

Tri-Creek School Corporation Schoolhouse News

Back to School

August 2011

Superintendent's Message

Welcome to Tri-Creek

I am honored to be a part of the Tri-Creek Educational Family. Everyone has been welcoming and helpful. I appreciate working in an environment where folks help each other and actively work to ensure each other's success. Our focus is on supporting the success of students as well as educators in terms of coaching, resources, and programs. Technology will begin to play a greater role in the instructional process. You will see two new faces supporting the integration of technology into the instructional process. Jay Blackman, Director of Information and Technology and Joe Willmann, Technology Integration Specialist will be providing professional development to teachers in the use of technology to enhance the learning process.

This year is one of inquiry as we seek answers as to what our community wants students to know and be able to do, what opportunities do they wish for students, and what they expect of graduates. We will be sharing information on regional workforce and college expectations for the 21st century and explore educational strategies and models to ensure our students are college and career ready. This focus begins at the elementary as we develop a strong foundation in literacy, core subjects, and the arts. Following this inquiry we will review and revise the district strategic plan to accomplish this goal. This process will be conducted through the collaborative efforts of the school board, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community.

There are many exciting and successful programs already in place for students. I look forward to envisioning and continuing to move the district forward as leaders for innovations in learning.

-Dr. Debra Howe, Superintendent

On-line Registration Available

Tri-Creek School Corporation will begin on-line registration August 1, 2011 for students at Lowell Middle and



High Schools. On-line registration will begin August 3, 2011 for elementary students. Registration for new students K-12, as well as students who were not able to register on-line, will be held August 9 and 10 from 12:00-7:00 at Lowell High School Media Center. All students should be registered prior to August 11, 2011. Please be advised that late registration tends to increase the chance of elementary student transfers to another building.

For more information about registration you can check the Tri-Creek School Corporation's website at <http://tricreek.schoolwires.com>.

School Start and End Times

	<u>Start</u>	<u>End</u>
Elementary	8:15 a.m.	2:30 p.m.
Lowell Middle School	7:45 a.m.	2:45 p.m.
Lowell High School	8:30 a.m.	3:00 p.m.

Welcome back!

**The first day of school for all
students is August 24.**

OPENING SCHOOL

Admission Policy

Upon enrollment in the Tri-Creek School Corporation, a copy of the student's official birth certificate, immunization record, and proof of residency must be provided.

Kindergarten: A child must be five years of age on or before August 1, 2010, in order to enter kindergarten during the fall. A student's age must be verified within twenty (20) calendar days from the date of the child's enrollment by a certified copy of a birth certificate.

Health Forms: Accurate telephone numbers and emergency contacts must be completed on this form by the parent/guardian at enrollment. The health form must be updated by the parent/guardian as information changes.

Immunization Requirements: When a child is enrolled in the Tri-Creek School Corporation for the first time, proof of immunizations must be presented or an objection form must be filed. Immunizations required by law vary according to the child's age. If you have questions regarding the minimum immunization requirements, contact your child's school. **NOTE:** Exemptions must be re-filed on an annual basis.

Minimum Immunization Requirements: Children enrolling with less than the minimum immunization requirements are granted a period of **twenty (20) calendar days** in which to begin or resume their series. Students may remain in school at the end of the granted waiver period by documenting that they have either completed all requirements, are receiving immunizations according to a physician- or Board of Health-approved schedule, or qualify for an exemption.

If a parent/guardian fails to provide immunization documentation or fails to provide a religious objection or medical exemption or fails to meet other requirements, school officials will report the parent/guardian to Child Protective Services and may prohibit the child from attending school.

Please see the Immunization Chart on page 10.

Student Insurance

Tri-Creek School Corporation does not carry general medical payment insurance on its students. Optional accident insurance is available through a student insurance plan to assist in payment of medical bills incurred as a result of an accident at school or at any time.

Application forms will be available at registration or at school offices for enrollment in the optional insurance program for those interested in purchasing the additional coverage.

Please contact the high school athletic office for information regarding athletic insurance coverage.

Registration

Before Registration Update Information Online

Prior to registration, log in to the Harmony Parent Portal and update the demographic information on your child/children. By updating the information, you will improve the registration process and reduce the amount of time at registration.

