



**Welcome to Liberty Middle
School**

**6th Grade Orientation
2025**





Who's Who at LMS

Main Office Staff

- Mr. Xavier Fitzgerald - *Principal*
- Mr. Stephen Olshalsky - *Assistant Principal*

- Ms. Sendi Mendoza - *Administrative Assistant*
- Mrs. Noura Estrada - *Administrative Assistant*
- Mrs. Janet Coppola - *Administrative Assistant*

- Mr. Aaron Carr - *Security*

School Counseling Staff

- Mrs. Stephanie Bryson - *Last Names A-K*
- Mrs. Lauren Volpe - *Last Names L-Z*
- Ms. Jaclyn Headlam - *Student Assistance Counselor*

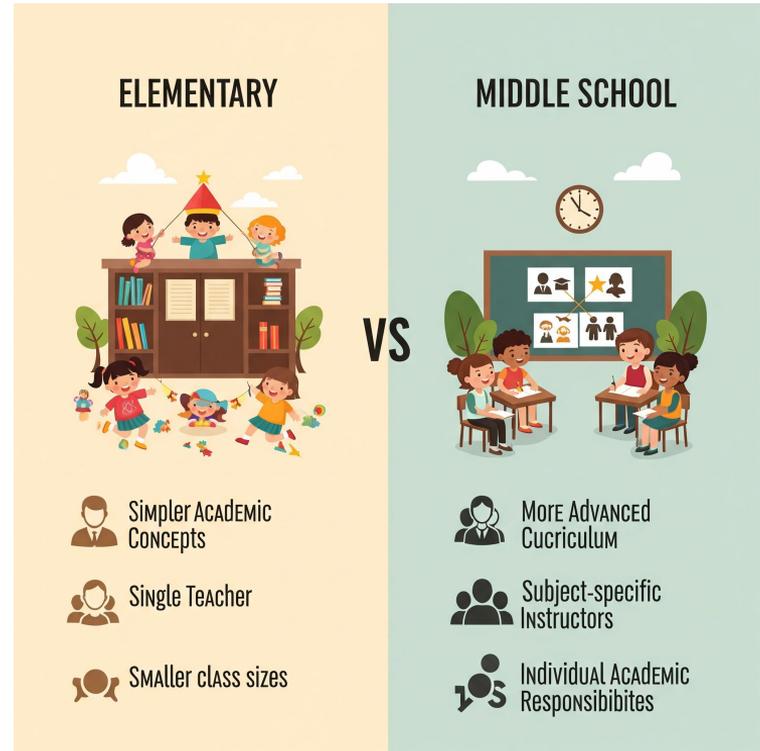
Child Study Team

- Mrs. Dawn Raboy - *Social Worker*
- Mr. Todd Cohen - *LDT-C*
- Mr. Raphael Leniar - *School Psychologist*
- Mrs. Alyson Abdallah - *BCBA*



From Elementary to Middle: What's Changing?

- ★ Learning a New School
- ★ School hours
 - 8:00 am arrival 2:53pm dismissal
- ★ Switching Classes (3 Minutes passing)
- ★ 6 teachers
- ★ Lockers & Combination Locks
- ★ New Related Arts Classes
- ★ Making New Friends
- ★ A Variety of Extracurricular Clubs & Activities to Join



Middle School: Helping Your Child Thrive

Encourage Independence

Encourage your child to email teachers and staff members with questions about assignments. Partner with us to teach students responsibility.

Support from Home

Visiting LMS website and checking student agendas daily; attending Back to School Night and reviewing LMS Student Handbook with your child are ways to support your middle schooler from home.

Supportive Habits

Keep technology in a public area while at home - create a shared space to study and complete work, know your child's usernames and passwords, bring any devices out of the bedroom.

Skills to Develop

Organizational and study skills the keys to success in middle and high school. LMS School Counselors are here to assist your child with these skills if needed!



General School Expectations

School I.D.- School issued IDs are **required** to be worn on a lanyard by students daily and at all times during school hours.

Homework - May have HW every day in several classes (Especially in Accelerated classes!)

