



LOS ALAMOS MIDDLE SCHOOL

SUMMER 2016 HAWK NEWSLETTER

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Principal Mike Johnson

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Dear LAMS Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! I hope that you have experienced a great summer. The LAMS staff is anxious for the start of the new school year. We have a great year planned with new programs and initiatives to help better assist our students. Also, we are excited about our newly renovated cafeteria that will be enjoyed by all our students.

The first step to starting the school year will be registering your student. **This year LAMS will be utilizing the Infosnap registration system. You may register your student at the following address, <http://www.laschools.net/Page/5178>. Please make sure to register online before our registration days. Monday, August 8th will be 8th grade registration and Tuesday, August 9th will be 7th grade registration. You will be registered on these days according to your last name (see schedule to the right).** Registration involves students coming to school with their parent/guardian in order to pay fees, pickup their schedule, agendas, books, school ID and required paperwork. We anticipate students will already have their individual schedules by August 1st online through Powerschool. By coming before the first day of school to register, we hope to assist your student in transitioning into the new school year and preparing them for the start of classes on the August 18th. If you are new to the district you will need to email LAMS Registrar, Amy Frank at a.frank@laschools.net in order to set up an appointment prior to school registration.

We have hired an excellent group of individuals to replace staff members that have moved on to new positions. We do have staff members that have changed their positions here at LAMS and will be taking on new roles on our campus. We have an exceptional team ready and excited for the start of the school year.

This year the Hawk Advisory Council (HAC) will be meeting monthly. HAC meetings are a great way for parents to provide input about school initiatives and transition plans. We also encourage you to participate in our school PTO, which builds a strong school-community partnership. Please notify our Administrative Secretary, Ms. Court at p.court@laschools.net if you are interested in participating on one of these committees.

To assist you in preparing for the new school year please check our web page at <http://laschools.net/lams>. Student agendas, which include the rules and requirements you need to know will be handed out at registration. Parents and students should spend time together reading the agenda so they will feel fully prepared for the new school year. Do not hesitate to call us if you need any clarification.

We have worked very hard to place every student in the electives they selected during spring registration. If there are any questions, concerns, or adjustments, the office staff will be happy to assist you. Please understand that during the first week of school we will be processing new students and may not be able to get back to you immediately. We will prioritize schedule changes based upon course needs.

The Administration office area is always open to students and parents that would like to meet with the Principal or Assistant Principal. If we have not yet had the privilege of meeting you please feel free to stop by. It is our sincere honor and pleasure to serve you. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we may be of assistance.

GO HAWKS!

Sincerely,
Principal Mike Johnson

REMINDER:

Make sure to register online through Infosnap before coming to LAMS Registration

LAMS Start of School Registration

8th Grade Registration –Monday, 8/8

7th Grade Registration-Tuesday, 8/9

***All 7th and 8th grade students must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian at registration.*

8th Grade (Monday, August 8th)

Last Name A-L: 9:00am-11:30am

Last Name M-Z: 12:30pm -2:30pm

7th Grade (Tuesday, August 9th)

Last Name A-L: 9:00am-11:30am

Last Name M-Z: 12:30pm -2:30pm

August 1st

We anticipate that schedules will be available online through Powerschool by August 1st. If your student does not have a schedule, please call 663-2407. Students will be notified of their Hawk Teams via postings at registration on August 8th and 9th.

Food Service

We will have cafeteria service during the final stages of renovation of the kitchen cafeteria. We anticipate that our new food service provider will prepare sack lunches until the kitchen is fully operational.



Upcoming Dates

<i>August 1st</i>	Student schedules available on Powerschool
<i>August 8th</i>	Fall Sports Begin – Football, Volleyball, Cross Country
<i>August 8th</i>	LAMS Registration for 8 th graders
<i>August 9th</i>	LAMS Registration for 7 th graders
<i>August 18th</i>	FIRST FULL DAY OF SCHOOL. Students dismissed at 3:00 P.M.
<i>August 23rd</i>	<i>MANDATORY</i> Parent/Athlete meeting for fall sports teams, 5:30 pm, LAMS Gym
<i>August 22nd</i>	School Picture Day
<i>August 26th</i>	Back To School Dance
<i>September 7th</i>	LAMS Open House 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Bus Information, Behavior and Safety

Bus routes are located on the LAPS district website at <http://laschools.net>, as well as being published in the Los Alamos Monitor prior to the start of the school year. Students need to pay careful attention to the rules of conduct and safety regarding school bus and city bus transportation, as well as when crossing streets and moving around the buses. Bus safety and seating assignments will be strictly enforced! Parents will be contacted by Keith Rosenbaum, District Transportation Director, regarding student bus misbehavior. In addition, motorists need to watch for students and remember to stop when the bus flashing lights are on.

SCHOOL FEES:

- Agenda Fee - \$10.00
- P.E. Uniforms (required P.E. and Rec Sports classes) - \$25.00 for a set
- Copy Paper Fee - \$5.00
- LAPS Activity Fee - \$25.00 (This fee helps to defray all field trip and transportation costs, as well as covering the admission to all athletic events at the middle school).
- 8th Grade Science Graph Notebook -\$5.00

PLEASE NOTE: Some classes also require a fee. Those classes are Crafts, Creative Art, Cultural Language, Debate, Drama, Fine Art, and Advanced Shop and Shop. If your student is enrolled in one of these classes, please include those fees in the check that you are writing to LAMS. **PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO LOS ALAMOS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

LOCKERS: Students will be assigned a locker and given a combination lock at the start of school registration.