



**LOWELL SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHARGER CHRONICLE  
PARENT NEWSLETTER  
October 3, 2018**

[www.westada.org/lsms](http://www.westada.org/lsms) We have a calendar of events and links to teachers, PTA minutes and other relevant news!

**OCTOBER Events:**

- 11 - PTA meeting in Library 11:00 am
- 11 – Orchestra Fall Concert 7:00 Hoyle Gym
- 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> gr Student Council campaign begins; Sources of Strength student leader training; Dutch Bros here for lunch
- 15 – Wrestling and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB begin
- 18- LSMS/CHS Choir Concert 7:00 CPAC
- 19-25 Scholastic Book Fair
- 24-25 Parent Teacher Conferences (see below)
- 25- No school/Parent Teacher Conferences (see below)
- 26 – No School
- 30 – EARLY RELEASE (12:00) for Collaboration  
MONSTER MASH 5:00-7:00 PM

**Parent Teacher Conferences Oct 24 & 25 No School Oct 25/26**

Oct 24 4:00-7:30 Conferences

Oct 25 8:30-11:30 Conferences AND 4:00-7:15 Conferences

**NOTE: Not all teachers will be on campus the entire conference schedule.**

**Conference Format:** We have an 'open' format for conferences. No appointments are made, and you can select which teacher to visit and when. Individual conferences are to discuss progress to date, strengths, areas for growth, and how we can all work with/alongside the student. Please limit the conference time to about 5-8 minutes per teacher. Schedule additional time if needed.

**Come to the library when you arrive. This PARENT CENTER is the starting point.** Here we will have information to provide:

- a. Pick up your child's **current grade report**
- b. Pick up a **map of teacher locations** – most of the staff will be in the main hall, cafeteria or gym.
- c. Computers will be available to help you login to **PowerSchool** if you haven't done so; update your family information if changes have occurred.
- d. Participate in our **SCHOOL** activities.
- e. **Volunteer opportunities** are available. See the sign up sheets. We have several big events coming that involve the community. **PTA news, Veterans' Day, Reality Town simulation for 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Holiday Craft Bazaar**, – all happen in the next few months as LSMS!
- f. **Scholastic Book Fair** is also happening. Books are available for purchase. Promote reading!

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE - CHOIR AND BAND "INFORMANCES"**

As a part of parent teacher conferences, come sit in and see what we are working on in music! This is a new format for 6th grade choir and band that we're trying this year. This is not a concert, but an "Informance" as we work towards our December concert. Because this is an informal event, students **do not** need to wear their concert attire. This will be held during the first evening of parent teacher conferences (Wednesday, October 24th). We will be in our classroom (Room 42 & 43) for this informational performance.

In **choir**, students will sing from the risers in the choir room and the parents will be sitting in the classroom chairs.

**4:30 - 4:45 = Band Period 7-O**

**5:00 - 5:15pm = Choir Period 4-O**

**5:30 - 5:45 = Band Period 2-E/7-E**

**6:00 - 6:15pm = Choir Periods 1-E/1-O**

**6:30 - 6:45 = Band Period 2-O**

**7:00 - 7:15pm = Choir Period 6-O**

Please know that you will be able to visit with your student's other teachers before and after our music Informance. If you have further questions or would like to visit additionally with me, we will be at our conference stations during the following times:

**Miss**

**Mazile's Availability**

**Wednesday**

**(10/24):** 4:00 - 4:50, 5:20 - 5:50, 6:20 - 6:50, 7:20 - 7:30

**Thursday**

**(10/25):** 8:30am - 11:30am, 4:30pm - 7:15pm

**Mrs. DeWitt's Availability**

**Wednesday (10/24):** 4:00 - 4:30, 4:45 - 5:30, 5:45 - 6:30, 6:45 - 7:30

**Thursday (10/25):** 8:30am - 11:30am, 4:30pm - 7:15pm

**Boxtops!** Yes, Lowell Scott collects Boxtops! Please collect and send in your Boxtops for Education to your child's advisory teacher. This money is used to fund several class field trips. Each little pink label is worth at least 10 cents! You can find these pink labels on many products including Cheerios, Kleenex and Ziploc (for complete list go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)). Turn your Boxtops in to your advisory teacher or to Mrs. Chambers WITH YOUR CHILD'S ADVISORY TEACHER CLEARLY LABELED.



**STUDENT COUNCIL:**

We're about to start the election process for our 6th grade student council representatives. Our kickoff meeting will happen during advisory on October 12th. The election will be held on October 23rd during advisory and winners will be announced at the end of the day on October 24th. If your student is interested in running, they should attend the meeting on 10/12. If they're absent on 10/12 they can still run, they just need to talk to Mr. Baker (room 5) to get an application packet.

