



CHEROKEES

SEPTEMBER 2019



ATTENDANCE | 208.855.4388

MAIN OFFICE | 208.855.4375

WELCOME BACK!

CALENDAR

September

17th | Maker Space After Dark 4:30-6:30

24th | LHMS Homecoming

27th | Homecoming Dance 3:30-5:00

October

7th | No school - Collaboration

16th | Picture Re-takes

18th | Subway Day

23th | Evening P/T Conferences

24th | No school - P/T Conferences

25th | No school

November

8th | Subway Day

19th | Maker Space After Dark 4:30-6:30

25th - 29th | No school - Thanksgiving

December

6th | No school - Collaboration

23th | No school - Holiday Break

January

6th | School Resumes



Scot Montoya
Principal



Heather Fisher
VP 7th Grade
& 8th Girls



Anne Spittle
VP 6th Grade
& 8th Boys



Jared Levanger
Athletic Director



Sally Bosse
8th Grade
Counselor



Jodi Zenner
7th Grade
Counselor



Erin Hull
6th Grade
Counselor



Sarah Grinnell
Psychologist



Stephanie Laub
Secretary



Michelle Howell
Secretary



Nancy Labbe
Bookkeeper



Barb Nelson
Registrar



Renee Belleza
Nurse



Lauren Hooker
SRO

Students need to know

STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Student Handbook content is available on the West Ada website. The student handbook contains the student policies and procedures for the year. All students are responsible to know its contents.

<https://www.westada.org/StudentHandbooks>

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

We use our website to share information on a regular basis. If you have any questions or are looking for information, it is a great place to start.

Visit Lake Hazel's main website,

<https://www.westada.org/lhms>

Find information about:

- Staff
- Athletics
- Clubs
- Registration
- High Reliability Schools
- Calendar
- Counseling

STUDENT ID/ACTIVITY CARDS

Students are required to carry ID/Activity (ASB) cards at all times during the school day, lanyards will be provided. Replacement ID cards need to be purchased if lost or damaged.

Activity cards are also needed for:

- Playing a sport
- Admittance to class
- Accessing outside doors
- Checking out books from library
- Lunch transactions
- Dances
- To be on school grounds
- Obtaining locker information

LOCKERS

The school carries no insurance for lost or stolen items and is not responsible for them. Students will be responsible for any damage to their assigned lockers. Do not share combos or lockers. Personal items should be placed only in the student's assigned locker. If an item does not fit, it is not allowed without prior administrative approval. P.E. lockers will be assigned during class time. Students need to secure their PE lockers with a lock at all times.

BACKPACKS/PURSES/FANNY PACKS

Students are allowed to carry backpacks, sling back backpacks, cinch sacks, briefcases, bags and purses to and from school. Students **MUST** place these items in their lockers or designated area before the start of the school day. During the school day, these items will **NOT** be allowed in instructional areas unless approved by the administration. Personal hygiene items may be retrieved as needed.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Students will be allowed to use electronic communication devices only in a manner consistent with instructional and testing activities in the classroom. Use of these devices must not violate any district policy, or cause classroom disruption, nor may they be used in the access, creation, or possession of inappropriate materials. Use of electronic devices in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher. It is expected that students will use the cell phone holders provided in each classroom. If a cell phone is confiscated, the parent and/or guardian may need to pick the cell phone up in the main office. Parents or students who bring any electronic device to school or to a school activity, do so at their own risk. West Ada School District schools assume no liability for damage, theft, etc. Taking pictures is prohibited on district property (including buses) unless approved by building administration. If the policies are violated, administrators will determine consequences based on the severity of the incident.

Library & Maker Space

Maker Space After Dark Family Night September 17, 4:30-6:30

Maker Space After Dark is for students and their families who would like to spend time exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Math) concepts. Participants will be able to choose from a variety of activities. Please add future Maker Space Family Nights to your calendar: November 19, January 14 and March 17. Also, don't miss our MAKER STEAM event in late April/early May. Should dates need to be changed an announcement will be made.

The library is adding STEAM kits for students to check out this year. Kits are checked out for 2 weeks. If you have any suggestions for kits please let us know.

