

# 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.



## Principal's Message:

We have our first full month under our belt here at RW. It was a busy month! Here are some highlights, important information, and upcoming events or activities.

### Mark Your Calendar

- **Oct 11**  
PAC Meeting @ 9:30am
- **Oct 20**  
Year-Round No School
- **Oct 23 & Oct 25**  
Traditional Calendar  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences
- **Oct 23-27**  
Year-Round Intersession
- **Oct 27**  
No School, All Students
- **Nov 20-24**  
Thanksgiving Break  
– No School, All Students

### 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](http://www.subpass.com) and complete the online application and the free online training modules at [www.gcctraining.com](http://www.gcctraining.com). Check out our web site. Questions? 866-782-7277.

### Spirit Week

As is tradition during Homecoming Week, students had a different theme each day throughout the week including PJ Day, Flashback Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Hawaiian Thursday, and Lightning Leader Friday. Although I generally refrain from participating personally (it's hard for me to have a wacky haircut) the students and teachers have a great time. It's nice to be able to add some excitement to the school days which can become a little drab without any changes.

### Honors Night

Students who received a 3.5 grade point average for the 2016-2017 school year were invited to Honor's Night at LHS. Students receiving the award had their names called, walked across the stage, and received either a junior varsity academic letter or a lamp pin. All 7<sup>th</sup> grade students received the JV letter as did 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who earned the distinction for the first time. Eighth grade students who received a JV letter last year received a lamp pin to add to this letter. As students progress through Zemmer and LHS, they will have the opportunity to earn full varsity academic letters as well as pins to add to them. Congratulations to all students who earned this high honor!

### Bolt Bucks

Teachers are actively looking for **BOLTS** behavior throughout the school and rewarding it with Bolt Bucks. If a student is caught Being Organized, a Leader, or Trustworthy (all things that lead to Success) they may receive a Bolt Buck. Bolt Bucks can be spent at the Bolt Buck Store that operates periodically in the cafeteria during lunches. Additionally, there are weekly drawings with Mr. Stevens during lunch with special rewards.

### Support Breast Cancer Awareness

Service learning students will be selling lollipops during the month of October with proceeds going to McLaren Cancer Institute in Lapeer. Each Wednesday students are encouraged to wear pink and bring 50 cents in for a lollipop.

### Student Centered Learning

Lapeer Community Schools is excited by implementing new Board Goals for the 17-18 school year. The purpose of the goals is to align with Michigan's Top 10 in 10 goals and create a systemic plan for improvement. One of these goals is to implement high quality instruction in every classroom through a learner-centered instructional model (Board Goal #2). Some characteristics of a learner centered classroom include:

- engaging students in learning
- skillful use of questioning and discussion
- teacher flexibility and responsiveness to maximize learning opportunities
- increased cognitive challenge on activities and assignments
- students being active participants in their learning with the teacher seen as the facilitator

Through high quality lesson plans, principal walkthroughs and feedback to teachers, and clear learning targets, we hope to provide a high quality learning environment that improves each and every year.

### Traditional Calendar Parent Teacher Conferences (Oct. 23 and Oct 25)

We just had our Year-Round conferences last week, but the conferences for traditional calendar students is coming up on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30pm to 7:30pm and Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 7pm. These conferences are a little different than the Year-Round conferences in that **they are by scheduled appointment only**. Each conference last up to 10 minutes long. Every teacher has somewhere between 155 to 165 students each day and with only 5 ½ hours of conference time, it is impossible for every teacher to see the parents of every one of their students. For this reason, we encourage parents to select a couple teachers to schedule conferences with (rather than all 6 teachers) to free up as much time as possible so that more slots are available for everyone. I usually suggest picking that class or those classes where you have the biggest concerns.

At the end of this newsletter, you will see a **sample** letter explaining how to sign up for conferences. You may sign up for time slots **once the window is opened for parents to sign up**. A phone blast will go out letting you know when this window has opened. Personal letters will be sent via school messenger to each parent. They will have the student ID which will be used to login to sign up. If you do not have Internet access, or do not receive a letter through school messenger, please contact the office.

