

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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January 2022



Mark Your Calendar!

January 12-14

- 1st Semester Exams

January 17

- No School – Teacher Records Day

January 18

- 2nd Semester Begins

February 1-3

- Counselors visit Science Classes for 22-23 Scheduling

February 14-18

- Year-Round Intersession

February 21

- Mid-Winter Break – No School

February 22

- 8/9 Band Pre-Festival Concert at LHS

February 23

- Zemmer Scheduling Support from 4-7 p.m.

March 28-April 1

- Spring Break

Principal's Message

Exam Schedule

Wednesday, January 12th

– Full Day (1st and 6th Hour Exams)

Thursday, January 13th

– Early Release-7:25 am to 11:35 am
(2nd and 3rd Hour Exams)

Friday, January 14th

– Early Release-7:25 am to 11:35 am
(4th and 5th Hour Exams)

On Wednesday, January 12th (full day), Thursday, January 13th (Early Release @ 11:35am), and Friday, January 14th (early release at 11:35am), 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.

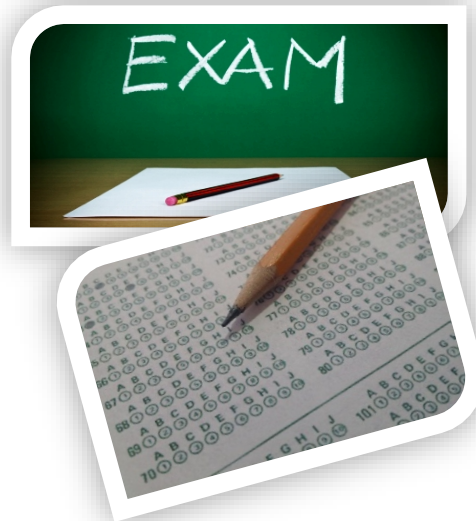
Please note that on the early release days, lunches will not be served to students. Students will ride their regular buses home on these days so be aware they will be arriving earlier than a normal day. Students should be picked up at 11:35am in the car rider loop as is normal, just at an earlier time. **Please see the detailed schedule that is at the end of this newsletter for specifics.**

Late Work Deadline

The deadline to turn in any missing assignments this **Friday, January 7th**. Students should have all assignments turned in at that time. With student grades being due by January 17th, teachers need time to grade assignments and record them. If students have any concerns about their grades or missing assignments, please encourage them to reach out to their teachers this week about what they can do to finish the first semester on a good note.

After School “Blitz” Tutoring

We are excited to offer after school tutoring for any student who would like support with Math, ELA, Social Studies, or Science. The after school “Blitz” (as it is called) is **on Monday and Wednesdays from 2:15pm to 3:30pm**. We will have from two to four teachers available to work with students individually and in small groups. Students may stay after on either Mondays or Wednesdays, but **must provide their own transportation**. Please contact the main office if you have any questions.



Student Handbook Notes

Bullying

A pattern of intentional inappropriate conduct that negatively impacts other students' educational, physical, or emotional well-being. It would include, but not be limited to, such behaviors as cyber bullying, hazing, stalking, intimidating, menacing, coercion, name-calling, taunting, making threats. Suspension up to ten days or expulsion.

Bullying is definitely a hot button issue, not just for students and staff, but in the media. It is also a very complicated problem with many layers to it. One of the hardest parts about "bullying" is actually determining what constitutes bullying, and helping students to understand what it looks like. Is this really bullying or are you having a disagreement/argument with a friend? The most important thing that students should know is that if they feel they are being bullied, they **MUST** contact an adult in the building. Students can fill out slips to see an administrator or counselor in the office, at which point they will be brought in to discuss the problem. The administrative staff spends a great amount of time investigating complaints and working through solutions with students. If your child has mentioned to you that they feel like they are being bullied, please encourage them to see an administrator in the office. There are several methods and strategies we have to help the situation.



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 January 12th at 7:30 am in our Media Center or Conference Room.**

Second Semester Schedules

Students will receive their schedules for 2nd semester during the exam week. Please help students remember these schedules on Tuesday, January 18th, which is the first day of the 2nd semester. A good tip we give students is to snap a picture of their schedule on their cell phones. This way, the picture is always with them and even if they forget their schedules, they can view a copy of it on their phone.

As is the case often in grades 6-12, students may be switching teachers at the semester break, even for core classes (Science, Math, ELA, and Social Studies). All classes are at the same point once we reach the end of the semester, so students do not have to worry about being in a different spot than their last class was in. If you have any concerns about your child's schedule, please contact the counselors for assistance. Although the schedule is very tight with little wiggle room, we really try to do our best to ensure students are placed appropriately.



Scheduling for the 2022-2023 School Year

Counselors will begin working the schedule for the 2022-2023 school year very soon for next year's 8th and 9th grade students. We start early because this is such a complex process.

Counselors will go through scheduling options with students during classroom visits, and then the parent night is available that will hopefully clarify any remaining questions that you may have. **The tentative schedule for counselors to visit Science classrooms to discuss scheduling will be on February 1-3. The parent night is scheduled for February 23rd from 4pm to 7pm at Zemmer. We will have more specific information in February's newsletter with regard to the scheduling process.**

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:

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



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

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

Shad Spilski, 810-667-2423
shadwin.spilski@lapeerschools.org

All information regarding individual sports will be updated on the website:
lapeerlightning.com

Winter 2 Sports Information

Competitive Cheer

Coach: Deanna Michalik - deanna.michalik@lapeerschools.org

2021-2022 Middle School Competitive Cheer Schedule is currently being finalized by the GFMSL and is still TBD.

Boys Basketball

A Team Coach: Luke Knickerbocker- luke.knickerbocker@lapeerschools.org

B Team Coach: Terry Forgione- terry.forgione@lapeerschools.org

Basketball Tryouts are Monday Jan. 3rd- Wednesday Jan. 5th from 5:30-7:30 in the Zemmer gymnasium.

Practice will begin Thursday, Jan. 6th and continue for the remainder of the season at the following times:

A Team: 3:30-5:30

B Team: 5:30-7:30

To View the basketball game schedule for the season please click on the link below:

<https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/3161828/boys/basketball/8th%20grade/schedule>

A friendly reminder, the following items to complete the athletic clearance are available in the Zemmer or LHS office or online at <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.

Zemmer Winter 21-22 Exam Schedule

January 12 – Full Day			
Period	Start	Stop	Time
1 st Hour Exam	7:25	9:25	2 Hr
2 nd Hour	9:30	9:49	19 min
3 rd Hour	9:54	10:14	20 min
4 th Hour	10:19	11:39	2 Hr
A Lunch	10:14	10:44 (dismiss @ 10:39)	30 min
B Lunch	10:44	11:14 (dismiss @ 11:09)	30 min
C Lunch	11:14	11:44 (dismiss @ 11:39)	30 min
5 th hour	11:44	12:05	21 min
6 th Hour Exam	12:10	2:10	2 Hr

January 13 – EARLY RELEASE @ 11:35am (No Lunches Served)			
2 nd Hour Exam	7:25	9:25	2 Hr
Break	9:25	9:35	10 min
3 rd Hour Exam	9:35	11:35	2 Hr

January 14 – EARLY RELEASE @ 11:35am (No Lunches Served)			
4 th Hour Exam	7:25	9:25	2 Hr
Break	9:25	9:35	10 min
5 th Hour Exam	9:35	11:35	2 Hr