

Lake Shore Middle School

New Family Welcome

Welcome! We would like to make your transition to Lake Shore as easy as possible. Please refer to this guide for some basic information to help you get acquainted with your child's new school.

PTO

The Parent Teacher Organization at Lake Shore works hard to support and enrich the education your child receives. Your membership in the Lake Shore PTO helps us fund important programs at our school. PTO program areas include academic enrichment, fundraising, teacher support and student support. Some PTO committees include book fair, staff appreciation, carnival, 6th grade Greek Olympics, 8th grade graduation, beautification, community service, and more! Volunteering to assist in PTO programs is a wonderful way to enhance your child's education and get to know other parents. We certainly hope you consider the many opportunities we have at the school. Please check out the PTO website: www.lakeshoremiddleschoolpto.org. **Also, please make sure to read the Lake Shore Loop, the PTO newsletter that is emailed bi-monthly. If you are not receiving "The Loop" yet, please email the PTO at: lakeshoremiddleschoolpto@gmail.com and request to be added to the distribution list. Questions may be directed to your 2017-2018 PTO Co- Presidents Christina Rater and Teresa Kennedy.**

PTO Meetings

All PTO members are encouraged to attend our monthly meetings. These meetings will occur the second Wednesday of every month at 9:15 in the Lake Shore band room and some will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. **Meetings last approximately one hour. Reminders are sent in “The Loop” each month along with information and other important dates.**

Carnival

Each year the PTO hosts a back-to-school event for all students called “Carnival.” Students are invited to partake in fun and games after school. Parents are asked to volunteer or simply pick-up their children afterwards. Please visit the PTO website for more information or contact the PTO if you are interested in helping during the event.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent, call the school office at 262-238-7600 (extension 1) on the day your child will be absent or tardy. Be prepared to give the following information to the secretary **each day your child is absent:**

- Grade in school and homeroom teacher
- Name of student
- Reason for absence or tardiness
- If extended illness, estimate length of absence

Lunch

The Mequon-Thiensville School District participates in the National School Lunch Program and offers a variety of healthy meal options to students every day. Lunch is provided through a private contractor, Aramark Education. The district utilizes a ticketless lunch system. Students use an online lunch accounting system to purchase lunch. To make deposits to a student account, parents may pay online to the student's account at www.myschoolbucks.com. Students access the lunch account by entering an identification number assigned them upon enrollment in school. Families unable to pay the full price of meals for their children may qualify for free or reduced priced meals. Contact the school office for more information.

Students may also bring a bag lunch to eat in the cafeteria. The cafeteria is equipped with a microwave which students are permitted to use for warming purposes when bringing food in microwave safe dishes. For additional food service information, please call 262-238-5648.

Recess

All students will go outside for recess during the day unless the weather is inclement. PLEASE make sure you children are dressed appropriately for the weather and that all items are clearly labeled with your child's name.

Report Cards

Report cards for students are issued at the end of each trimester. We urge you to discuss any questions you may have about your child's evaluation with the classroom teacher.

Arrival and Dismissal Times

The school building opens at **7:40 AM** and **classes begin at 7:55 AM**. A warning bell will ring at 7:49 AM and announcements will be made at 7:52 AM.

If you are driving your child to school you must drop off in front of the school following the traffic pattern. For safety and efficiency reasons, please have your child exit on the right side of the vehicle and use the crosswalk to get to the school door. **School is dismissed at 3:20 PM.**

Students who get picked up by parents may either wait by the school doors and be picked up using the school car line, or they may exit the building and meet their ride in the parking lot. If you choose to park and wait for your child, please alert your child to be mindful of cars in the lot as they exit.

In order to keep disruptions to classroom instruction at a minimum, **the office will not call into rooms during class periods in order to dismiss students.** If your child needs to leave school for an appointment, please send a note with him/her in the morning or leave the information on the attendance line so the office staff can communicate to the teachers prior to the early dismissal. If something arises during the day and you need to pick up your child, call Lake Shore as soon as possible and the office will call your child down between class periods. Please don't walk into the office expecting the office staff to immediately call your child down. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter as we look to maximize student learning.

School Mascot and Colors

The Raider is our mascot, and our colors are blue and yellow.

Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences will be held in the fall and spring. **Fall conferences are October 19th from 8:00am- 8:00pm (no school for students that day) and October 24th from 4:00pm-8:00pm (regular school day for students). Spring Conferences are February 1st from 4:00pm-8:00pm (regular school day for students) and March 8th from 8am-8pm (no school for students).** There is no need to make an appointment for these conferences. Just arrive and wait in line for your child's teacher. Each conference is limited to approximately 10 minutes. Parents can choose to bring their child to the conference or attend on their own.

Fundraisers

THE RAIDER FUND is our main fundraiser for the PTO. We give families an opportunity to “opt out” of selling things and other fundraisers by keeping it simple and just asking for a donation to support the PTO and our programs. We ask each family to consider giving a tax-deductible gift of \$100 (or whatever amount you can) to the PTO Raider Fund. In recent years, those donations have funded new chrome books and Mac Air Books for the classrooms, purchased and installed new water fountains/bottle fillers in the building, and a new monitor in the foyer of the school to keep students and staff informed of school events. Your contribution matters, so please consider giving! Checks may be made out to the “Lake Shore PTO” and you may turn it into the office with a note designating it to the Raider Fund or you can donate online at our website.

District Information & Website

Additional information about the school district can be found on the district website: www.mtsd.k12.wi.us. School Board meetings are held at Range Line School at 7PM. Dates are posted on the district website. An organization called the Mequon-Thiensville Education Foundation (MTEF) works with all schools in our district to help maintain and sustain important programs and projects. Each January the MTEF holds a fundraising event called the "Tartan Bash." This is an evening auction and social event for parents. More information will be available about the Tartan Bash as the date approaches.

VOICES is a group dedicated to parents and students with the intent of ensuring a positive educational experience for all students. Positive Parent Involvement (PPI) is a group of parents and staff whose goal is to keep all students healthy and safe in mind, body, and spirit. If you would like to learn more or join one of these groups, please contact the PTO New Family Coordinator, Maya Djurasovic at maya5@me.com for more information.

Red Ribbon Week

The PTO and Starting Point of Ozaukee sponsor this weeklong celebration in October. It is designed to encourage children throughout the district to stay drug, tobacco, and alcohol free. Special programs are presented at each school.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact **Maya Djurasovic, the New Family Coordinator**, with questions about the PTO. Informal PTO chat sessions will be held throughout the year. To be added to the email distribution list, please email Maya at: maya5@me.com