All necessary registration forms will be part of the online registration process and available on Tri-Creek's webpage, <http://tricreek.schoolwires.com>.

To save costs and go "green," we will communicate using the Internet, e-mail, and automated phone calls.

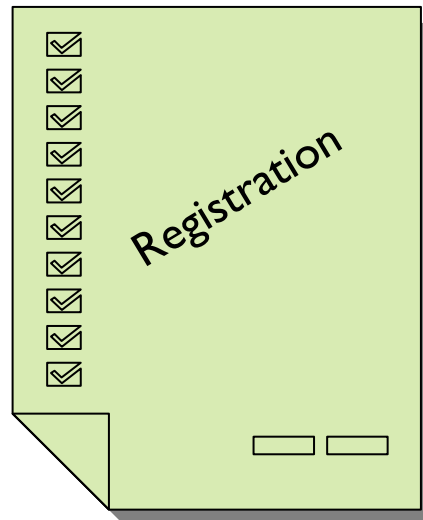
Registration Dates and Times

Location: Lowell High School, Enter through Door 3

Parking is available in front parking lot.

Aug. 9: 12:00—7:00 p.m.

Aug. 10: 12:00—7:00 p.m.



Other Important Registration Information

- * All students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- * A Student Enrollment Form found at <http://tricreek.schoolwires.com> may be printed and completed to bring with you to registration.
- * Indiana law requires all incoming kindergarten students to have a physical exam and proof of immunizations. All students entering sixth grade also must have a physical examination and proof of a second MMR immunization.
- * Payments may be made into student lunch accounts at registration.
- * Payment of textbook rental and fees is expected at registration. Unpaid accounts will be turned over to a collection agency after October 1, 2011.
- * Applicants for meal and textbook assistance should bring a pay stub, food stamp card, or other proof of income.
- * Parents and legal guardians of students new to the district will need to meet with the corporation residency official and provide a valid Indiana driver's license and either mortgage papers, payment book, or a lease agreement. They must also provide two (2) of the following items: a NIPSCO bill, water bill, pay stub, insurance bill, telephone bill, or bank statement. All the above items must include parents' or legal guardians' name and current Tri-Creek address.

Elementary School Information

2011-12 Elementary Textbook Rental Fees:

Kindergarten	\$101.00
First Grade.....	\$118.00
Second Grade.....	\$122.00
Third Grade.....	\$110.00
Fourth Grade	\$109.00
Fifth Grade.....	\$ 98.00

Class lists will not be posted at elementary buildings during the registration period.

- * Parents new to Tri-Creek School Corp. who need to know which elementary school their child will be attending should call the Transportation Department at 696-6661.

Middle and High School Information

- * Payment of textbook rental and fees is expected at registration. Middle school and high school fees vary according to course selections.
- * The parking fee at Lowell High School is \$25 per permit. This year, students with parking permits will not have assigned spaces. All students will park on a first-come, first-parked basis. Permits will be sold on **August 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**
- * Picture Day at LHS will be held on September 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This will include senior pictures. Interstate Studio will be mailing out information to senior parents about a month prior to picture day.

Medication Policy

Parents/guardians are encouraged to administer medical treatment and medication to children at home. If it is necessary for your child to take medication during the school day, the following procedures must be observed:

1. A form that is available from the school office must be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian and a physician for all prescription medications and treatments.
2. The authorization and statement described must be filed with the student's principal or the school nurse annually.
3. A written physician's order is required for prescription medication and inhalers to be administered. Medication and inhalers are to be labeled with the prescription and the student's name, the name of the medication, the date the medication was ordered, the name of the prescribing physician, the dosage, times, dates the medication is to be administered, and the reason for the medication.
4. Over-the-counter medication will only be administered if a request is filled out and signed by the parent/guardian. The medication must be in the original container labeled with the student's name and accompanied by a note from the child's physician and parent/guardian.
5. It is the child's responsibility to come to the office/school nurse when it is time for medication to be given.
6. Remember: The school will not supply medication.

