

August 2018

TO: Parents of Sixth Grade Students
FROM: Mr. Eric Schetter, Principal
RE: **Opening of School 2018 - 2019**

Welcome to LaGrange Middle School and the academic year. **Thursday, September 6th**, will be the first day of school for all students. We will conduct an orientation program for the students that morning. To prepare your child for the start of school, LMS will be open **Friday, August 24th and Tuesday, August 28th**, so that students may visit the building with their parents during the following times:

- Friday, August 24 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 28 9:00 am-1:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 28 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

This will allow students the opportunity to walk through their schedule and familiarize themselves with the building.

You will be receiving a letter from our transportation department during the month of August informing you of the bus number and pick up time for your child. In addition, bus schedules will be available on the Arlington Central School District Website at ArlingtonSchools.org at the end of August.

Sixth grade students will report directly from the buses to their first period class. Please be aware this is a change from past practice. The homeroom numbers are indicated on the upper right-hand corner of the schedule you see when you access Parent Portal. Be sure your child brings a copy of the schedule with him/her, especially during the first week of school.

You will also find your locker number on the schedule when you access Parent Portal. **You can access your child's locker combination by hitting the print icon which will allow you to print preview the schedule.** Students will have the opportunity to practice opening their lockers at the orientation days and during their first period classes on Thursday, September 6th.

Students will be welcomed by their homeroom teachers, oriented to the building, and familiarized with the basic school rules. They will also review copies of their daily schedules and complete various registration forms. All students will follow their nine-period schedule. They will meet each of their teachers and be given an overview of the course, as well as guidelines and expectations for class participation, tests, and homework.

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Students may bring or buy lunch on the first day of school. The cost of the student lunch is **\$2.95**. Students who bring lunch from home may purchase white milk a la carte for 50 cents per half-pint.

Homeroom begins at **7:30 a.m.**, and dismissal takes place at **2:09 p.m.** Extracurricular clubs and activities will end at **3:15 p.m.** **After school activities will take place Mondays-Thursdays. These buses will leave LMS at 3:30 pm each day.** Students should listen to the announcements in their Physical Education classes and over the PA system for when certain clubs and groups will meet. After school activities will not start until the second week of school.

Students will be dismissed from their 9th period class at **2:09 p.m.**, and buses will depart at **2:15 p.m.**

The day promises to be both busy and valuable, and hopefully, make your child's experience at LMS easier and happier. As another school year begins, I extend my wishes for a rewarding and most successful year.

Open House will take place on Thursday, September 20, 2018. The Open House program was modified last year and we will continue that model this year. The morning session will take place from **11:00 am-12:30 pm**, and the evening session will take place from **6:00-7:30 pm**. Information regarding Open House will be sent home via School Messenger later this month. A reminder that all students will dismissed at 10:00 am that day. The Open House program for 7th and 8th grade parents will remain the same as in past years with a 12:00pm and 7:00pm start time.