



LOWELL SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CHARGER CHRONICLE  
PARENT NEWSLETTER  
SEPTEMBER 2019  
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**SEPTEMBER Events:**

- 9-13 – Homecoming Week Spirit Days
- 12 – PTA Meeting, 11 AM
- 13 – First School Dance, sponsored by LSMS Cheerleaders, 3:10
- 19 – Bruce Edmonds Memorial Concert, Faculty Artist Recital, 7 PM
- 20 – Lowell Scott Charger Night at Urban Air

**OCTOBER Events:**

- 4 - Team Incredibles team breakfast. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48aeac28a2f58-team>
- 8 – Early Release Grades K-8 Collaboration

**Principal's message:**

The 2019-2020 school year is off and running! We are three weeks into our year, and I have seen amazing learning occurring in our classrooms. Students have adjusted to new schedules and procedures, and many are participating in athletics or have joined clubs. We are finishing up our first spirit week, and I love that so many students have been participating, as we work to build a positive and friendly school community. Thank you for partnering with LSMS to educate our young people. Please read through this newsletter for information about school events and opportunities to be involved in your student's education.

**Now Hiring!** We need a crossing guard in the morning and afternoon. The position pays \$10.28/hr. If you would be interested, contact Assistant Principal Jason Meyers.





**Boxtops!** Yes, Lowell Scott collects Boxtops! (For a list of products with Boxtops see [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)) Drop them off at school anytime. Thank you for helping support Lowell Scott.

### Access Control:

West Ada School District has been expanding its building safety systems to middle schools. 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 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 on school picture day 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.

### Raptor Security / Attendance:

Attendance Line 208-350-4071



#### **\*\*All adults checking a student out of school must show a valid, government-issued ID\*\***

- **Verify Student Absences:** Please call to excuse any student absences within 48 hours. District policy is to mark any unverified absences as Truant after 48 hours.
- **Student Security:** Due to our new RAPTOR safety system we will no longer be able to dismiss students from class until a parent has arrived in the office and presented ID. All adults checking a student out of school must show a valid, government-issued ID.
- **Give yourself a few extra minutes.** We do our best to deliver dismissal passes quickly. It takes time to deliver the dismissal slip, giving your student time to pack up and stop at their locker. Additionally, there may be testing, or other activities in which your student is participating that prevent your student from leaving the classroom immediately.
- **Two different lunch times:** During lunches, it may take a little longer to track down your student. We encourage you to let your student know they may be leaving during their lunch time. Parents may be asked to check in as a visitor, in order to go locate their student in the cafeteria.
- **Returning to school:** Please remind your student to check in at the office when returning to school mid-day. Your student will continue to be marked absent until they are checked in on our system.
- **Waived Absences:** When your student has a medical school excuse note, the absence will be waived. Notes can be left in the basket at the Attendance Desk or faxed to 208-350-4074.
- **Authorized pick up:** If someone other than a parent will pick up your student, please let us know in advance. We can only release students to those listed on the Powerschool – Household Contact page. (Emergency contacts are only allowed to pick up students in the event of a medical emergency.) Please review your *Powerschool* information to make sure your contacts are up to date.

### 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.

### **Welcome New Staff to Lowell Scott:**

**Jana Iverson** – Greetings from the new Vice Principal L-Z! I'm Jana Iverson and have been an educator for 30 years working as a math teacher and then in various administrative positions. I spent these 30 years in Oregon and am now excited to be called an Idahoan 😊 It's wonderful to be at Lowell Scott Middle School! I've been very impressed with the staff dedication to the well-being of the students here. They go above and beyond to make sure this is a great place for kids by working not only on the academic achievement of the students but also their emotional, social, and physical well-being. And the students here are wonderful as well. I love the diversity and energy they possess.

I'm really looking forward to a wonderful year and am grateful that I have the opportunity to work here.

**Jenny Busby** – I'm so excited to be at LSMS this school year. I've spent the past 10 years in education and love working with young people. Math is my favorite subject! In my free time, I enjoy being on the blue turf and cheering our Broncos on. I travel as much as I can talk my husband into it. Our favorite places have been England, France, China, Belize and the Bahamas. When I have a spare moment at home, I love researching family history lines. It's going to be a great year. Go Chargers!