Back to School Night

AUGUST 22

Something new is happening!! Back to School Night will be held at the elementary schools and Lowell Middle School on August 22nd. This will give parents and students an opportunity to see the classroom and meet their teacher. Students are to bring all their supplies with them so they don't have so much to carry on the bus the first day. Parents will receive information from their students' teachers. The bookstores at the schools will not be open. The hours for the buildings are:

Lake Prairie Elementary School:

Students with last names beginning with A-L: 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.

Students with last names beginning with M-Z: 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Oak Hill Elementary School:

4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Three Creeks Elementary School:

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Lowell Middle School:

4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Presentations will begin in the team areas at 4:35, 5:15, or 5:55.

Lowell High School Freshmen F.A.S.T. Track Orientation

On Monday, August 22, 2011, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m., all incoming freshman students will be welcomed to Lowell High School during the second annual Freshman Academy Success Traits (F.A.S.T) Track Orientation program. Students will be introduced to high school life, tour the building, find lockers and classrooms, meet teachers, participate in team-building activities, and meet the upper classmen mentors. A free lunch will be provided. Mike Chelap, assistant principal in charge of the Freshman Academy, states, "Students are required to attend this event." Parents are asked to drop their students off at the main entrance on the north side of the school (Door 13). **There will be no bus transportation provided.**

To ensure commitment and support from parents, a parent-only evening session has been scheduled for Monday, August 22, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Chelap states, "It is essential that at least one parent attend the meeting." During the meeting, parents/guardians will learn about Freshman Academy expectations and what is necessary for their students to be successful during their freshman year.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Mary Cusic at mcusic@tricreek.k12.in.us. For questions regarding the F.A.S.T. Track orientation, contact Mike Chelap at mchelap@tricreek.k12.in.us.

Bus Regulations

Once again, it's time for all parents and students to begin thinking about school safety as children prepare to go back to school.

Safety Tips for Students Riding the School Bus

- * Arrive at your assigned bus stop early; do not stand in the roadway.
- * When crossing the street to board your bus, watch for your bus driver to give you the "OK" before crossing the road. Wait until the bus door is fully open before entering the bus. Once inside the bus, proceed directly to your seat and sit down.
- * If you have to walk in front of your stopped bus when boarding or exiting, make sure you are at least 10 feet in front of the bus so the bus driver can see you at all times.
- * Everyone on a bus must remain seated at all times. Before getting out of your seat to exit the bus, be sure the bus is at a complete stop.

* Before stepping off the bus, look both ways to be sure that no cars are passing on the shoulder of the road.

* Never stop to pick up anything around a bus; the bus driver may not see you.

* All students must obey the school bus rules and follow the instructions of the bus driver while riding the bus. When students misbehave, the driver has the authority to put the student off the bus for one day after notifying parents. Continued misbehavior may lead to the loss of all riding privileges for the remainder of the school year.



Safety Tips for Parents to Consider Before the First School Day

- * Parents should be familiar with the bus stop location, the route, and the pickup and drop-off schedule.
- * Parents should have a "Plan B" in place in the event their child misses the bus.
- * Parents should make sure that their child's clothing and backpacks do not have loose drawstrings, straps, or objects dangling that may become entangled in handrails or doors.
- * Parents should encourage their children to behave on the bus and assist the bus driver in resolving behavior issues should their children misbehave.
- * Parents should establish a contact list of important phone numbers (school officials, relatives, neighbors, etc.) to be used in crisis situations.

Bus drivers will be calling students with bus times and stop locations between August 17 through 20. The goal is to have this information on Harmony as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding school safety, please call Pat Howard, supervisor of transportation, or Dr. Nathan Kleefisch, director of operations, at 696-6661.

HELP WANTED: Tri-Creek School Corporation is accepting applications for substitute bus drivers. A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) is required; training is provided. Wage is \$58.98 per day. Apply at 195 West Oakley Avenue, Lowell, IN, or call 696-6661.

Adventure Club Child Care

After-school child care is offered by Corporate Care Associates/Adventure Club at Oak Hill Elementary School. Adventure Club provides a wholesome place with a loving atmosphere for children while their parents are at work. Students have opportunities for homework, active or quiet play, and rest.

