

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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March 2021



Mark Your Calendar!

March 2

- Parent Scheduling Help Night @ Zemmer 3:30 pm to 7pm.

March 5

- 8th Grade (next year 9th graders) Scheduling Forms Due

March 8

- Parent Teacher Conferences (by Invite only)

March 12

- No School for Students – In-service Day for Support Staff

March 22

- Start of High School Spring Athletics Season

March 29 to April 2

- Spring Recess – No School for Students/Staff

April 13

- PSAT Testing

April 15

- Start of Middle School Spring Athletics Season

April 22

- M-STEP Testing for 8th Grade (9th graders do not report until 11am.)

Principal's Message

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for March 8th from 5pm to 7pm via **Zoom and invite only**. Each teacher reached out through email to 20 different parents/guardians requesting their attendance. Please check your email to make sure you did not miss a message from any teachers. If you **did** receive an email, you will sign up for the conference using the link the teacher provided in the email to pick a time slot. At that time on the day of conferences, you would use the Zoom link the teacher provided for a short 6-minute conference. With such a tight schedule, please arrive about 5 minutes early. If you need any help or have questions please contact the main office for assistance.

Normally, conferences would be in-person featuring a drop-in format. Due to Covid-19 restrictions this wasn't possible this year, and we elected to use the invite format. If you are a parent/guardian who did **not** receive an invite, but feel that a conference is needed, please contact the teacher by calling the school or emailing them.

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 (this date is updated from last month's newsletter).** 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 of standardized testing. 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 any appointments for students on **April 13th**.
- 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 test.

Scheduling for 2021-2022 School Year for 8th Grade (next year 9th graders)

All scheduling forms are **due on March 5th**, Zemmer students turn their forms into their Science teachers and Rolland-Warner students turn their forms into their Social Studies teachers.

To see the entire course catalog please visit

http://www.lapeerschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_3097392/Image/!2020-2021%20Course%20Catalog.pdf



PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meetings

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. For December, we will be having our PAC meeting via Zoom on **March 10th, at 9am**. Please use the link below to attend.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81544043435>



Washington DC Update

As you have most likely heard, the Washington D.C. trip has been pushed back for current 8th graders until May 23rd to May 28th. Students will be meeting this week with trip organizers to receive paperwork packets as well as setting up their groups for the trip. More information is available at <http://www.lapeerschools.org/cm/s/One.aspx?portalId=3097475&pageId=48659143>

8th Grade M-STEP Testing (Late Start for 9th Grade)

Our 8th grade students will also participate in the M-STEP for Social Studies and Science. The testing date for this will be April 22nd. Each test takes about an hour and is taken on the computer. Students should be very familiar with the format of this test as they have been taking M-STEP for the past several years.



Because 9th grade students DO NOT TAKE THE M-STEP, they will have a ½ Day of School (do not report until 11am) on Wednesday April 22nd. This allows us to maximize our computers and resources to test ALL 8th grade students in one morning without having to do a crazy schedule. All 9th grade students will be provided with transportation to school on April 22nd, the buses will just be coming **approximately 4 hours later** than their normal pick-up time.

We will be sending home more detailed information about this ½ day on April 22nd for 9th grade students over the course of the next two months. For now, 9th grade parents should just make sure to mark this date on their calendar as a reminder that students will NOT have school that morning and will report for just the afternoon.

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 SRO is Deputy Josh Bandur who works as a resource to the school from the Lapeer County Sheriff's Office.

What does a SRO do? Well, first and foremost he 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 Bandur 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 out 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 Bandur 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.

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 – Zach Hamilton	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 2:30pm 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, or are waiting for athletic practices to start.



Athletics

For information regarding 8th grade athletics, contact Associate Principal & Athletic Director, Zach Hamilton:
zhamilton@lapeerschools.org
 810-667-2413

For information regarding Freshman, JV, and Varsity athletics, contact District Athletic Director, Shad Spilski:
sspilski@lapeerschools.org
 810-667-2423

All information regarding individual sports will be updated on the website: <http://lapeerlightning.com>

Athletic Boosters

As most of you already know, the Lapeer Athletic Boosters is now supporting Middle School Athletics. We would love to have more involvement from Middle School parents. Please visit our website at lapeerathleticboosters.org. There you will see upcoming events, meeting dates, and more information about how you can get involved. Contact us at lapeerboosters@gmail.com with any questions you may have about the Lapeer Athletic Boosters!

