



Liberty Middle School
Summer Newsletter 2009

Liberty Middle School Explorers

Welcome to LMS

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On behalf of the entire staff, we welcome you to Liberty Middle School. We are looking forward to beginning the 2009-2010 school year.

We look forward to seeing you on our upcoming orientation days. They are on the following days: **Monday, August 3rd between 10:00am and 6:00pm (for incoming 7th graders) and Tuesday August 4th between 10:00am and 6:00pm (for incoming 6th graders).** We will serve students from both grade levels on either day, so if you have a conflict with one of the dates, please come to the other orientation day. The orientation process will take about one hour. This includes time for your child to walk through his/her schedule. If you are unable to attend on these dates, you may bring your child to school any day following orientation.

During orientation, **Each Student** will be able to:

- Receive a class schedule, team assignment, locker combination, and student/parent handbook.
- Purchase a student organizer.
- Walk through the class schedule and try out his or her locker (7th grade guides will be available to assist 6th grader and new students).
- Have school pictures taken. Students will need to get their picture taken at orientation or during picture retakes. We do not offer Spring pictures at the middle level.
- Purchase a yearbook, HS activity pass and spirit wear.
- Deposit money in his or her lunch account.
- Pay Industrial Technology fee.
- Meet some of their core team and encore teachers.

During orientation, **Parents** may:

- Update address and phone numbers.
- Meet counselors, administrators and some core and encore team teachers.
- Join PTA and sign up for volunteer activities.
- Tour the building with their child.
- Sign up for the student directory.
- Receive a Student/Parent Handbook.
- Turn in or fill out LMC forms and nurse/medication forms.
- Receive your password and info about Parent Connect or register on-line for this service (see info inside).
- Submit their email address so their child's team can send group emails regarding homework, projects, team activities, etc.

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DATES TO REMEMBER	
July 9	Transition Clinic
July 29	Transition Clinic
Aug 3	7th Grade Orientation (10–6pm)
Aug 4	6th Grade Orientation (10–6pm)
Aug 19	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
Aug 27	Back to School Night (7–8:30pm)
Sept 7	Labor Day—No School
Sept. 14	Early Release
Week of Oct. 12	Parent /Teacher Conference
Oct 15	Early Release Parent/Teacher Conf.
Oct 16	No School

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Orientation involves representatives from four different organizations. If you are paying by check, **please be prepared to write at least four separate checks**. Checks will be payable to:

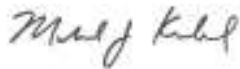
1. Reed Portrait Gallery (School Pictures)
2. LMS PTA (dues and spirit wear—separate checks needed for these)
3. LMS (fees, yearbook, activity pass, student agenda) 09-10
4. LMS lunch account

Fees for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

- ◆ \$5.00—Student Agenda/Planner
- ◆ \$10.00—6th and 7th grade Industrial Technology
- ◆ \$17.00—PE uniform (see enclosed information)
- ◆ \$12.00—Yearbook (optional)
- ◆ \$30.00—Liberty High School Activity Pass (optional)
- ◆ \$6.00—PTA dues (optional)
- ◆ Prices for Spirit Wear will be available at student orientation (optional)
- ◆ For the cost of pictures, see the enclosed flyer.

We hope you enjoy the remainder of your summer and we look forward to serving you and your child(ren) this school year!

Respectfully,



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**LMS School Hours:
8:10 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.**

**Students may be dropped off
no earlier than 7:40!!!!**

Parent / Teacher Conferences

We will host Parent/Teacher conferences this fall on **Monday, October 12th** and **Thursday, October 15th**, with "*times to be determined*". We strive to have 100% of our parents attend our conferences. The chance to meet face-to-face to discuss the academic progress of our students is very important. Please make plans early to attend -we will see you there!

Important Phone Numbers

LMS Main Number.....736-5410

LMS Attendance Line.....736-5411

LMS FAX Line.....736-5415

Cafeteria.....736-5422

Counseling Office.....736-6797

LMC.....736-6891

Nurse.....736-6898

LMS School Hours

School begins at 8:10 a.m. and concludes at 3:20 p.m. each day at LMS. Students can enter the building as early as 7:40 a.m. throughout the school year. We ask that students remain in the Commons until the 7:55 a.m. bell rings when all students are allowed to go back to the locker/classroom areas. **We ask that parents do not drop their child(ren) off at LMS prior to 7:45 a.m. Bus riders, car riders and walkers are released by the bell at 3:20 p.m. Busses leave no later than 3:25 p.m. and we ask walkers and car riders to leave the building as soon as they have gathered supplies for the night from their lockers. We ask parents to pick up their child(ren) no later than 3:35 p.m. if they are car riders.**

Avenues for Communication at the Middle Level:

- Homework Hotline-736-6888
- Team Voicemail and Meetings
- E-mail—(**best method of communicating with teachers**)
- Bi-Monthly Newsletter - July, October, December, March, April.
- School Website (student announcements posted daily-<http://liberty.k12.mo.us>)
- Powerschool (information will be available at Orientation in August!)
- Channel 18
- Quick News (to enroll visit the liberty website <http://liberty.k12.mo.us>)
- **Try to call ahead** to schedule an appointment with a teacher, counselor or administrator.
This allows us to keep you from waiting, or making an unnecessary trip if we happen to be in a meeting or out of the building.

WEDNESDAY LATE BUS

Each Wednesday, beginning on September 16th, LMS will offer a "Wednesday Late Bus" that students can choose to ride if they are regular bus riders. This wonderful opportunity makes it possible for bus riders to stay until 4:45 p.m. to work with a teacher, take part in intramurals, or be a member of one of the many LMS clubs that are available. **It is the students' responsibility to bring a signed permission slip (including the student's drop-off address) to the sponsoring teacher each week.** The teacher then completes the appropriate form in the office. **Without a signed slip, a student cannot stay late.** This slip has to be turned in to the office prior to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. In addition, students serving detentions are not allowed to ride the late bus.

We feel the Wednesday Late Bus is a great way to bring additional academic support to our students, as well as providing the opportunity to take part in social and recreational activities. **If you have questions about this program, please call at 736-6797.**

Student Drop Off/Pick Up Information:

1. Students reporting late to school must sign in at the receptionist desk before going to class. Students leaving during the scheduled school day must have a parent sign them out at the receptionist desk before leaving.
2. Parents are asked to provide the school with emergency information, including alternate adults to contact in an emergency. **For your benefit, it is very important that the school has updated telephone numbers and addresses on file at all times.**
3. Unless prior notice (verbal/written) is given only parents/guardians and those listed as emergency contacts are allowed to sign a student out of school.

Daily Attendance

Reporting an absence:

Parents:

Please remember to call the attendance secretary to report your child's absence.

Please call before 9:30 a.m.

The attendance line for LMS # 736-5411

LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Please join us on Thursday, August 27th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Back to School night is a wonderful opportunity for LMS parents! Teachers will be giving an overview of the grade level curriculum, classroom behavior plan and goals for the 2009-2010 school year. We look forward to seeing you at back to school night.

LMS Staff

















