



**LOWELL SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL
CHARGER CHRONICLE
PARENT NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2019
WWW.WESTADA.ORG/LSMS**

OCTOBER Events:

- 4 Picture retake day
8th Band invited to play with CHS @ Football game
- 7 No school – Collaboration
- 8 West Ada Honor Orchestra Concert
- 11 Monster Mash 6-8PM
- 15 Fall Choir Concert 6:30 PM @ Centennial
- 17 Fall Orchestra Concert 7 PM
- 17-24 Scholastic Book Fair
- 22 Fall Guitar Concert 7 PM

- 23 Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 24 No school K-8, Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 25 No school K-12 – End of First Quarter

NOVEMBER events

- 5 Fall Band Concert (6th grade – 5:30 pm, Jazz/7th/8th – 7 PM)

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Welcome to fall, Charger family!

We are off to a great start for the 2019-2020, getting settled in routines, building community, celebrating successes and working toward meeting our academic targets. In October we have a couple events to spotlight. Our PTA puts on Monster Mash on October 11th. This is our big community and fundraising event for the year. We would love to see all of our students and families come out to enjoy a great night of festivities. Parent teacher conferences will be held October 23rd & 24th. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your student's teachers, learn about the curriculum, how we instruct students, and your student's progress in meeting benchmarks. As a staff, we are working to ensure effective teaching in each classroom. In order to help us work toward this goal, we have a survey we would like you to complete. Please see the QR code or link below to access the survey. Your responses will help guide our plan for meeting this goal. I have included information about our instructional model in this newsletter.

You will also see an attachment that covers "all things safety" for Lowell Scott. Please read through to understand protocols and protections we have in place to ensure students are safe while in our care.

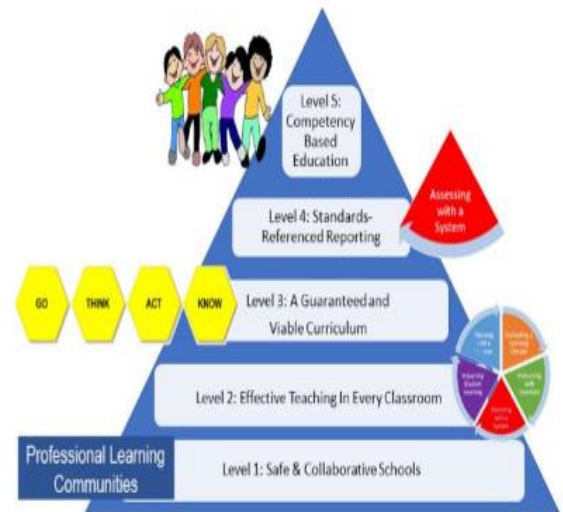
We hope to see you at our upcoming events. Thank you for sending us your amazing children each day!

Jolene Bernal
Principal



Career & College Success Model

"The West Ada Way"



CCSM Measured by HRS

THE WEST ADA WAY:

The West Ada School District has created a research-based model for improving student achievement combining information on Career and College Success, Professional Learning Communities (PLC's), and information based on research by Robert Marzano on high reliability schools and high impact instructional strategies.

NEED TO CHECK OUT YOUR STUDENT EARLY?

Please allow a few extra minutes when checking your student out of school. We will no longer be able to call a student out of class until we have verified the identity of the person taking the student. Please bring your driver's license, or other government-issued ID, to present at the office when dismissing your student.

FROM THE PE DEPT:

Parents, as the weather starts to change and get cooler please advise your child/children to dress warmly for P.E. We will be heading outside until the weather does not permit us to. Sweatshirts, jackets and sweatpants for 7th and 8th grade will be allowed. Thank you.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES: General Information

**** No school for students Thursday, or Friday****

Conference Format: we have an 'open house' format for conferences. No appointments are made, and parent 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.

Conferences begin in the library. This will be our PARENT CENTER. Here we will have information to provide:

- Pick up your child's current grade report
- Pick up a map of teacher locations – most of the staff will be in the main hall, cafeteria or gym.
- Computers will be available to help parents with PowerSchool, website login, etc.
- Learn about our college/career, kindness, and counselor resources.
- Volunteer opportunities are available. See the sign-up sheets.

We have several big events coming that involve the community. Reality Town simulation for 8th graders, Holiday Craft Bazaar, and Santa Project – all happen in the next few months as LSMS!

