



Linden Middle School
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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

Hello to all of you! With August half way over, it's time to prepare for the 2011-2012 school year. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6th. Classes run from 7:45 AM – 2:31 PM. This communication is to provide you with information pertinent to the school year. **Please read over this material carefully. Class schedules are included in this mailing.**

Important dates to remember:

Wednesday, August 31	LMS Open House	6:30 – 7:30 PM
Thursday, September 1	6 th Grade WEB Orientation	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Tuesday, September 7 th	First Day of School for Students, Physicals for fall sports due to the main office	7:45 – 2:31 PM (Full Day)
Tuesday, September 14 th	Parent Koffee Klatch meeting with Principal	4:00-5:00 PM
Tuesday, September 20 th	Student Picture Day	

Important Information:

7:15 AM – School Opens to Students

Busses ONLY through drive off Silver Lake Road, past Linden High School

Parent drop-off/pick-up ONLY from Lobdell Road driveway

Parents must use the circle driveway to pick-up/drop-off students.

Please, **DO NOT** use the main parking lot as a drop-off/pick-up area as this is not safe for students or drivers.

BE CONSIDERATE - Pull all of the way up the circle drive, past the sidewalk to the main doors, to drop off your child!

Lunch Prices: Lunch costs have gone up \$0.25 this year. A student lunch will cost from \$2.25-\$3.00 this year.

We have high expectations for the care of the facility of the middle school and are dedicated to keeping the facility in great shape for future generations. Please note the following guidelines as your child(ren) and you prepare for the school year:

- **NO gum chewing is allowed**
- **NO stickers or sticky-type objects allowed in/on the lockers**
Feel free to use magnetic items in lockers
- **NO food or beverages allowed outside of the cafeteria**

I want to stress the importance of parent/teacher communication to a student's academic success. Currently, teachers may be contacted through StandardScore (formerly known as WebGrader), e-mail accounts and phones located in each classroom. While e-mail is an excellent way to communicate general information, phone calls are the best method of communicating issues, concerns, etc.

We provide communication from school to home in many different ways including:

- Monthly Building Newsletter: the first Monday of each month, the bulletin is posted on the school's webpage (www.lindenschools.org). If you do not have Internet access and would like a copy of the newsletter mailed home, please contact Sue Fenton at the main office, (810) 591-0711, and a copy will be mailed home each month.
- Report Cards: mailed home approximately one week after the trimester ends.
- **StandardScore** (formerly WebGrader): this program allows parents to track students' classroom progress including homework, assessments, and grades. **Login information is provided in this mailing.** It's an exciting tool for parents and kind of a scary tool for students!

Another tool we use at the middle school is a student planner. Each student is given a planner at the beginning of the year and is **required** to carry it to each class and use it each day. The success of this communication piece is two-fold: teachers requiring and checking the use of the planners each day, and parents checking the information and using it with their student each day. Please look for this planner coming home and use it as a tool to keep the lines of communication constantly flowing.

Please carefully review the enclosed guidelines for student dress. Clothing worn to school must be appropriate. No halter tops, tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, off the shoulder or mid-drift shirts are permitted. Skirts and shorts must hang below the finger tips (or have at least a 4-inch inseam) when arms are at the side. Clothing with **tears** and/or **rips** will be permitted unless the tear/rip is above the knee. Excessive exposure of skin will not be tolerated. If a student has dressed inappropriately, the student will be required to call home, and a change of clothing needs to be brought to school. Perhaps the fastest growing concerns are the necklines on female clothing and the sagging pants the boys wear. Plunging and/or low-cut necklines and undergarment exposure are inappropriate for school. Please help monitor your student's dress, avoiding an uncomfortable situation for all involved.

Please keep the following school phone numbers handy:

General Questions	(810) 591-0710.
Absences and Attendance Issues	(810) 591-0711.
Schedules	(810) 591-0711.

Enjoy the last few weeks of vacation! Please feel free to contact the main office with any questions you may have before the school year begins! I look forward to seeing you at schedule pick-up and open house!

Sincerely,

Julie Brown
Principal