



Lewiston-Porter Central School District

One Purpose, Your Pathway, Our Promise.

Paul J. Casseri
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Lewiston-Porter Families,

As the warmth of summer draws to an end and the anticipation of a new school year approaches, I hope all students and families have had an enjoyable, restful, and rejuvenating summer. The time spent with loved ones, the memories created, and the hours of relaxation are essential in recharging ourselves for the journey ahead.

Our district mission, "**One purpose. Your pathway. Our promise,**" is not just a statement but a testament to our unwavering commitment to every student every day. As we embark on the 2023-24 school year, let's keep in mind our overarching goals:

1. **Redefining Student Success:** Every student has a unique voice, and we vow to support each one in defining their vision of success.
2. **Innovative Learning:** Our focus will be on designing innovative environments that are flexible, adaptable, and centered on the aspirations of each learner.
3. **Culture and Climate:** We are dedicated to fostering a culture where every member of the Lewiston-Porter community feels valued, supported, and heard.

Our key aspiration is that, upon leaving Lewiston-Porter, every student steps into the world with unwavering confidence in their abilities and a clear vision of the significant contributions they can make. While they journey with us from kindergarten to 12th grade, we assure you they will be nurtured, challenged, and encouraged to discover their personal best – because our promise is to offer them nothing short of our best.

The 2023-24 school year is excitingly introducing a groundbreaking initiative: The Journey of The Lew-Port Lancer. Families were introduced to this initiative this spring with a mailer that went home outlining this cutting-edge program. This initiative emphasizes eight core traits that will guide instruction and social-emotional learning, ensuring our students mature into responsible, forward-thinking young adults. The traits are:

- Accountability
- Balance
- Collaboration
- Curiosity
- Effective Communication
- Inclusivity
- Independence
- Purposefulness

As the year progresses, we will work with teachers and staff to bring these traits alive in all aspects of our school program. You should see outward signs of the initiative across the campus as students return to school.

By now, families should have received schedules, teacher/classroom assignments, and bus run information from our hardworking school office staff and transportation partners at STA/Ridge Road. Parent Portal will be re-enabled on Monday 8/28. We're set to enthusiastically welcome students in grades 1-12 on Tuesday, September 5th. As a reminder, here are the school day hours for students:



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High School	Middle School	PEC and IEC
7:44 a.m. to 2:39 p.m	7:48 a.m. to 2:39 p.m	8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Our youngest learners in kindergarten will have a chance to familiarize themselves during scheduled appointments on September 5th and 6th. Their first full day of exploration and learning will be Thursday, September 7th.

Pardon our dust as we bring to completion the HVAC work at the Intermediate Education Center. I'm thrilled to say that all buildings will now be fully air-conditioned moving forward. With the work coming to a close at the IEC, this concludes our \$17.25 million capital project approved by voters in 2020.

I invite everyone to join us on Saturday, September 16th, at 11:00 a.m. for the Raby Family Memorial 5K Country race and 1-mile fun walk. Since 2009, the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association has sponsored the Raby Family Memorial 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk. The event honors Gary Raby '63 and Jason Raby '01. Gary Raby Sr. was a Lew-Port grad and a long-time cross-country and track and field coach at Lew-Port. Gary's commitment to the school and his love of family and community made the run a special event. Jason, Gary's son, was a member of the Class of 2001 who passed away suddenly while attending Niagara University. During his time at Lewiston-Porter High School, Jason epitomized the ideals of hard work, commitment, and dedication. He was an outstanding student and cross-country and track athlete. Gary and Jason provide an excellent example for all members of the Lewiston-Porter community. The proceeds from the race support the many scholarship programs sponsored by the Lewiston-Porter Alumni Association. Unique for this year is moving the race to the newly designed LP X-Country course. Lewiston-Porter is one of only two schools in Western New York with a X-Country course on the campus. We are excited to showcase our beautiful 3-mile trail to all of WNY. Details for the race and registration information can be found at [runsignup](#) and [buffalo runners](#). Dig out your running spikes, and we hope to see you on September 16th.

This year promises to be an extraordinary one. Remember that our collective strength and collaboration are the cornerstones of the success awaiting our students.

Here's to a year of discovery, growth, and achievement. Welcome back, Lancers!

Warm regards,

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