

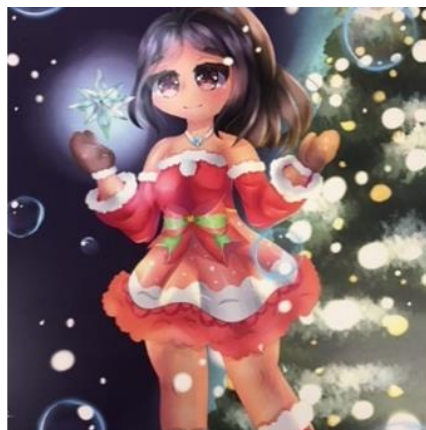
CHOIR FUNDRAISER: Parents - Would you like to show your child how much you care about them during this Thanksgiving season? Why not show them with the gift of music! **This week during lunch (12:15 - 1:30), our choir program will be selling singing telegrams for \$3.** Come choose from a selection of songs by Maroon 5, Beyonce, Bruno Mars, Queen and more! (Below are links to the songs we will be singing.) The song you pick will be sung to your child by our 7/8 choir students during advisory next Friday, November 16th. But don't wait--we will only be selling the telegrams **this week!** You can also come see our bookkeeper to buy a song if you are unable to come during our lunch times. **Proceeds will support the LSMS Choir Program*

For the Longest Time - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izt7vIJKMO>
I Want You Back - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGDyAb6pePo>
Halo - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VyR7yoDBQsG>
Umbrella - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcKaTTFRDT4>
Girls Like You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCVrcMJbE70>
Count on Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yc6T9iY9SOU>
You're My Best Friend - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XEH2ICPkLIU>
I'll Be There For You - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZqcB2hEJcc>
You've Got a Friend in Me - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zy4uiiy0qgA>

We appreciate your support!

Sincerely, **Miss Emmanuella Mazile**, *Director of Choirs & General Music*

Annual Holiday Art Show: The theme of this year's Annual LSMS Holiday Art Contest was "Celebrate Winter". Many students created and entered beautiful and creative original artwork. All the artwork was on display and voted upon by the public during the Annual LSMS Holiday Bazaar, November 3rd and 4th. This year's winner is a beautiful and very wintery digital artwork titled "Shining Lights", created by Asia Lawyer. Congratulation to all the entrants on a job well done, and congratulation to Asia for a phenomenal piece of artwork!



LIBRARY NEWS: We have three exciting events happening in the library right now! Our **Book Fair** was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who purchased books. We earned \$1400.00 for our library. The money will be used to purchase new books, complete some book series that students are requesting and replace some favorite titles that are so loved that the books are falling apart.

Students have been given a challenge called, **Mission Impossible**. To complete the challenge, students need to read 26 books and write 26 book reviews. They need to find a book with an author's last name for each letter in the alphabet. For example, they could read *Inside Out and Back Again* written by Avi for the letter "A". After they read the book, they need to write a quality review and then move on to the next letter in the alphabet. The challenge is broken down into 5 missions with prizes at each level. Prizes include a bookmark, bag of Skittles, ticket to a monthly donut party, prizes from the library SWAG box, a pizza party and a grand prize of an Amazon Kindle and a \$25 gift card. We already have 6 students who have earned their first prize and one student who has earned her second prize.

Lowell Scott Middle School is proud to announce that we are participating in the **Idaho Battle of the Books** competition. Idaho Battle of the Books, or IBOB, is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program open to all Idaho students in grades 3-12, regardless of ability. IBOB is meant to expose students to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission of the program is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, share the love of reading with students who have not yet discovered that for themselves, broaden reading interests, increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. Students read the books, discuss them, and then compete in teams of four students to correctly answer questions based on the books in a "quiz show" format. Click on this link for more information: <http://idahobattleofthebooks.org/>

SCHOOL COMPUTER USE FOR STUDENTS: We've seen a recent surge in students' searching for topics that are not appropriate for the school setting so want to reinforce the standard of expectations. Using district computers is a **privilege, not a right**, and requires users to abide by the district guidelines. All searches can be tracked through the IT department and inappropriate searches may result in a student losing computer rights for a few weeks or for the remainder of the year. Additionally, students are expected to use only the software made available to them by teachers or tech staff and for EDUCATIONAL purposes only. Video games are not to be played at school on district devices unless approved for educational purposes. For details, see your student handbook under Computer/Network Use and Conduct.