**Heather Funk** - Hello and welcome to a new year at LSMS! I am so incredibly excited to begin teaching and getting to know your child!

A little bit about me first. Not only am I a certified special education teacher, but I am also a registered and licensed children's dietitian. I am married with one child and many sweet pets! I love laughing, hiking, and hanging in the mountains.

**Heather Kopecky** – I'm a brand spanking new teacher to LSMS. I am extremely excited to get to know all of you and explore science. Just a few things about me: I student taught at LSMS. I worked three years at RMHS. I coached soccer at Rocky. I LOVE animals, especially furry ones that make a "woof" sound, and I have a dog named Emma. I played soccer at Dakota Wesleyan University. I have a twin sister. I am passionate about health and fitness. I have 14 nieces and nephews who think I am pretty awesome. I have eight brothers and sisters and a boyfriend named Brent.

**Andrea Janzen** - I'm very excited to be teaching 6th grade Science this year. This is my 10th year teaching in the West Ada School District. I received my Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Northwest Nazarene University. This is my first year teaching, having moved here from the elementary level. It has been so much fun teaching these 6th graders. We are having such a great time! At the end of the day I enjoy spending time with my husband of 20 years and our 12-year-old daughter. On most weekends you will find me cheering on my daughter on the basketball court or soccer field. I am looking forward to a terrific year!

**Christina Reno** - Having lived in three states in three years, it is good to be in Idaho! I moved here in June after teaching for two years in Arizona. Soon after moving, I married my husband at the end of June. I love eating and having fun, including sports, movies, books, and games. Teaching is a passion that comes from the heart of wanting to help others succeed. All have the ability to learn and all have great potential as long as they are willing to put in the effort. I am so excited to help you/ your students learn and grow this year!

**David Van Zandt** - Hello, I am David and I would like to say it is a joy to be teaching students in mathematics. I find that all students have the ability to be successful in mathematics. Everything depends on how it is explained and the

dedication to the student's needs by the teacher. I will always be available for our students when they need extra help. I often tutor students before school, during advisory and after school for students who request additional help or for students who want to expand their knowledge further. Please feel free to contact me at 208 350 4060 x 1124 if I can ever be of any assistance, as it will be my pleasure to serve you.

**PTA News:** Meetings are held at school on the second Thursday of each month at 11 am.

Your LSMS PTA Board 2019-2020

Denise Kohtz, President

Becky Martin, Vice President/Staff Appreciation

Nicole Russell Willis, Secretary

Michelle Reimers, Treasurer

Monster Mash – Our annual fundraiser is coming up soon. Contact a member of the PTA to see how you can be involved.

[Lsms.pta@gmail.com](mailto:Lsms.pta@gmail.com)



**Meridian Technical Charter High School** - Meridian Technical Charter High School (MTCHS) will be making their annual visit to LSMS on Monday, October 28th, during second lunch. This is a great chance for 8th graders who think they might be interested in attending the technical charter to check them out.

**Library News:**

Welcome back to school! We are so happy to have our library filled with students reading, learning, exploring, and playing again. We are beginning this school year with over 22,000 different titles on our shelves. We have one of the most robust collections of graphic novels in the district, fiction ranging from beloved classics to the hottest new series, and nonfiction on an enormous number of topics. Our collection includes books for developing readers as well as our most advanced readers, with a wide range of topics and audiences. We also have board games, card games, areas to relax and socialize, a computer lab, and more. There is something for everyone in the LSMS library, and we strive to make it a home for every person in our school!

Just a reminder of our library policies:

- Students may borrow up to ten personal books at a time (textbooks and class sets don't count against this).
- Most items can be kept for up to 21 school days and can be renewed unless another patron has them on hold.
- Students may access our Destiny card catalog, see what books they have borrowed, check due dates, and place items on hold from any internet-connected device using their school computer login. The catalog is found on the LSMS Library page.
- The library is usually open from 7:45 AM until 4 PM. Lunch passes, which can be checked out twice a week on a first-come/first-serve basis, are available most days. Special lunch passes for extraordinary circumstances (illness, homework, etc.) are also available; just ask!
- Computers are available for students to use to do research, check grades in PowerSchool and to complete school assignments. No gaming is allowed in the library.

