

RW 6/7 Campus News

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The mission of Rolland Warner Middle School is to develop critical thinkers who have the necessary skills for future success.



Mark Your Calendar

- **March 5** - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5-7pm (by invite only *see above*)
- **March 8** - Spring Athletic Night 5-6pm @ RW Gym
- **March 8** - 6th Grade Band Concert 6-8pm at LHS
- **March 9** - No School for Students (Teacher Professional Development Day)
- **March 13** - District Safety Meeting 6:30pm at LHS auditorium
- **March 14** - PAC Meeting 9:30am at RW
- **March 14** - Archery Club Tournament 5-7pm in gymnasium
- **March 15** - Lockdown Drill
- **March 17** - K-8 Art Show at Gallery 194 in Downtown Lapeer
- **March 19** - First Day of Spring Sports Tryouts/Practices
- **March 20 & 21** - Kindergarten Round-Up 12:30-3pm and 4-7pm at Administration Building
- **March 20 & 22** - Zemmer Placement Testing @ RW Media Center from 4:30-6:30pm
- **March 26-30** - Spring Break No School
- **April 2** - Traditional Students Have School (Snow Day Makeup)
- **April 2-6** - Year-Round Intersession
- **April 9** - Impact Testing 4-5pm @ RW

Principal's Message:

School Safety

Due to recent events school safety is at the forefront of everybody's mind including staff, students, and parents. Our number one priority at Lapeer Community Schools is the safety of our students. On Tuesday this week all 750 students gathered in our gymnasium for a safety presentation with our superintendent Mr. Wandrie, Sherriff McKenna, and Chief Frisch. This presentation centered around 3 points:

1. Let students and staff know how we are addressing security issues with a focused and measured approach.
2. Reiterate the importance of appropriate social media use and impress upon our students the seriousness of online threats and the necessity to share information with the authorities.
3. Provide a voice for student input on this important issue.

In the coming weeks we will be taking feedback from all stakeholders and readdressing any needs that exist to ensure we are doing everything possible to ensure the safety of students. I encourage everyone to attend our Parent Forum which will be held on **March 13 at LHS in the auditorium at 6:30pm** with Mr. Wandrie, Sheriff McKenna, and Chief Frisch to hear more about this very important issue.

Parent/Teacher/Student Compact

In the last newsletter I communicated that the Rolland-Warner Parent/Teacher/Student Compact would be coming home. You may be familiar with these compacts from elementary school. Often, they would be something that would be signed at conferences. The compact basically just goes over some points of emphasis that we expect from teachers, students, and parents to help all of our students be successful. Students will be going over it with their teachers and then they will be bringing the compact home for parents to sign. I will send home a phone blast to let parents know when to expect them. The reason they have not come home yet is because I need to review the contents with our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) before it is ready to go. That will happen on our March 14th meeting.

Winter Parent/Teacher Conferences

This Monday, March 5, is Rolland-Warner's Winter Parent/Teacher Conferences. **These conferences are by invite only.** During this past week you should have received (or will receive soon) your invites in the mail requesting your attendance between 5-7pm. Some parents may receive more than one invite, but most parents will not receive one. We strongly encourage those parents who do receive invites to attend during this time.

What if you had questions or were hoping to meet with teachers but did not receive an invite? I encourage you to contact teachers via email to set up a phone conference to discuss your concerns. Our teachers are always available to discuss any academic concerns or other concerns you may have.

There are some exceptions to the normal 5-7pm schedule so please review the list below to see exactly when certain teachers are available. If you have ANY confusion or questions about this, please call our office for clarification.

- Mr. Lothrop (PLTW), Mr. Fisher (P.E.) and Mr. Eaton (P.E.) will all be available in the Media Center from 5-7pm. Mrs. Slominski (Year-Round P.E.) will be in the Media Center from 5-6pm.
- Mrs. McGrath (Spanish) will be available from 5-6pm in the Media Center (for her Zemmer students as well).
- Mrs. Wolfer, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Brusie, Mrs. Slominski and Mrs. Prill (Year-Round teachers who switch buildings) will be available for "Drop-in" conferences from 5-6pm in their classrooms. They are available for their Zemmer students as well. Because they switch buildings they are limited to one-hour conferences so **parents will not receive invites for these teachers.** Feel free to stop in during that time window to meet them.
- Mrs. Hundt will be available for Band from 5-7pm in the Band Room for drop-in (no invite needed).
- Mrs. Reinert (Art) will be available for drop-in (no invite needed) from 5-7pm in the Art Room.



PAC Meetings

The building has monthly PAC meetings which is an opportunity for parents to meet with the principal and talk about various things including curriculum, building vision, and the overall direction of RW moving forward.

Please mark the following PAC dates on your calendar if you wish to attend. All meetings are scheduled to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month and begin at 9:30am to coincide with the start of the school day.

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LEADERFund – Leading to Excellence

We strongly encourage you to think about supporting the events sponsored by the LeaderFund as this money directly impacts the students of Lapeer, through mini-grants, grants, and scholarships!

Start rounding up your team for the Par Three Shootout Golf Tournament to be held on June 2!!! You can find information on their events on Facebook @leaderfund or www.leaderfundlapeer.com!

National Junior Honor Society Sign-Up

If students have a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and enjoy serving others in our school and community, they should apply to become a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Applications are available in the wooden rack outside the office, and are due back no later than Friday March 16th.

