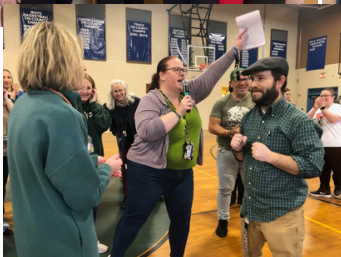
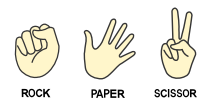




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IMPORTANT DATES

- March 4th-
 - LMS Track Info Night- Parents/students- 6pm
- March 7th-
 - Spaghetti for Gee family at GMS 4-7pm
- March 12
 - No School (Workshop Day)
 - Get out and Vote! 7am-7pm
 - Rocco's Pizza Fundraiser!



Important Announcements Successful Spirit Week

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Spirit Week and Pep Rally! It was wonderful to see students and staff showing their spirit through various themed dress-up days. From 80s day to dream jobs, formal attire, Disney Day, and Color Day, the participation was fantastic!

Pep Rally Success

Our annual pep rally was a great success! Students and staff enjoyed a lively game of "Entourage," a giant rock, paper, scissors tournament. Congratulations to Gideon and Mr. Sulzen who were the respective winners for students and staff! 7th Grade becomes the keepers of the spirit stick! Who will win in April?

8th Grade Families

Please log in to your student's PowerSchool account to review the courses they have selected for high school. It's an exciting time as they prepare for the next academic year!

We will be looking to form our 8th Grade Grad Dance Committee beginning on March 12, from 6-7 in the LMS Learning Commons. This is typically a group of 8th grade parents who organize, fundraise, and plan for the special dance that culminates their middle school experience.

8th Graders will be going on Explore New England day trips. 8th Grade teachers are planning some fun and exciting excursions!

Absence Reporting

Starting on Monday, March 4, after the vacation, all absence reporting must be done through Safe Arrival. Your cooperation in ensuring accurate attendance records are up to date is greatly appreciated. Please see attached sheet for signing up for this program.

SAS Writing Test

Following the vacation, our first session for the Statewide Assessment System in Writing will take place. This year, students will be hand-scored, and the test will consist of just one session. Math and Reading Assessments will follow in May. Please reach out directly to Ms. Grantham if you have any questions.

Spaghetti for Gee Family-

This week our town suffered tragedy with the loss of the incomparable Mrs. Gee. She was an employee at GMS for over 24 years. Our community will be coming together for a benefit Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by our schools and the Lions Club. First Student has donated a shuttle bus to allow for additional parking at LMS. This will be on March 7, from 4:00-7:00pm. More details coming soon!

Have a happy weekend! All the BEST,
Jen Grantham and Martha Thayer



Mrs. Chambers has posted some great information on her "Nurses" page on our LMS Website. On that note, please be sure to keep your student home when they are sick and be sure to call into the main office to let our staff know of an absence! Feel free to use our updated Health Screening- 8/28/23. Thank you for your cooperation!



SafeArrival

Automated Absence Reporting System



At Litchfield School District, one of our greatest priorities is ensuring that all our students arrive safely at school each and every day.

To enhance our existing absence-checking procedure, we are introducing a new, more efficient student absence reporting system called SafeArrival. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance, make it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>). The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
2. Use the SafeArrival website, <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. Select Attendance then Report an Absence.
3. Call the toll-free number 1-833-516-0370 to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available **24 hours/day, 7 days a week**. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the SchoolMessenger Communicate automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

Starting March 4, when we return from Vacation, please report absences in advance using SafeArrival instead of sending notes or calling/emailing the school.

Starting March 4, staff will begin using the SafeArrival notifications to let you know if your student is absent (when you haven't reported the absence in advance).

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we implement this new system.

[SafeArrival Sign Up](#)

[SafeArrival FAQs](#)

[SafeArrival Report an Absence](#)

PTO NEWS!

LMS Night at Rocco's: Mark your calendars March 12th from 11am-9pm will be a Rocco's fundraiser. A portion of sales this evening will go to the LMS PTO for future programs and events!

Blood Drive: Litchfield Middle School & the LMS PTO have teamed up to support the upcoming Blood Drive on Tuesday, April 9th from 1pm to 6pm at Open Doors Christian Fellowship, 359 Charles Bancroft Highway

Next PTO Meeting:

Join us on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at 6pm in the Library Learning Commons at LMS for our next meeting. A virtual option will be available and posted prior to the meeting. As we come into 2024 we are actively looking to fill two positions, President and Hospitality. In these positions the individuals do the following:

- Promote the PTO mission of volunteers working to plan events that improve the mission and school experience for our students and raise funds to help support these experiences.

President:

- Setting Agenda
- Running meetings
- Empowering people to help create events to make LMS better for our kids

Hospitality slot:

- Creating Sign-up genius for 2-4 events each year
- Setting up hospitality events for our teachers to show our appreciation
- Following the budget to create these events.

Join us or reach out if you would like to help, but you can't make the meeting.

Hope you can make it!



FUTURE BLOOD DONOR

HOPE begins with you.

Litchfield Middle School & the LMS PTO Blood Drive

@ Open Doors Christian Fellowship
359 Charles Bancroft Highway

**Tuesday, April 9th
1:00pm – 6:00pm**

Code: LitchfieldNH

Contact information: Tara Hershberger –
Tarahershberger@gmail.com



Each student who recruits one presenting donor will receive a sport cinchpack with thermal pocket!



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