



Loranger Memorial School

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Happy Friday LMS Families,

February is almost upon us, and that means just a few more weeks until February vacation. We have a half day next week on Wednesday, and apparently a big snow storm is coming this weekend. I hope you're all prepared and ready for some snow removal! Here are this week's announcements.

Student Absences

With the winter months, and with COVID, absences do occur. We ask that you continue to call into the main office and let our secretaries know when your child will be absent from school. Our secretaries, Ms. Cote and Ms. Provencher will take your information and if you require nurse assistance for any reason they will inform Ms. Gagnon, our school nurse. She may work with you on the guidelines for a safe return to school if the absence is illness related, COVID or otherwise. Your child's classroom teacher will also be aware of the absence, and will work with you and your child on any missed school work and assignments. Typically that communication and work is digital so it can be completed at home. Our teachers do an amazing job providing relevant work experiences for those students who are absent from school. We do not provide synchronous learning opportunities for students who are out, as our teachers are working on providing learning opportunities in person. Thank you again for your assistance with the absence procedures for school and for working with your child to help keep them on pace when they are out.

Reading Challenges with Beanstack

The LMS Library is launching a new program this week: Loranger Reads with Beanstack. We want our students to keep reading all year long! Encourage your student to read every day in Beanstack to earn badges and grow their reading habits. You may have used the Beanstack program through your local public library last summer.

Our school specific URL is: <https://rsu23loranger.beanstack.org/reader365>.

If you have any questions about how to login or use the program you can contact your student's classroom teacher or Melissa West, our school librarian directly at mwest@rsu23.org.

Student Council DVD Drive

Does your household use streaming services on Family Movie Night? Have you noticed all of the DVDs sitting on that shelf collecting dust? So sad. Poor DVDs. They were so useful for so long. And....maybe... just maybe....2022 is the year to de-clutter!!! What if those DVDs could go to a place to be enjoyed again? Well, now there is such a place! Please join the Loranger Memorial School Student Council and OOB365 in supporting Sweetser and donating any unused DVDs you have to Sweetser so they can be distributed to those who can still watch them. There will be a donation box in the LMS lobby where DVD's can be placed from February 1st to February 16th. Thank you for your help and assistance!

Employment Opportunities

We have several employment opportunities in RSU 23. Please click on the following link if you are interested in joining our team! <https://www.applitrack.com/rsu23/onlineapp/default.aspx>

Mobile App for PowerSchool

A great way to monitor your child's progress is through PowerSchool's Mobile App. It is easier to access than logging in through the website and allows you similar access. You can find the app on Apple's [App store](#) or through [Google Play](#). Once installed, it will ask for a District Code. It is **JRSX**.

Winter Weather

With the big storm expected this weekend, it's a great opportunity to remind you that in order to play in the snow, students need to wear boots, snow pants, coats, hats, and mittens or gloves outside at recess. Students enjoy playing in the snow, but won't be able to without the proper attire. Students who are not properly dressed for snow will remain on the pavement for the duration of recess. If you need assistance acquiring any winter outdoor gear, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself, or Ms. Milligan our school counselor.

Morning Arrival

As a reminder, morning arrival times for our students are as follows:

- Grades 3-5 doors open at 7:45, and classes begin at 8:00.
- Grades 6-8 doors open at 8:15, and classes begin at 8:30.

As the weather continues to get colder, it is important that students are not arriving earlier than when our doors open as we have no inside supervision for those students. With the temperatures dropping, waiting outside is not an ideal way to start the day. Thank you for your understanding and your assistance with this.

Afternoon Pick up

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility with our afternoon pick up procedures. We have come a long way in keeping our students safe and creating a process that is efficient for all. We appreciate the consideration you have for the safety of our students and other parents who are also picking up their children.

Family Vacation Forms

During the school year some families take vacations and ask that we excuse their children from school days. This is not a problem, however, we do have forms for the student, parents, teachers and administration to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be provided by the staff in the main office. Thanks for your help!

Snow Day/Remote Day Memo

Please read the 2021-2022 snow day/remote day [memo](#) from Superintendent Suttie.

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Wednesday, February 2 - Early Release Day
- Monday 2/21 through Friday 2/25 - February Break

Have a great weekend,
Matt Foster