



Welcome Back to School Lake Middle School Students and Families!



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Lake Middle School staff members are excited to have students return to begin the 2018-2019 school year! The enclosed information is being sent to assist you in preparing for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to read the information carefully. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the front office directly at 651.425.6400. We are here to help!

The doors of Lake Middle School will open to kick off the new school year on Tuesday, September 4th for over 1,250 students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th! We are excited to have so many students returning and we are eager to meet new students and their families who will be attending Lake for the first time! Welcome everyone!

Lake's overall school theme for the upcoming school year is "**Peace. Love. LAKE.**" We will continue to support students in doing their best in all that they say and do as our intention is that Lake Middle School is a welcoming, supportive and safe place for all students. Our theme will remind us throughout our school year that love and generosity are the simplest forms of peace and with good intentions and positive behaviors, Lake Middle School will continue to be a great place to learn and grow! We will identify, appreciate and support each student's individual and unique strengths and talents in order to prepare them for a successful experience at school, home and in our community! Our theme was chosen to help inspire each student and staff member to contribute to a positive, peaceful, kind and loving school culture. We will encourage our students to focusing on Leadership, Academics and Kindness in order to Excel in their academic, social and emotional goals and opportunities during their time at Lake Middle School. We are thrilled about initiatives and activities being incorporated into our daily work which will include building-wide strategies geared to encourage and support learning, successful work habits, organization, positive communication and inclusive interactions with others.

Included in this mailing is information related to orientation/transition activities for all students and the upcoming "Parent Information Nights" occurring in the weeks ahead. We anticipate seeing each of you at these events!

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to a "groovy" 2018-2019 school year! Thanks to each of you in advance for your continued support, partnership and involvement in your child's education. We are all very fortunate to be part of such an exceptional school district and learning community!



Peace. Love. LAKE!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Molly Roeske
Principal

Mr. Tony Mosser
Assistant Principal

Mr. Richard Paisner
Assistant Principal

*If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Lake Middle School's Front Office at 651-425-6400! We are here to help!

*PLEASE NOTE:

Lake Middle School's class schedule has been altered from a 7 period day to an 8 period day for the 2018-2019 school year to be consistent with other District 833 Middle School programming. (Language Arts and Math Classes will be 1 ½ periods long for a total of 60 minutes each.) In regard to this adjustment, we will also be starting school 5 minutes earlier this school year in order to keep our every day Homebase class. School will start at Lake at 7:50am!

7th and 8th Grade Welcome Back Event

Thursday, August 23rd
12pm (noon) - 6pm

*Open House Format

*In addition to all 7th and 8th grade students,
6th grade students who can't attend Camp 6
should also attend this event in order to:

- pick up your individual class schedules
- have your school picture taken
- tour the building
- bring your school supplies and place them in your locker
- pick up your school planner (NO COST this year)
- purchase phy ed locker lock (\$5 each) if needed
- receive any other information necessary
to successfully begin the upcoming school year!

Short Presentation and Guided Building Tours for 7th and 8th Grade Students NEW to Lake Middle School

Thursday, August 23rd
3:00pm to 4:00pm

7th Graders meet in the "Lake Lodge"
8th Graders meet in Choir Room F114
*7th/8th grade counselors and assistant
principals will be available.

6th Grade PARENT Information Night Wednesday, August 22nd 6pm-8pm

* Students will bring home additional
information from Camp 6 sessions!

7th and 8th Grade PARENT Information Night Thursday, September 13th 6pm to 8pm

Opportunity for 7th/8th grade parents
to meet teachers, travel through your
child's daily class schedule,
ask questions and learn about your
child's classrooms/school experience

*Additional information will be shared
at a later date.

School Supply Lists: The Lake School Supply List is enclosed in this mailing. In addition to the supply list, students may need to purchase a physical education lock for their gym locker if they haven't purchased one in the past. Locks are sold for \$5.00. (Cash or check made out to "Lake Middle School.") Planners will be available during Camp 6, 7th/8th Grade Welcome Back Event and the first week of school at NO COST! LifeTouch (the company that provides service for our school pictures and yearbooks) is covering the cost of our planners for every Lake Middle School student this school year! We very much appreciate this partnership with LifeTouch!

Transportation Information: District 833's Transportation Department will communicate all specific information regarding transportation arrangements directly to you in late August. Initial information will include the bus stop location, stop time and bus route number for both morning and afternoon routing. We ask that you assist our Transportation Liaison and Lake Middle School staff in making sure your student knows his/her bus assignment (bus route number) for both morning and afternoon routes. This makes their experience much more positive and less stressful during the first weeks of the school year. All routes will be posted on the transportation tab of the "Parent Portal." Additional information can be found on District 833's webpage at www.sowashco.org under "Departments" and click "Transportation." If you have any other questions regarding transportation issues, please call the Transportation Department Hotline directly at 651.425.5310 after August 27th.

