

RWMS Newsletter



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Semester #2 begins, **Jan. 21**
- Innovation Night @ East HS, **Jan. 28**, 6pm
- 6/7 Innovation/Information Night @ Rolland-Warner, **Feb. 6**, 6pm
- Valentine's Dance @ RW, **Feb. 7**, 4-6pm
- 8/9 Innovation/Information Night @ Zemmer, **Feb. 11**, 6pm
- Mandatory Washington D.C. Chaperone Meeting, **Feb. 12**, 5:30-6:30pm
- Year-Round Middle School, no school **Feb. 17-28**
- Year-Round Middle School Information Night @ Rolland-Warner, **Mar. 6**, 6pm
- D.S.O. Band field trip for 6th grade Band Students, all day, **Mar. 12**
- No school for Students, (MS teacher in-service day) **Mar. 14**
- Archery Tournament, **Mar. 18**, afterschool
- End of Quarter #3, **Mar. 28**
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, **Mar. 31**, time TBD
- Spring Break-no school, **Apr. 7-11**

Parent Information Nights at Rolland-Warner and Zemmer Middle Schools

- * Rolland-Warner Campus 6/7 will be hosting a parent information night on Thursday, February 6th to discuss the opportunities for next year's 6th and 7th grade students.
- * Zemmer Campus 8/9 will be hosting their parent information night on Tuesday, February 11th to discuss opportunities for next year's 8th and 9th grade students.

Topics to be discussed at both schools include: scheduling and new educational developments, athletic opportunities, and extra-curricular activities. Please plan on attending your specific student's school information meeting as the information presented will be specific to that school for the upcoming 2014-2015 school year. Both meetings will begin at 6pm.

N.J.H.S. Tentative Calendar 2014

NJHS meeting during 7 th & 8 th lunch times	Friday, Jan. 17	Mr. Elzerman's room B107
Operation Care Package Begins: Announcements & flyers distributed	Tuesday, Jan. 21	During I-Connect classes
Operation Care Package Ends	Friday, Feb. 7	
Walk for Warmth (not mandatory)	Saturday, Feb. 22	9-10:30am, Downtown Lapeer
NJHS meeting: (to plan Induction Ceremony for new members)	Tuesday, Mar. 11	4-5 PM, Room 108
<u>Induction Ceremony Rehearsal:</u> Only members participating in the ceremony and all new members must attend.	Tuesday, Mar. 18	4-5 PM, Media Center
*Induction Ceremony	Monday, Mar. 31	6:00 PM, RW Gym
NJHS meeting: to meet & greet new members	Tuesday, Apr. 15	4-5 PM, Cafeteria
Final RW 7 th & 8 th grade NJHS mtg. (lunch)	Tuesday, May 13	Mr. Elzerman's room B107
Final 6 th grade NJHS meeting	Thursday, May 15	4-5 PM, Room A108
*Since we are merging next year, there may be an end of the year NJHS social with Zemmer NJHS sometime in May or June. (Exact date & time to be announced)		

7th Grade Service Learning Students

I would like to take an opportunity to recognize all of the students who participated in 7th Grade Service Learning during the first semester. It was an inspiration for me to witness the hard work and dedication that students were willing to put into the class and into their individual projects. The general idea of the class was for students to identify needs in their community and then plan projects which could reach out to that area of need. Students went well above and beyond what was expected of them. On numerous occasions, we discussed the idea that if each of us can make just a small impact on the community we live in, then our impact as a whole group will be tremendous. Some of the organizations our students supported during the course were LACADA (Lapeer Area Citizens Against Domestic Abuse), Paradise Animal Rescue, the Salvation Army, and the Rolland Warner Outdoor Club. They raised money and resources by planning projects such as candy sales, a food drive, contests, and an art show. Students also sought to create a better atmosphere in the school by decorating lockers, doing custodial work, organizing classroom libraries, encouraging recycling, and handing out kindness cards to other students. Based on the impact these students had on the community over the course of one semester, I am very excited about the potential they have to impact the world throughout the rest of their lives. – from Mr. Elzerman, 7th/8th social studies teacher



Please "like" Rolland-Warner Middle School on Facebook for information about upcoming events and to see photos of some of the cool things taking place at our school.



COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPALS

If you have not had a chance to attend a Parent Advisory Council meeting yet this year, please think about attending. We meet from 8:30-10:00am in the office conference room. At these meetings, you will have a chance to meet other RW parents, share suggestions or voice concerns, and be involved in the collaborative process of helping with your child's school and education. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- **February 12**
- **March 12**
- **May 14**

YEAR-ROUND MIDDLE SCHOOL INFO NIGHT

Our 6-8 Year-Round Middle School program has been a great success this year and we plan to continue next year with openings for students in grades 6-8. We will be hosting an information night about Year-Round Middle School on Thursday, March 6th at 6pm in the Rolland-Warner Cafetorium. Continuation forms and New Applications will be available that evening. Continue to check the Rolland-Warner website for information and forms as well.