Maker Space is a hands-on opportunity for students to explore STEAM concepts. Many of the materials we use are consumable. We will happily accept donations of craft supplies, cardboard tubes and used or new STEM toys (Lego, K'Nex, robots).



Idaho Battle of the Books

Join in the Idaho Battle of the Books, IBOB, this year. IBOB is an interactive book club where students form teams and read the IBOB selected books. Students will practice battles with their LHMS peers in the fall and winter and then battle with other schools at the IBOB Regional Tournament in the spring. More information to follow. <http://idahobattleofthebooks.org>

Hours

8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Check Out

3 items for 2 weeks with a 5-day grace period

Fines

10 cents per day per overdue item

Fine payments may be paid:

In cash, by donations, "Read Away" or by library dollars purchased at the Pride Store.

Donations

Each donated item will forgive up to \$1 of the fine. New & in-date canned goods & hygiene items are donated to local charities.

Read Away

20 minutes of reading in the library will forgive up to \$1 of the fine. Students may read in increments of 5 minutes & must notify staff prior to & after reading. Does not apply to lost books.



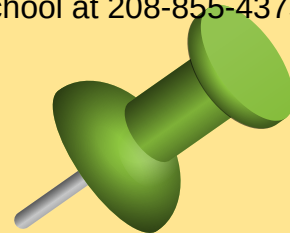
Scholastic Book Club

In lieu of a Scholastic Book Fair, the library will have Scholastic Book Club order forms available for students this year. The library will use the points earned through the Book Club book sales to purchase books for the library. If you choose to order, you may pay with credit card online or with cash or check in the library. Checks must be made out to Scholastic. The online code for ordering is **RGVYJ**. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Brumfield. brumfield.christina@westada.org

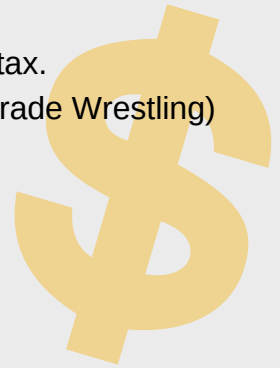
Registrar's Reminders

Are you moving or changing schools?

Please notify our Registrar, Barb Nelson, 24 hours before transferring schools. It is best if the student is in school for a full day for the checkout procedures. We will need a parent/guardian signature. Please email Barb Nelson at nelson.barb@westada.org or call the school at 208-855-4375.

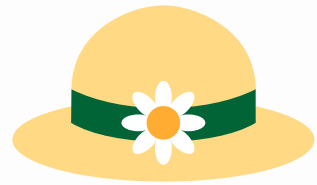


Yearbooks are now \$25.75 after 10/25/19 yearbooks will increase to \$27.30 including tax.
Pay to Participate \$90 (Winter Sports: 8th grade Girls & Boys Basketball and 6th-8th grade Wrestling)
Activity Card \$22.26 (All students playing a sport must have an activity card.)
Replacement Id/Activity cards \$6.00. (can only be purchased with Mrs. Labbe)
Fees can be paid on-line at Myschoolfees.com (4% surcharge) or
with Mrs. Labbe our bookkeeper with CASH OR CHECK only.



STUDENT DRESS CODE

A degree of modesty is expected. Any apparel that draws undue attention, is unsafe, or disrupts the learning environment is prohibited. The following is a partial list of apparel that is not within good grooming or safety standards for the educational environment. Examples include but are not limited to: Clothing that does not cover the stomach, back, chest/cleavage, or undergarments; tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, off-the-shoulder shirts; skirts, shorts or dress that reach the mid-thigh, spiked clothing, belts or jewelry; safety pins; – any attire with holes above mid-thigh; chains connecting the wallet to a belt loop or worn anywhere on the person; boxer shorts worn as outer-wear; hats, headbands, hoods, bandannas, or other head covering; clothing, jewelry, or tattoos advertising or depicting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang affiliation, or sexual innuendos; hanging belts; inappropriate tattoos must be covered at all times; sunglasses. In addition: Footwear must be worn at all times. Participation in certain classes may require specific clothing and footwear for safety purposes. Athletic/ Activity uniforms worn during the school day must adhere to the dress code policy. Exceptions to the dress code may be made for special days or special events. These days and events are announced in advance. Violations of the dress code will lead to disciplinary action.



