



Loranger Memorial School

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Good morning LMS Families,

Another Friday with messy weather and remote learning. I hope that if any of you had to travel today you were able to do so safely. Remote plans for today have been shared by your child's teacher, and if you or your child have any questions don't hesitate to reach out to the appropriate classroom teacher for support. Email addresses can be found on our website at www.loranger.rsu23.org.

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.

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

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!

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:

- Monday 2/21 through Friday 2/25 - February Break
- Wednesday 3/16 & Thursday 3/24 - Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Enjoy the weekend,
Matt Foster