**Scholastic Book Fair:** There are exciting things happening in the LSMS library. Cindee Hersey, our new librarian, has launched our bookmark contest to celebrate Teen Read Week on October 8. You can get blank bookmarks from your ELA teacher or in the library. Completed bookmarks are due in the library by the end of the day, Wednesday, October 17. Voting will occur at the end of October. Check the library website for more information and to view the finalists.

The Scholastic Book Fair runs October 19 -25, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. Adult volunteers are needed. Our goal is 1,000 books sold. Mr. Baker and Mr. McGerty have volunteered to be duct taped to the wall if we meet our goal! Please click the link below if you are interested and able to help. <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/N2pkRKF3Z>

**Holiday Bazaar:** We are excited to be having the LSMS Holiday Bazaar again this year! Each year it continues to grow and help raise money for LSMS, along with allowing our community to see some of the amazing talents of our LSMS students and community members. If you are interested in having a booth, or your student might be interested in performing at the bazaar this year, contact Kjirsten Lawton at [Lawton.kjirsten@westada.org](mailto:Lawton.kjirsten@westada.org).

Dates:

Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Booth space is filling up fast, so don't wait! We will again be a collection site for the Keep Kids Warm Coat Drive. Dutch Bros will be back again, serving up hot drinks from their fun trailer. Plus, we have added some additional food booths this year. So, grab a friend and come get in the holiday spirit, while you shop and enjoy some great treats.

For more information check out our website at: <https://lsmsholidaybazaar.webs.com/>  
Also, please like and share our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/lsmsholidaybazaar/>

**National Junior Honor Society (NJHS):**

NJHS hosted a LSMS Spirit Night at Urban Air. 180 students showed up and had a great time. Members will begin working on a school wide Box Top Competition with proceeds going to Ms. Chambers class.

NJHS students have helped cast a wide net to mentor and tutor fellow students during Advisory and GRIT. Members for 2018-19 are:

Ader, Marlena	Hunter, Lily	Phan-Nguyen, Jenny
Batchu, Shyam	Johnson, Chade	Pratt, Adrianna
Benton, Jack	Kerby, Ashlyn	Pratt, Sophia
Butler, Grace	Kinzel, Calvin	Provost, Rachel
Chong, Madelyn	Kottas, Olivia	Renaud, Isabella
Dallmann, Holly	Kusuma, Esha	Reid, Kendall
Dallmann, Landon	Line, Christopher	Robbins, Sophie
Doyle, Amanda	Line, Nick	Robertson, Lilly
Fonnesbeck, Brooke	McKinlay, Lucas	Sarrazolla, Jackson
Gabbard, Mila	McMurray, Madison	Sawyer, Ava
Gilchrist, Max	Mgonja, Andrew	Schramm, Auscar
Green, Kate	Miller, Jassandra	Sorensen, Bella
Harris, Bailee	Nielson, Samantha	Stubbs, Amalia
Heydari, Lalah	Olson, Will	Wilson, Cooper
Howard, Hailee	Parr, Emily	Wyke, Sullivan

**PE and Winter:** Please make sure your student is coming prepared for PE, and the weather changes. Sweatpants and sweatshirts are allowed. As the weather cools down we will remain outside unless rain prevents us, so please dress warmer.

**PTA**

Our annual Monster Mash is coming up! It will be on **Tuesday, October 30th from 5-7pm**. Wristbands are \$15 and will include, dodgeball, virtual reality, trivia, fear factor and more. Our haunted house will be one you won't want to miss. There will be doughnuts and drinks for purchase as well as food trucks outside. Also, we could use your help! If you would like to be involved with our big fundraiser event, follow the link below to help with Monster Mash on October 30. Hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaba62da5f58-monster1>

**LSMS CHEERLEADERS:** Our girls have been very busy this year! Our season started the first full week of school. Cheer practices have been busy and we are continually learning and

practicing stunting, jumping, and cheers. We are having a lot of fun. The 2018-2019 cheer squad is made up of 7th grade members: Alyssa Sargent, Brittney Cruz, Brooklyn Waters, Daphne Day, Kortney Dibkey, Melanie Sanchez-Silva, Olivia Bauer, and Trinity Gillispie; and our 8th grade members: Abi Jones, Anastasia Butcher, Bella Sorensen, Brianna Scown, Brooklyn Weiss, Graicyn Owens, Hannah Stevens, Bella Renaud, Kelly Horton, Liberty Lee, Sammie Nielsen, Savannah Fuller, Talia Ramos, and Zoe Phillips. The cheerleaders are coached by Mrs. Gallegos, Coach Keli, and Coach Tristen.

