

A Message from Dr. LeMaster

Parents and Guardians:

We hope all families had a great break!! We have started our second round of progress monitoring to see how our students are progressing academically. These progress monitoring assessments are very important as they allow us to see how each student is progressing academically. These assessments also allow us to reflect on our teaching and make adjustments as needed. We will continue with our "main idea" or theme of "Finish Strong" as we have a very important 15 days before our Winter Break. We all get excited when a break is coming. We want to emphasize that we all give everything we have in terms of attitude and effort until 4:00 pm on December 17th. With that effort, the great abilities of our students, and a superstar staff at Varsity we are sure to Finish Strong and continue to make academic gains. As always, we appreciate your support with this theme.

Thanks Again for your support,

Dr. LeMaster



VLMS Vision and Mission

Vision

Varsity Lakes Middle School is a learning institute that is dedicated to the creation of academic excellence through rigorous and engaging instruction and integrated curriculum.

Mission

Varsity Lakes Middle school will provide a nurturing environment that ensures the continued development of the whole student. Through challenging learning experiences, all students will mature academically, socially, physically, emotionally, and creatively.

Parents' Bill of Rights

Provides parental rights relating to a minor child's education, upbringing, and health care.

Please visit the district webpage to learn more.

https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/parents_bill_of_rights



Dates to Remember

December

1 & 2 – iReady Reading Progress Monitoring

6 & 7 – iReady Math Progress Monitoring

7– Zoom SAC Meeting 5:30 P.M.

17 – Early Dismissal 2:00 PM

17 – Winter Concert 6:45 PM

20 – 31 Winter Break



During the 2019-2020 school year, the State Board of Education passed three rules related to required instruction in health education topics impacting middle and high school students. This year, the District will designate ten dates as Wellness Wednesdays, in order to engage students in this learning. The time set aside on each Wellness Wednesdays will provide students with tools to enhance their social-emotional well-being and support our families in the development of the whole child.

Students enrolled in grades 6 through 12 will receive instruction in mental and emotional health education.

School Counselors

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Spotlight on Afterschool Activities

Cross Country - Noah Dulcine finished 9th overall in the county and Hannah Aziz finished 74th overall in the county at the Championship XC Meet consisting of all 24 middle schools in Lee County.

Volleyball - with 1 match left in the regular season, our boys team remains undefeated at 5-0 and our girls are doing outstanding as well at 4-1. Playoffs begin Monday 12/6

Soccer - the next sport at VLMS will be soccer and is slated to start for boys and girls on Monday 1/3 (date is subject to change)

Title One

December 7, 2021 @ 5:30 P.M. SAC meeting will be held virtually on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://leeschools.zoom.us/j/81782179924?pwd=VDBOcGFYOUxkZXVDOGFnZkxVS2FzUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 8217 9924
Passcode: 550969

VLMS School Public Accountability Report can be found on our website
<https://edudata.fldoe.org/ReportCards/Schools.html?school=0242&district=36>

Parent and Family Engagement Information

Would like to help your child be successful in school? Helping your child learn how to student can help. Please read the article (link below) to see how you can help your child be successful.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/how-parents-can-help-their-kids-studying>



FortifyFL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

<https://www.getfortifyfl.com/Tip.html>

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Please remind your child/children to read at least 20 minutes a day during winter break.

We will see you back in school on January 3, 2022

Varsity Lakes Middle School currently has the following employees classified as out-of-field in the area of ESOL or Non-Highly Qualified per NCLB:

April Brooks, Victoria Clayton, Tiffany Countryman, Christina Cox, Kerrion Davis, Phillips Edwards, Khristyne Graves, Kara Harris, Kyle Howard, Melissa McClanahan, Ellen Moran, Lillian Otero, Mark Phillips, Jolene Porter, Jakyra Smith, Alan Squatrito, Ruth St. Romain, Bilal Hafeez, Janet Marshall

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