- * **Registration fee:** \$40 for one child; \$60 for a family.
- * **Rates:** \$5.00 per hour for one child; \$9.00 per hour for two children; \$11.50 per hour for three or more children. There is a minimum of one hour per day. After the first hour, there is one-half hour billing.

This year Adventure Club Child Care has added before school care also. Before school services start at 6:30 a.m. until the start of school. After school services start at the dismissal of school, from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m., and will follow the school's calendar year. After-school care will not be offered on scheduled vacations/holidays.

Cafeteria Services

Elementary Lunch	\$1.75
Middle/High School Lunch	\$2.00
Breakfast at TC, OH, LP	\$1.25
Breakfast at LMS	\$1.60
Breakfast at LHS	\$1.60



Parents are encouraged to apply money to their child's meal account. This process saves time in the cafeteria and keeps a current record of your child's money. Cafeteria staff will be available at registration to accept payments on all student accounts or payments can be sent to the school at the beginning of the school year. Payment for any amount of weeks or months can be applied to the student's account. Students receiving free or reduced-price meals, as well as students with money on their account, must scan their ID badge to get their lunch.

Your child may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within a certain limit. Qualifying families may obtain applications for free or reduced-price meals at registration or in the school offices.

Cafeteria Subs Wanted

Are you looking for a great way to earn extra cash and still be home with your children? Join the Tri-Creek School Corporation cafeteria staff. Fill out an application at the superintendent's office or call Judy Knight, Food Service Director, at

Tri-Creek School Corporation

Administration Building

195 West Oakley Avenue
Lowell, IN 46356
(219) 696-6661



Lake Prairie Elementary School

11601 West 181st Avenue
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: 696-7541
Miss Lisa Patton, Principal
, Student Service Advisor

Board of School Trustees

Douglas L. Ward, President
Michelle L. Dumbsky, Vice-President
Jeffery S. Mescal, Secretary
Timothy P. Cottingham, Member
Robert G. Martinez, Member



Oak Hill Elementary School

425 South Nichols Street
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: 696-9285
Mrs. Lynne D. Haberlin, Principal
, Student Service Advisor

Office of the Superintendent

Dr. Debra Howe, Superintendent
Dr. Thomas Dykiel, Business & Personnel Mgr.
Dr. Nathan H. Kleefisch, Director of Operations
Mr. Jay Blackman, Director of Technology
Mr. Joseph Willman, Technology Integrationist
Ms. Sandra K. Goss, Fiscal Coordinator
Mrs. Patricia Howard, Transportation Supervisor
Mr. Alan Fox, Head of Maintenance
Mrs. Judith K. Knight, Food Service Director



Three Creeks Elementary School

670 South Burr Street
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: (219) 696-5740
Mrs. Connie Bales, Principal
, Student Service Advisor

Lowell High School

2051 East Commercial Avenue
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: (219) 696-7733
Mr. Adrian Richie, Principal
Mr. Michael Chelap, Asst. Principal in charge of
Freshman Academy
Mr. Benjamin Ingram, Asst. Principal
Mr. Dave Wilson, Asst. Principal
Ms. Patti McCormack, Athletic Director



Lowell Middle School

19250 Cline Avenue
Lowell, IN 46356
Phone: (219) 696-7701
Mrs. Rebecca Pavich, Principal
_____, Asst. Principal
_____, Dean of Students

The mission of the Tri-Creek School Corporation is to "educate every student today for a successful tomorrow."

ISTEP+/ECA STUDENT Achievement Test Schedule

To monitor annual student progress, Tri-Creek School Corporation will participate in a comprehensive ISTEP+ and End-of-Course (Core 40) Assessments program during the 2011-12 school year.