### 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.

Oct 11    Nov 8    Dec 13  
 Jan 10    Feb 14    Mar 14  
 Apr 11    May 9

### Counselor’s Corner

Here at Rolland-Warner we are fortunate to have 2 counselors to help support the needs of our students. Counselors work with the students on everything from personal issues to scheduling changes. Please keep in mind counselors are not administrators, so if students are having problems with other students that may involve discipline, please contact Mr. Meister the Dean of Students. Our counselors are Mrs. Marthen, who works with our 6th grade students, and Mrs. Tibbitt who will be working with 7th grade students. Mrs. Tibbitt joins us from Durand where she was most recently a high school counselor. They can be reached at: Mrs. Marthen, 810-538-2339 or [jmarthen@lapeerschools.org](mailto:jmarthen@lapeerschools.org) Mrs. Tibbitt, 810-538-2338 or [mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org](mailto:mtibbitt@lapeerschools.org)

### Fall Athletics

Fall Athletics is wrapping up with another successful season and personal growth for many of our athletes! Thank you students, parents, and coaches! If your child is a fall athlete, please ensure that you turn in the uniform(s) in a timely manner for the coaches to be able to complete their requirements.

## 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 transportation. Its imperative students follow appropriate procedures and rules on buses. If they fail to do this, it poses a major safety hazard due to distracted drivers. If you’ve ever driven even a few children in a car (as most of us have) you know how difficult it can be to concentrate if there is excessive noise, movement, or confusion coming from the back seat. For that reason, I’d like to highlight bus transportation as it reads in the student handbook.

### Appendix H – Bus Rules for Students (p.58)

*Bus transportation to and from school is provided by Lapeer Community Schools for all students who live in the district and outside of the no service areas. We want our students to enjoy a safe and orderly ride to and from school and school related events.*

*The school district establishes procedures, guidelines and rules to govern school bus operation in order to 1) protect the health and safety of the passengers, 2) avoid disruption of transportation and school-day schedules, and 3) prevent damage to school district property. School bus transportation is a privilege and not a right. Students are expected to observe the rules and be a safe citizen. Passengers are on school property when they are on the school bus and are expected to observe the same behavior that is expected in school. The “Student Code of Conduct” as well as these “Bus Rules for Students” are in force and govern the behavior of bus passengers.*

*Passengers are expected to follow the rules here in. Passengers who break the rules will be reported to the appropriate school administrator for disciplinary action. The driver may take action designed to address issues and correct problems. Seat assignment, contacting parents, seeking assistance of transportation and/or school administrators and filing written rule violation reports are some of the driver’s remedies. Drivers may recommend suspension of service to the administrator for severe or repeated infraction.*

*Parents who have questions or concerns about the transportation service or a school bus driver may call the Transportation Department at (810) 667-2433 during school days between 5:30 AM and 5:00 PM.*

## Winter Athletics Update

**Mandatory Athletics Meeting for NEW Athletes** (No need to attend if you have already played fall sports) Tuesday, October 17 from 6-7 PM located in the Rolland-Warner cafeteria.

**Items you NEED TO TRYOUT/PRACTICE** (please bring to Athletic Meeting):

- **Current MHSAA Athletic Physical**
- **Emergency Medical Treatment Card**
- **Code of Conduct Form** Please read the Code of Conduct @ [www.lapeerlightning.com](http://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](http://lapeerlightning.com) under the athletic forms tab and **must be paid by first contest.**

**Impact Testing** – For 7<sup>th</sup> graders only! Dates and times are listed, for volleyball your coach will let you know which night you are attending!

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

Sport	Tentative Summer Practice Times/Dates (times may be subject to change)
7 <sup>th</sup> Girls’ Volleyball	Practice/Tryouts: 10/19-10/23 4:30-6:30pm @ RW Campus (Gym)
	<b>Impact Test: 10/24 &amp; 10/26 @ 4:00-5:00pm</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> Wrestling	Practice: 10/19-10/20 4:30-6:30pm @ Zemmer Campus
	<b>Impact Test: 10/30 @ 4:00-5:00pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball	Practice/Tryouts: 1/3-1/5 4:30-6:30pm @ RW Campus
	<b>Impact Test: 1/8 @ 4:00-5:00pm</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> Competitive Cheer	Tryouts: Dates TBD (Starting 12/15) 4:30-6:30pm @ RW Campus
	<b>Impact Test: 1/10 @ 4:00-5:00pm</b>





## Washington DC Trip

Quickly approaching is that great time of year were the DC Sponsors head to Washington DC with 4 charter buses full of excited 8th graders and more importantly for the RW folks, it is almost time for the current 7th graders to sign up for their 2018 Washington DC Trip for their 8th grade year!

