

# LONDONDERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT UPDATES NOVEMBER 2021



## Change in lunch schedule

Throughout the year, we have worked in conjunction with our staff to apply the appropriate mitigation measures for Covid-19 based on the status of our building. However, before the decision to universally mask, and in response to the rise of positive COVID-19 cases at the middle school, we felt it is appropriate to create a new lunch schedule that will help prevent spreading. Therefore, with the school in an outbreak status and approaching the winter season, we will implement this change **starting Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**.

Team	Start of Lunch
Twister	10:39
Monsoon/Tsunami	11:04
Typhoon	11:29
Cyclone/Hurricane	11:54
Hailstorm/Heatwave	12:19
Avalanche	12:44



While some lunchtimes are not ideal, our teams will work out a structure to have snacks appropriately with their students.

During lunch, we will follow procedures from last year. When students arrive, they will be required to space out every other seat (6 per lunch table). While eating and masks are off, students will not talk. We expect that of the approximate 25-minute lunch periods, 12-15 minutes will be students coming in, getting lunch, and eating. The final 10-12 minutes when students put their masks back on will be the loud, chatty lunchroom environment we all know.

We intend to follow this schedule until the holiday break. As we approach the holiday break, we will reassess to see what schedule and mitigation measures we will follow when we return for 2022.

## **Universal Masking & COVID-19 Parent Email Notifications**

We will not be sending home daily notifications to help curb the number of emails arriving in your inbox while the middle school is universally masking. Instead, we will be providing a weekly update each Friday, similar to the procedure we used to inform parents of masking end dates. You may only receive the notification if your child is in close contact, such as on a bus or in a cross-teamed class.

If and when we are no longer universally masking, we will then return to the daily notifications.

## **Winter Music Performances Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

We are excited about this year's winter concert performance. As we reengage in the proud tradition of music excellence at Londonderry Middle School, this year, the music department will showcase our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band, Chorus, and Orchestra students. Our goal is to provide an in-person concert safely with mitigation strategies in place. All concerts WILL be live-streamed and available on the school YouTube channel.



The music teachers will be sending home specific instructions on performance and student arrival times and a host of other procedural aspects for the concert. To assist in planning your attendance, the following protocols will be in place:

1. All attendees will be required to wear a mask while inside the building and throughout the performances.
2. We encourage family members to sit close together and keep three feet from those next to you while seated.
3. Once your child has finished performing, exit the gym promptly, avoid waiting inside and set a place to meet your child when they exit the building.
4. Everyone will need to be seated throughout the performances.
5. Abide by the number of guests allowed per student.

We understand the complexities of these arrangements and ask for your patience and understanding so everyone has the opportunity to hear and see their child perform in a safe and orderly environment.

### **Guests Allowed Per Student**

Performance 1.	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	3
Performance 2	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	3
Performance 3	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra	5
Performance 4	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus	2



### It's Getting Cool Outside for PE Classes

Just a friendly reminder that students are expected to go outside for physical education classes as the cooler temperatures arrive. Please encourage your child to make sure they have a sweatshirt or something warm to put on if they are outside on a cool day.

### PTO Information

We encourage you to attend our next PTO meeting to be held tomorrow night (Wednesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>) at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Media Center.

### Yearbook

Purchase the LMS 2021-2022 yearbook today! Yearbook orders will be online ONLY this year! The basic yearbook cost is \$36 and that price will include shipping directly to homes in mid-August. Options for personalization are available for an extra cost. ORDER NOW! PRICES WILL INCREASE to \$40 AFTER NOVEMBER 29TH! Go to <http://yearbookforever.com>, select Londonderry MS and pay by credit card, debit card, or PayPal.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Kilduff at [skilduff@londonderry.org](mailto:skilduff@londonderry.org).

### Important Dates

PTO Meeting	11/17
Thanksgiving Holiday	11/24 – 11/28
Trimester 1 ends	12/3
Trimester 2 begins	12/6
Report Cards	12/10
Winter Concert	12/18
Holiday Break	12/24 – 1/2
Return to School	1/3

