

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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February 2022



Mark Your Calendar!

February 9

- PAC Meeting @ 7:30am

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/Open Enrollment 4 to 7:30pm

March 28-April 1

- Spring Break

Principal's Message

Scheduling for 2022-2023 School Year for 8th Grade (next year 9th graders)

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

Counselors started visiting 8th grade classrooms last week and were scheduled to visit the rest of them before the snow days. Due to the snow days, counselors will now be visiting the rest of the 8th grade students during this next week in their Science classrooms. The counselors did go to Rolland-Warner to meet with 7th grade students regarding scheduling last week as well.

All scheduling forms are **due by Feb. 25**. Students can either enter their own scheduling choices in Powerschool using their form or give them to counselors so they can enter them before this date.

Should you have any questions or concerns about the scheduling process, we have an **Open Enrollment night scheduled for February 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** You can drop in at any time during this time frame. Just check into the main office (**park in front**) and counselors will meet with parents as they are available in our Media Center.

To see the entire course catalog please visit the district website, under the "For Parents" tab, and click on 2022-23 Course Catalog.



Scheduling for 2022-2023 School Year 9th Grade (next year's 10th graders)

The LHS counselors visited our 9th grade students here at Zemmer in their World History classes last week to discuss scheduling for next year at LHS. Students received forms that were due on Feb. 3rd to their World History teachers. Due to the snow days, students will be able to turn these in when they return to school next week. Should you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact LHS counselors at 667-2422 or the Mrs. VanOogteghem and Mrs. Spisz here at Zemmer at 667-2413.

Student Handbooks Notes:

Lost or Stolen Cell Phones



Page 20: *The student who brings a cellular phone and/or ECD on school property shall assume responsibility for its care. At no time shall Lapeer Community Schools be responsible for preventing theft, loss or damage to cellular phones and/or ECDs brought onto its property.*

Every year we have students who end up misplacing their cell phones. While the majority of lost cell phones manage to turn up within a day or so, there are unfortunately times when students will lose a cell phone and it does not turn up. We strongly urge students to make sure they keep property such as cell phones on them at all times and not allow other students to borrow them. In the event a phone is lost, the school is not responsible for replacing the item.

Zemmer's School Resource Officer

Lapeer Community Schools is very fortunate to have a School Resource Officers (SRO) at every secondary building. At Zemmer, our new SRO is Deputy Hunter Salisbury who works as a resource to the school from the Lapeer County Sherriff's Office.

What does a SRO do? Primarily she provides the school an added layer of safety that we would not have without SRO's. However, they provide the school with much more than that. Other duties of an SRO include...

- Being a positive resource for students. Sometimes Deputy Salisbury will serve a role like a counselor and just chat with students who may be having a difficult day.
- Providing valuable resources to staff for things like crisis intervention and prevention, tornado/fire plans, school security protocol, and other similar roles.
- Providing training to staff and students about such things like the dangers of drugs and tobacco products.
- General support in the hallways and café. We can never have enough positive role models helping wherever needed.

One thing an SRO does NOT do is take part in the daily rule enforcement and discipline procedures. Unless the behavior falls under "criminal behavior", Deputy Salisbury does not take part in dealing with any discipline related issues. Students should go the main office to see the Dean of Students for anything discipline related.



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 February 9th at 7:30am in our Media Center or Conference Room.

PSAT Testing April 13th

You will be receiving a letter soon in the mail that will introduce the PSAT schedule for 8th and 9th grade students.

For all Zemmer students (both 8th and 9th grade) testing will take place on April 13th.

You will begin to see more information coming out about the PSAT in the coming weeks. With each grade level the students advance to, the standardized testing becomes that much more important. The PSAT testing influences many different areas including:

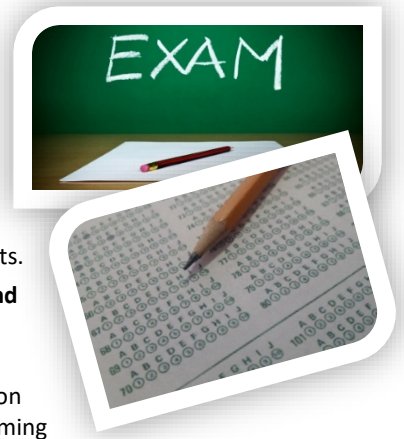
- student scheduling
- placement in advanced courses
- early college credits earned (better scores mean more advanced classes leading to more opportunities for dual enrollment)
- preparation for the SAT for college entrance

For our 8th grade students, the PSAT is their first experience with a completely different format. Some differences include:

- It is taken with paper and pencil and NOT on the computer (unlike M-STEP)
- The test is **TIMED** so students have to be efficient
- The rules and regulations are much more secure. No cell phones will be allowed in the school on testing day

How can you prepare now?

- Please make sure not to schedule student appointments on **April 12th**.
- Begin talking to your student about the PSAT
- Visit <https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/psat-89> for general information
- Review the practice test at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-practice-test-1.pdf> This can help students become familiar with the format of the



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

We still have a handful of winter athletes who have not paid the pay to play fee, please be sure to submit your student athlete's payment as soon as possible.

Competitive Cheer

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

To view the competitive cheer schedule for the season please click on following link:

<https://lapeerlightning.com/teams/3093810/girls/competitive-cheer/middle%20school/schedule>

Boys Basketball

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

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

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

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

Spring Sports

Track, Softball, and Baseball will be offered in the Spring for athletes.

Tryouts for baseball and softball will be at the end of March, stay tuned for dates, times and locations.

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.