The testing schedule is listed below:

ISTEP+ Testing:
March 5-14 Grades 6—8 (Applied Skills)
April 30-May 9 Grades 3—8 (Multiple-Choice)

ECA Testing:
 (Fall) October 17- November 11, 2011
 (Winter) December 8 - 21, 2011 and January 4-17, 2012
 February 13-March 9, 2012
 (Spring) April 23—Jun, 2012



Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

The Tri-Creek School Corporation is committed to achieving full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Tri-Creek School Corporation DOES NOT:

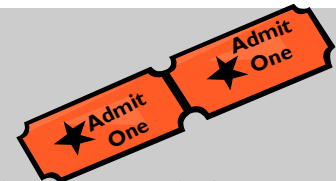
- Deny the benefits of District programs, services and activities to qualified individuals with a disability on the basis of a disability.
- Discriminate on the basis of disability in access to or provision of programs, services, activities of the District, or application for employment or employment to qualified individuals with disabilities.
- Provide separate, unequal or different programs, services or activities, unless the separate or different programs are necessary to ensure that the benefits and services are equally effective.

The Tri-Creek School Corporation operates its programs so that, when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to or usable by individuals with disabilities.

In accordance with Section 35.106 of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the ADA Coordinator for the District is: Dr. Nathan Kleefisch, Director of Operations, Tri-Creek School Corporation, 195 West Oakley Ave., Lowell, IN 46356, Phone: (219) 696-6661, Fax: (219) 696-2150, nkleefisch@tricreek.k12.in.us.

Athletic Tickets

	Adult	Middle/High School Student	Elementary Student
Varsity Football	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Varsity B/G Basketball	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$5.00
Varsity Volleyball	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity B/G Soccer	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity Wrestling	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity Swimming	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity Baseball	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity Softball	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Varsity Track	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Junior Varsity Level	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Freshman Level	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$4.00



Lowell High School will provide for ALL home events a STUDENT PRE-SALE ticket for \$5.

ALLSPORTS PASSES: \$100.00 for adults
 \$50.00 for students

Good for all home events excluding Conference, IHSAA, and Holiday Tournaments

HOME CONTEST DOLLAR SAVER TICKET:
 \$20.00 (\$25.00 value) and \$40.00 (\$50.00 value) —
Good for home admission excluding Conference, IHSAA, and Holiday Tournaments

SENIOR CITIZENS OF TCSC PASS: Free

Volunteers Needed
 Lowell High School is looking for people who will volunteer to work concessions, sell tickets, announce contests, or run contest clocks. If you are interested, please contact the athletic office at Lowell High School (696-7733, ext. 1733).

2011-12 School Year Calendar

2011 August

- 9 Registration: All Buildings: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 Registration: All Buildings: 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 18-19 Orientation for First-Year Teachers
- 22 First Teacher Day
- 23 Staff Development/Teacher Work Day
- 24 First Student Day

September

- 5 NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

October

- 5 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
- 17- End-of-Course Assessment Window (Fall)
- Nov. 11
- 27 End of first grading period
- 28 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break
- 31 NO SCHOOL – Fall Break

November

- 4 Report cards sent out
- 11 NO SCHOOL for students –
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 24-25 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

December

- 8-21 End-of-Course Assessment Window (Early Winter)
- 19-30 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

2012 January

- 2 School resumes
- 4-17 End-of Course Assessment Window (Early Winter)
- 16 NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 20 End of second grading period
End of first semester
- 27 Report cards sent out

February

- 13- End-of-Course Assessment Window (Late Winter)
- Mar. 9
- 17 NO SCHOOL
- 20 NO SCHOOL – President’s Day

March

- 5-14 ISTEP+ Testing Window – Applied Skills
- 21 NO SCHOOL – Staff Development
- 30 End of third grading period

April

- 2-9 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
- 10 School resumes
- 13 Report cards sent out
- 22 NO SCHOOL – Good Friday
- 23 - End-of-Course Assessment Window (Spring)
- June 6
- 30 – ISTEP+ Testing Window – Multiple Choice
- May 9

May

- 28 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

June

- 8 Last Student Day
End of fourth grading period
End of second semester
- 11 Last Teacher Day
Teacher Record Day
- TBD Graduation
- 22 End-of-Course Assessment Window (Summer)
- Aug. 3

180 Student Days—185 Teacher Days

*Calendar is subject to change when student make-up days are needed to meet state requirements. If needed, June 10 and June 13-17 will be possible make-up days.



