

"Leopard's Tale" Summer Edition - July 31, 2017

LKMS Families,

We hope this finds you all well and enjoying a fun-filled summer! It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of July. September 5 will be here before we know it!

We have been very busy preparing for the upcoming school year. We have a few staff changes to tell you about:

- Welcome to Mr. Steve Ammann, who joins our staff teaching ELA. Mr. Ammann is an experienced teacher coming to us from Mount View Middle School.
- We sadly say goodbye to Mrs. Laura Przybylek (Health Education) and Ms. Jonene Ford (FACS), who both have decided to take a year of study leave. They will be missed!
- Please welcome Ms. Laura Johnson who will be teaching Health Education and Careers.
- Mr. Patrick Walls has left LKMS to pursue an experience as a High School Orchestra Director. Mr. Walls has been at LKMS since our opening in 1999 - he will be missed and we wish him well.
- Please welcome Mr. Jay Kim, who will be joining us as our new Orchestra Director. Mr. Kim is an experienced Orchestra Director, previously at Murray Hill and Dunloggin Middle Schools.
- Night Building Supervisor, Mr. John Colmes, has left to pursue other opportunities. We wish him the best!

We have had lots of company this summer with many Howard County Parks and Recreation Summer Camps housed here at LKMS. Despite this, our custodial team (Mr. Kambou, Mr. Colmes, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Sonpon and Ms. Jackson) have worked extremely hard at getting our school in tip-top shape. The building looks fantastic already! Thank you to the team for their dedication and flexibility.

Finally, our gym floor is finally finished and will be ready for use on the first day of school. We know Mr. Ranker, Ms. Swan and Mr. Kelly are very excited to get back in the gym and put the floor to good use! Thank you to all for your patience and flexibility throughout this recovery process.

Mark your calendars!

LKMS New Student Orientation

On Thursday, August 31 at 12:30, we will hold our 6th grade and New Student Orientation. Students will have an opportunity to meet staff, receive schedules, and get locker assignments. Parents will meet in the cafeteria during this time to listen to a brief presentation by school counselors and administration.

That same day, from 5:30 - 7:00, all students and parents are invited to join us for "Open House." Come and pick-up student schedules and tour the building before school begins on September 5, 2017.

Community News

Atholton High School New Student Orientation

Atholton High School's New Student Orientation will be held on August 31, 2017 from 9-11:30 am. This event provides parents and new students the opportunity to learn more about the school, activities, sports, and meet the staff. We hope you are able to attend.

River Hill High New Student Orientation

Students

All 9th graders are invited to attend an orientation on Thursday, August 31 from 8:15 am to 12 pm starting in the River Hill High School cafeteria. They will participate in get-to-know-you-activities, take a tour of the building, and watch a video about River Hill procedures and traditions. New 10-12th graders will report to Student Services at 8:15 am. These students will talk with a panel of upper classmen and then watch the video and take a building tour. All students will then follow their schedules to meet their teachers and learn about their classes. The orientation will conclude with a pep rally followed by pizza. Students will be dismissed at 12 pm, so please plan accordingly. Students should bring their schedules which will be mailed the week of August 14-18.

Parents

Parents of freshmen and incoming new students are invited to a parent orientation program in the auditorium from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. During this program, parents will be welcomed by the RHHS administration and athletic director who will share information about the school and extra-curricular activities. They will also learn

what they might expect from their transitioning students: physically, emotionally, and academically. Additionally, current and previous RHHS students will share their experiences successfully navigating high school and then answer questions. The program will close with practical information about how to be involved in students' education and extra-curricular activities.