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Lancer News

Principal's Message

We look forward to the last month of planned instruction with your student(s) for the 2019-2020 school year! Our planned instruction document with weekly updates can be referenced on our district website, [online learning resources](#) tab. Thank you all for your dedication to keeping our Lancers healthy and academically engaged during this time.

LTMS teachers continue to present new instruction based on academic standards to make our students successful at the next grade level. Our policy and procedures for final course grades were communicated in a document to all families on Friday, May 1, 2020. Please continue access the student/[parent portal](#) at any time to track academic progress. We plan to post digital progress reports to the portal on Friday, May 8, 2020. Secretary of Health, Rachel Levine confirmed on Friday, May 1 that our county is set to "reopen" on May 8, 2020!

Our goal is to have planned instruction conclude on Friday, May 29, 2020 and finish our academic school year with review and final assessment the in first few days in June to conclude with final course grades on Friday, June 5, 2020. In the near future, we plan to communicate a MyConferenceTime schedule with families to digitally reserve a time slot to pick up items (locker remnants, yearbooks, etc.) along with the drop off of iPads at school.

As always, please continue to reach out to our [Technology Helpdesk](#), teachers, staff and office team with any questions or needs you may have right now. As always, thank you for your patience and support during this most difficult time. Remember... be respectful, be responsible, be kind and be courageous... in everything you do and say... be a LANCER!

Moving forward together,

Mrs. Sekel, Principal

Loyalsock Township Middle School

Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24, 2020

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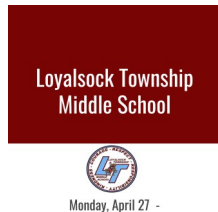
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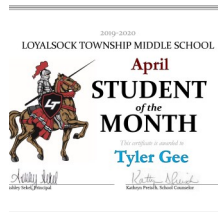
- May 8 —MP4 Progress Reports
- May 13—School Board Meeting
- May 25— No School
- May 29—MP4 Last Day
- June 1—4 Review
- June 1—4 Pick Up/Drop Off
- June 5—Report Cards



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6TH GRADE BAND

an introduction to LTMS Bands

During this unprecedented time, the end of the year 5th Grade experience has completely changed. To help bridge the gap between 5th and 6th grade, the LTMS Bands are excited to offer a special informational meet and greet for all 5th Grade Band members and their families. Five current LTMS Band members will be joining Mr. Tai and Mrs. BT to share their experiences and advice to incoming 6th graders regarding band and beyond. Guests (students and/or parents) are encouraged to join us and ask any questions that they may have about the 5th to 6th Grade transition.

When: Friday, May 1 - 3:30 PM
Where: Zoom

DID YOU KNOW?

The College Entrance Examination Board found that students involved in public school music programs scored 107 points higher on the SAT's than students with no participation.

Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, The College Board, conducted by the Music Education National Collective (2010)



CHRIS COOLEY

Hi, my name is Chris, I am in 8th Grade and play the trumpet. I perform in the 7/8th Grade Concert Band, LTMS Jazz Ensemble, High School Marching Band, and High School Wind Ensemble. I also run in cross country and play soccer.



JESSI FREAR

Hi, my name is Jessi. I am in 8th Grade and play percussion. I play in 7/8th Grade Band and Jazz Ensemble. I also sing in middle school choirs and the High School Musical. I am president of FBPA and competed as a member of TSA, OM, and Vex. My academic honors include honor roll.



JOSSIAN LILLEY

I have been playing low brass for 5 years now and I have played both Euphonium and Tuba. I play tuba and occasionally play bass in the 7th and 8th grade jazz ensemble. I've also been playing guitar at the Uptown Music Collective for 2 years as a member of Vinyl Rewind. Middle School band was when things really took off for me thanks to my own determination and the help of the great band teachers at all 3 schools.



ZACH WAGNER PIZZA

Hello my name is Zach and I am in 8th grade and play the clarinet and percussion. I participate in the 7/8th Grade Band, LTMS Jazz Ensemble, High School Marching Band and High School Wind Ensemble. My academic honors include high honor roll. I also compete in the state soccer and cross country teams.



LUCY TRIPP

My name is Lucy and I am in 7th Grade and play the French Horn. I perform in the 7/8th Grade Band and LTMS Jazz Ensemble. I play school soccer and also dance outside of school. My academic achievements include high honor roll.



As the class of 2027 gets closer to entering middle school, I am so excited to meet all of you and share in your journey through this transition. This time of change is always filled with excitement and sometimes even a little anxiety. My goal is to help smooth the transition for you to help make your time at the middle school a positive and memorable experience.

- Mr. Tai
LTMS Director of Bands



LancerSTRONG

To the right, is a proof of our LancerSTRONG shirt and QR code to place a direct order to be shipped to your designated address. Please consider purchasing to demonstrate our togetherness as a community as we work to benefit all of our students and continue to support our families. Thanks for your partnership BSN!



