

## A Message from Dr. LeMaster

VLMS Families,

Thank you for a very successful first month of school. We really appreciate your support. I am so proud of our students as daily, we are observing them make very good choices in how they treat others. Our school mindset is **"Work Hard and Be Kind"**. Some important reminders we appreciate your help with as we move forward in the school year:

- Dress Code-We are a uniform school but there are opportunities for students to "dress down". Students can earn dress down passes and we also have theme days. Dress down passes allow students to wear jeans but students must dress in uniform top and shoes (no crocs). On Theme Days, students will be able to wear jerseys, hats, etc.. but still must be in uniform. On Jersey or Sports Shirt Day, student must still wear uniform bottoms.
- School pictures are September 6<sup>th</sup>. Student come to school in uniform. Jersey/Sports Shirt Day is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- As we mentioned in many parent messengers over the summer school dismissal this year is 30 minutes later. Our goal daily is to have students in classrooms by 9:30. Instruction starts at 9:40.
- Please be patient with parent pick up and drop off as we hope to help you move through our lines quickly but our main focus is safety. We want to get your child/ren in and out of cars safely.
- On rain/lightning days, we will always try to send a messenger in advance that would indicate Parent Pick Up and Busses will be delayed. On rainy/lightning days, bikers and walkers will be held until we get an "all clear". With lightning, we have to have 30 minutes of no lightning strikes in a 10-mile area. We have a tracking system we follow. With lightning please be aware that sometimes it will take 90-120 minutes for us to receive an "all clear".
- Students are doing a great job working with us on phones and air pods. We ask for your support in reminding them to keep them in backpacks and turned off. With air pods, we ask that students do not bring them to school.
- Same Page Communication-Please contact us if you need anything. We want to always help with any questions you may have. Our school phone number is 239-694-3464.

Thanks,

Mr. 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.

## Dates to Remember

### September

5 - Labor Day - No School

6 - Fall Pictures in uniform

30 - Jersey/Sport Day - Uniform Bottoms required

### Important Change to Report Cards and Medical Care

Starting in the 2022-2023 School Year, Report cards will now be accessed **online ONLY** using the Focus Parent Portal! There is no need to wait for the mail to receive your child's report card. Parents will have access to report cards and other important student information like grades, attendance, discipline referrals, and progress monitoring results.

In order for your child to receive medical care at our school clinics, parents/guardians must sign an opt-in form available in Focus. Parents will be able to access beginning of the year forms such as the Student Emergency and Health Information Form.

### Sign up today for access to the Focus Parent Portal!

[https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/index.php?action=registration&locale=en\\_US&online\\_app=N](https://lee.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/index.php?action=registration&locale=en_US&online_app=N)

## School Counselors

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## Spotlight on Afterschool Activities

### Home Game Basketball Schedule

9/12 (Mon) vs. Oak Hammock @ VLMS 5:45 PM

9/19 (Mon) vs. Dunbar @ VLMS 5:45 PM

9/21 (Wed) vs. Oak Hammock @ OHMS 5:45

9/26 (Mon) vs. Fort Myers @ VLMS 5:45 PM

## District Links

Parent Guide and Code of Conduct for Students  
Grades 6 – 12  
2021-2022

<https://www.leeschools.net/cms/one.aspx?pagelid=1293797>

Student Grades and Assignments (Focus)

<https://www.leeschools.net/cms/One.aspx?portalId=676305&pagelid=6495535>

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:

Crista Brown, Caren Burroughs, Peter Corica, Victoria Clayton, Christina Cox, Edwards, Frantz Felix, Jacob Fricke, Veronika Gadsden, Max Gesenhues, Bilal Hafeez, Madison Harris, Brenna Horn, Kyle Howard, Robert Ioli, Jennifer Jeanbart, LaQuasha Jones, Andrea Martinez, Melissa McClanahan, Ellen Moran, Sierra McGarity, Mark Phillips, Jakyra Smith, Alan Squatrito, Ruth St. Romain,

## School Social Worker Corner

As we begin this new school year I want to introduce myself. My name is Heather LeVangie and I am the new school Social Worker here at Varsity Lakes. I am super excited to join this amazing Varsity Lakes family and I look forward to working with you to make this a positive and successful year for all.

Let's start off this year right with making ATTENDANCE a PRIORITY and getting your children to school ON TIME!! As parents and guardians, you hold the influence with your children and we need your continued support in building good attendance habits.



## Title One

Our Next SAC Meeting will be on October 6 at 5:00 P.M.

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