



LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A huge thank you to all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to participate in our parent teacher conferences last Friday. We are looking forward to the continuation of our conferences on Monday, November 5th. At this time, 66% of our families have either joined us or signed up for conferences. Pick-A-Time is now closed. However, if you did not sign up for a conference and would like to, please email our administrative assistant, Judy Ursuliak, jursuliak@nrzd.net, for assistance. She will work with you on scheduling possibilities.

We look ahead to a short month in November. We have early release and evening parent teacher conferences next Monday, Election Day next Tuesday, and Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving break around the corner. We've got a sprint to the finish of trimester 1 when grades close on November 30th.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday. Daylight Savings is November 4th!

Best Regards,

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 30: [SEPAAC](#) - "An IEP for My Child", NRHS, Room 216, 7:00PM
November 1: Boxtops Due
November 5: Early Release, Afternoon and Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
November 6: Election Day, No School
November 7: 8th Grade Field Trip, Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate
November 8: LBMS Drama Parent Meeting, Auditorium, 6:30 PM
November 12: Veterans Day, No School
November 13: School Council Meeting, 3:00 PM
November 14: Picture Retakes, 7:45 AM
November 15: Minuteman Showcase for Interested 8th Graders
November 19: "The New Look of Nicotine Addiction: Vaping and Our Youth," Parent Presentation, Auditorium, 6:00 PM
November 21-23: No School - Thanksgiving Holiday
November 30: Trimester 1 Grades Close

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Outreach – Looking for Parents and Community Members! Survey to Close Tuesday, October 29th

The LBMS faculty is seeking support from our parents and community members. This year, we are looking to make a concerted effort to foster real-world connections to our students' learning experiences within the classroom. Our goal is to bring the outside world "in" to help further inspire our students for the world ahead.

From knowledge derived from professional careers to personal interests, we know that our community possesses a wealth of knowledge. We ask that you consider sharing a bit of that knowledge with us. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to share your expertise either through a short in classroom presentation or other venue to be determined, we ask that you complete this VERY brief survey found at this [link](#) and we will be in touch. We thank you for your partnership. The survey has been extended to Tuesday, October 29th.

Massachusetts Celebrates STEM Week

In an effort to boost students' interest and raise awareness of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education, the Baker-Polito Administration declared a statewide STEM Week from October 22-26, 2018. The administration asked educators at all grade levels to participate by planning lessons, events, and activities focused on science, technology, engineering, and math throughout the week. To celebrate STEM week, our STEM teachers compiled information about a wide variety of STEM-related careers and created slides for the signage in our main foyer for all students to view.

Advisory Kick-Off, Wednesday, October 31st

Our school's advisory program will enter its third year this week with a school-wide advisory kick-off this Wednesday. Advisory is one way in which we are working to meet the rapidly developing social and emotional needs of our adolescent students through a small group discussion format. We are looking forward to Wednesday's kick-off as a great way to come together, engage in some team-building with our new advisory groups, and, most importantly, have some FUN!

Help for the Holidays – Help Needed

As the holidays approach, we pause to take notice of all that we have to be appreciative of in our lives. At the same time, there are those in our community who find themselves with financial challenges during the holiday season. The MRE and LBMS community is trying to ease the burden of those among us for whom the holidays causes a financial hardship. We invite you to consider providing a Thanksgiving basket with the essentials for a holiday meal for a family in our community. If you are interested in participating, please call Darlene Perkins, the LBMS school nurse at 978-365-5629.

Middle School Basketball About to Begin

We will continue to use an online registration process for all middle school athletic teams each season (cross-country, basketball, baseball, softball, and track) this year. In a separate email this week, you will receive information that is critical for **ALL** student athletes should they consider trying out for basketball this winter season.

The Luther Burbank Drama Year is About to Begin! Reminder

A meeting for parents and students will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018, in the Mary Rowlandson auditorium, beginning promptly at 6:30 PM. All interested students should have representation at the meeting of a parent or guardian. Information about the drama club, auditions, and director will be given as well as an opportunity to ask questions. The LBMS Drama Club provides an opportunity for LBMS students to be a part of a musical production in the spring. No previous drama experience is necessary. There are opportunities for onstage roles or helping with backstage crew. Students interested in helping with lights and sounds should consider joining the LBTV/AV Club and express an interest to Mr. Newton about helping with drama. LBMS Drama is open to all LBMS students. Auditions are required for any students wishing to perform onstage.

Auditions will be on Tuesday, November 13, and Thursday, November 15, 2018, between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Students will need to attend both audition dates if they would like to be considered for all roles, unless they've made alternate arrangements ahead of time with the director. The attached forms must be filled out by the first night of auditions. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, November 27, and will run every Tuesday and Thursday through the performances on Friday, March 29, Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31, 2019. All events will be held in the auditorium.

This year, there will also be a special opportunity for drama students to help host a comedy show and concert fundraiser the evening of Saturday, April 20th, 2019. More information will be forthcoming at the parent meeting.

Questions before November 8, 2018 may be emailed to Paula Castner at lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com.

8th Graders Interested in Minuteman Regional High School

On Thursday, November 15th, 8th grade students interested in attending Minuteman Regional High School are invited to tour the school. Students will spend time in two programs of identified interest. Interested students must return their permission slip to Ms. Karlin or to the office at their earliest convenience and no later than November 13th. Interested students must also register at <https://minuteman.go2cte.com>. In the middle of the page you will see "Minuteman Showcase Events", click on Lancaster, and follow the prompts for registration. Transportation will be provided by Minuteman and Luther Burbank faculty will be in attendance for supervision purposes.

Picture of the Week



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