boys Basketball to come soon!

***A friendly reminder, the following items to complete the athletic clearance are available in the Zemmer or LHS office or online at [lapeerlightning.com](http://lapeerlightning.com) and MUST be turned in prior to first practice/tryout:***

- All athletes must have a completed **2021-2022 MHSAA Physical** (dated April 15, 2021 or after – must be new form or sign waiver when turning in.) or a complete **MHSAA Health Questionnaire** (<https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/health%20safety/healthquestionnaire.pdf>) along with a valid **2021-2022 MHSAA Physical** (dated April 15, 2019 or after)
- All athletes must have a completed **Emergency Card**
- All athletes must have a signed **Athletic Code of Conduct Card** (parent & student signatures required)
- Pay to Participate must be paid in full before any athlete may participate in a game/contest/meet. Information will be forthcoming regarding when parents may begin paying pay-to-participate fees. This is only paid one time per school year for students.

## 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Wrestling

Coach: Lenny Gosciniak

WRESTLING				Location	
Tues, Nov 9	Lake Fenton Owosso	A	4:15 PM	Lake Fenton HS	4070 Lahring Rd Linden, MI 48451
Tues, Nov 16	Brandon Corunna	H	4:15 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Tues, Nov 23	Brandon Lake Fenton	A	4:15 PM	Brandon MS	609 S. Ortonville Rd Ortonville, MI 48462
Thur, Dec 2	Holly Carman-Ainsworth	A	4:15 PM	Holly MS	14470 N. Holly Rd Holly, MI 48442
Sat, Dec 4	Jefferson MS Tournament	A	9:00 AM	HH Dow High School	3901 N. Saginaw Rd Midland, MI 48640
Tues, Dec 7	Linden Kearsley	A	4:15 PM	Linden MS	15425 Lobdell Rd Linden, MI 48451
Fri, Dec 10	Home Quad	H	4:15 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Tues, Dec 14	Flushing Fenton	H	4:15 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446

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

Coaches: Tessa Becker, Kevin Becker

Volleyball				Location	
Thur, Nov 4	Clio	A	4:15 PM	Carter MS	300 Rogers Lodge Dr Clio, MI 48420
Mon, Nov 8	Kearsley	H	4:15 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Wed, Nov 10	Grand Blanc West	A	4:15PM	GB- West MS	1515 E Reid Rd Grand Blanc, MI 48439
Mon, Nov 15	Goodrich	A	4:15PM	Goodrich MS	7480 S Gale Rd Goodrich, MI 48438
Wed, Nov 17	Davison	H	4:15 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Mon, Nov 29	Fenton	A	4:15PM	Andrew G Schmidt	3255 Donaldson St Fenton, MI 48430
Wed, Dec 1	Corunna	H	4:15PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Fri, Dec 3	Carman-Ainsworth	H	4:15PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Mon, Dec 6	Flushing	A	4:15PM	Flushing MS	8100 Carpenter Rd Flushing, MI 48433
Wed, Dec 8	Swartz Creek	H	4:15PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Mon, Dec 13	Grand Blanc East	H	4:15PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
Wed, Dec 15	Brandon	A	4:15PM	Brandon MS	609 S Ortonville Rd Ortonville, MI 48462