We are looking forward to our Scholastic Book Fair on October 17th -24th. There will be more information on our library website about how you can help so please check it often. Happy Reading!

Cindee Hersey  
Head Librarian



### **Nurse News:** 7 B's – Guidelines for Accessing Nurse Services at school

\* Students are expected to use their break and lunch time for minor aches/pains. (stomach ache, headache, minor injuries, previous injuries that need checked out) unless it's an emergency, or one of the 7B's. **Do you have one of the 7 B's?**



**BLEEDING**



**BIG BUMP**



**BREATHING**



**BROKEN**



**BARFING**



**BURNING UP**



**BEE STING**

\* The nurse's office is NOT available for visits the first hour of school, if parents sent them they want them to try to make it through the day. Therefore, they need to give it an hour. The exception is the 7B's.

\* The nurse's office is NOT available for an hour immediately following their lunch again the exception is the 7B's. They have plenty of time at lunch to make a visit.

\* Please try to encourage them to drink water, use the bathroom, etc. if they are complaining of some of these things.

\* **All phone calls home (to be picked up) when a student is not feeling well, need to go through the nurse's office.** For attendance reasons, students should not be using cell phones during the day to request their parents pick them up.

\* These things **do not apply to students that have health plans** requiring visits to the nurse.

### **Activities:**

- **Math Counts** – Will be held every Wednesday in room 14 from 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm. This is a math club for all grades, 6-8. We meet weekly to practice math problems to prepare for the different competitions. There are 4 major competitions: School (top 12 students from LSMS make up the school team), regional (all 12 students from the school team participate), state (top 4 students from LSMS usually team A), and the national competition (only the top 4 students in the state attend this event.) Math counts is a great program and free for students to participate. Mrs. Gallas is the advisor. If you have any questions, please contact her by email at [gallas.cyndi@westada.org](mailto:gallas.cyndi@westada.org)

- The LSMS **Sewing Club** is starting up again for the 2019-2020 school year! Beginning on Wednesday, September 18th, students in all three grades are invited to join! We meet twice monthly after school 3:15-4:30 to create, have fun, and even cook! The Sewing Club is a no-fee drop-in club. Permission Slips are available online or on the door of Room 35. Contact Mrs. Tonya King if you have any questions.
- **Drama club** will be meeting on Wednesdays throughout the year in Room 25 from 3:15 until 4:30pm in Room 25. Make sure that you arrive by 3:15 and make arrangements with your family to go home at 4:30. If you missed last week's meeting, no problem, come this week! Drama is a student-led club where you choose what activities you want to participate in. Students from the high school will drop in occasionally to workshop with us, and we will make plans to see Centennial's performances together outside of club time. We will do acting activities, practice our stage presence, and learn about improvisation during our weekly meetings. We will also prepare for our performances. If you have questions, you can come see Mrs. Baker in Room 25, halfway down the science wing here at LSMS. And remember! All the world's a stage, and all the men and women are merely players!
- **NJHS** - NJHS welcomes the new 2019-2020 officers:

