



# Lewiston-Porter Central School District

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## ***August Administrative Reports***

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## Dear Members of the Board of Education,

The beginning of the summer has been very productive at the Intermediate Education Center. We are currently tying up loose ends from last month and beginning to prepare for the start of the 2024-25 school year. Our theme this year is Dr. Seuss, and we are excited to incorporate his quotes throughout the year, especially as we prepare for our school musical, *Seussical the Musical*.

As summer draws to a close, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the work completed at the Intermediate Education Center over the past few months. Our dedicated staff has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year, and I am confident that these efforts will contribute to a successful start to the 2024-25 academic year.

## Summer Work Overview/Current Updates:

### Facility Work/Improvements:

Our custodial and maintenance team have done an exceptional job ensuring our facilities are ready for students and staff. Key projects included:

- Classroom Refresh: Several classrooms received fresh paint, floor waxing, and a deescrub to enhance the learning environment.
- HVAC Monitored/Maintenance: Routine maintenance and monitoring to our HVAC systems are completed to ensure optimal air quality and comfort throughout the school year.

### Teacher Schedules:

Teachers' tentative schedules for the upcoming year are being finalized.

- We are making adjustments to optimize teacher-student contact time while ensuring developmentally appropriate practices.
- Additionally, we will continue to strengthen our Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

### Student Schedules:

On August 19th, we mailed home the new school year packets to families. These packets include:

- Welcome back letters from teachers and the principal
- Teacher placement information
- Information about the school lunch program

## Cell Phone Policy at the IEC- "No Phone, Zone!"

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- Information will be prepared with the teachers on opening day-August 27th.
- Initial information has been included in the summer mailing for families
- Letters will be sent home on the first day of school with students explaining the IEC No Phone Zone implementation at the IEC
- Teachers will discuss it with families at open house on September 12th
- This policy is designed to minimize distractions and maximize student engagement during school hours

## **Welcome to the IEC:**

We are excited to introduce some new faces joining the IEC this year:

- Kristin Dallavia - 5th Grade Teacher
- Tina Hedges - .5 Math/.5 Reading Interventionist
- Christine Matthews - School Monitor
- Joellen Domiski - Teacher Aide

## **New Student Orientation/3rd Grade Orientation:**

On August 28th, we will welcome our new IEC families and 3rd-grade families for an orientation. We look forward to meeting all the new faces in our school community.

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- **August 19th** – Student placement information mailed home
- **August 28th** – New student/3rd-grade orientation
- **September 2nd** – First day of school
- **September 12th** – Open House

As we approach the start of the school year, our staff is energized and ready to welcome students back to school. We are excited about the initiatives and improvements made over the summer and are confident they will contribute to a productive and inspiring academic year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Intermediate Education Center. We hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and we look forward to a successful and exciting new school year!

Sincerely,

Tina Rodriguez

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# Board Notes

Monday, August 26, 2024

## General

- Building cleaning is winding down and the Middle School is looking really good. Classrooms will be ready for the teachers' return on August 27th and 28th.
- The Master schedule roll over is complete! Schedules and the "Welcome Back" letter were mailed out to parents. Here is a link to the [2024 Welcome Back Student/Parent letter](#). This is the earliest this has been done since I have been at Lew-Port!
  - We made some minor changes and are looking to continue the balanced sections, as necessary, but I feel like we are ready! Great feeling for sure! I am working with Brendan, Kate and Ellen to make those small adjustments.
  - Tentative student schedules went in the mail Monday, August 19. Shoutout to the entire guidance office team, Brendan, Kate and Ellen, who did a great job of getting as much student info into the system and it really does look great.
- Just a reminder of the following personnel changes for the upcoming year:

### New to the District

- ★ Kait Rudney - 8th Grade ELA
- ★ Jaclyn Stickney - LTS for Tammy Richley
- ★ TBD - .2 Physical/.8 Building Based Substitute
- ★ TBD - Living Environment/8th Grade Science
- ★ TBD - Lunch Monitor

### New to the Middle School

- ★ Justin Higner - Cleaner
- ★ Sue Myers - Full Time Monitor

### Position Shifts in the Middle School

- ★ Annette Rayome- Returns to Reading Intervention
- ★ Nina Calarco - Math Intervention
- ★ Emily LaGamba - Algebra/8th Grade Math
- ★ Michelle Ellis - Spanish (Shared with HS)
- ★ Shuping (Rachel) Song - Chinese