Assessments - May have multiple assessments on the same day

Projects - Could be overlapping

Behavioral Expectations - Maturity & good decision making are key, kindness & respect to all in the building, good organization, self-advocacy

School Cell Phone and Ear Device guideline - All Cell phones and ear devices are off and in the locker **from 8:00 am to 2:53 pm** (Medical Exemptions are allowed)



Chromebooks

Chromebooks :

Will be distributed in September in School
Bring to each class

Google Classroom - Turn on Notifications & Check Often

Gmail - Check During Homeroom, Check Often

Google Drive - Organize your Docs & Slides in Folders



LMS Schedule

- Bell rings at 8:00 am
8:00-8:10am Locker time any student reporting to school after 8:10 am is marked late
- Homeroom in Period 1 until 8:10 am
- 7 periods each day
 - ELA, Math, Science & Social Studies meet every day.
 - A-B Schedule:
 - Languages: Spanish, Italian, Mandarin
 - 3 quarters of Phys. Ed. and 1 quarter of Health
 - Related Arts: Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Art
 - Lunch: 27.5 minutes / Advisory 27.5 minutes
- End of Day 2:53 pm
- After school Help 2:53- 3:23 pm (Monday - Thursday)
 - *Parent Pick up required unless student is a walker*



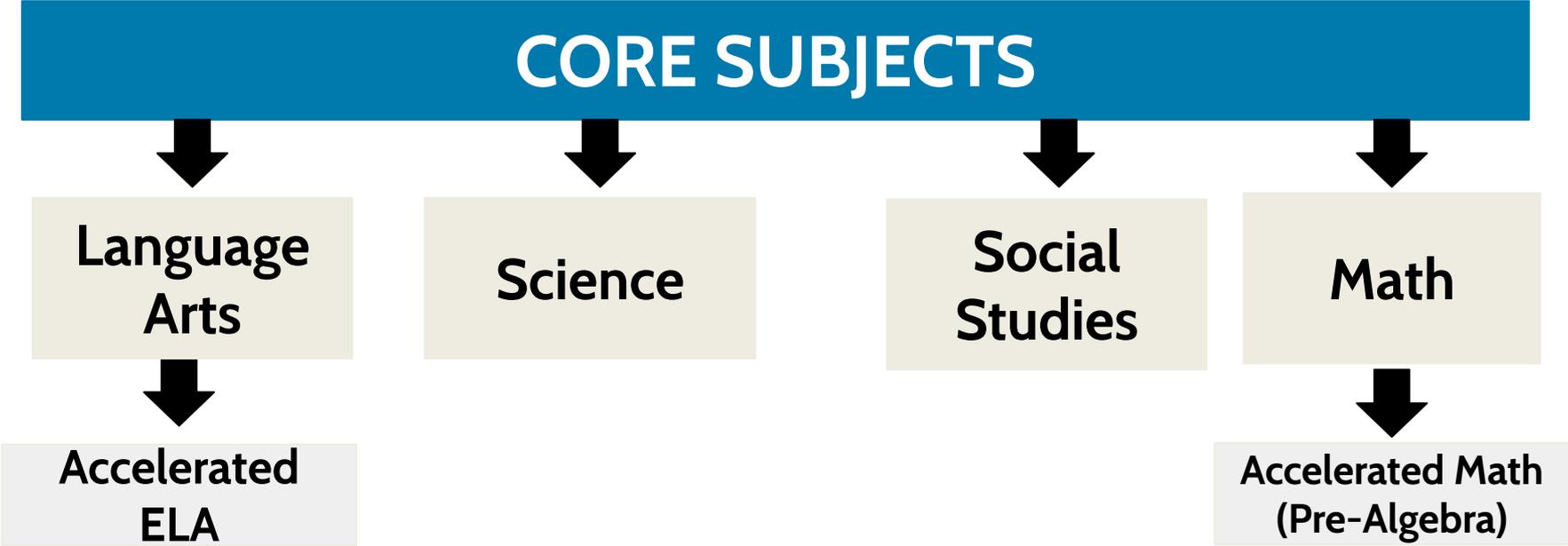
What is Advisory?

- **Social Emotional and Character Education lessons**
- **Tutorial time**
- **Organization/ Agenda Book check**
- **Announcements**
- **Drop Everything And Read (D.E.A.R.)**
- **School Trip Information/Permission Slips**



LMS Core Academic Classes

CORE SUBJECTS



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graph TD; CS[CORE SUBJECTS] --> LA[Language Arts]; CS --> S[Science]; CS --> SS[Social Studies]; CS --> M[Math]; LA --> AELA[Accelerated ELA]; M --> AM[Accelerated Math (Pre-Algebra)];
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Language
Arts

Science

Social
Studies

Math

Accelerated
ELA

Accelerated Math
(Pre-Algebra)

