



Dear Parents,

August 2024

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Our staff has been busy preparing for our students to return to school this fall. At Lakeshore Middle School we work hard to incorporate our core values **Excellent, Kind, Respectful, and Responsible** into all facets of our school academically, socially, and emotionally.

An online version of this letter with active links is posted in our website's Parents & Students section under Orientation Sign Up. It will also be sent via parent email blast.

### Student Orientation 2024

#### Lakeshore Middle School

Wednesday, August 21	7th/8th Grade	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	7th/8th Grade	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, August 22	7th/8th Grade	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Seventh grade parent meeting August 21 at 6:15 in the Lakeshore Auditorium

***You must sign up for a time slot to bring your student to orientation. You will have to create an account if you do not have one on the PTCfast site.***

**The link below will open on August 5th at 5:00 pm.**

**[https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Lakeshore\\_Middle\\_School](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Lakeshore_Middle_School)**

If you cannot attend Student Orientation, please visit the Lakeshore Main Office on August 26 & 27 between 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to complete registration for the 2024-2025 school year and receive your student's schedule.

#### ☐ **PARENT EMAIL SIGN-UP**

**Online**

Parents are asked to subscribe to our school email list so we may continue to share timely and relevant information with you. There will not be any paper mailings after this one for the year. Visit [www.ghaps.org](http://www.ghaps.org) and click on the **Quick Link** Parent Email to register. If you do not receive an email from Lakeshore, please check your spam folders or call our main office for assistance.

#### ☐ **TEAM ASSIGNMENTS & SCHEDULE**

**Get Info and Schedule**

Students will receive their team assignment, class schedule, and locker assignment at Student Orientation. Students will be able to locate their classrooms and open their locker after receiving their schedule.

#### ☐ **PARENTVUE - Contact information/Student Grades**

**Online**

Parents need to check the accuracy of our contact data for emergency purposes in ParentVue. This information is critical. Our online ParentVUE also offers secure access to school and student information, including

assignments, quizzes, tests, and project grades, as well as report cards. If you do not have access to your ParentVue account, you will be able to obtain your access code at Student Orientation. There is a **Quick Link** to ParentVue/StudentVue at [www.ghaps.org](http://www.ghaps.org).

☐ **TECHNOLOGY/CHROMEBOOKS**

*Cash/Check*

*Get Chromebook with cover*

All students at Lakeshore receive a Chromebook for classroom and home use. An optional insurance policy is available for \$20 (\$15 for reduced meal students and \$5 for free meal students) which covers the first two ACCIDENTAL device damages for the year (no deductible). Please visit [ghaps.org](http://ghaps.org) for more information about insurance and technology-related policies.

☐ **TRANSPORTATION**

*Online*

Parents must sign up for transportation. Please visit our website and fill out the Google form under the transportation tab. You may access it here as well. [TRANSPORTATION FORM](#)

Bus schedules will be available to view in the ParentVue section of Synergy before school starts. If you have further questions about transportation, please contact the transportation office at 616-850-5150.

☐ **MEDICATION**

*Complete Medication Form, Provide Medication*

Medication Form 5330 F1 must be completed by parent **AND** physician if your student is to receive prescription and/or non-prescription medication during the school day. All medication received at Student Orientation or Student Services **MUST** be in the original container and accompanied with Form 5330 F1. All forms are located under the Parents tab on our school website at <http://www.ghaps.org/parents/resources/>

☐ **STUDENT PHOTO ID**

*Online*

*Cash/Check*

All students must have their photograph taken by Geskus Photography for their free school identification card, which is used as a lunch debit card and library card. Parents may choose a photo package to purchase. You may pay online at [www.geskusphoto.com](http://www.geskusphoto.com) or make a check payable to Geskus Photography. For those students unable to attend Student Orientation, retake pictures will be taken on September 26, 2024.

☐ **FOOD SERVICES**

*Online*

Breakfast and lunch are served at Lakeshore Middle School. You may contribute to your student's account online at [www.grandhaven.familyportal.cloud](http://www.grandhaven.familyportal.cloud) or make a check payable to GHAPS and send it with your student to school.