Winter Sports Season

Following current MDHHS Orders and MHSAA regulations, all winter sports are currently practicing and have either started competition, or are scheduled to start soon.

COVID 19 Guidelines for middle school athletic events:

The following COVID 19-related accommodations are in place for all Middle School Winter Sports competitions:

- The two-spectator-vouchers-per-participant system will be in effect due to the reduced capacity guidelines set forth by the MHSAA.
- There will be no concessions available per MHSAA guidelines, however, spectators are permitted to bring their own capped (water, Gatorade, pop, etc.) beverages.
- All players, coaches, and spectators must wear a mask at all times.
- All players must provide their own water.
- We will be charging \$3 at the gate per usual.

Middle School Athlete Covid-19 Safety Information:


The following safety precautions will be in place for the remainder of Middle School Winter Sports:

- Athletes for Competitive Cheer and Basketball must wear masks at all times during competition and while on the sidelines. Please bring a mask to all practices and games.
- Wrestlers do not need to wear a mask during their actual competition, however, they will need to wear it at all other times at events and practices.
- Water will not be provided so bring water to all practices and games.
- Athletes will be screened for Covid-19 symptoms and have a temperature check before every practice and every game.
- Wrestlers will take a COVID-19 test within 24 hours of each competition.

Middle School Wrestling

- Middle School wrestling practices from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. daily at CFI.
- Wrestling COVID 19-related accommodations:
 - o Wrestlers will be tested for COVID-19 within 24 hours of each competition.
 - o MHSAA Wrestling Return to Play Guidelines
<https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/WR/mswrcovid.pdf>

Middle School Wrestling Meet Schedule:

LAPEER LIGHTNING	WRESTLING				Location	
	Athletic Schedule 2020-2021	Thurs, Feb 25	Clarkston	H	4:45 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus
Zemmer & R/W Wrestling 6, 7 & 8 grade	Thurs, Mar 4	Oxford	H	4:45 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
 Coach: Drew Dixon	Thurs, Mar 11	Lake Orion	H	4:45 PM	Rolland-Warner 6/7 Campus	3145 W Genesee St Lapeer, MI 48446
	Thurs, Mar 18	Clarkston	A	4:00 PM	Sashabaw MS	5565 Pine Knob Lane Clarkston, MI 48346
	Tues, Mar 23	Oxford	A	4:30 PM	Oxford MS	1420 Lakeville Rd Oxford, MI 48371
For more information regarding middle school athletics including schedule changes and game results, please go LapeerLightning.com						

High School Winter Sports Information:

High School winter sports are under way! Follow Lapeerlightning.com for the most up to date information regarding schedules and updates.

8th Grade Boys Basketball

- 8th Grade Boys Basketball practices daily at Zemmer. Lapeer team (A team) practices from 5:15-7:00. Lightning team (B team) practices from 3:30-5:15
- B team athletes can stay after school in the Cafeteria until practice. A team athletes should go home in between school and practice unless alternate arrangements are made with coaches and Athletic Director.
- MHSAA Boys Basketball Return to Play and Ball Cleaning Guidelines:
 - o <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20BB.pdf>
 - o <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/FB/ballcleaning.pdf>


8th Grade Boys Basketball Schedule:

LAPEER Athletic Schedule 2020-2021 Zemmer Boys Basketball 8 th Grade  A Team: Dane Sumner B Team: Alex Puckett	Boys Basketball				Location	
	Mon, Mar 22	Flushing	A	4:15 PM	Flushing MS	8100 Carpenter Rd. Flushing, MI
Wed, Mar 24	Brandon	A	4:15 PM	Brandon MS	609 S Ortonville Rd. Ortonville, MI	
Thurs, Mar 25	Davison	H	4:15 PM	Zemmer Campus	1920 W Oregon Rd. Lapeer, MI	
Tues, Apr 6	Goodrich	H	4:15 PM	Zemmer Campus	1920 W Oregon Rd Lapeer, MI	
Thurs, Apr 8	Corunna	H	4:15PM	Zemmer Campus	1920 W Oregon Rd. Lapeer, MI	
Fri, Apr 9	Lake Fenton	A	4:15PM	Lake Fenton MS	11425 Torrey Rd Fenton, MI	
Mon, Apr 12	Linden	A	4:15PM	Linden MS	15425 Lobdell Rd. Linden, MI	
Wed, Apr 14	Flushing	H	4:15 PM	Zemmer Campus	1920 W Oregon Rd. Lapeer, MI	
Home games: B-Team plays at 4:15pm and A-Team plays approx. 5:30pm Away games: B-Team plays at 4:15pm and A-Team plays approx. 5:30pm						

Middle School Competitive Cheer

- Competitive Cheer practices daily at Zemmer from 4:30-6:30 in the cafeteria.
- 8th grade athletes can stay after school at Zemmer in the cafeteria until practice.
- 7th grade athletes will be bussed from Rolland-Warner to Zemmer after school.
- MHSAA Competitive Cheer Return to Play Guidelines:
 - o <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/mscheercovid.pdf>

Middle School Competitive Cheer Schedule:

LAPEER Athletic Schedule 2020-2021 7 th & 8 th Grade Competitive Cheer 	Competitive Cheer				Location	
	Mon, Mar 1	Clio, Davison & GB-East	H	5 PM	Zemmer Campus	1920 W Oregon Rd Lapeer 48446
Tue, Mar 9	Goodrich, Kearsley	A	5 PM	Goodrich HS	8029 S Gale Rd Goodrich 48438	
Tue, Mar 16	Swartz Creek, Kearsley, Linden	A	5 PM	Swartz Creek HS	One Dragon Dr. Swartz Creek 48473	
Coach: Caitlin Meyers						



High School Winter Sports Information:

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Spring Sports Season

Middle School Spring Sports – Baseball, Softball, and Track:

- In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will not be conducting our Middle School (6th-8th grade) Spring Sports Parents' Meeting/Meet the Coach Night in person as we have done in the past. Instead, we will be recording an informational presentation and post it on YouTube and to our social media pages, VNN, and www.lapeerlightning.com.
- The Meet the Coach portion of the meeting will be conducted by the coach after teams are formed.
- Due to the Winter season being pushed back, Middle School Spring Sports will not begin in March as they normally do.
- Middle School Spring Sports are tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, April 15th
- All students need to be cleared to tryout or even practice, even if they have played a previous sport this year (see clearance process below)

High School Spring Sports:

- High School Spring Sports will start on Monday, March 22nd.
- All students need to be cleared to tryout or even practice, even if they have played a previous sport this year (see clearance process below)

Spring Sports – Return to Play Guidelines:

- **Baseball** - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20BA.pdf>
- **Softball** - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20SB.pdf>
- **Track** - <https://www.mhsaa.com/portals/0/Documents/AD%20Forms/PACKET%20TRACK.pdf>

Clearance Process and General Information for Middle School and High School Spring Sports

Middle School Mandatory Winter Sports Parents Meeting/Meet the Coach Night:

See above

Both student and parent should be present at the clearance process in order to be able to fill out all necessary paperwork (unless the paperwork is pre-filled out). 8th grade athletes should turn in their paperwork to Mrs. Tiffany in the Zemmer Office. 9th grade athletes should turn in their paperwork to Denise Loper in the LHS athletic office.

The following items 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 **2020-2021 MHSAA Physical** (dated April 15, 2020 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 **2019-2020 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.**

***Please see the Athletic Code of Conduct for information on 8th Grade Eligibility requirements (grades) needed last year and current.**

***Impact Testing is required for all 9th graders, as well as 8th Graders participating in athletics that did not complete it last year as 7th grade student athletes:**

Time and Location of Impact testing TBD – 6th grade wrestlers do not need to complete impact testing