



# Loranger Memorial School

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Good afternoon Loranger Families,

Happy Friday. I hope you have all enjoyed a great week and are looking forward to a beautiful weekend. A few notes for you in today's memo.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Parent Teacher Conferences this year will be held on November 4 from 1:00 - 7:00pm, and November 10 from 3:30 to 7:30pm. Given our focus on health and safety and reducing public gatherings at school these conferences will be virtual. Once scheduled, teachers will be communicating with parents to provide you with links to your virtual conferences. To schedule your conferences using our digital scheduler, please click on the following link to sign up: [Loranger Memorial School 2020 Fall Conferences](#). The link is also posted to our website under the "Parents and Students" tab. The master password is OOB3to8. Once you have entered the master password you will need to login. If you created a login last spring, click the login button, and proceed from there. If you do not remember the login you created, click either the "I forgot my user name" or the "I forgot my password" link and you will be provided with assistance. If you did not use our system last year, you will need to click "Create New User Name" and follow the on screen instructions. Sign ups are now open. If you have any questions or need assistance please reach out to the main office at LMS.

## **HOWL's**

HOWLs (Habits Of Work and Learning) are foundational to academic achievement, to post-secondary learning and career-readiness, and to the positive and productive culture and climate of an education institution. All students at LMS will be engaged in building skills such as 'sustaining effective effort (Respect for Self)' and 'listening to and working with the ideas of others even when different (Respect for Others)' and 'using space, materials, and technology appropriately (Respect for School Environment)'. Additionally, students will be provided opportunities to reflect, and when necessary, improve on how they demonstrate Respect for Self, Others, and the School Environment. In partnership with you and to encourage conversations at home around these traits, the last Friday of the month, each of your student's teachers will assess and report out (through PowerSchool) on their month long display of these traits with clear guidance on how to improve, when necessary, in a way that can be measured. Please review the HOWLs Rubrics, Lower Academy for grades 3-5 and Upper Academy for grades 6-8 that can be found under the "Parents & Students" tab on our [school website](#). Our next HOWLs Check will be 10/30/2020, and focused predominantly on how your student conveys a Respect for Self throughout the learning day. Please reach out anytime to partner in the work of developing Respect for Self, Others, and the School Environment!

### **Remote Wednesday's**

I want to remind parents and guardians that even though we are not in the building on Wednesday's, it is still a school day. Teachers are taking attendance during morning virtual meetings, and assigning tasks for students to complete to be prepared to return to school on Thursday. We are seeing a decline in participation in our morning meetings, as well as in work completion for that day. Please remember to have a conversation with your child to find out their expectations for that day. Teachers are also communicating these out with their weekly communications.

### **Cooler Weather & Warmer Clothing**

As we continue to progress into fall and the temperatures keep dropping, I want to remind everyone that many of our classes are being held outside as often as possible due to the current pandemic. Our staff will continue to utilize the space outdoors, so be sure to send students with proper clothing and outdoor gear. If anyone is in need of warmer clothing, please reach out to our School Counselor, Judy Milligan at [jmilligan@rsu23.org](mailto:jmilligan@rsu23.org) for assistance.

### **Trunk or Treat October 31st**

The Jameson Loranger PTO has planned a fun and safe trunk or treat event this year for Halloween. It will take place at the Old Orchard Beach High School Parking Lot on the night of October 31st. If you are interested in attending, please see the [Jameson Loranger PTO facebook](#) page for more details and to sign up.

### **Farmers to Families**

Next Wednesday, October 28th, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm we have an amazing opportunity for our community. It is called "Farmers to Families," and it is an opportunity for families to receive a box of food containing local produce, meats, and dairy items. There will be contactless pick up in which each box will be taken from the truck to trunk. This will take place at Old Orchard Beach High school, next week from 10:00-2:00.

### **School Nutrition Program**

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch are available daily at school. Until THE END OF THE YEAR breakfast and lunch will be FREE TO ALL STUDENTS. Please still fill out a Free and Reduced Lunch application to determine if your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals. Applications are available at Loranger and on our website at: <https://rsu23.org> on the Food & Nutrition Services page. School lunch menus are also posted to the website. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Services Director with any questions at [ctrinder@rsu23.org](mailto:ctrinder@rsu23.org) or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

### **Technology Topics**

Our Technology Department would like to remind everyone that all students at LMS have been issued a device for use at school and home depending on grade level. All parents/guardians must sign the device agreement form found in the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. If you have not yet done this, please log into your portal account to do so as soon as possible. The Technology Department has also been able to establish a device insurance program for families that would like

to participate. Families must sign up by November 9th if they are interested, and the device insurance form can be found on our [technology website](#).

Every returning student's parent/guardian was sent a "snapcode" to fill out the digital "Returning Student Registration". (This was sent to the first contact we have on file for the student.) This process replaces the paperwork that is sent home every year to update your child's information. Please take the time to complete this returning student registration. If you have misplaced this information, please contact Nancy Cote at [ncote@rsu23.org](mailto:ncote@rsu23.org). It is very important that we have updated contact information for all of our students.

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, November 4 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 10 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

That's all for this week. Enjoy the weekend!

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