

Zemmer 8/9 Campus News

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March 2024



Mark Your Calendar!

March 4

- Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 p.m.

March 8

- No School for Students

March 13

- PAC Meeting

March 14

- 8th Grade Career Connections Event

March 25-April 1

- Spring Break

April 17

- PSAT Testing (8/9)

May 1

- M-STEP Testing (8th)

After School Tutoring

Is every Monday and Wednesday from 2:35 p.m. to 3:35 p.m. Students must be provided with their own transportation, but can stay on either day (or both) if they choose.

Parent Teacher Conferences this Monday, March 4th

Spring parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for March 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. These conferences are drop-in, meaning that you can stop in any time in that window to see your child's teachers. All families are invited, but each teacher has contacted five families to request their attendance at the spring conferences. Please keep an eye out for these invites which will come via email if you receive one. Conferences are held in the teacher's classrooms, so there may be a short wait. We will have maps and signs available to help you navigate your way around that night as well.



Zemmer Spring Dance on April 12th

Tickets will be going on sale soon for the Zemmer Spring Dance. The dance will be from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on April 12th. Students can choose to dress casually or semi-formally. The dance will be held in the gymnasium. More information such as ticket prices and refreshment options will be coming in the April newsletter, but mark your calendars now!

Half Day for 9th Grade Students on May 1st for M-STEP Testing

Our 8th grade students will also participate in the M-STEP for Social Studies and Science. The testing date for this will be May 1st. Each test takes about an hour and is taken on the computer. Students should be very familiar with the format of this test as they have been taking M-STEP for the past several years.

Because 9th grade students DO NOT TAKE THE M-STEP, they will have a ½ Day of School (do not report until 11:00 a.m.) on Wednesday, May 1st. This allows us to maximize our computers and resources to test ALL 8th grade students in one morning without having to do a crazy schedule. All 9th grade students will be provided with transportation to school on April 26th the buses will just be coming **approximately 4 hours later** than their normal pick-up time.

We will be sending home more detailed information about this ½ day on May 1st for 9th grade students over the course of the next two months. For now, 9th grade parents should just make sure to mark this date on their calendar as a reminder that students will NOT have school that morning and will report for just the afternoon.



PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meetings

Each month we hold a PAC meeting at Zemmer. The PAC is different than a PTC in that we focus on academics and other matters that are directly related to the school day, rather than fundraisers or other events. Any parent is welcome to attend. Our next PAC meeting will be here at Zemmer on **Wednesday, March 13 at 7:50 a.m.** Please just check in at our main office. Future dates are April 10th and May 8th.

Yearbooks

Zemmer Yearbooks are currently available. Order now for the lowest price of the year. The weblink for purchasing is <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A01050650>.

Teacher Contact

Teachers may be contacted by using their email address at Zemmer 8/9 Campus. This is a quick and easy way to keep in touch with your child's individual instructors as well as all staff members. Email addresses are typically the teacher's first name, a period, their last name @lapeerschools.org.

Example: (Jane Smith)
jane.smith@lapeerschools.org

Please go to the following link for a staff email list.

https://zemmer.lapeerschools.org/staff_directory

Bond Update

Every week there is tremendous progress being made on all the district improvements that the school bond will bring. To follow the progress please keep checking for updates at

<https://lapeerbond.com/>

PSAT Testing April 17th

You will be receiving a letter in the mail in early March that will introduce the PSAT schedule for 8th and 9th grade students. For all Zemmer students (both 8th and 9th grade) testing will take place on **April 17th**. You will begin to see more information coming out about the PSAT in the coming weeks. With each grade level the students advance to, the standardized testing becomes that much more important. The PSAT testing influences many different areas including:

- student scheduling
- placement in advanced courses
- early college credits earned (better scores mean more advanced classes leading to more opportunities for dual enrollment)
- preparation for the SAT for college entrance

For our 8th grade students, the PSAT is their first experience with a completely different format. Some differences include:

- The test is TIMED so students have to be efficient
- The rules and regulations are much more secure. No cell phones will be allowed in the school on testing day

How can you prepare now?

- **Please make sure not to schedule student appointments on April 17th.**
- Begin talking to your student about the PSAT
- Visit <https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/psat-89-for-general-information>
- Review the practice test at <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/pdf/psat-8-9-practice-test-1.pdf>

Office Hours & Phone Numbers

Regular office hours at Zemmer 8/9 Building are 7am - 3:30pm.

Telephone numbers follow:

Main Office	667-2413
Attendance Office	667-2413 x223402
Counseling Office - Mrs. Lareau	667-2413
Counseling Office - Mrs. Spisz	667-2413 x223410
Dean of Students, Jack Chittle	667-2413 x223405 (Discipline Related Issues)
Dean of Students, Tanya Blaine	667-2413 x223403 (Discipline Related Issues)
Associate Principal – Rich Cross	667-2413 x222348 (Athletics/Discipline)
Principal – Dr. Jeff Stanton	667-2413 x222380



The building opens at 7:15am for all students. After school, students should leave the building by 2:35pm unless involved in a supervised activity or class. The Media Center is open until 3:30pm for students who need space to work. The cafeteria is open until 3:30pm daily for athletes who are waiting for practices or games to start.



Athletic Update

Middle School Winter Sports 2023-2024

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All information regarding individual sports will be updated on the district athletics' website:
<http://lapeerlightning.com>

WINTER 1 SPORTS CONTACTS

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8th Softball

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MS Girls Track

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MS Boys Track

TBD

Middle School Spring Parent Meeting & Meet the Coach Night

- Tuesday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Rolland-Warner Cafeteria

Spring Sports Athletic Clearance

To participate in athletics, all student athletes need a physical (dated on or after April 15th, 2023) completed on a MHSAA Physical Form, a signed Athletic Code of Conduct acknowledgement, and a completed emergency medical form. All of these forms are available in the RW/Zemmer Main Office and online at www.lapeerlightning.com

Winter 2 MS Sports Practices/Tryouts

8th Baseball & Softball

- Monday, March 18th through Wednesday, March 20th at a time and location TBD, weather permitting (stay tuned to www.lapeerlightning.com for updated information)

MS Track

- Practices begin on Monday, March 18th and will take place from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at LHS (weather permitting) or indoors at CFI for the first week.

Spring Sports Practice Schedule is TBD after tryouts are completed.

Spring Sports Schedules

Stay tuned to www.lapeerlightning.com for updated sports schedules.

Sportsmanship

Some general sportsmanship reminders for spectators:

- Remember that you are at a contest to support and yell for your team and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team, its fans, or the referees.
- Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and that mistakes are sometimes made. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- Refrain from taunting or making any kind of derogatory remarks to your opponents during the game, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.