- On the first day, Tuesday, September 3, students will also get an updated schedule. Like last year, students will report to their CREW classroom for the first day and will spend the day with their other CREW students and their CREW teacher. This first day will run just like last year's Crew Days (with a Community Gathering, Lancer Round Table, game rotations, and more). Holding this gathering on the first day of school will allow us to set expectations for the building.
  - Students will have an updated schedule, assigned lockers, tour the building and participate in team building activities to start the year. We will run a modified schedule that first day and then return to a normal schedule Wednesday.
  - Here is a description of our CREW plan for the first day along with information for the remainder of the year - [First Day 24-25 CREW Schedule](#) [CREW Memo 24-25](#)
- **OPEN HOUSE/MEET THE TEACHER**
  - ***Thursday, September 5 @ 6 PM: Open House for ALL Grades 6, 7 and 8.***
- **The building will be open to ALL Parents/Guardians in the evening for ALL grade levels.** Parents/guardians will follow their child's schedule and visit the classrooms based upon a modified schedule.
  - [Open House 24-25](#)

- The Powerschool Parent Portal should be open to parents soon. Parents are reminded that throughout the year, grades and attendance can be accessed through the PowerSchool Parent Portal at any time. A link to the portal can be accessed from our District web page at [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com) and by logging into the parents PowerSchool account. Directions for setting up a parent account was included in the information at the bottom of student schedules

## Good To Know

- The 6th grade WEB orientation on Wednesday, August 21 was a great success! -
    - [WEB Flyer](#)
    - [WEB Flyer parents](#)
  - A huge “Thank you” to the 8th grade WEB leaders. We are so proud of the students and the work that they did over the three days to train and implement the orientation for our incoming 6th grade students. Thank you also to the adult leader team, Mike Bollinger, Rachel Smith, Kelly Zimmerman, and Karen Pax for their work in putting together our program. It was such a great thing to see all of our incoming 6th grade students working with the 8th grade leaders in getting acclimated to their new home. Thank you to our PTSA who provided hot dogs and chips and assisted in this experience for our students.
- *August 27/28 - First Days for Teachers*
  - *September 3 - First Day of School*
  - *September 5 - Open House ALL Grades 6,7,8*
  - *September 10/12 - Fall AIMS Web Benchmark Testing*

Please let me know if you have any questions. Andy

***“I shall pass through this world but once. Any good, therefore, that I can do or any kindness I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.”***

***Stephen Grellet***

# Lewiston-Porter High School

## Notes for Board of Education Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2024

Chris D'Anna

John Evert

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The following is the information that was sent out to our High School Lancers:

- Free and Reduced Forms with message about importance of turning this form in
- High School [Code of Conduct](#) sign off form (the code of conduct link is on the High School webpage)
- Student Schedules

# **Cell Phone Letter to Families - sent home as part of "Welcome Back" Blackboard communication [\(also on the webpage\)](#)**

Dear Lancer Families,

As we embark on the 2024 - 2025 school year, we strive to create a focused and engaging learning environment for all our students. In keeping with this goal, we are implementing a cell phone policy designed to minimize distractions and maximize instructional time.

## **Cell Phone Policy for the 2024-2025 School Year**

### **Cell Phone Use in Classrooms:**

Students are required to turn off and store their cell phones, and earbuds in their lockers or designated storage areas during class time. Cell phones, watches and earbuds should not be visible or used during instructional periods unless specifically allowed by the teacher for educational purposes. Students should not have their cell phones on them while in any instructional setting.

### **Cell Phone Use in Common Areas:**

During non-instructional times (examples - lunches, nonacademic study halls), students may use their cell phones, watches and earbuds in designated common areas. However, it is important to use phones responsibly and respectfully. Cell phones, watches and earbuds should not be used in the Lancer Learning Center (LLC), and After School Detention (ASD).

### **Emergency Situations:**

If a student needs to contact a parent or guardian during school hours, they may use the phone available in the main office. In case of an emergency, parents and guardians can contact the school Main Office directly @ 716 - 286 - 7263, and we will ensure the message is relayed to the student promptly.

### **Consequences for Policy Violation:**

**1st Offense:** The student will be given a verbal warning and will be required to put the device away. The offense will be documented in PowerSchool.

**2nd Offense:** The student will be given a verbal warning and will be required to put the device away. Teacher will notify the parent/guardian. The offense will be documented in PowerSchool.

**3rd Offense:** A student conference will be held with administration. A referral will also be generated documenting the violation of the policy. The student will receive 1 After School Detention (ASD). The offense will be documented in PowerSchool.