Our monthly Subway fundraiser is now underway!

You will have the opportunity to pre-order and pre-pay for a Subway meal (6" sub, cookie and apple slices, yogurt, or chips) for only \$6! \$1.50 of that STAYS at LHMS. Watch for the order form to be sent home.

Upcoming Subway Dates:

September 13th October 18th November 8th December 13th

SCHOOL SAFETY

New School Safety System

West Ada School District expanded its building safety systems to LHMS over the summer. The systems, which are currently in place at the district's high schools, are designed to secure school buildings by limiting access to the people who are supposed to be in the school.

This form of access control will keep the exterior doors locked during the day. To access the school, visitors will press a button on the exterior of the building that will alert office staff that they are requesting entry. The office staff will be able to verify who the visitor is before unlocking the door.

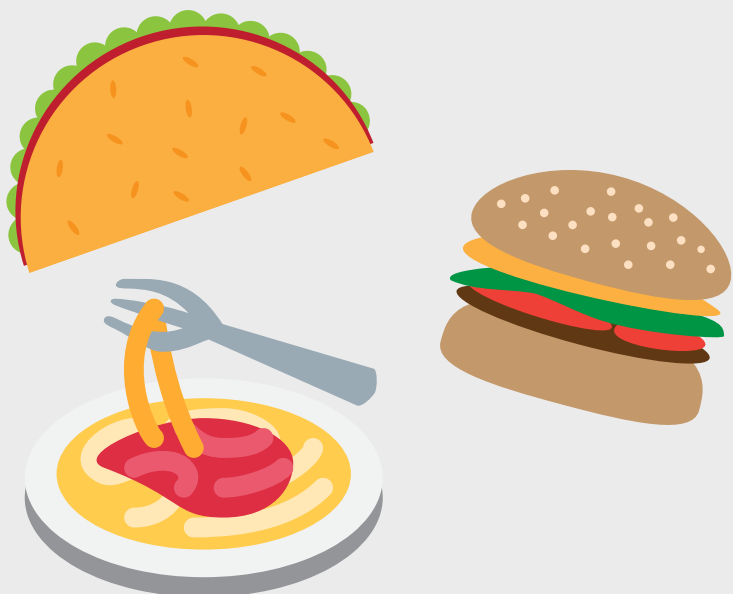
Students and staff have been issued badges that will allow them to access the building. These badges will include a photo of the staff or student. To gain access, the badge is placed against a card reader that will unlock exterior doors.

Badges were issued during picture day (August 30th) and training on the system has been provided for students and staff.

The first badge and lanyard will be issued to all students free of charge. However, if a student loses their badge, they will be required to pay **\$6.00 for a replacement badge**. ALL students and staff will be required to wear their badge during school hours. Staff will be checking for badges during advisory. Additionally, staff and students will be monitoring that everyone in the building either has a badge or a visitors pass. If your child would like to wear their own school appropriate lanyard they are welcome to do so.

West Ada has had success with these systems at the current high schools. The schools have been able to increase awareness of school safety by building a culture where everyone can identify someone who isn't supposed to be in the building.

School Nutrition Accounts



Money can be added to student accounts for lunches using [MyPaymentsPlus.com](https://www.westada.org/Page/14091).

NEED ASSISTANCE?

Use <https://www.westada.org/Page/14091> to apply for the free and reduced lunch programs. You must REAPPLY for any lunch program yearly.

WINTER SPORTS

8th grade Girls Basketball: October 14th – December 18th

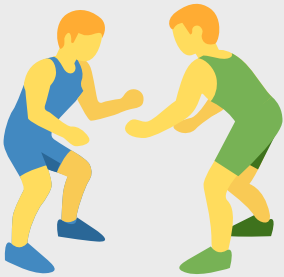
Sign-ups will occur during Advisory on October 4th and all paperwork will be due by October 11. Practice will begin October 14. Coaches will form one “A” and one “B” team. All other athletes will be on a “C” team if necessary. The District participation fee and payment for an activity card can be paid starting the first week of October and is due prior to the first practice on October 14. There will be a mandatory parent/player meeting October 21 at 5:00pm. For further information and contact information, please refer to the LHMS sports website.



