

*Dear Lancaster Mennonite Student and Family:*

*Welcome!* As a new year is soon to begin and the campus is alive with many students returning for many preseason activities, we want to welcome you. School begins on Tuesday, August 20th. As we begin our new year, we especially welcome our new students and faculty. In the days ahead, you will experience many opportunities for learning, growing, building friendships, strengthening your relationship with God and developing your God-given gifts.



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*Chapel Theme.* The LM theme for this school year is “Be Transformed.” Romans 12:2 states, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” At Lancaster Mennonite, we seek to be transformed in order to bring healing and hope to our world. In a world often promoting fear, violence, tribalism and greed, students are challenged to be transformed by such non-conformist values as peacebuilding, service, restorative justice, and care for the powerless. How will you be transformed? “We invite you to consider ways that you might intersect with this theme this year.

*Website and Calendar.* Please refer to our [lancastermennonite.org](http://lancastermennonite.org) website to find the links to the **school calendar, athletics, transportation, lunches and menus, free and reduced lunch applications, attendance policies and dress code.** Just a reminder that the first bell rings at 8:05 am and students are expected to be in their seats in their first period class by 8:15. The school day ends at 3:05 pm.

*Class Schedules.* Students will find a copy of their schedule in this packet and it will be available on the student’s Schoology account. It should include information about their school counselor, advisor, locker, and other pertinent information.

*New Faculty and Staff.* We welcome Emily Grimes (music) and Rachael Thomas (Math) to our faculty and Emily Lehman (Athletics/Office Administrative Assistant) to our office staff.

*New School Year Celebration.* Returning students, new students, and families are invited to a school year kick-off and celebration on **Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7:30.**

5:00 to 6:00: Families are welcome to informally visit teachers in their classrooms and navigate their schedule.

5:30 to 6:00: There will be a Middle School meeting in the Middle School area.

6:00 to 6:30: All students and families will gather in the Fine Arts Center for a time of information, inspiration, and celebration. Following this gathering,

6:30-7:30: Students and families are free to meet teachers, find their lockers, walk through their schedules and have questions answered. Ice-cream sundaes will be provided in the Gathering Area during that time.

Additionally, the cafeteria will be open to deposit lunch money into the student’s account throughout the evening.

We hope you can attend. We want all of our students to feel comfortable coming in to the first day of school!

*Fall Sports.* The pre-season for high school sports teams begins on August 12th for high school teams. A reminder that PIAA physicals must be completed before a student can participate in any pre-season activities. Forms are available on our website or at the high school office.

*Busing.* For most school districts, the schedule for bus pickup will occur in the next two weeks. Some districts do not bus LMS students on days when they are not in session. Please refer to website for transportation information.

*Prayer.* Prayer is the backbone of any successful ministry and LMS is no exception! Please remember us daily in prayer as we work with students and the community around us!

*We wish you a great beginning of our new school year!*

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