



# LYONS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

*Cultivating a positive community of life-long learning & self-discovery*

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## 2022-23 SCHOOL OPENING KEY INFORMATION

**Motto:** Committed to Excellence

**Theme:** Sailing the Waves of Excellence While Anchored in Connection

**Vision:** Cultivating a positive community of life-long learning and self-discovery

**Mission:** Maintain a safe, secure learning environment where tolerance, respect, and accountability provide learning experiences that empower our diverse LCMS Community

**Positive Affirmation:** Today my thirst for learning is alive & I will accomplish great things.

I am true to who I am & I believe in myself. My challenges help me grow. I am surrounded by love.

### School-wide Priorities:

- Safe, Supportive Environment focused on Social-Emotional Connection
- Personalized High-Quality Instruction through Progress Monitoring and Student-centered, Project-based Learning Experiences
- Effective, Timely Communication with all Stakeholders

**Behavior Program:** Lyons P.R.I.D.E. - Personal Responsibility in Displaying Excellence

- Hallway: *“Walk with A Purpose”*
  - As a safety protocol, all students must follow the directional hallways, arrive on time to class, keep hands/feet to yourself, and refrain from running/horseplaying/yelling
- Lunchroom: *“Sit & Eat”*
  - Students remain seated at their assigned teachers’ table during lunch, raise hand to use the restroom, use inside voices, and keep their area clean
- Classroom: *“Listen, Think, Try”*
  - Remain seated, work towards goals, use inside voices, be prepared, and be a leader
- Technology: *“Tech Check”*
  - Cell phones should be put away during school day and used only before/afterschool and during lunch. When earbuds are used, they can only be in one ear. Treat school technology with care
- Dress Etiquette: *“Dress for Success”*
  - Wear unified dress attire, ID Badge, follow SBBC Code of Conduct
- Respect Others: *“Give It, Want It, Earn It”*
  - Treat others the way you want to be treated, embrace differences, use the ABC’s of Conflict (Attitude, Behavior, Communication), use helpful not hurtful language

*Following PRIDE Expectations is required to participate in quarterly and end of year reward activities.*

## **Dress Code**

As we continue to create a sense of community and a scholarly, safe environment with minimal distractions, we ask all parents to ensure our students follow the new Unified Dress Code. LCMS requires students to wear a white, light blue, or navy-blue polo shirt with khaki, navy, or black bottoms, and closed toed shoes for the 2022-23 School Year. Jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts must also be in white, light blue, or navy. Students are encouraged not to wear hoodies. Students are NOT allowed to wear jeans, leggings, corsets, or fishnet stockings. PTSA Spirit Shirts in those unified dress colors are also acceptable and will be on sale through PTSA. Details are on our website. In addition, students are required to wear their ID Badges visibly around their neck on a daily basis at all times. Your support of our Unified Dress Code is much appreciated!

## **Breakfast & Lunch**

To maintain the LCMS Title 1 status, which provides funds for school programs and student support, all families are asked to fill out a FREE/REDUCED lunch application at <http://www.applyforlunch.com/>

## **Arrival/Dismissal**

The first bell will be at 9:25 a.m. Our student supervision times are 30 minutes before (9:00-9:30am) and 30 minutes after school (4:00-4:30pm). Please do NOT drop students off before 9:00am or after 9:25am. All students must be picked up no later than 4:30pm. The school has one designated car loop, which is located directly south of the campus in front of the school's single point of entry on Sol Press Blvd. For our students' safety, students cannot cross the car lanes or the parking lot and must be picked up or dropped off from cars only on the curbside of the sidewalk. The Recreation Center and neighborhood areas are not permitted for drop-off or pickup. Students are not permitted to be at the Recreation Center before or after school for any reason and the wooded area west of the school is never to be used by students.

Starting at 9:00am, car riders and walkers will enter the school through the front entrance on Sol Press Blvd in the SW gate (by the baseball fields) and report to the gymnasium. Bus riders enter the cafeteria and/or multi-purpose room. Students are dismissed in the afternoon based on location in a staggered format to minimize students in the hallway. Students not in an approved, supervised Aftercare Program/Activity must exit campus immediately.

## **Cell Phones**

Students are permitted to use their cell phones before/afterschool and during lunch. However, to avoid classroom distractions, students are expected to have cell phones out of sight and safely secured during instructional class time. If a parent needs to speak with their child during the day regarding an urgent/time-sensitive matter, they are asked to call the Main Office 754-322-3700 and the student will use a school phone to return the call.

## **Inclement Weather**

If there is rain during arrival/dismissal, students will follow normal procedures. However, if the school is under a lightning alert, we will follow inclement weather procedures. For arrival, students enter the main building or the covered breezeway and report to their usual morning locations. At dismissal, bus riders follow usual afternoon locations. Walkers report to the Gym. Car riders report to the designated rooms by last name and staff will communicate via radios to dismiss students to their car. Your patience is appreciated as we keep our students safe from inclement weather.

## **Free/Reduced Lunch Application**

Regardless of status, all families are asked to complete the Free/Reduced Lunch Application- <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. LCMS is a Title 1 School based on this Free/Reduced Lunch Application Status, which provides access to additional funds for programs, tutoring, technology, etc.

## **Before/Aftercare**

The Before & Aftercare program is delighted to welcome all students. Our program has planned a lot of exciting activities for the students for this upcoming school year. If your child needs homework assistance in any subject, we have certified teachers waiting to assist. Our online registration window is now opened. Please visit our Lyons Creek Middle School website for the link and additional information. If you have any questions, please contact the Program Supervisor, Ms. Wright, at [shena.wright@browardschools.com](mailto:shena.wright@browardschools.com).

