

BACK TO SCHOOL Q & A WITH THE PRINCIPAL'S

When is the first day of school?

The first day back for our 2020-2021 school year is Wednesday, August 19th. We can't wait to see you all face to face and back in the building.

First Day of School Drop Off: This is such a special day for our elementary students. This year, however, teachers will meet you outside to greet you that very first morning. This practice will help us ensure a clean and safe environment for our students right from the start.

Where do I go on the first day of school?

We are so excited to have you back and can't wait to get in the groove of school. **Preschool** students, Mrs. Ohlhauser will be outside the door to greet you. **K-5** students can find your teachers outside of the elementary building greeting you under the beautiful morning sun. **6-8** students find your way to your first hour class, don't worry if you're not sure Mrs. Huber will be there to help you find your way. **9-12** students please make your way to your first hour class, Mr. Schirado will be around for any questions.

Will safety practices affect the building hours?

Due to health and safety concerns of all students and staff, we need to be diligent about limiting congregation of large groups. The doors will **OPEN @ 8:10** each morning. We encourage our drop off and walking students to arrive no earlier than needed. This simple gesture helps us manage the morning transition into the classroom. Students using our breakfast program will still be allowed in at 8:00 each day. To both utilize best practice and the beautiful North Dakota fall mornings, we will run our morning movement for grades K-5 outside.

When can I put my school supplies in my classroom and/or locker?

COVID-19 has brought change to our year including our inability to host our annual open house. Middle School students will have scheduled socially distanced time on the first morning of school for students to safely practice locker combinations and put away supplies. K-5 classroom teachers will go above and beyond to help make that first morning during drop off and supply put away safe, fun, and our new normal.

Where do I find my high school and middle school schedules?

No worries, log into PowerSchool and you will find your schedules awaiting you there on Monday, August 17th. If your unsure of how to log in to PowerSchool find a tutorial on our website at <https://5il.co/jkzi>. Middle school guardians will also be emailed a schedule on Monday, August 17th.

Are their changes to rules on the bus?

A seating arrangement will be assigned for each bus by the driver. Families will be seated together and students will be asked to socially distance as family groups. This helps us ensure your family safety as well as the safety of our dedicated route drivers.

What paperwork do I need to fill out and hand in to the office?

Every family should have received a packet from LPS prior to the start of school, please return those packets to your respective office with forms completed that pertain to you. Each family should have an information page to return for each student which allows permission for field trips, posting of images, and technology waivers. If you have lost or misplaced your papers, no worries. Mrs. Jangula or Mrs. Schneider can email you or send a new copy home with your child. We are just a phone call away.

What practices are being implemented at LPS to keep us safe?

Schedules and adjustments have been made to allow for the lowest number of students per classroom. These changes have made it possible to socially distance. Also, a few of the following areas will have changes such as:

Hallways: Bell schedules will allow for limited student capacity during transitions. **Backpacks are encouraged** for class changes to limit locker stops. Staggered release times during bells will be utilized.

Lunch Room: Lunch hour has been lengthened to control student numbers within the lunchroom. We have added the stage and outdoor spaces for additional socially distanced seating. A protective screen has been installed to add additional safety for our cooking staff and students.

Before School Drop Off: Elementary students use the west bus door to enter each morning, Middle School students please enter through the MS doors, and High School students use north HS doors or east parking lot doors. **We ask ALL parents to enter the building through either the MS or HS doors ONLY and report to the respective office to sign in as a visitor.**

After School Pick Up: Elementary students will be dismissed through both west facing elementary doors. MS students will exit our MS main door and HS students will use the appropriate HS door. If you plan to pick up your child during the day they can sign out of their respective office and be picked up near the MS or HS entrances.

Will our school day still be similar to before?

Of course, it may seem that we have made countless changes but don't worry our first priority is to educate our students. We will work hard to maintain safety but keep in mind that we are here to learn and grow. Together we will adapt and grow, learn and flourish, develop and encourage, and in the end come out better than before.