Wrestling

6th, 7th, 8th grade Wrestling: October 17 – December 14

Sign-ups will occur during Advisory on October 4th and all paperwork will be due by October 15th. Practice begins October 17th. There will be a mandatory parent/player meeting October 21st at 5:00 pm. The District participation fee and payment for an activity card can be paid starting the first week of October and is due prior to the first practice on October 17th. For further information and contact information, please refer to the LHMS sports website..



BASKETBALL

8th Boys Basketball: January 6 – March 4

Sign-ups will occur during the 1st part of December and all paperwork will be due by December 20. Tryouts/Practice will begin January 6. Coaches will form one “A” and one “B” team. All other athletes will be on a “C” team. There will be a mandatory parent/player meeting January 7 after practice. The District participation fee and payment for an activity card is due by January 6 (District participation fee waived if two sports have previously been paid). For further information and contact information, please refer to the LHMS sports website.



Attendance Policies/Information

Attendance Phone Line: 208-855-4388 Attendance Fax Line: 208-855-4399

Please use our attendance line to report any student absences.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

The laws of the State of Idaho require all youth to attend school regularly until the age of sixteen (16). Regular and consistent attendance is necessary for maximum student learning. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to aid school authorities in enforcing this attendance policy. Students are allowed six (6) absences per class period during the semester. Students who receive seven (7) absences in any class will lose credit unless cleared by the attendance office as extraordinary within five (5) days of the absence. If a student exceeds seven (7) absences, the student will need to follow an appeal process with their Vice Principal. Regular and consistent attendance is an indicator of success in school and is necessary for maximum student learning and success! Please plan your vacations around the school schedule. (Please see 2019-2020 district-wide calendar on school website.)

PERMIT TO LEAVE CAMPUS (PTL)

If it is necessary for a student to leave campus, they must obtain a permit to leave from the attendance office. Failure to secure this permit will result in a major truancy as stated in the school handbook. In order to facilitate a student's release, the attendance office needs at least one hour notice. A parent or guardian must call the attendance office prior to the absence. Notes will not be accepted.

TARDINESS

Every student is allowed to be tardy twice without consequence per semester. On a student's 3rd tardy in a class, they will be given a lunch detention to be served the next school day. On a student's 4th tardy and any consecutive tardy, they will be given one lunch detention per tardy. A student who is tardy a 10th time per semester will be assigned Friday school. Friday school is held every other Friday from 3:15 to 5:00 starting October 4th.

TARDY LATE

When students arrive to class after fifteen (15) minutes they will be marked Tardy Late (TL). A tardy late is not counted as an absence but is disciplined as part of the tardy policy.

TRUANCY

Truancy occurs when a student is absent from any class or when in violation of the closed campus policy without previous consent or knowledge of the parents or an appropriate school official. A full-day truancy or single-period truancy will result in a parent contact or conference. Truant students may be assigned to Friday school, the safe school suspension room, and/or lunch detention to make up the time they have missed.

VISITOR GUIDELINES

All visitors must check in with their driver's license at the main office and receive a visitor badge in order to visit with faculty or students. Every attempt will be made not to interrupt classes or to take students out of class. Non-students or former students must make an appointment BEFORE coming in. We encourage parents to make an appointment with teachers before or after school. LHMS students may NOT bring in a visitor; our classrooms cannot accommodate extra people for the sake of safety and student privacy.

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM

The school nurse is a registered nurse responsible for the identification, management and planning of health issues in schools. The school nurse's role is to maximize a student's ability to learn by giving first aid to the ill and injured, supporting students with special medical needs, identifying and controlling communicable diseases, monitoring medications, guest teaching on health-related subjects, and performing health screening. Parents are requested to notify the school nurse of any student illness or medical problems that could affect their student's well-being or academic success. Health offices in West Ada and Lake Hazel are staffed by teams of registered nurses and health technicians.