At the beginning of the year we had our girls perform at a Homecoming assembly. This was the first time our girls performed in front of a crowd, and the cheerleaders were all smiling from ear to ear. The girls have cheered at home football games and are preparing for basketball season. If you haven't been to a game yet, you need to come watch the LSMS cheerleaders. They have worked so hard and it shows. We are getting new uniforms this year thanks to donations and fundraising. We look forward to seeing all during basketball season. Go Big Blue and Gold!

#### **FROM THE REGISTRAR:**

PowerSchool: Your parent PowerSchool account is your link to access your student's grades, assignments, attendance records and standardized test scores. It is also a tool that parents use to update demographic information as well as your student's medical information. If you are having difficulty accessing your account or need to create an account please contact the registrar, Jenny Pullara at 208-350-4060 or at [pullara.jenny@westada.org](mailto:pullara.jenny@westada.org)

Withdrawing a student from LSMS: If you will be withdrawing your student from Lowell Scott, please contact the registrar at least one day prior to your students last day of school. We have a simple form to complete to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **COUNSELORS' CORNER:**

##### **Parents of 8th graders:**

**Reality Town** will be held on **Thursday, November 29th** in the Auxiliary Gym. Reality Town is a real life "simulation," where 8th graders are given a job, salary, and family and must visit various "businesses" to make important decisions about living accommodations, transportation, child care, groceries, etc. The goal of this simulation is to teach students about some of the realities of life and help them connect the importance of education as a means for better employment opportunities and greater financial stability. We need lots of volunteers to make this event run smoothly. If you, or someone you know, is available to help, please contact the LSMS Counselors at 350-4060.

##### **All Grade Levels:**

**PowerSchool and Teacher Websites:** By now, your child should have grades posted in PowerSchool. If you have not yet set up your PowerSchool account, please contact our front office for instructions. We recommend checking PowerSchool once a week to stay on top of grades. Teachers post assignments and upcoming projects on their staff webpages, available

through the LSMS website. A good rule of thumb is to have your child print out their team or teachers' agenda pages each Monday and post them in a visible place at home. On Thursday, have your child check PowerSchool to make sure assignments are being turned in and graded and to see how he or she is doing on tests/quizzes. If anything is missing, have your child collect those assignments on Friday to complete over the weekend.

**Parent Teacher Conference:** Please stop by and say hi to the counselors during Parent Teacher Conference. We will have an area set up in the Library where we will be answering questions, providing referrals to community resources, and talking about college and career readiness. We look forward to seeing you!

**Parent's Guide to Mobile Phone Use:** You can find this helpful guide on the Counseling Office page of our LSMS website. Or click this link:

[https://www.westada.org/cms/lib/ID01904074/Centricity/Domain/6317/A\\_Parents\\_Guide\\_to\\_Mobile\\_Phones.pdf](https://www.westada.org/cms/lib/ID01904074/Centricity/Domain/6317/A_Parents_Guide_to_Mobile_Phones.pdf)

LSMS offers help to students who are struggling with academics and organization. Please contact your child's counselor for more information.

Lindsey Miller – 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Kathi Hancock – 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Alison Terrill – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

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WINTER SPORTS 2018

Date	Day	Activity	Opponent	Place	Time
11/1	Thurs.	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Victory</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Victory	VMS	4:00
11/6	Tues.	Wrestling	Eagle	EMS	4:00
		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Eagle</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
11/8	Thurs.	Wrestling	Lewis & Clark	LCMS	4:00
		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Lewis &amp; Clark</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
11/13	Tues.	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Star	Star	4:00
11/15	Thurs.	Wrestling	Sawtooth	Sawtooth	4:00
		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Sawtooth</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
11/16-17	Fri./Sat.	Wrestling	TVC	Borah High	TBA
11/28	Wed.	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Lake Hazel</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Lake Hazel	LHMS	4:00
12/3	Mon.	<b>Wrestling</b>	<b>Meridian</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
		8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Meridian	MMS	4:00
12/5	Wed.	Wrestling	Heritage	HMS	4:00
		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
12/8	Sat.	Wrestling	District Tourney	Eagle High	9:00 a.m.
12/10	Mon.	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	Eagle	EMS	4:00
12/12	Wed.	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Star</b>	<b>LSMS</b>	<b>4:00</b>
12/17	Mon.	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	District Tourney	TBD	4:00
12/18	Tues.	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	District Tourney	EMS	TBD
12/19	Wed.	8 <sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball	District Tourney	EMS	TBD

Wrestling will be in the Hoyle Gym. The Treasure Valley Tournament on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> will be by coaches' invitation. The District Tournament will have the top two wrestlers in each weight class only participate.

The A and B Girls Basketball teams will play in the Hoyle Gym with the A's starting at 4:00 and the B's right after (around 5:30). The C Girls Basketball team will play in the Auxiliary Gym starting at 4:00.

Please email questions to James McGerty at [mcgerty.james@westada.org](mailto:mcgerty.james@westada.org).