



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning Loranger Families,

Happy Friday. I hope your child has enjoyed the first five day week of school in quite some time. I think that most of us here at LMS are a little tired as we adjust to this change. It was a really amazing week, and I for one will sleep well this weekend!

Open House

Thank you to all parents who were able to join us for our Open House this year. It was a fantastic time, and it was so great to have you come and explore your child's classrooms and learning spaces. It has been tough not being able to do things like this, and even though we had to have some guidelines in place, it was well worth it. Thank you for coming!

Morning Arrival

Just as a reminder that we serve breakfast for our students during the 15 minutes before the school day starts. For our grades 3-5 students breakfast is served from 7:45 to 8:00, and for our grades 6-8 students from 8:15 to 8:30. Breakfast is free to all students, so we ask that if your child is going to be eating breakfast they arrive as close to the start time as possible so they have ample time to finish. Thank you.

RSU23 Pool Testing Information

We started pool testing this past Tuesday, and you can read a little more about it in [Mr. Suttie's communication](#) that went out earlier today. If you are interested in having your child participate in future testing rounds, you can see the [RSU23 Information and Signup Page](#). You can also reach out to either school nurse; Sarah Burnham at sburnham@rsu23.org or Katie Gagnon at kgagnon@rsu23.org. They would be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

Student Dismissal & Parent Pick Up Procedures

We continue to see improvements in safety and efficiency with our afternoon dismissal procedures. We are so appreciative of everyone's patience and understanding with these new procedures. We did see an increase in the time it takes to move through dismissal as Pre-K and Kindergarten students started this week at Jameson. Thank you for your assistance in keeping safety our top priority.

Picture Day

There may have been some confusion on the date that we will be having pictures here at LMS. I think the date for the High School was floating around out there, and I apologize for any confusion. Our Picture day is **Friday, October 1st**.

Returning Student Online Registration

All returning students must be registered through our online registration system for this school year. The registration process provides us with pertinent information that we must have on file for your child. This includes up-to-date information such as current medications, health history, and emergency contact information. The registration portal is where you will submit transportation needs (when and if your child will ride the school bus) and sign your child's Device Responsibility Agreement, which will allow your child to be issued a school device.

An email was sent to all parents/guardians, on Monday, 8/23, with the link to the [PowerSchool Registration Portal](#). The email included a 15-character snapcode that is unique for each student. Parents/guardians received a separate email for each of their children. If you did not receive the registration email, please email Donna Stearns at dstearns@rsu23.org. Please complete the online registration as soon as possible. Thank you.

Masks and Water Bottles

Similar to last year, masks must be worn indoors at Loranger. We saw many of our students bring their own masks that they are comfortable with. If you are sending your child with their preferred mask, we do ask that you send a spare with them just in case. We do have plenty of masks in various sizes available at school for anyone who may need them, however we are seeing students prefer to wear their own, and having a spare can be very beneficial.

We also ask that you send your child in with a water bottle if they have one. All of our water fountains are equipped with bottle fillers and this is the most convenient way to ensure all of our students stay hydrated throughout the day. We do have bottles available for any student who may not have their own.

School Nutrition Program

Breakfast and lunch are offered daily and are free for all students, all year long. Although school meals are free this year, we still need your help. Free & Reduced Meal applications, available at <http://rsu23.schoollunchapp.com>, help our district receive funding for all students and take less than 5 minutes to complete. In addition, SAT and college application fees may be waived if you are eligible. EVERY application received before September 15 (regardless of outcome) is eligible to win \$250, \$150, or \$100 to Hannaford. Please feel free to contact Caroline Trinder, Food & Nutrition Service Director, with any questions at ctrinder@rsu23.org or 934-4461 x 1239.

There is a chance we could go to remote learning if temperatures are too high during the first few weeks of school. If your family would need meal(s) delivered on those days, please email ctrinder@rsu23.org with your child(ren)'s names and address as soon as possible. Meals would be dropped off at your house sometime in the morning on those days.

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Friday, October 1 - Picture Day
- Monday, October 11 - Indigenous People's Day - No School

Have a great weekend,

Matt Foster