

Loranger Memorial School

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Happy Friday and Happy March LMS Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the wonderful February Vacation. It appears that winter is back, and there's more snow coming tomorrow. As of the writing of this memo, our High School Lady Gulls basketball team will be playing in the State Championship game tomorrow night at 7:00 at the Cross Insurance Arena in Bangor. If it has to be canceled due to the weather it will be rescheduled for Tuesday at 6:05 in the same location. GO GULLS!

LMS Podcast Memo

<u>Here</u> is this week's episode of our LMS Podcast.

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on the evenings of March 15th and March 23rd. We will be using Virtual Paragon's on-line Parent/Teacher Conference Reservation System to sign up. You can access the sign ups <u>here</u>. This link is also posted on our website under the Parents and Students tab. The system will open for reservations on **Monday**, **March 6th**. IMPORTANT - When you go to the website, you will have to type in Loranger's master password before you can enter the System. You must enter OOB3to8 in the field labeled "School's Master Password". If you encounter any problems or have any questions, please send an email to LMSconferences@rsu23.org. Our conference times for both dates are from 3:00 to 7:00. Conferences will be held in person unless a virtual conference is requested. If you would like to request a virtual conference, please use virtual paragon to sign up for a slot first, and then email your child's teacher to request a virtual conference. Please inform the teacher of your date and time and that you would like a virtual conference. They will follow up with a virtual link prior to the conference date.

Middle/High School Drama Performance

Our middle/high school Drama team will be putting on their production of *Murder on the 518*, next Friday, March 10th at 6:00 for those interested. The show is free, but a recommended donation of \$3 per person, or \$10 for family to help support some of the program needs. We hope to see you there.

8th Grade Parent Information Night

On Thursday April 6th at 6:00 pm at the High School, the OOBHS Faculty will host a showcase of the different departments and quick peek into the curriculum for families of 8th graders.

The evening will consist of the following:

- Welcome from John Suttie, Principal
- Information from the Athletic Director and Guidance Department
- Presentations from academic departments

If you have any questions before these meetings, please don't hesitate to call or email Beth Roe (eroe@rsu23.org) in the guidance department at 934-3705.

The High School Guidance Department will also be visiting the eighth grade students on March 28th here at LMS to discuss what to expect for Freshman year.

Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration for Jameson Elementary

Information regarding Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year can be found <u>here</u>.

Employment Opportunities

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

Substitute Teacher Intensive through Adult ED

There is another upcoming Substitute Teacher Intensive program being offered through adult ed. Class information is as follows:

- Substitute Teacher Intensive
- Mondays/Wednesdays, 3:30-5 PM @ OOB High School
- April 24th-May 24th, 2023
- \$99 (reimbursed upon successful completion of the course)

Substitute teaching is valuable and rewarding, benefiting the employee and the school. Whether new to substitute teaching or looking to freshen your classroom presence, this program will enhance critical skills & understandings that will lead to your success at any grade level. Through class presentations, discussions and readings we will address behavior expectations, cover how to get and keep students on task and build positive relationships. Examine lesson plans at all grade levels, preview what to expect on any day on the job, and discuss the role of technology in today's classrooms. Consider the variety of subbing opportunities in special education and review the professional behaviors that will ensure you're kept as busy as you wish. Leave the course with a notebook containing the course presentation, relevant readings and resources that will support you on the job. Tours of elementary, middle and high school buildings will give you a sense of what today's classrooms look like no matter which district you work in. Course requirements include state-mandated fingerprinting, Criminal History Records Check (CHRC), and submitting a job application to RSU23 &/or Saco Schools (unless already employed by either district). Access to a computer & valid email address is required. Course fee reimbursed upon successful completion of all requirements. If hired by Saco &/or RSU 23 schools, you will receive the highest substitute pay rate for that district.

Morning Arrival Procedures

Our doors open for school at 7:45 for grades 3-5 students and 8:15 for grades 6-8. We do not have supervision for students inside or outside the building prior to those times. It is very important that students are not here earlier than that as they are not able to enter the building and do not have supervision outside. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 to sign off on in order to help students understand the expectations of making up missed work. The forms can be found in the main office. Thanks for your help!

A reminder of a few upcoming dates:

- Friday 3/3 Middle School (grades 6-8) Student Council sponsored dance
- Wednesday 3/8 Early Release Day

- Friday 3/10 Trimester 2 Ends
- Monday 3/13 Trimester 3 Begins
- Wednesday 3/15 & Thursday 3/23 Evening Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
- Wednesday 4/5 Early Release Day
- Friday 4/14-Friday 4/21 April Break

Good luck with all the snow coming! Matt Foster