President - Hannah Scoville

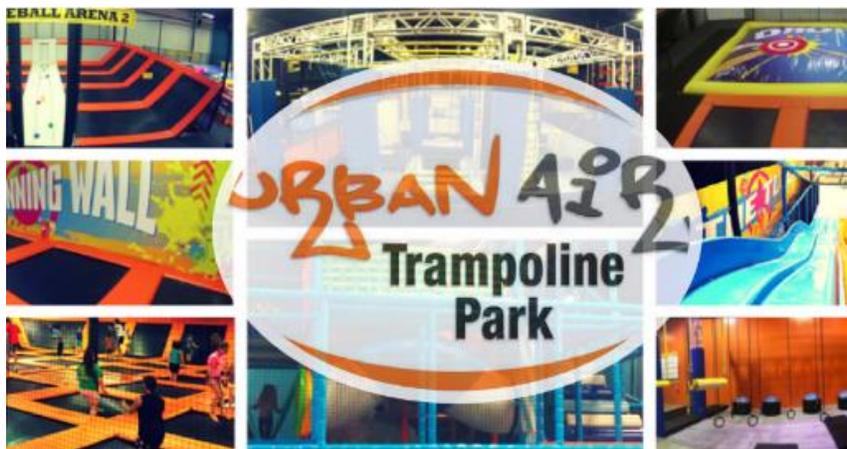
Vice President - Rebecca Hopper

Treasurer - Lily Hoellwarth

Secretary - Lorien Williamson

Historians - Emmie Lind and Grace Johnson

NJHS hosts Charger Night at Urban Air Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM  
Mention you are with Lowell Scott and receive discounted admissions for all family and friends!



*Lowell Scott's NJHS hosts*

## **Charger Night @ Urban Air**

September 20<sup>th</sup> 4-10 pm

Join us for friends and fun!

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### THE FINE PRINT

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**\$17.50\* Deluxe Package** (\$25.50 value) -4 hrs. jump time including trampolines, ninja warrior, slam dunk, battle-beam, **AND one bottled water and a slice of pizza**; Parent Add-on Only \$5.99

**\$22.50\* All Access Package** (\$29.50 value) - **Includes Deluxe Package** PLUS ropes course, wall climb, zipline sky-coaster PLUS unlimited Black-light Laser-tag + MiniGolf; Parent Add-on Only \$5.99

**\*Price does not include sales tax or jump socks.**

Every student will be required to wear Urban Air Socks for the event.

**Socks are \$2.50/person** at the time of the event unless previously purchased.

Urban Air Waiver **must** be completed by guardian.

#### **Athletics:**

- Fall sports will be winding down soon and we'll be moving into our next season. 8th grade girls' basketball will begin on Monday, October 14th right after school in the Hoyle Gym. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade wrestling will begin on Thursday, October 17th right after school in the mat room. Announcements will be made a couple of weeks before that time and paperwork will be available at lunch times. For more information, please see the Athletics web page accessed through the LSMS website. <https://www.westada.org/domain/8124>
- The athletics department at Lowell Scott has an opportunity for advertising in our gyms to benefit your business and our student-athletes. Please read the attached letter and contact James McGerty via email ([McGerty.James@westada.org](mailto:McGerty.James@westada.org)) for further details. Thank you for your interest and support for our Charger student-athletes.

# Lowell Scott Middle School

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Thank you for your interest in purchasing an advertising banner in our gymnasium. Each year, in the Hoyle Gym we have separate seasons for volleyball, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball, wrestling, 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls' and boys' basketball, YMCA volleyball and basketball, club basketball practices, Saturday chess tournaments, and other various activities. These activities occur on almost every day of the week throughout the school year. Your banner, viewed by thousands of people each year, and your support will generate financial assistance for numerous Lowell Scott Middle School activities over the course of the year. We also hope your investment will be of great benefit to you. Listed below are the prices for different agreements:

|                      |         |
|----------------------|---------|
| 2' X 4' Vinyl Banner |         |
| 1 year               | \$500   |
| 2 year               | \$900   |
| 3 year               | \$1,200 |

Please email me at [mcgerty.james@westada.org](mailto:mcgerty.james@westada.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support of Lowell Scott Middle School Athletics and the student-athletes it serves.

Go Chargers!!!

Sincerely,

James McGerty  
Activities Director  
Lowell Scott Middle School

Jolene Bernal, Principal  
Jason Meyers, Assistant Principal—Jana Iverson, Assistant Principal

## 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 allow 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).

Bazaar Dates:

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00am – 5:00pm  
Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Booth space is filling up fast, so don't wait! We will also again be a collection site for the Keep Kids Warm Coat Drive and Dutch Bros will be back again, serving up hot drinks from their fun trailer, along with some other wonderful food trucks serving up food, in addition to the LSMS Dance Team Bake Sale.

Also, back again this year, will be our fun Santa's Workshop for the little ones. Drop your younger kids off, in our school library, to enjoy some fun and activities, while you shop our many different vendors. More information with times and prices will come out next month.

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: <http://lsmsholidaybazaar.webs.com/>

Also, please like and share our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/lsmsholidaybazaar/>