ILLNESS/INJURY

When students become ill or injured at school, they should go to the nurse's office. During class time students must have a pass from the teacher, unless it is an emergency. Non-urgent matters should be addressed outside of class time. If a student goes to the health office for a non-emergency and the nurse is not available, the student will be sent back to class and asked to visit the nurse later. Students will not be permitted to leave school without permission from the parent or specified emergency contact person. Parents are requested to keep daytime phone and emergency contact information current. Being in the nurse's office longer than 20 minutes may count as a class absence.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Students who need to take prescription medication during the school day must bring it to the nurse's office in a properly labeled prescription bottle or original container. A consent form must be completed by the parent and on file with the nurse for any medication to be given. Students who fail to adhere to this procedure are in violation of the district drug policy. Emergency medications may be kept in the nurse's office and/or carried by a student for self-administration if the appropriate self-administration form has been completed. Students who need to carry emergency medication to treat asthma or severe allergies may do so according to district policy procedures. Please contact the Nurse Renee regarding required procedures for emergency medications at belleza.renee@westada.org

For additional information on student health, immunizations, or to access medication consent forms; visit the West Ada Health Services webpage @ <https://www.westada.org/Page/1678>

Powerschool

PowerSchool is the district's student management system. Parents and students can access current grades and attendance on the internet at any time through PowerSchool at <https://ps.westada.org/public/>.

Students, if you are having trouble with your PowerSchool account please contact the IT department at the district office. Parent logins are different from their students and will allow direct email access with teachers. Parents should establish an account that allows them to view all of their students through one account. PS account instructions can be found at westada.org. Under PowerSchool, go to "Create an Account." We encourage parents to utilize PowerSchool for grades and attendance. Individual questions about PowerSchool can be directed to LHMS at 208-855-4399.

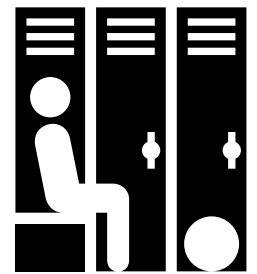
We also ask that you PLEASE call Lake Hazel's attendance line at 208-855-4388 when your student is absent.

PE 2019-2020

Please note that for the 2019-2020 school year all 7th and 8th grade PE students will be required to dress appropriately for PE class. Athletic clothes and athletic shoes must be worn. Proper attire helps students to meet the goals and objectives in their PE class. Failure to wear appropriate clothing and shoes will be reflected in the student's grade.

Students will be issued lockers to store their clothing and other personal items as needed. Locks will be provided for all students. Students may also use their own lock; however, their combination must be provided to the teacher in the locker room.

6th grade PE students will not be required to dress down, but are required to have athletic footwear on the days they have PE. Baskets that lock will be provided for all 6th graders to store their belongings in during class.



LHMS ATHLETICS

****All dates are tentative and subject to change without notice - we will do our best to communicate any changes****

To participate in athletics, all athletes are required to be insured (or sign a waiver), purchase an activity card (\$22.26 – including tax), and pay the District Participation fee (\$90) prior to the first game/event. All fees must be paid before uniforms will be checked out to athletes. The Activity Card is a one time purchase. The participation fee must be paid for the first 2 sports of the school year your athlete participates in. The 3rd or 4th sport your child participates in will have no participation fee. If you have any questions or concerns with payments, please contact Jared Levanger (levanger.jared@westada.org). All information will also be posted on the LHMS school website. Participation forms as well as concussion information can be downloaded from the website @ <https://www.westada.org/domain/4531>



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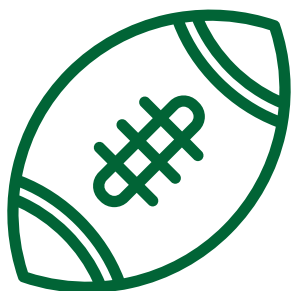


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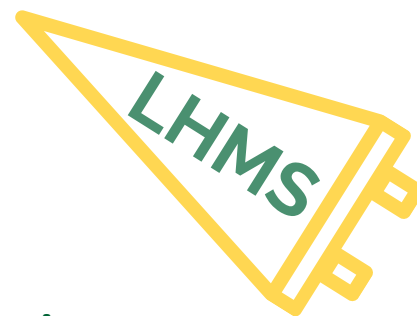
Tuesday, September 24

Starting at 4:00

Come join us for

Football, Food trucks and Family Games!

Everyone is Welcome!



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