<https://www.westada.org/cms/lib/ID01904074/Centricity/Domain/83/Middle%20School%20Handbook%202018-2019r7-25.pdf>

EASY FUNDS FROM Fred Meyer Community Rewards - Please link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card with Lowell Scott Middle School. If you were linked to Lowell Scott before July 1, 2016 Fred Meyer has a new system and you will need you to relink your card. You can sign up for a card or link your existing card at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Every time you shop you are helping earn a donation. You will still earn reward points, fuel points and rebates just as you do now. If you do not have a rewards card they are available at any Fred Meyer Customer Service Desk.



VETERANS' DAY: This year, Veterans' Day occurs on a Saturday. On Friday, Nov 9th, each advisory class will observe a presentation that reflects the staff/students family members who have served in the military.

LSMS Holiday Bazaar: Thanks to many of you who attended the Holiday Bazaar over the weekend. It continues to grow with new vendors made up of the community, staff and students. What a great way to kick off the holiday spirit!

PTA NEWS: THANK YOU to everyone that made Monster Mash such a success! We appreciate all the volunteers that gave of their time for our fun Fall Festival Fundraiser!

We are well under way on our No-NONSENSE FUNDRAISER. We appreciate all that have donated. If you would like to donate - 100% of your donation goes to the school. Use this link to make an on-line donation. Or you can send a check to school with your child made out to LSMS PTA. <http://paypal.me/LSMSpta>

Our Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month at 11:00am at the school. All are welcome!



10 TIPS FOR SAVING FOR COLLEGE:

1. SAVE IN THE RIGHT PLACE. 529 plans are designed specifically for saving for higher education. They are tax-advantaged¹ programs created to help families save for a child's future education expenses. When the student is ready for school, the account owner can withdraw the assets, tax-free, for qualified higher education expenses: tuition, mandatory fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for enrollment or attendance, and certain room and board costs. IDEAL - Idaho College Savings Program is a 529 plan designed specifically for Idaho residents.

2. START EARLY...Parents of teenagers already know this, but college comes in the blink of an eye. It is never too early to start saving.

3. ...BUT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE, EITHER. Even when students are ready to head off to college, they can benefit from last minute savings. Money invested in 529 plan accounts can be used for books, computers (if required), and many other college-related costs, so having those tax-free earnings available for qualified expenses can be a help¹.

4. ENLIST FRIENDS AND FAMILY. Inviting grandparents and friends to contribute to a child's 529 plan is a great way to boost savings. Ugift[®] - Give College Savings - is an online tool that allows account owners to email an invitation to contribute to college savings for birthdays, events, or any milestone in lieu of a traditional gift. Anyone can contribute to the account and Idaho taxpayers may take a tax deduction, even if they are not the account owner.

5. EMPLOYERS ARE PARTICIPATING, TOO. Slowly but surely, corporations are seeing the value of offering access to 529 plans as a no cost part of their benefits packages. By allowing employees to contribute a portion of their paycheck to college savings accounts automatically, the employer not only provides families with an added benefit, but they help ensure that tomorrow's workers can be better prepared to enter the workforce.

6. SET REALISTIC SAVINGS GOALS. Families should set realistic goals when making a plan to save for college. It's important to note that any money saved prior to college helps to close the gap. However, the more that is saved the easier it is on kids down the road. Combining savings, financial aid and loans will give families a higher education plan that makes sense. For more information on IDeal - Idaho College Savings Program, please visit idsaves.org.

7. SAVING LITTLE BY LITTLE MAKES A DIFFERENCE. Adding small but regular amounts to a savings account over time gives investments more time to grow. 529 plan accounts offer direct deposit options that allow investors to have amounts deducted automatically from a savings or checking account on a regular schedule, generally monthly or quarterly.²

8. MAKE THE MOST OF REWARDS PROGRAMS. Rewards programs like Upromise® by Sallie Mae® give members a way to earn additional college savings when shopping online, booking travel, dining out, buying groceries or even purchasing a home. The money earned from everyday spending goes directly into a member's Upromise account, and earnings can then be invested in a tax-advantaged 529 plan account.¹

9. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN WELL. One of the most daunting challenges in preparing for higher education costs is a common lack of knowledge. Encouraging financial literacy for all phases of life, including saving for college and beyond, will give a significant boost to the next generation.

10. THINK OUTSIDE THE TRADITIONAL BOX. Higher education is not limited to our notion of a traditional four-year university. 529 plan account savings can be used for technical or vocational schools, community colleges, and graduate programs, as well. Savings strategies can extend beyond children to adults who are thinking about retraining or advanced degrees.

