

## A Message from Dr. LeMaster

Dear Varsity Lakes Middle Parents and Guardians,

As we come to a long break November 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, we as a TEAM at Varsity want to focus on two major themes. The first is our gratitude and thanks to all families for their support for the first four months. Our Varsity families have been incredible with communication, support, and questions and I personally want to thank you as your involvement has been inspiring. The second "main idea" or theme is "Finish Strong". 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 November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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



### 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](https://www.leeschools.net/parent_portal/parents_bill_of_rights)



## Dates to Remember

### November

- 2 – Cross Country Meet @ VLMS 5:30PM
- 3 – Volleyball @ VLMS 5:45 PM
- 3 – 10 – K Club Food Drive
- 9 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Health Screening
- 11 – Veterans Day – No School
- 15 – Volleyball @ VLMS 5:45 PM
- 22 – 26 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- 29 – Volleyball @ VLMS 5:45 PM

### December

- 7– Zoom SAC Meeting 5:30 P.M.



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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November is upon us! We are nearing 2nd quarter mid-term grades. It is important to continue to support your student by initiating academic responsibilities. In the middle school years, we are preparing students for high school. It is tough because the student has more responsibility for their education in the teaching and learning process. Each student must manage the classwork and homework for each class and teacher. It becomes the student's responsibility to participate, stay focused, complete assignments, study and turn-in school work. This transition has challenges, but students have three years to practice and master the responsibilities. Classwork that isn't completed during class time becomes homework. If a student is absent, the learning material is available for the student in Google Classroom. It is extremely important for students to remain engaged in Reading and Math while continuing to work on the individual learning I-Ready path to support Language Arts, Science, Math and Social Studies.

**Self-motivation** is an action that is driven by one's own desires and ambitions. Pressing into the Reading and Math daily when it becomes difficult or frustrating supports the other academic content areas. Continue to encourage your students to keep going when the academic work becomes difficult. The benefits of continuing to stay "at it" are tremendous for the student. The other classes become a little easier because the reading has improved. If you have any concerns please reach out to one of the School Counselors.

## Spotlight on Afterschool Activities

Cross Country Meet – November 2, 2021 At Varsity start time 5:30P.M. Come out and support our Cross-Country Team.

Good News Club meets every Monday from 8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. in Mr. Solo's Room.

VLMS K Club is sponsoring a food drive for Thanksgiving items by November 10<sup>th</sup>, we would appreciate it greatly.

Instant mashed potatoes  
Canned Yams  
Canned Chicken/Tuna  
Marshmallows  
Peanut butter/Jelly  
Canned Beans  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Rice Sugar/Flour  
Canned Vegetables  
Cake/Muffin/Brownie Mix  
Canned Soups  
Cereal Stuffing  
Jello  
Broth (Beef /Chicken)  
Pudding Mix  
Can or Jar of Gravy  
Canned Fruit Pie Crust/Pie Filling  
Family Size 100% Fruit Juice  
Pasta/Pasta sauce

## 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=VDBOcGFYOUxkZXVDOGFnZkxVS2FhUT09>

Meeting ID: 817 8217 9924

Passcode: 550969

VLMS School Public Accountability Report can be found on our website

<https://edudata.fl DOE.org/ReportCards/Schools.html?school=0242&district=36>

## Boys and Girls Club After School Program

VLMS has partnered with Boys and Girls Club for an after-school program to be held at Varsity Lakes Middle School. If interested please see additional information below:

- Exclusively for students at Varsity Lakes Middle
- Program hours- Monday through Friday 4-6:30pm
- Starting date- Tentatively 10/4/21, depending on parent interest
- Price- \$40 per month, sibling discounts available
- What we offer- homework help, high yield learning fun, fully trained staff, sports and recreation, tutoring and more
- Contact- email [kliscum@bgclee.org](mailto:kliscum@bgclee.org) for more information and to be placed on the waiting list

**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, Jeffrey Costa, Tiffany Countryman, Christina Cox, Kerrion Davis, Phillips Edwards, Kelly Flynn, Khristyne Graves, Kara Harris, Kyle Howard, Melissa McClanahan, Ellen Moran, Lillian Otero, Mark Phillips, Jolene Porter, Julie Slaughter, Jakyra Smith, Alan Squatrito, Ruth St. Romain

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