Student Handbook Notes

Each month a couple areas of the student handbook will be highlighted. Don't forget the full student handbook can be found under the "Parents & Students" tab on our website at <http://rw.lapeerschools.org/>

This month's focus is on following bus rules. Our bus drivers have what can be a very difficult responsibility to safely transport students to and from school. This task is made more difficult when students are not following simple rules such as staying in their seats and keeping noise levels to a minimum. Review proper bus behavior with your child and please support our bus drivers if they contact you about poor bus behavior. It will go a long way ensuring all of our students are safe when being transported to and from school. The basic steps for our administration in dealing with poor bus behavior is the following (Note this is for minor bus incidents. Major infractions may result in immediate suspensions) :

- ✓ 1st Infraction
Administration meets with the student to review expectations and warn them the next step is calling parents.
- ✓ 2nd Infraction
Parents will be notified that the student has now received two poor bus reports. Parents will also be told that any future bus infractions will result in a bus suspension.
- ✓ 3rd Infraction
Student will be suspended from the bus for a period of time (usually between 3 and 10 days).
- ✓ 4th Infraction
Student may receive a long-term (more than 10 days) suspension from the bus or potentially permanent loss of transportation privileges.

P. 91 VIOLATION OF BUS RULES AND BUILDING RULES

Students shall be responsible for being knowledgeable of the district rules for student behavior related to district transportation and such other special building rules as may be established by the principal. Violations of these rules, not otherwise covered in the Student Code of Conduct, shall be appropriately handled by the building administration. Penalties may include detention, denial of transportation privileges, parent conferences, and suspension from school.

Student Council

The Leelanau Outdoor Center Leadership/Teambuilding Field Trip for student council members on May 21-24, 2018 seems like an eternity away, however, spring approaching certainly speeds up time! The Leelanau Outdoor Center is located 32 miles beyond Traverse City in Northwest lower Michigan and rests on Pyramid Point, a 300 foot bluff overlooking Lake Michigan. Student council members will be doing all sorts of teambuilding and leadership activities from the high ropes course to being around the fire in the Great House.

The final paperwork and money is due on May 4 for the student council members that have signed up. We can't wait to see how this trip changes the lives of these young people!

Drop-Off Reminder

Spring is just around the corner and with the nicer weather comes the desire of students to be dropped off earlier than 9am to hang out with friends outside the school. This is just a reminder that no students should be dropped off earlier than 9am because we do not have adult supervision outside.

We understand that this presents difficulty with parent work schedules. Parents who are in need of morning care can contact Kids & Company at 810-667-2454 and have students transported to RW from Turrill so this option is available. Ultimately if parents continue to drop students off early they may be charged the Kids & Company rate for supervision.



Washington DC Trip

Achaztz Pie Fundraiser: All order forms and payments are due at RW during lunches on March 1st and delivery will be on March 19 from 3-5 pm only at the Athletics Entrance! We are dealing with frozen products and do not have room to store products so please prepare to pick up your pies promptly!

Looking ahead to the near future, the next payment is due to BrightSpark on April 1st and the next fundraiser (Pizza Kits) are going to start on April 10th!

Substitute Teachers Needed

Attention Parents! Are you or anyone you know looking for a flexible day job? Consider being a Substitute Teacher.

Minimum educational requirement is 90 Credit Hours towards a Bachelors Degree. Select the district and school building in which you want to work. Choose the days you are available. Pay Ranges from about \$65-\$85 per day.

Interested?

Go to www.subpass.com and complete the online application and the free online training modules at www.gcctraining.com. Check out our web site.

Questions? 866-782-7277.

Counselor's Corner

The middle school counseling office provides a safe and welcoming environment where students are able to come in and discuss a variety of concerns, whether school related or personal. Academic planning, scheduling questions, personal issues, problem solving and organizational strategies are some of the areas in which counselors most frequently work with students. Counselors are also available to assist families with concerns they may have regarding their children's middle school experience. When students and their families have questions and are unsure who to turn to, the middle school counseling team is an excellent resource.

Students A-K Counselor – Mrs. Price, cprice@lapeerschools.org
 Students L-Z Counselor – Mrs. Tibbitt, mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org



Winter Athletics Update

Winter Season II sports are wrapping up in the next couple weeks! Visit www.lapeerlightning.com for schedules so you can support the athletes!

Spring Season athletics include track (6th-8th grade), baseball (7th & 8th) and softball (7th & 8th) and sign-up sheets are in the office, with first day of tryouts/practice will be March 19th!

MHSAA rules state that in order to be eligible for second semester sports, your child must have passed 5 out of 6 classes in the first semester. If your child failed a class they will be put on Academic Probation and doing weekly progress reports for the office.

Mandatory Athletics Meeting for NEW Athletes (No need to attend if you have already played sports in 2017/2018 school year) Thursday, March 8 from 5-6 PM located in the Rolland-Warner Gym.

Items you NEED TO TRYOUT/PRACTICE (please bring to Athletic Meeting filled out; your student will receive in the office when they sign up):

- **Current MHSAA Athletic Physical**
- **Emergency Medical Treatment Card**
- **Code of Conduct Form** Please read the Code of Conduct @ www.lapeerlightning.com under the athletic forms tab.

Pay to Participate - May be paid by check to Lapeer Community Schools, in cash at Rolland-Warner, or online @ lapeerlightning.com under the athletic forms tab and **must be paid by April 16th**.

Impact Testing – For 7th graders only! April 9th from 4-5 pm.

All of the above must only be completed once for the entire year!

Sport	Tentative Spring Practice Times/Dates (times may be subject to change)
7 th Girls' Softball	Tryouts: 3/19 4:30-6:30pm @ RW Campus (Gym)
	Impact Test: 4/9 @ 4:00-5:00pm @ RW
7 th Boys Baseball	Tryouts: 3/19 4:30-6:30pm @ RW Campus (Gym)
	Impact Test: 4/9 @ 4:00-5:00pm @ RW
6 th & 7 th Track	Practice: 3/19 4:30-6:30pm @ TBD
	Impact Test: 4/9 @ 4:00-5:00pm @ RW