LMS Related Arts

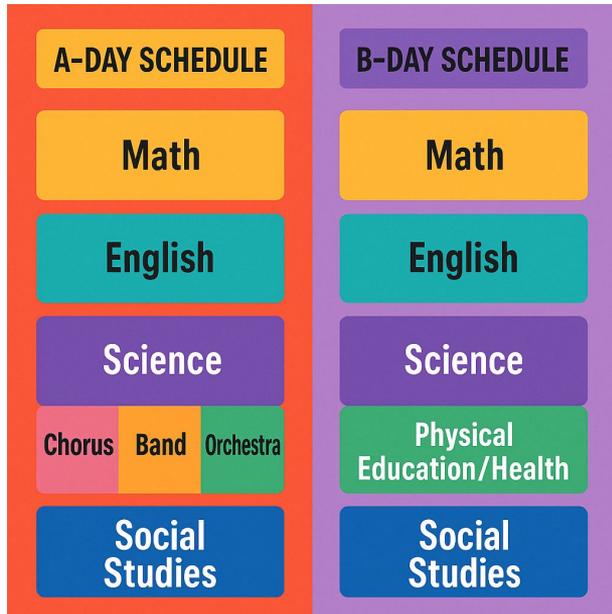
Example: Related Arts Daily Schedule



- 1 Marking Period Each of a Foreign Language (Spanish, Italian, and Mandarin)
- 1 Marking Period of Art
- By 7th grade, students select which Foreign Language they would like to specialize in and take in 7th grade

LMS Related Arts

Example: Related Arts A/B Day Schedule



- 6th Grade Students will take a music elective of their choice
- Physical Education is taken for 3 marking periods and Health is taken for 1 marking period
- Your child's music elective and phys ed/health class will be the same period each day and alternate on A and B Days

Music Program



Instructional Class

- Band
- Gen Music/Chorus
- Orchestra

Extra-Curricular

- Jazz Band
- Select Strings
- Chamber Singers
- Spring Musical

Sample Student Schedule

Per/Day	Term	Crs #	Sec	Course Name	Teacher	Room
1(A)	S1	STM172	1	Investigating with STEM 7	LaValle, Joseph	104
1(A)	S2	CTM172	8	Computer App 7	McSharry, Kelly	LMC
1(B)	24-25	FAM172	6	Art Grade 7	Villalobos, Lisette	ART1
2(A-B)	24-25	MAM272	2	Math 7	Mazzola, Stacy	106
3(A-B)	24-25	LAM272	7	English Language Arts 7	Guzman, Alexa	204
4(A-B)	24-25	AVM272	8	Lunch/Advisory 7B	Silvagni, Nicole	103
5(A-B)	24-25	SSM172	7	Social Studies 7	Dowd, William	208
6(A)	24-25	WLM172	1	Spanish Grade 7	Salazar, Thany	120
6(B)	24-25	PHM272	5	Phys Ed/Health 7	Jacob, John	GYM
7(A-B)	24-25	SCM172	8	Science 7	Bejian, Edward	109

End of Day



Options for final destination:

- Bus or walking home → Out at 2:53 pm
- Extra help with teacher: Monday – Thursday, 2:53 – 3:23 pm
 - *Parent Pick up required by 3:30 pm*
- Clubs & Activities: Monday – Thursday, 3:00 – 4:30 pm



LMS Clubs & Extracurricular Activities

- Academically Speaking
- Art Club
- Culture Club
- Drama Club
- Fitness Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Helping Hands (Community Connections)
- Italian Club
- Jazz Band
- Math Club
- Newspaper Club



- Science Club
- Select Strings
- SOUL Mentoring/Majority Ambassadors
- STEM Club
- Strategic Gaming Club
- Student Council
- Totally Tech
- Yearbook



LMS Sports

- Soccer
- Cross Country
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Cheerleading
- Baseball
- Softball
- Track and Field



Field Trips and Events

6th Grade Field Trips

- Club Field Trips
- Frogbridge
- Pool Party/ Field Day

PTA → Back to School Get Togethers, Movie Nights,

Student Council → Fall Dance, Winter Dance, Spring Dance



Health Requirements for Entry into 6th Grade

IMMUNIZATIONS:

The State of New Jersey has revised the mandatory requirements for school attendance (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) for children entering **SIXTH GRADE**:

- ❖ One dose of meningococcal vaccine
- ❖ One dose of Tdap, given no earlier than the 10th birthday.

PHYSICAL EXAM:

An updated physical dated within the past year must be submitted to the school nurse before school begins.

A physical is required by students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, fourth, sixth and ninth grades, plus new enrollees in other grade levels.

Written medical documentation of immunizations is required by New Jersey State Law. Your child must be in compliance with this law to begin school as scheduled.

Liberty Website



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Join our PTA!!

**CALLING ALL INCOMING
LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENTS AND GUARDIANS!**



PTA
everychild.onevoice.

**WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO
SERVE ON THE PTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE
2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR.**

OPEN POSITIONS:**

- **PRESIDENT**
- **RECORDING SECRETARY**
- **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**
- **VP OF FUNDRAISING**



EMAIL LIBERTYMSPTAWO@GMAIL.COM FOR MORE
INFORMATION OR TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE.

**** POSITIONS ARE 2-YEAR TERMS**



Tour Liberty!!

- Explore classrooms and see our facilities.
- Meet some of our staff!
- Experience a day in the life at LMS.



Thank You for joining us!