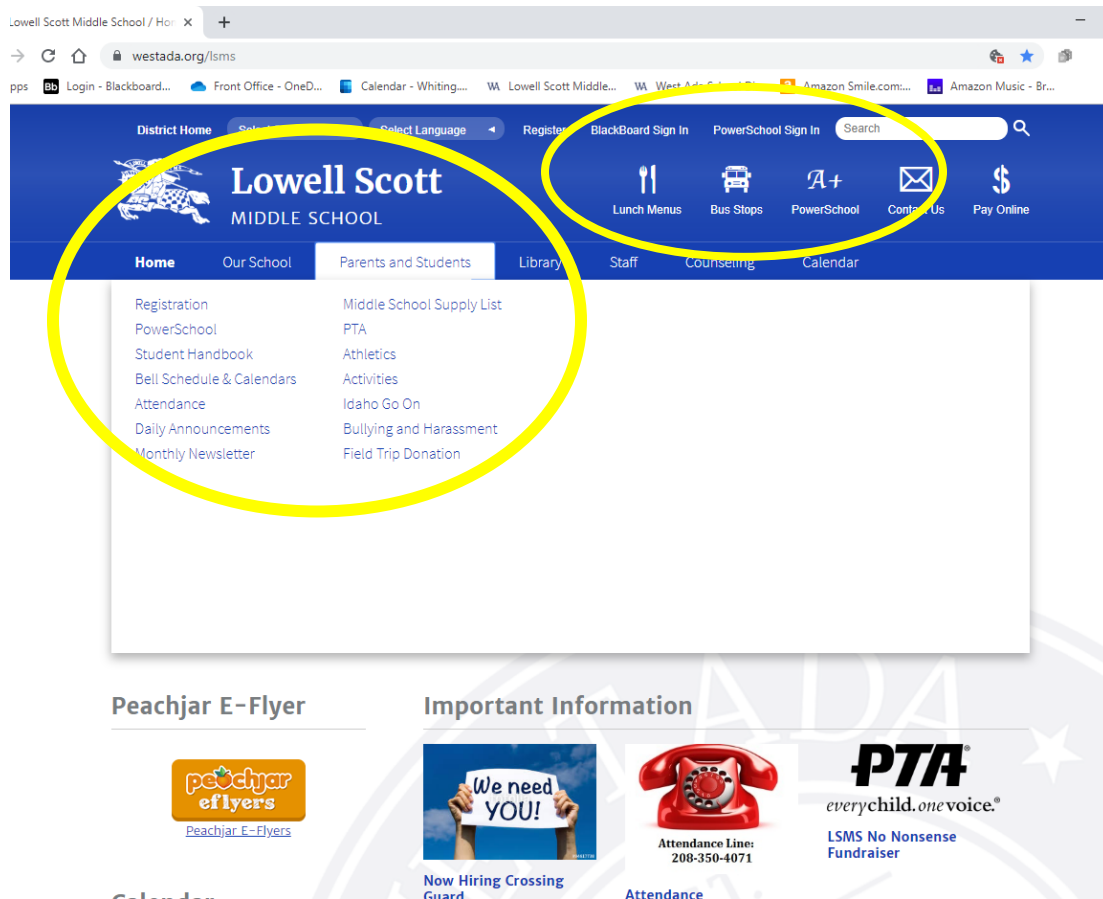
Scholastic Book Fair is also happening. Books are available for purchase. Promote reading!

Schedule for conferences:

October 23, 4:00 – 7:30 pm

October 24, 8:30 am – 11:30 pm, 4:00 – 7:15 pm

WEBSITE: Tons of information, including daily announcements, sports schedules, registration info, etc can be found on our website. There are links to lunch menus, bus routes, Powerschool, and the website to pay lunch money online. If you cannot find the answers to your questions, you can call the office at 208-350-4060.



LIBRARY NEWS: Scholastic Book Fair is coming to the library. Come visit the library October 17-24 any time between 8:15 am – 3:30 pm. Parents just need to check in at the front office for a visitor badge. All purchases benefit our school!

ACTIVITIES:

- **You are invited to the LSMS Fall Choir Concert**
Tuesday, October 15th at 6:30 PM at
Centennial High School's Performing Arts Center
Doors open at 6:15 PM
The concert is free! Donations will be gratefully accepted on behalf of the Lowell Scott Choir Program.
- **8th Grade Reality Town**
Reality Town will be held on **Thursday, November 21st** 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.

- LSMS is proud to be working with KIZN 92.3 radio station again this year. We are a collection site for their annual KEEP KIDS WARM COAT DRIVE. The coat drive will kick off at our annual LSMS Holiday Bazaar, November 2nd & 3rd, and will go till Friday, November 15th. If the school can bring in



at least 500 winter items, then all three grade levels will earn an extra 5 minutes at lunch. So, please help a great cause and bring in your new or slightly used coats, sweatshirts, hats, scarves, and/or gloves, and drop them off in the bins by the front office.

PTA: If you would like to help decorate the haunted house for Monster Mash, please sign up here.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084eaba62da5f58-haunted1>



CELL PHONE POLICY:

Students will use electronic devices only in a manner consistent with instructional and testing activities in the classroom. Use of electronic devices in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher. Use of electronic devices outside of the classroom is at the discretion of the building principal. While at Lowell Scott, the following rules are in place:

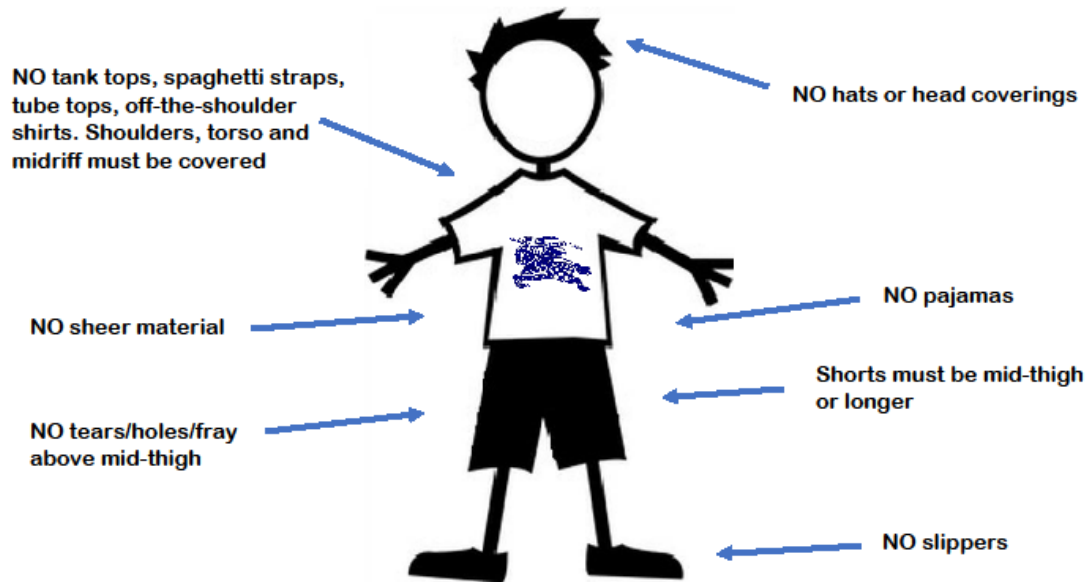
- ❖ **Electronic devices are ONLY allowed in designated locations**, including: cafeteria, media center, outside the building, and mall area.
- ❖ Electronic devices, including head phones or music playing devices of any type, should NOT be visible or in use in the hallways, restrooms, or locker rooms at ANY time.
- ❖ Failure to comply with these rules will result in electronic devices being confiscated for parent pick-up from the office. Repeat violations will result in additional consequences.



Boxtops! Yes, Lowell Scott collects Boxtops) Drop them off at school anytime.with Boxtops see www.boxtops4education.com) Drop them off at school anytime.

DRESS CODE: For the full District Dress code policy, please see the Middle school handbook, page 24, at [West Ada Middle School Handbook](#)

LSMS DRESS CODE STANDARDS



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.

Dates:

Saturday, November 2nd, 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sunday, November 3rd, 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. Each child will be \$5.00/hour, and the money will go to help support the LSMS cheerleaders.

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/>

NURSE NEWS: Everyday Preventive Actions Can Help Fight Germs, Like Flu

1. The first and most important step is to get a flu vaccination each year.

2. If you get sick with flu, take prescription antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them. Early treatment is especially important for the elderly, the very young, people with certain chronic health conditions, and pregnant women.

3. Take these everyday preventive actions that may slow the spread of germs that cause the flu.



- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you or your child gets sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you (or your child) stay home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.
- While sick, limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. After using a tissue, throw it in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs that can cause respiratory illnesses like flu.

For more information, visit: www.cdc.gov/flu

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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

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.

ATHLETICS: Information about 8th grade Girls' C team is still pending. Please check the website for updates.

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

LOWELL SCOTT MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS 2019

Date	Day	Activity	Opponent	Place	Time
10/31	Thur.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Heritage Heritage	HMS LSMS	4:00 4:15
11/6	Wed.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Star Star	LSMS Star	4:00 4:15
11/7	Thur.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Sawtooth Sawtooth	Sawtooth LSMS	4:00 4:15
11/11	Mon.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Victory Victory	LSMS VMS	4:00 4:15
11/13	Wed.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Lake Hazel Lake Hazel	LSMS LHMS	4:00 4:15
11/14	Thur.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Lewis & Clark Lewis & Clark	LCMS LSMS	4:00 4:15
11/18	Mon.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Eagle Eagle	LSMS EMS	4:00 4:15
11/20	Wed.	8 th Girls Basketball Wrestling	Meridian Meridian	MMS LSMS	4:00 4:15
2/25	Mon.	8 th Boys Basketball	Sawtooth	LSMS	4:00
11/22-23	Fri./Sat.	Wrestling	Treasure Valley Championships	Borah High	TBD
12/7	Sat.	Wrestling	District Tourney	Centennial High	9:00 am
12/9	Mon.	8 th Girls Basketball	Star	Star	4:00
12/11	Wed.	8 th Girls Basketball	Eagle	LSMS	4:00
12/16	Mon.	8 th Girls Basketball	TBD	TBD-High Seed Hosts	4:00
12/17	Tue.	8 th Girls Basketball	District Tourney- TBD	EMS	TBD
12/18	Wed.	8 th Girls Basketball	District Tourney- TBD	EMS	TBD

Wrestling will be in the Hoyle Gym with matches beginning at 4:15. The Treasure Valley Tournament 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 4:15 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.