Lowell Scott Middle School Santa Project 2018



As December approaches, it is time once again to get ready for the LSMS Santa Project. This is the 33rd Annual Santa Project for Lowell Scott. It is our goal this year to raise at least \$7,000. To do this, we need everyone's help to donate change from his or her pockets during the collection period of Nov. 26 – Dec. 7. A container will be provided to each classroom for Santa Project money. Our "elves" will be checking for any money collected each day. Teachers collect money during the day, and money will be picked up during 7th/8th periods. As usual, there will be a competition between the grades. Additionally, the winning grade level will have the opportunity to participate in a game with surprise guests.

Parents, YOU can contribute to this worthy cause by donating to LSMS Santa Project. Your donations are **TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Along with our teachers, the success of the Santa Project depends on your support and involvement!**

We continue to have more and more students and families here at LSMS that need holiday help. Last year we collected nearly \$9,000 through students and staff to service 120 children in 45 families from our boundary area. We hope to be able to do that again this year! The generosity of our students and faculty helped make the holidays very special for many people. Remember donations are used to purchase gifts and food certificates for students and their families in need at LSMS and our feeder elementary schools. We will be collecting change EVERY DAY by 7th/8th period. In the past, our students have become extremely involved and enjoyed the competition between the grade levels and or between or within teams.

Here at school we will encourage students to give anything they can, and show our own personal support for the project, especially through attitude and enthusiasm. However, we understand that we have students who may NOT be able to give (*that is why we are doing this of course*).

If you know of any students in our school that might need our help to make the holidays brighter, please notify a Lowell Scott counselor no later than Monday, November 26th. This information will be kept confidential.

Candy Cane sales will be available to students on Tuesday- Friday each week of Santa Project. We are looking for donations of Candy Canes. The Candy Canes can be of any flavor and in any amount. Candy Canes can be delivered to the front office or to Mrs. Maupin (room 1) beginning Monday November 12, 2018 and ending Friday December 7, 2018.

NURSE NOTES:



To Parents/Guardians of 6th Grade Students

With Thanksgiving and Christmas approaching, now is a good time to schedule an appointment for the ADDITIONALLY required 7th grade immunizations for your 6th grader.

These requirements are for all students entering 7th grade and include:

- * 1 Tdap
- * 1 Meningococcal

Please review your student's immunization status with your physician to ensure that your student will meet the school immunization requirements. Immunizations must be complete and PARENTS MUST PROVIDE THE SCHOOL WITH RECORD OF NEW IMMUNIZATIONS for students to enter 7th grade. Please provide the school with documentation of required immunizations as soon as possible. Students will not be allowed to complete registration for 7th grade without proof of these immunizations. Please plan ahead as some doctor's offices have a long waiting period. To avoid delay in the registration process for your student, immunizations need to be done and turned in to the nurse before the end of the school year. Your child will not be able to start school next August if immunizations have not been received.

COUNSELOR CORNER: We will be featuring information on different high schools available. This month's featured school is:

MTCHS
Meridian Technical Charter High School



Mission Statement:

The Meridian Technical Charter High School, Inc. implements the innovations of today and tomorrow to provide a progressive educational experience for every student. MTCHS envisions the lifelong application of learning, coupled with intelligent risk taking in an environment fostering leadership, achievement and diversity. MTCHS continuously challenges and encourages participation as a productive member of the local and global communities.

Technical Areas:

- Freshman & Sophomore Technology
- Computer Science & Data
- Networking & Support
- Complete Technology and Academic Program
- Electronic & Microcontrollers
- Web & Media Design

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **November 1st** – MTCHS students and staff will be at Lowell Scott Middle School during 8th grade lunch. They have robots, drones, a gift card that an 8th grader at LSMS will win, and another gift card students can sign-up to win at Tech-X-perience. They will be giving out free bookmarks and tickets to the Tech-X-perience.

*******EVENTS AT MTCHS:*******

- **November 8th (6:30 – 8:30)** – Tech-X-perience: Students will be involved in an activity related to a career interest and parents can attend the parent information session at the same time.
- **January 17th (12:30 – 2:00) and January 31st (3:30-5:00)** -- Open House: See what students are doing, talk with students and teachers, and get more information about the school.
- **February 8th (11:45)** – Lottery Application Deadline
- **February 15th (8:30 am)** -- Lottery Drawing at West Ada District Office

- Applications are available on the MTCHS website @ www.mtchs.org