School Delay and Closing Policy

The *AlertNow* notification service, which allows us to send a telephone or e-mail message to parents providing important information about school events or emergencies, will be used again this year. In addition, parents may go to www.cancellations.com to view delays and cancellations.

Please do not call the Superintendent’s Office as all phone lines need to remain open for emergencies.

Information also will be announced on the following radio stations:

- WZVN 107.1 FM WONU 89.7 FM WJOB 1230 AM
- WAKE 1500 AM WLJE 105.5 FM

Civil-Rights Assurance of Equal Opportunity And Non-Discrimination Statement

Tri-Creek School Corporation is committed to equal opportunity. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, color, religion, gender, handicapping conditions, disability or national origin, including limited English proficiency, in any employment opportunity.

If you feel that you have experienced discrimination, you are invited to make written inquiries about procedures that are available. Complaints alleging such discrimination are directed to the superintendent.

Notification of parents and students of the Implementation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974

On August 21, 1978, the United States Congress adopted an amendment to the General Education Provisions Act called "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" dealing with student records. The final regulations implementing this act were issued by the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare on June 17, 1976. The act provides for the following:

1. The act concerns the student records of both elementary and secondary students. These include, but are not limited to, report cards, attendance, standardized test data, enrollment, health information and other educational information gathered by the school.
2. The building principal has the responsibility of being the custodian of student records.
3. Parents' rights under this act extend until the student is 18 years old or is enrolled in a post-high school institution; thereafter, only the student may exercise such rights.
4. A record must be kept with each student's file showing who examined it, the date on which it was examined and the purpose of the examination. School officials of the school corporation who have "legitimate educational interest" in a student are exempted from this requirement by the act.
5. Without the written consent of the parent, education records of a student can be forwarded on request to another school system in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. The parent also may request and receive a copy of any records forwarded to another school or school system with a transfer.
6. The following constitutes directory information retained by the school corporation and subject to limited distribution: name, address, telephone number, height, weight, sex, race, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, honor rolls, class projects with student recognition, scholarships, school and corporation newsletters and corporation website. If the parent or eligible student (18 years or older) does not want the above information released, their building principal must be notified in writing by September 8, 2010.
7. A copy may be furnished pursuant to a court order or subpoena, but only if the parents are given advance notice.
8. The parent has a right to have a record corrected if it is inaccurate, misleading, or is otherwise in violation of the privacy or other rights of a student.

If you have any questions about this federal law, see your child's principal.

Crisis Response/Prevention

Several Tri-Creek School Corporation staff members have gone through annual Crisis Response Team training to help our schools return to a positive learning environment as soon as possible after an event that may impact a few students, a classroom, or the entire school.

In the event of a traumatic event or crisis situation, the Crisis Response Team may be utilized to respond with basic crisis intervention processes. The Crisis Response Team will be available to assist with students, staff and/or parents; however, they will not be providing counseling or therapy.

The Director of Operations, Dr. Nathan Kleefisch, reviews the Crisis Plan annually and updates the plan when necessary. In addition to monthly fire drills, each school conducts weather-related drills and man-made disaster drills. All of our schools' doors are locked during the regular hours of the school day. Visitors must push a buzzer; be identified by the employee monitoring cameras at the entrances; and once identified, the visitor is allowed entrance and must report to the school office for verification of identity.

Students, parents, and community members who have information that harm may occur against a student or staff member or to the school building itself may call 750-1287 to leave an anonymous tip.

School-Parent Compact

Families and schools must work together to help students achieve high academic standards. The following are roles and responsibilities that we as partners will carry out to support student success.

School's Responsibility:

- * Provide high quality curriculum and learning materials;
- * Provide assistance in understanding academic achievement standards and assessments and how to monitor children's progress;
- * Provide opportunities for ongoing communication between parents and teachers in an understandable and uniform format;
- * Provide opportunities for regular meetings for parents to participate, as appropriate, in decisions about the education of their children; and
- * Provide parents with frequent reports on their children's progress.

Parent's Responsibility:

- * Encourage your child to attend school regularly;
- * Encourage your child to show positive school behavior;
- * Review your child's homework;
- * Monitor television watching and encourage positive use of your child's extracurricular time;
- * Volunteer in your child's school and classroom if time or schedule permits; and
- * Participate, when appropriate, in decisions relating to the education of your child.