To the left and below, highlight students being LANCERS as they step up to offer a transition opportunity to our incoming students and build our programs while also recognizing all that their teachers have to offer during our upcoming teacher appreciation month.



Pictured below are our teachers in alphabetical order by last name. They continue to ensure our educational standards are met in order to keep our students on track for their future successes. Please thank these educators during the month of May as we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day, Teacher Appreciation Week and Teacher Appreciation Month! THANK YOU as you continue to be respectful, responsible, kind and courageous in our remote learning experience!



What's So Cool About Manufacturing?

The annual "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" video contest continued to excite students to explore cool manufacturing careers and produce profiles of companies throughout Pennsylvania in mid April.

Our LTMS team and Mrs. Pipech received camera equipment, software, and professional guidance as they learned to script, record, and edit their video story. Their objective was to change students' perceptions about manufacturing careers.

This year LTMS was assigned to work with Ralph S. Alberts Co, in Montoursville, PA. Our students toured the manufacturing site a couple months ago, interviewed the employees and gathered many video clips and photos in order to put together their video overview highlighting the many different types of products made right here in our community. Loyalsock's team members: Jessi, Serena, Dariyawna, Kamarah, and Jenna truly appreciate your support in voting for their video entry!



Teacher of the Month

LTMS congratulates Mrs. Kendall, our 6th grade ELA reading teacher, for being nominated as *Teacher of the Month* for April. She was described by her students as dedicated, kind, compassionate and caring as they often feel at "home" with her. Mrs. Kendall reminds students, "Be the reason someone smiles today."



Students of the Month

6th Grade

April
Mitchell Koons
Vera Shadle



7th Grade

April
Dakota Fluck
Claylynn Walker



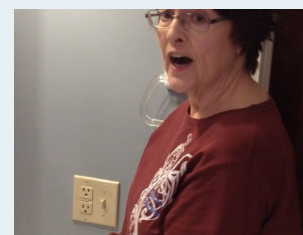
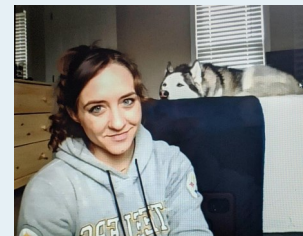
8th Grade

April
Tyler Gee
Anna Luxenberger



Remote Spirit & Learning

Virtually connecting with our students in creative ways!



Loyalsock Township Middle School IMPACT

On Friday, April 17, several PIAA District IV Schools participated in the "Be the Light" Campaign. At 8:20 p.m. (2020 hours) for 20 minutes, our scoreboard displayed the score at 20-20 in honor of this year's graduating class, while 4 down and 19 yards to go signified COVID-19 is on its final down.

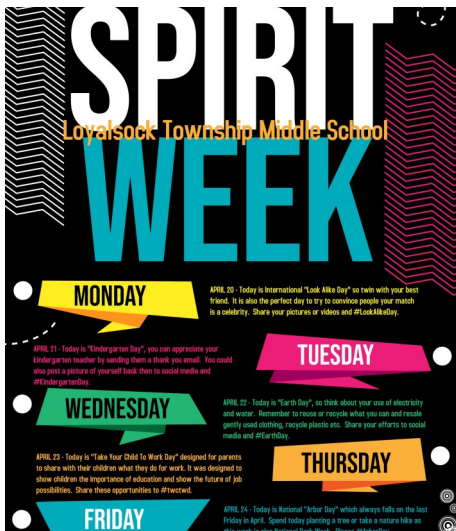
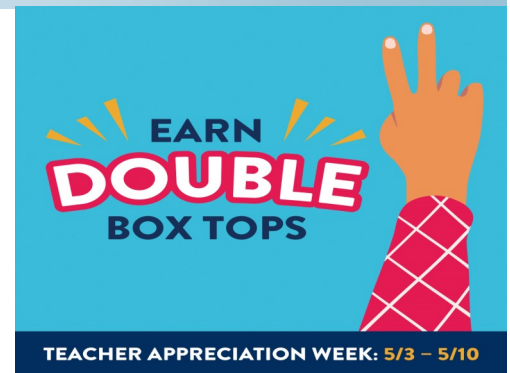


MyConference time will be live by Monday, May 18 for families/students to digitally reserve a time slot the first week in June to pick up items (locker remnants, year-books, etc.) along with the drop off of iPads at school.

LTMS PTO

If you are shopping for groceries you can still scan your receipt through the App Store to help our school collect Box Tops! The app is super easy to use and you can EARN DOUBLE BOX TOPS FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK when you buy any Box Tops participating products starting on 5/3/20 thru 5/10/20.

Our PTO continues to support our students and staff and are still busy planning events for next school year!



Virtual Spirit Weeks

LET'S STAY CONNECTED by posting daily pictures on our social media pages. A new thread will be started each morning where you can post your picture(s). Remember... as you begin your day, be respectful, be responsible, be kind and be courageous... in everything you do and say... be a LANCER!

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