



# Loranger Memorial School

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Good afternoon Loranger Families,

It's been another great week here at LMS. Our classrooms are busy places filled with learning, our 6-8 athletic teams are competing well, and we are excited to be changing the calendar to October. We are, however, working to resolve our picture day issue this morning and will continue to share information about a reschedule as that information comes together. We will be setting up another date for school pictures as well as pictures for our fall athletics. Some of you have reached out about online payments that have already been made, and we are working with LifeTouch on remedying this issue. As soon as we have the details for that we will communicate that with you. As I shared in my communication earlier today, we apologize for the inconvenience this has caused you and your child.

## **Morning Arrival**

We are seeing more students arrive earlier than we have coverage for, and would like your assistance in making sure students are not present until their school day starts. For our grades 3-5 students our doors open at 7:45 and school starts at 8:00, and for our grades 6-8 students our doors open at 8:15 and school begins at 8:30. We appreciate your help in ensuring that our students are arriving at school during the time that we are able to provide supervision. Thank you.

## **RSU23 Pool Testing Information**

If you are interested in having your child participate in pool testing, you can see the [RSU23 Information and Signup Page](#). You can also reach out to either school nurse; Sarah Burnham at [sburnham@rsu23.org](mailto:sburnham@rsu23.org) or Katie Gagnon at [kgagnon@rsu23.org](mailto:kgagnon@rsu23.org). They would be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

## **Student Dismissal & Parent Pick Up Procedures**

Thank you all so much for your patience and understanding with the changes we have made to our afternoon dismissal procedures. We've been able to find a procedure that keeps students safe and maintains efficiency to get families in and out during dismissal time. Just a few reminders for you as we go forward:

- Please do not park in our parking lots to pick up your student. The procedure we have created by using the entrance from E. Emerson Cummings Blvd is moving along and when vehicles enter and exit our parking lots it can create unnecessary congestion. It also creates more safety issues as all of our bus students are navigating our back parking lot at dismissal time.
- Please do not park at Fielder's Choice. Having pedestrians crossing Jameson Avenue also slows down the process for getting students and parents out while maintaining safety.

Thank you again for partnering with us to improve safety during our dismissal times.

## **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](mailto:dstearns@rsu23.org). Please complete the online registration as soon as possible. Thank you.

## **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.school lunchapp.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](mailto: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](mailto: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:**

- Wednesday, October 6 - Early Release Day
- Monday, October 11 - Indigenous People's Day - No School
- Thursday, October 28 & Wednesday, November 3 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Have a great weekend,

Matt Foster