RWMS Winter Athletic Schedule

1/18/14	Sat.	Competitive Cheer	@ Davison, 9am
1/25/14	Sat.	Competitive Cheer	@ Grand Blanc HS, 9am
1/27/14	Mon.	Boys' Basketball	Home @ 4:30pm
1/29/14	Wed.	Boys' Basketball	Home @ 4:30pm
1/29/14	Wed.	Competitive Cheer	@ Holly HS, 5:30pm
2/03/14	Mon.	Boys Basketball	@ Zemmer, 4:30pm
2/05/14	Wed.	Boys Basketball	@ Brandon, 4:45pm
2/10/14	Mon.	Boys' Basketball	@ Linden, 4:45pm
2/12/14	Wed.	Boys' Basketball	Home
2/13/14	Thu.	Competitive Cheer	Home @ 6:00pm
2/19/14	Wed.	Boys' Basketball	@ Carmen-Ainsworth 4:45pm
2/19/14	Wed.	Competitive Cheer	@ Fenton HS 5:30pm
2/24/14	Mon.	Boys' Basketball	@Holly, 4:45pm
2/26/14	Wed.	Boys' Basketball	Home @ 4:30pm
3/03/14	Mon.	Boys' Basketball	@ Grand Blanc West, 4:45pm
3/05/14	Wed.	Boys' Basketball	Home @ 4:30pm
3/05/15	Wed.	Competitive Cheer	@ Brandon, 5:30pm
3/10/14	Mon.	Boys' Basketball	Home @ 4:30pm VS. Zemmer

School Dance Policy

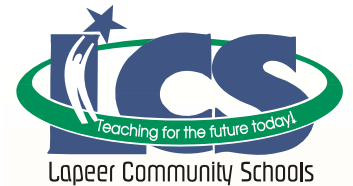
To ensure the safety and security of our school dances, we have decided on some new policies regarding school dances at Rolland-Warner Middle School. Our next school dance is on Friday, February 7, 2014 and is sponsored by RWMS Student Council. Permission slips for this dance will be available in core classrooms and the main office beginning Friday, January 31st.

All students attending school-sponsored dances will be expected to adhere to the following:

- Dances are only for currently enrolled Rolland-Warner students.
- School dances are considered casual events; students should dress in appropriate school day clothing.
- Please do not send or drop off special clothing, shoes, or make-up for students to change into before the dance.
- Students will not be allowed to get ready in the restrooms before the dance. The Valentine's Dance begins at 3:55pm and students will be expected to be in the gym or café at that time.
- Students will be expected to be picked up promptly. The Valentines' Dance ends at 6:00pm. If students are not picked up promptly, they may lose the privilege to attend the next dance.
- Students not following these expectations during the dance may be asked to leave the dance early and are subject to policies found in the LCS Code of Conduct.
- Students who have had current behavioral situations may not be allowed to attend the dance. Administration will make decisions regarding these situations.
- Without a parent/guardian signed permission slip, a student will not be allowed to purchase a ticket.
- Tickets will not be sold on the day of the dance.

Rolland-Warner Yearbooks

- ▶ Yearbooks are on sale until the end of February @ jostensyearbooks.com
- ▶ They are \$35 online. A very limited number of books will be available in June for \$40 on a first come, first serve basis. Secure your student's yearbook today by ordering online before the end of February!



COMING TO LCS IN 2014: Project Lead the Way

Starting with the 2014-15 school year, students in Lapeer Community Schools (LCS) will have the opportunity to participate in a cutting-edge STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum that promotes critical thinking and creativity.

Project Lead The Way (PLTW) is the leading provider of rigorous and innovative STEM education in the United States. PLTW's comprehensive curriculum has been collaboratively designed by teachers, university educators, engineering and biomedical professionals, and school administrators to hone the real-world problem solving skills in students. PLTW courses will be delivered to students at the District's Center for Innovation – West Campus, starting in Fall 2014.

LCS will host two informational meetings in January to showcase this program and other academic offerings coming in 2014-15. Zemmer Middle School hosted the first on January 15. The second meeting will be at 6 p.m. on January 28 at Lapeer East High School.

"PLTW will give students more than just a glimpse into the future; it will help prepare them to not only compete, but thrive in the new economy," said LCS Superintendent Matt Wandrie. "The project-based model is proven to increase student engagement and achievement, so we're really excited to be able to offer this to our students moving forward."

For more information, visit Lapeerschools.org and click on the PLTW link on the right side of the main page.