## **Transportation**

Broward is joining other school districts and implementing a new initiative that will require all students eligible for school bus transportation for the 2022/23 school year to register. For more information, including a list of frequently asked questions, visit [browardschools.com/Register2Ride](http://browardschools.com/Register2Ride), call the customer service line at 754-321-4499 or email [register2ride@browardschools.com](mailto:register2ride@browardschools.com). NOTE: Transportation registration processes for programs such as Exceptional Student Education, 504, Foster, Homeless, and Teen Parent have not changed and will continue with processes established through the individual schools. Students are expected to follow BCPS behavior expectations on buses at all times. A staggered dismissal will be in place in the afternoon to ensure enough time so that students don't miss their bus. If a student does miss their bus, a parent or guardian MUST pick them up by 4:30pm.

## **Clubs/Athletics**

Clubs/Athletics will be posted on the LCMS website and/or shared on the announcements. Students are encouraged to join at least one club. Club meetings take place before or afterschool weekly/bi-weekly as an opportunity to connect students and create a sense of community based on shared interests. Sports have very strict tryout dates and eligibility. Missing tryout dates or having incomplete paperwork will prevent students from participating in tryouts and having an opportunity to play the sport. Tryout dates are shared in the announcements. Any student who plans to play any sport is required to have completed paperwork and physical prior to any tryout. It is suggested that you submit the paperwork at the beginning of the year regardless of the sport to ensure you are ready when tryouts arrive. Questions related to athletics can be sent to the LCMS Athletic Director, Ralph Rubiano- [Ralph.Rubiano@browardschools.com](mailto:Ralph.Rubiano@browardschools.com)

## **Class Schedule**

The school's bell schedule is from 9:30 am- 4:00 pm. There are 6 class periods everyday. To assist with minimizing students in the hallways during class changes and dismissal, students are on a staggered schedule.

## **Student Schedules**

Student schedules & transportation information will be available on Virtual Counselor. Schedule change requests will not be reviewed unless there is a major instructional impact in a core class. Every effort was made to schedule students into the elective(s) of their choice. However, due to space limitations, students may be placed in a course that they may not have selected. Reading supersedes any elective chosen. Parents/students with requests to change class schedules can submit Schedule Change Request Forms, which are available in the Grade Level Pride Offices, to the Grade Level Administrator. Only changes to core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Reading) are reviewed for the first two weeks. Requests for electives can be submitted, but may not be accommodated based on course enrollment availability. Students' schedules apply to the entire school year.

## **School Supplies**

Students should come prepared on the first day of school with general school supplies (pen, pencils, paper, folders, notebook, etc.). There is a Suggested General School Supply List on the LCMS website. However, each teacher will provide their students with specific supply requests for each subject.

## On Campus Safety

LCMS is committed to ensuring the safety of all students. There are 2 full-time School Resource Officers, an Area Security Manager, Security Specialist, and a team of Campus Monitors. There is also an additional School Resource Officer with a guns/ammunition dog on campus on a random rotating schedule. For the first two weeks of school, Lyons Creek is partnering with Coconut Creek Police Department to welcome our families and students back to school. There will be increased police presence at arrival, lunches, and dismissal as a part of our commitment to safety and security. All guests enter campus through the single point of entry via buzzer system after proper vetting. All students, staff, and guests must wear ID Badges. Guests are escorted by staff members. Perimeter gates remain locked and security checks conducted school-wide frequently. Only school staff and buses are allowed to enter campus through the Johnson Road entrance. All staff and students are trained on emergency preparedness procedures. Drills are conducted monthly. There are digital real-time security cameras surveilling the entire campus.

## Attendance

It is very important that students are on time and present in class or parents/guardians will receive automatic notifications from BCPS of their child's tardiness or absence. Attendance reporting details are on the LCMS website. Students dropped off after 9:30am will receive an unexcused tardy to first period; Parents can escort student into Single Point of Entry to excuse the tardy.

## First Day Forms

All parents are required to complete all first day forms and return to Period 1 teacher no later than **Fri, Aug 19**.

## Pinnacle

You are able to access your child's grades and attendance from home using the Pinnacle Internet Viewer. Follow these simple instructions and keep track of your child's progress.

- **To access the Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV), go to:**  
<https://gb.browardschools.com/pinnacle/gradebook>
- **FOR STUDENTS / PARENTS:**  
Username: [Student ID#@my.browardschools.com](mailto:Student ID#@my.browardschools.com)  
Password: PMM/DD/YEAR (Your date of birth typed exactly as shown)

## Tentative Upcoming Dates

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Cub Camp Orientation- Monday, August 8, 2022 (8am parent dropoff-12pm parent pickup)
- First Day of School- August 16, 2022
- Open House: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: September 1      7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: September 8
- Curbside Connection/Interim Reports- September 13
- Parent/Community Principal Pow Wow – First Thursday of every month – September 1

**Parents, get involved! Join PTSA-** <https://sites.google.com/view/lcms-pta/home>

### 5 Official Tip Reporting Tools

-  **Anonymous Tip** Submission via [www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips](http://www.Browardschools.com/SecurityTips)
-  **Call** the District Security Operations Center (DSOC) at **754-321-3500** (reporter can remain anonymous)
-  **Email** to [SecurityTips@Browardschools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@Browardschools.com) (reporter can remain anonymous)
-  **FortifyFL** at [www.GetFortifyFL.com](http://www.GetFortifyFL.com) -**NO DOWNLOAD** Required
-  **SaferWatch** -**DOWNLOAD REQUIRED** a free mobile app that can be used as a mobile duress alarm (available in the Apple Store or Google Play Store)