Nutrition/Food Service: Go to the Nutrition Services at the following link www.sowashco.org/services/nutrition-services to see menus, nutritional improvements that are being made, and other important information about District 833's nutrition program.
Free & Reduced Meal Applications: Complete and submit an application on-line! Go to: www.sowashco.org under "Departments" click "Nutrition Services", then click "Free/Reduced Meals," and then click on "Apply Online for Meal Benefits" to apply on line. Printed "Free & Reduced Meal" applications will be sent to every household district-wide in District 833's newsletter entitled the "Window on Education" at the end of August. (Printed applications will also be available at every school, the District Service Center or can be located on the Nutrition Services website. Your child(ren) will remain eligible for free/reduced priced meals for the first 30 days of the school year if they received benefits last school year. After 30 days, your child will lose their eligibility if a 2018-2019 application has not been processed.

Home-School Communication Venues:

-Lake Middle School BlackBoard Connect: To receive school information and updates, school closings and other important information via email, the information you have submitted to our student information system through Parent Portal will automatically sign you up for regular messaging for both email and voicemail messages. **This is our most utilized, immediate and updated mode of communication to families** which will include our weekly school announcements.

-Staff Google Webpages: Lake staff members have individual Google web pages. The intended outcome of individual staff webpages is to increase the effectiveness and consistency of our communication of individual classroom content, standards and outcomes, classroom resources, expectations, activities/events, etc. to our students and families. All staff webpages/house calendars can be found at Lake's website lms.sowashco.org

-Lake PTA Website: <http://www.lakepta.org/>

-Lake's Webpage: lms.sowashco.org

-District 833 Webpage: www.sowashco.org



<http://www.facebook.com/#!/LakeMiddleSchool>



<https://twitter.com/LakeMiddle>

Message from the Health Office to 7th Grade Students/Families regarding Required Immunizations:

Information regarding the required immunizations for 7th grade students was shared last spring in your student's spring student-led conference folders. If your letter indicated that your child still needed to obtain one or more immunizations, know that appointments fill up fast with clinics in the summer months so please schedule accordingly. Please be aware that students who have not received the necessary immunizations will not be able to start the school year in September unless their immunization paperwork is complete. The "Student Immunization" form and additional information regarding immunizations can be found at the following link from the District 833 webpage: <http://www.sowashco.org/services/health-services/immunizations>. You may email, fax, mail or drop off the completed immunization records at Lake Middle School's front office at any time. Please contact the front office with any additional questions.

Mark Your Calendars! 2018-2019 Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences: Students and their families will be invited to attend conferences on the following dates/times: (More information to follow)

Fall Conferences (Arena Style Conferences):

Monday, November 19th 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Tuesday, November 20th 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Spring Conferences (Student-Led Conferences):

Tuesday, March 26th 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Thursday, March 28th 3:30pm to 7:30pm

-Parent Portal: Under "Quick Links" for Parents on the District 833 website www.sowashco.org you will find "Parent Portal." Each family should sign up for Parent Portal in order to review your student's individual academic progress in each of their classes on an ongoing basis. Information about signing up for the portal can be found on our school and district web pages. If you are requesting a Parent Portal account and/or are experiencing difficulties signing up for portal, you can email ICSupport@sowashco.org; enter the student's name, the school the student attends and the student's home address. "Requester = Parent's Name."

Lake Middle School's Daily School Schedule:

-7:15am School office opens

-7:35am First student arrival bell

-7:50am Student school day begins (*NEW Start time!)

-2:25pm Student school day ends.

**Unless a student is scheduled to meet with a staff member/attend a staff supervised activity/sporting event, students should leave the building at dismissal time. Student supervision is NOT provided after 2:40pm.*

-3:30pm School office closes

NOTE: The earliest students can arrive at school in the morning is **7:00am** if they are scheduled for an event/activity or have a pass to meet with a staff member. Students leaving school early for any reason must be signed out of the building by a parent/guardian in order to leave. We will not send students out of the building without a parent signing them out for safety/security reasons.

Lake Middle School Contact Information:

School Website: lms.sowashco.org

District Website: www.sowashco.org

Front Office: 651.425.6400

Attendance Line: 651.425.6464

Health Office: 651.425.6412

Fax Number: 651.425.6428

Counseling Department: 651.425.6407

District 833 Student Transportation: 651.425.5303

District 833 Student Information: 651.425.6328