**Families that may qualify need to fill out the Free/Reduced Lunch Application.** You may complete the Free/Reduced Lunch Application online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) or stop by Student Services. Information and forms about reduced or free meals are available online at [www.ghaps.org](http://www.ghaps.org).

☐ **ATHLETICS**

*Online*

Students will need a current sports physical before participating in any sports. Physicals done after 4/15/2024 are valid for the 2024-2025 school year. The costs are as follows for sports: Participation fee is \$60/athlete per sport with a family maximum of \$400 per school year. Insurance fee is \$30/sport. There is a \$100 deductible, which may be satisfied by other valid collectible insurance or plan payments, which will be applied to each claim. Payment and physicals need to be made in Final Forms, [www.ghaps.org](http://www.ghaps.org) under Athletics.

☐ **LAKESHORE YEARBOOK** *Cash/Check*

Students may order a yearbook for \$30. Please make a check payable to GHAPS.

☐ **BUS DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

Students will be dropped off and picked up in front of the building on Cutler between Park and Colfax. Staff will be available after school each day to help students find their bus. Buses drop off and pick up in the same spots all year.

☐ **PARENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP**

Parents who drop off students before or after school must, for safety reasons, use the northwest parking lot located across from the school on Cutler Street. The south loop is reserved for special education buses, staff, and office visitors.

☐ **DRESS CODE**

As a reminder, the full GHAPS 5-12 school dress code policy is listed in our handbook on our website. Listed below are a few of the common dress code concerns:

- Pants with holes or rips above the knee are not acceptable.
- Tank tops are not acceptable. If a shirt is see through, whatever is underneath it, must meet the dress code.
- Shorts and skirts need to follow the fingertip rule. The end of the fabric cannot be higher than the ends of your fingers when your arms are held at your side.

☐ **SCHOOL HOURS**

**School begins Tuesday, September 3, and will be a full day.** Classes start at 7:38 a.m. and finish at 2:48 p.m. The building opens at 7:10 a.m. daily. Early release Wednesdays begin September 11. We have supervision for our students from 2:00-2:45 pm after school on Wednesdays for those who have athletics or clubs to attend.

☐ **SUPPLY LISTS**

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List 2024/2025*

- An organizational system (ex. 3-ring binder with subject dividers, accordion-style folder, or another folder system)
- Number 2 Pencils with eraser or mechanical pencils (needed all year)
- Blue or Black ink pens
- Scientific Calculator – TI 30XS Multi-view, required for Algebra, recommended for Math
- 4-6 One-Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Composition Wide Ruled Notebook for English Language Arts (1)
- Highlighters of various colors (2)

Recommended: Earbuds / Wireless Mouse / Box of Colored Pencils

Appreciated Classroom Donations: Kleenex / Hand Sanitizer / Lined paper / Extra supplies from the above list to donate to teachers for other students

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List 2024/2025**

- An organizational system (ex. 3-ring binder with subject dividers, accordion-style folder, or another folder system)
- Blue or Black ink pens
- Number 2 pencils or mechanical pencils
- 4-6 One-subject 70 sheet count spiral notebooks
- Composition Notebooks for English Language Arts
- Glue Sticks
- Highlighters of various colors (2)
- Earbuds
- Box of colored pencils
- Scientific Calculator (recommended Texas Instrument TI-30 Multiview-Solar powered)

**Recommended:** Wireless Mouse / Post-It Notes / Box of markers

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Seventh grade students and families may find more information about a typical day at Lakeshore, created by our students, and answers to other questions on our website under Parents and Students. For those interested, the principals will be hosting a seventh grade parent information night on Wednesday, August 21 at 6:15 p.m. in the Lakeshore auditorium to learn about Lakeshore and the middle school years.

Our staff will be hosting an Open House for all families on Thursday, September 5 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. This will be an informal meet and greet event.

We look forward to working with our students and families this year! Please do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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