**Washington DC Informational Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, November 2 at 7pm in the RW cafetorium for all 7th grade students and their parents interested in traveling to Washington, DC in November 2018. Sign up information will be distributed at this meeting and we will fill buses at a first-come first-serve basis based on the date of registration on the BrightSpark website. Please attend this meeting if you have any interest or the possibility of future interest as this will be the location to have all questions answered!

Due to time constraints and trying to get in as many fundraisers as possible for these students, each 7th grade student will be offered a complete DC fundraiser packet in their social studies classroom on October 19. Additional packets will be available in the main office. The packet will contain both a Cheesecake and Christmas Wreath Fundraiser Forms; for dates please see the table below:

Fundraiser	Due Date: Turn in During Lunch in the Café (Order Form must be totaled)	Delivery Date: (1-5 pm) (Gymnasium Entrance)
Wreath/ Grave Blankets	Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017	Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017
Cheesecake	Friday, Dec. 1, 2017	Monday, Dec. 11, 2017

We encourage you to participate in these fundraisers if you are even contemplating going to DC as many students have fundraised a majority of the cost to go in these two fundraisers!

## Sample Instructions for Scheduling Online Conferences

(actual individual letters will be sent home via school messenger)

**Rolland-Warner Campus 6/7**  
**3145 W Genesee Street, Lapeer MI 48446**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Lapeer Community Schools will be using a web-based scheduling system so you can establish your teacher appointments prior to attending our conference nights. We hope this web-based scheduling system creates more efficiency for you in seeing those key teachers during our conferences.

### Directions

You can pre-arrange your conferences from home (or any computer with internet access). The first step is to visit the District webpage at [www.lapeerschools.org](http://www.lapeerschools.org). You will see a menu called "For Parents". Select the Parent-Teacher Conference Scheduler Link. From there, you will need to enter your child's last name and his/her student ID. This will take you to the main site where you can then select your child's teachers and set up conference times. You will be able to see what times are available and set meeting times. Make sure to give yourself travel time between meetings. Also, some of our staff are assigned to multiple buildings, so please be aware of locations. After making your selections, make sure to hit save once you have set your conference times. You can then print the schedule of times and you are all set for the event.

Your student's ID and child's teachers are listed below:

Student ID is: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher	Course	Room
Ratliff, Jaime	PLTW Advanced Science 7	122
Carr, Rebecca	Social Studies 7	B105
Fisher, Brandon	PE/Health 7	GYM
Furneaux, Stephanie	Composition 7	B103
Brook, Jonathan	Math 7	B108
Furneaux, Stephanie	English Language Arts 7	B103
Brook, Jonathan	Guided Academics - Math	B108
Fisher, Brandon	iConnect	C116

\*\* For parents without internet access, you can contact your school at (810) 538-2334 and speak with a secretary to arrange conference times for your children.

We encourage you to sign up early, as we do not design parent-teacher conferences so that all parents can meet with all teachers in the two nights available. But, with this new system, you will no longer need to wait in long lines waiting to see a teacher, or feel rushed to move throughout the buildings to meet with staff. While it won't solve all problems, it should make for a more efficient evening for you. Parents and guardians that share custody are allowed one conference appointment per student. If you need more time with a teacher, or did not get a chance to sign up for a conference, please contact the teacher by e-mail or phone. Parent Teacher Conferences are just one opportunity to meet with staff but, we do offer other options for you. For your school's specific Parent Teacher Conference dates, check your school's web page.

As mentioned, the online system has shown to be more efficient and effective in providing a better-quality Parent-Teacher Conference experience for parents and families in districts. While no system is perfect, this should allow parents to have a more relaxed approach.

Sincerely,  
 Jeff Stanton, Rolland-Warner Campus 6/7