Please review this School-Parent Compact with your child and thank you for your support and involvement in your child's education.



**Message from Rebecca Pavich, Principal
What's new at LMS?**

I am honored to have been named the new principal of Lowell Middle School! I look forward to building a positive relationship with each of you and working to see positive academic, behavioral, and social growth in each student. I believe open lines of communication between home and school will help strengthen that growth, so please contact me at any time.

Lowell Middle School will also have a new assistant principal and dean of students (both still to be named).

The school day will be from 7:45 a.m.—2:45 p.m. (This is 15 minutes earlier than last year!).

The change in the start time has allowed us to provide a bonus period for all students. During this time, students will be provided with an array of interventions and/or enrichments that will help meet their needs as learners. Be looking for additional information after school begins. Some bonus classes include: Language Arts and Math Lab, Rosetta Stone, Video announcements, Jazz Band, Show Choir, and Newspaper. There are also a number of other new opportunities available for all students.

School-wide expectations for students that will be taught and reinforced regularly through positive behavioral interventions and support are:

- Respect Develop Responsibility Positive Leadership

Parent volunteers

Lowell Middle School are looking for anyone interested in volunteering time in a number of different roles. We will be posting a form on the website and will also be available at the beginning of the year events. Some events in the past included dances and after-school study tables.

Beginning of the year information

Supply lists can be found on the Lowell Middle School website. All lockers must be locked with a school lock. All 6th graders will be issued locks on the first day of school and will be provided with plenty of practice time! 7th and 8th graders should bring their locks from previous years, or purchase a new one at the bookstore. The Bookstore will be open during "Open Building" times, "Back to School" night, and daily once school begins to purchase any needed school supplies along with the following items: *P.E. uniforms (\$20) *Heart rate monitor straps (\$6.25) *School locks (\$5). Schedules are still tentative and subject to change. Your student will receive an additional copy of his or her schedule on the 1st day of school.

Important Dates & Times:

August 18—Open building will be from 8am-12pm and 3pm-7p.m. Students and their families will be able to explore the building to find classrooms and lockers. The bookstore will also be open to purchase any needed materials.

6th grade parent meeting – 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Any parents/guardians of incoming 6th graders that were unable to attend the spring meeting will have an opportunity to hear about the middle school.

August 22 – Back to School Night will be from 4:30-6:30pm. Your student's team of teachers will be giving multiple presentations to accommodate your needs. Presentations will begin in the team areas at 4:35, 5:15, or 5:55. We look forward to seeing you!

August 26 – School-wide fundraiser begins

September 2 – School Pictures



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

2011-2012 School Year
 Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
 School Immunization Requirements
 Quick Reference Guide[^]



IMMUNIZATION	3-5 Year Olds													
		K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td*	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Polio**	3	4^^	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Measles	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mumps	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Rubella	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hepatitis B~	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Varicella***	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Tdap	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
MCV4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

[^]Shaded areas represent grades for which immunization reports are required to be submitted to the Indiana State Department of Health.

For children who have delayed immunizations, please refer to the 2010 CDC “Catch-up Immunization Schedule” to determine adequately immunizing doses. All minimum intervals and ages for each vaccination as specified per 2010 CDC guidelines must be met for a dose to be valid. A copy of these guidelines can be found at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm.

*Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if 4th dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday.

**Three doses of polio vaccine are acceptable if 3rd dose was administered on or after child's fourth birthday and the doses are all IPV or all OPV.

^^The 4th dose of polio vaccine must be administered on or after child's fourth birthday. This applies only to kindergarten for 2010-11.

~Two dose alternative adolescent schedule (Recombivax HB given at age 11-15 years x 2 doses) is acceptable if properly documented.

***Physician documentation of disease history, including month and year, is proof of immunity for preschool, kindergarten and 1st grade-students. A signed statement from the parent/guardian indicating history of disease, including month and year is required for children in grades 2-12.

For a current list of requirements, please go to https://chirp.in.gov/chirp_files/chirp_docs.htm.