

WELCOME TO LOWELL SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL

2019-2020

Dear Lowell Scott families,

I'd like to welcome you all to the 2019-20 school year! Staff at LSMS have been working hard preparing for our students' arrival. I have worked at LSMS for the past 20 years in various capacities and look forward to working with you in my new role as principal. We have a great student support team at LSMS that is focused on meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of middle schoolers. Please read through this newsletter for details about registration, as well as new technologies we are implementing to improve student safety. Our office staff is are always happy to help. You can reach us at 208.350.4060. For email addresses of individual staff members, please see the website.

Sincerely,
Jolene Bernal, Principal

Jason Meyers, Asst. Principal (A-K)
Jana Iverson, Asst. Principal (L-Z)

Alison Terrill, Counselor (6th)
Lindsey Miller, Counselor, (7th)
Kathi Hancock, Counselor (8th)

Our first day of school is Monday, August 26, 2019 and will be a full day of school.

We are so excited to see you all! 😊

For information about our school and staff, please see our website at

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

Before our first day of school we have a couple important events and we hope to see you there. See below for information about Back-to-school day and Charger Camp!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DAY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN BUILDING!

Please enter through the 6th grade hall (right side of the main building).

If you are new and not registered yet please contact the Registrar, Jenny Pullara, before or after this day to get the personal attention to enroll. Pullara.Jenny@westada.org

- **All grades:** Back-to-school day is on **Thursday, August 22, 2019 - 8am- 12:30pm**
 1. **MUST BRING CURRENT ADDRESS VERIFICATION - Current utility bill**
 2. Skip the long lines by paying fees ahead of time at www.myschoolfees.com
 3. **Print and sign the attached Student Handbook form to turn in at school**
- **7th graders:** Idaho state immunization requirements must be completed, and a copy provided to the school nurse, in order to receive a new registration schedule. Your student cannot start school if this has not been received.
- **6th grade & New Students to LSMS – CHARGER CAMP - Friday, August 23, 2019**
10:00 am – 12:00 pm [Parent session - from 10:00 – 10:30 am]

CHARGER CAMP

All incoming 6th graders and new 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to attend! **Students: please bring your schedule with you to Charger Camp!** You will have a chance to meet your new classmates, as well as some of our student leaders. Campers will be given a tour of the LSMS campus, participate in some fun team building activities, practice opening lockers and get all your middle school questions asked and answered! Campers will even get to practice using their lunch numbers to receive a special treat at the end of camp!

OPTIONAL PURCHASES (available online and during registration)

We encourage you to make payments online at myschoolfees.com before coming to registration in order to avoid long lines. You will login using your student's school ID number found on their Powerschool account. Bring your receipt to registration, skip the pay line after receiving your schedule, and head to the cafeteria for yearbook/ID card pictures, agenda books, and lunch accounts.

Most purchases may be made with one check. Lunch accounts will require a separate check, as will membership to the PTA (if desired). You will be able to make purchases with your debit/credit card. **Please note: There will be a convenience fee added when using your debit/credit card. All checks are deposited the day they are received. Postdated checks CANNOT be accepted.**

**Contact your child's counselor for information regarding financial help or school supplies.*

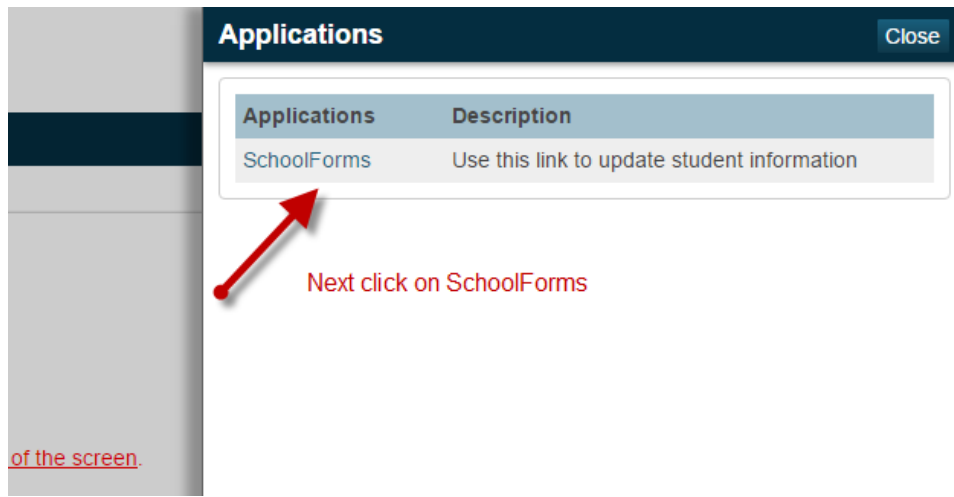
ENROLLMENT PROCESS (Before Back-to-school day)

Please review/revise all forms in PowerSchool. You may access the online registration system by logging into your PowerSchool parent account.

Step 1: Once you have logged in, you will notice an *Update Student Info* link at the top right of the menu.



Step 2: Once you click on that link, you will select *SchoolForms*.



Most of the demographic data will be there for you to verify and change, if necessary. Medical forms are also included and require your approval (and/or update), before you can complete the process.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school if you need help.

ACCESS CONTROL & RAPTOR TECHNOLOGIES

We are excited that West Ada School District is expanding its building safety systems to middle schools this year. Safety is a #1 priority for all our students. 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.



Called "**access control,**" the systems will keep the exterior doors locked during the day. To access the school, visitors will press a button on the exterior of the building (ours is mounted on the post in front of the main entrance) that will alert office staff that they are requesting entry. The office staff will be able to verify who the visitor is before activating the system to unlock the door.

Students and staff will be 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 the exterior door.

Badges will be issued during the first couple weeks of school in the fall and training on the system will be provided for students and staff.

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

Another new safety system installed this year is **Raptor Technologies**. This will check in all visitors to our building. Each visitor will be asked to show their government-issued ID before proceeding past the main office or checking out their child. Once your ID has been scanned, a visitor-pass or student dismissal slip will be issued. Raptor will also check in students who arrive late to school.



Using the Raptor security system, students will not be dismissed from classes until a parent/guardian arrives in the office and shows their identification. If you need to check out your student for an appointment during the school day, please plan ahead, bring your ID and allow approximately 10 minutes for dismissal slips to be delivered to your student.

Thank you for partnering with us as we implement these new safety features. As always, please contact the office if you have a question.

SPORTS INFORMATION

Please check out our website for information.

<https://www.westada.org/domain/8124>

The athletics page is found under the 'Parents and Students' tab on the LSMS website.



LSMS PTA

This year's PTA board members are:

President: Denise Kohtz

Vice President: Becky Martin

Secretary: Nicole Russel Willis

Treasurer: Michelle Reimers

We are always looking for ways to include parents. Please consider volunteering in whatever way works for you. For information email lsms.pta@gmail.com

You can support LSMS PTA and encourage school spirit while you shop! This year you will have TWO easy ways to buy a LSMS spirit wear!

1. Online: <https://lsms2019.itemorder.com/sale> - **August 19 - Sept 4**
2. At Back-to-School day: We will have limited amounts of the T-shirt's available for purchase!