



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning LMS Families,

Happy Friday, and happy vacation! We are closing things out here to prepare for a week off for all. I hope that you and your family are able to rest and relax, and enjoy the time off before we come back and turn the calendars over to March. There will be no memo next week due to the vacation, so the next memo will be on Friday, March 4th.

Come See our Play

Friday, March 4th, right here at Loranger Memorial School, come see the performance of **Law & Order: Fairytale Unit**. Starring Loranger Memorial School and Old Orchard Beach High School performers, this will be a great night of fun! Show starts at 6:00 PM, March 4th in McSweeney Gymnasium at LMS. We hope to see you there!

Backpack Program

If you would like your child to participate in our weekend food backpack program, in which they will receive a backpack filled with food items on Fridays, please reach out to our school counselor, Ms. Milligan. You can reach her by calling 934-4848, or email at jmilligan@rsu23.org. We are happy to help. We have recently received a wonderful donation from The Brunswick and some other community members, and are so grateful for what they have provided for our families and students!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are on sale! \$18 for softcovers, and \$25 for hard covers. Available online at <https://tr5.treering.com/validate>. Our school passcode is - 1016348252954617. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Ms. Pothier at 207-934-4848 x1142, via email ppothier@rsu23.org, or stop by the yearbook information booth during parent/teacher conference nights in March!

PTO/Boosters Dance Off

Loranger - Jameson families! We are excited to kick off our Loranger Jameson Dance-Off on 3/8. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for student enrichment and activities and to strengthen our school community. We completely understand if your family is not in a position to financially participate right now. However, you can still be involved by simply SHARING about our fundraiser with friends and extended family online at mybooster.com. Sharing IS supporting! Just as we worked to safely begin school this year, we are also safely hosting this essential fundraiser based on our school's current guidelines. We'll send more details, as we get closer to our kick off. We are grateful for our Loranger - Jameson family! Thank you for your support this year. We all need it!
Samantha Sauls-Perez RSU 23 PTO/Boosters President.

Afternoon Pick up

Just a few reminders for you of our afternoon pick up procedures for this year. If you are interested, you can read about the updated procedures from the beginning of the year [here](#).

- Grades 3-5 Dismissal begins at 2:15 with bus departure students exiting our building first. We will follow a rolling dismissal, which means students who are being picked up by parents will be leaving their classrooms around 2:17. We do ask that parents are prompt around this pick up time as any delay can impact our 6-8 dismissal procedures.
- Parents who are picking up students enter our campus from E. Emerson Cummings Blvd for the end of the school day pick up. From there you will be directed to our student drop off and pick up parking spots along the side of our building.
- Please remain in your car for pick up as we would like to get parents in and out as quickly as possible.
- Grades 6-8 dismissal begins at 2:45. Parents who are picking up students in grades 6-8 PLEASE DO NOT arrive prior to 2:35 as that only adds to the congestion for our earlier pick up.

These procedural changes have helped us to improve efficiency, the flow of our afternoon traffic with Jameson, and most importantly safety. We have observed such an increase in safety from last year, and we are so thankful to our parents for following these procedures and helping us maintain a safe afternoon pick up environment. If time is an issue for your family, our bus ridership numbers are still below where they were prior to the pandemic, and all of our bus routes are completed in under a half hour.

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.

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

In order to play in the snow outside at recess, students need to wear boots, snow pants, coats, hats, and mittens or gloves. 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.

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!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Monday 2/21 through Friday 2/25 - February Break
- Wednesday 3/2 - Early Release Day
- Wednesday 3/16 & Thursday 3/24 - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday 3/30 - 8th grade family night with OOBHS

Have a great Weekend and Vacation,
Matt Foster