**4th Offense:** The student will be required to surrender the device to the main office until the end of the day and a parent/guardian will be notified for a meeting. A referral will also be

generated documenting the violation of the policy. The student will receive 2 After School Detention (ASD).

**5th Offense:** The student will be required to surrender to a staff member and a parent will be notified. A referral will also be generated. The student will receive 1 day of ALE.

*Parents will be given the opportunity to pick up the device to avoid storage until the end of the school day.*

***FAILURE TO COMPLETE ANY ASSIGNED DISCIPLINARY CONSEQUENCE MAY RESULT IN BEING ASSIGNED TO THE ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (ALE).***

**Exceptions:**

Students with documented medical conditions or other special circumstances requiring cell phone use during school hours should contact the school administration to discuss accommodations.

We believe this policy will help maintain a productive and respectful learning environment for all students. We appreciate your support and cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines at home.

Please feel free to contact the school office @ 716 - 286 - 7263 or [cdanna@lew-port.com](mailto:cdanna@lew-port.com) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy.

Thank you for your understanding and partnership.

Chris D'Anna

High School Principal

John Evert

High School Assistant Principal



School Picture Information to Families - sent home as part of "Welcome Back" Blackboard communication ([also on the webpage](#))



**Picture Day**, simplified.

## LEWISTON PORTER HIGH SCHOOL

Get ready! School Picture Day is

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 - RETAKE**

### Picture Day To-Dos:



Mark your  
calendar



Plan your  
outfit



Do NOT  
wear green



Plan your  
hairstyle



#### **Please don't wear green!**

Our green screen technology lets you choose your background after Picture Day, but it also makes green clothes disappear into the background. So please, don't wear green on Picture Day!



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High School		
Opening Day		
Tuesday, August 27, 2024		
Time:	Activity:	Place:
12:45 PM - 1:00 PM	Transition to Auditorium	AUD - please sit in lower sections
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Faculty Meeting - D'Anna & Evert	Auditorium
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	LPUT Meeting - Joe Lauzonis (if needed)	Auditorium
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Peer Coordinators (Math, Science, Social, ELA & Special Education)	Main Office
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Meeting with teacher aides/monitors - Evert	Student Commons
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Teacher time	Individual Teachers Classrooms

## Freshman Orientation Information to Families - sent home as part of "Welcome Back" Blackboard communication ([also on the webpage](#))

Welcome Class of 2028!

We hope you are enjoying your summer and getting ready for your new high school experience! We are inviting you to our Freshmen Orientation program on **Wednesday, August 28th** from **10:00 AM – 12:30 PM**. High school is one of the best times in your lives! It is a time to challenge yourself and begin your self-discovery journey as a high school student. Our Orientation program is a chance for you to familiarize yourself with the high school while reconnecting with classmates!

Our program will consist of an introduction from our Principal, Assistant Principal and School Counselors. Students will receive their class schedule and be led on a tour of the campus by our Lancer Leaders followed by lunch and fun activities to wrap up the day!

Please contact the Lewiston-Porter High School Counseling Center at **(716) 286-7258** or email **kmartin@lew-port.com** by **Friday, August 23rd**. When you RSVP, we will need to know your child's name, whether they require bussing home and their T-Shirt size. Please be aware that bussing will NOT be provided in the morning - only in the afternoon.

Your interest, involvement, support and parental guidance have never been more important than they will be over the next four years. Working together, we can make certain that your child will have an outstanding educational experience at Lewiston-Porter High School.

Looking forward to seeing you all on August 28th!

Sincerely,

Lewiston-Porter High School Faculty and Staff

# Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, September 3 - 1st day of school

Thursday, September 12 & Friday, September 13 - Picture Day (during physical education classes)

Wednesday, September 18 - Open House @ 6:00 PM

Friday, September 20 - Alumni Cabaret @ 7:00 (High School Auditorium)

Monday, September 30 - Friday October 4 - Homecoming Week

Wednesday, October 2 - Powderpuff Game @ 5:30 PM (Blakeslee Field)

Friday, October 4 - Pep Rally @ 1:00 PM (High School Gym)

Friday, October 4 - Homecoming Football Game @ 7:00 PM (Blakeslee Field)

Friday, October 4 - Bonfire (after football game - around 9:00 PM)

Friday, October 4 - WNY Consortium @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (High School Gym)

Friday, October 4 - 5 Week Marking Period

Saturday, October 5 - Homecoming Dance @ 7:00 PM (High School Gym)

Will once again be sending home LPHS Weekly Update through Blackboard (email & APP)