



## LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### BURBANK BULLETIN

September 5, 2017

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend. Fall is definitely in the air! We had a fantastic first week of school last week. It is great to have our community back together again. Our students returned energized and ready to learn, while our teachers returned energized and ready to teach. A perfect combination. We are all looking forward to the year ahead.

While we enter week two positive and energized, our thoughts go out to our fellow citizens in Texas. The news of the devastation that remains from Hurricane Harvey is relentless. On Friday, I happened upon an ABC news [article](#) which listed the historic destruction of Harvey “by the numbers”: 20+ trillion gallons of fallen rain; 42,330 people in shelters; 200,000 people without power; and 120,000 residents without water. These numbers take my breath away. Mrs. Pagington, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade social studies, is working with her students to organize ways in which our school can support relief efforts already underway in our community. Please stay tuned for more information.

In the meantime, we look forward to a jam-packed four day school week ahead.

Warm Regards,

#### 1:1 Chromebooks

Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will receive their 1:1 Chromebooks today, Tuesday, September 5. This year marks the third year of the Chromebook initiative. The 1:1 initiative presents learning possibilities for our teachers and students that have never before been possible. A personal mobile device offers students anytime, anywhere access to rich educational resources and 21st century learning experiences that align with the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks. Consistent access to a mobile device ensures that students are provided opportunities to use technology to create, collaborate, communicate and think critically. A 1:1 model enables teachers to regularly guide students in the ethical and safe use of technology and to use digital resources to personalize and self-direct learning. This digital learning model promotes equitable access to curriculum, differentiation of instruction and independent discovery.

### Cross-Country Informational Meeting

Parents and athletes interested in joining Luther Burbank's Cross Country team, there will be a **Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting** on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM in the LBMS Cafeteria. This meeting will cover all information relevant to the upcoming season, and should not last more than 30 minutes. The link to our online registration can be found on the Luther Burbank website at: <http://burbank.nrsd.net/activities/athletics>

### Intramurals (tentatively scheduled to begin Monday, September 11)

The LBMS intramural program is open to all students in grades 6-8. It is a supervised after school athletic activity that promotes fair play and physical fitness, free of charge to LBMS students. All sessions begin at 2:15 and end at 4:00 (with the exception of fitness room which ends at 3:15) at which time all participants must have transportation home. Students may not take the elementary bus at 3:15 due to space restrictions. Any student wishing to take part in any of the activities must submit an Emergency Contact/Parent Consent form which may be downloaded from this [link](#).

CAPTURE THE FLAG  
TWICE A WEEK - DAYS TBA  
2:15-4:00

FLAG FOOTBALL  
TWICE A WEEK - DAYS TBA  
2:15-4:00

FITNESS ROOM  
TWICE A WEEK - DAYS TBA  
2:15-3:15

### Back-to School Information Packets

If you haven't already done so, please return your child's completed back-to-school information packet by Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Information in this packet is critical for contact purposes and student safety.

### Early Release, September 15

Please be reminded that we will have an early release on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served and students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. Our teachers and staff will be engaged with professional development the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Open House

Mark your calendars! All parents/guardians are invited to our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of this evening is to provide you with an opportunity to meet our staff and learn important information about our school programs and expectations. Presentations will begin at 6:00 PM in the Rowlandson auditorium. The presentation will be preceded by a Title I presentation in our Luther Burbank library at 5:30 PM. All are welcome to attend. Since this evening is intended for parents and guardians only, I respectfully request that students do not attend this event. I am hopeful that at least one parent or guardian from each family is able to schedule time to join us for this important opportunity.

## School Pictures

Please note that Tuesday, September 26th, is School Picture Day and that informational packets for purchasing pictures will be distributed soon. Although all students will need to have their picture taken, purchasing pictures is strictly optional for families.

## LBMS School Store – Still Open!

Luther Burbank’s official online store is still open. Our store sells items to promote spirit and raise money for our Student Activity Fund. If you are interested in ordering items, click [here](#). Check it out and catch some school spirit! Items will be delivered to Luther Burbank and distributed from there. The store will be open for a limited time, so now is the time to SHOP! Go Lancers!

## LBMS School Council – It’s Not Too Late!

Parents and community members can become directly involved in the continual improvement of our school by serving on School Council. School Council plays an important role in shaping school policies and programs. This year, we are seeking two parent members to serve on School Council for a 2 year term. The Council meets on a monthly basis after school. Time and date will be determined based on member availability and consensus. Please email Judy Ursuliak, [jursuliak@nrsd.net](mailto:jursuliak@nrsd.net), by September 13th, if you are interested in serving on this important site-based committee.

## Middle Years – A New Resource to our Burbank Bulletin!

This year, we will be adding a new publication, “Middle Years”, to our Burbank Bulletin. As we know, students experience a great amount of physical, behavioral, and social emotional changes during their middle school years. While exciting, these changes often result in parents/guardians having to make a shift themselves as they work to understand the transforming teen in front of them. “Middle Years” is a resource for parents/guardians to help support the teen years. The publication provides articles ranging in topic from “understanding middle graders’ behavior” to “supporting homework and study skills.”

You will find “Middle Years” attached to the Burbank Bulletin on a monthly basis.

## Picture of the Week



Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders ready and waiting on day one!