



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning Loranger Families,

As I write this memo we do not yet have any October Snow, even though there was some forecasted for today. It's a little early in the fall to be talking about snow, but I guess 2020 can bring anything.

I hope you are all looking forward to a Halloween weekend even with the dropping temperatures. If you don't yet have plans, the Jameson/Loranger PTO will be holding a fun and safe trunk or treat event tomorrow evening at the Old Orchard Beach High School parking lot. To sign up, or find out more information, please visit the [Jameson Loranger PTO facebook](#) page for more details and to sign up.

Registration Information

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. **It is imperative that this is completed as soon as possible.** If you have misplaced the snapcode information that was sent, please contact Nancy Cote at ncote@rsu23.org. It is very important that we have updated contact information for all of our students.

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. We are also seeing many students who are not turning on their camera or engaging with their teachers during the morning meeting time. Please have a conversation with your child about the time of their morning meeting with their teacher, and their expectations for their time, including their engagement. Teachers will be checking in with students, and sharing out work expectations for the day. Teachers are also communicating this information out with their weekly communication to you.

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. Our 3-5 students also go outside for recess. Our cut off for outside recess is feels like 18° so it is important that students have the appropriate clothing to participate in outside recess. Anything colder than feels like 18°, or when it is wet and rainy we stay inside. If anyone is in need of warmer clothing, please reach out to our School Counselor, Judy Milligan at jmilligan@rsu23.org for assistance.

School Nutrition Program

As a reminder, breakfast and lunch are available daily at school. Until THE END OF THE SCHOOL 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 or 934-4461 ext. 1239. We are looking forward to serving healthy and tasty meals all year!

Device Insurance

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](#).

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, November 4 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Tuesday, November 10 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day, No School
- Wednesday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

Enjoy the weekend with your families!

Matthew Foster
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