



2020-2021

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Dear LVM Family...

Welcome to the 2020/2021 school year at Leonard V. Moore Middle School! If you are a family with an incoming 5th grader or if you have just moved here, then please let me offer you an extra welcome...we are glad to have you and look forward to an excellent year!

Online classes will begin on Tuesday, September 8th. All students will be receiving daily instruction virtually for the first marking period. Obviously, we don't know what the future holds so we will take things slowly, one step at a time and discuss the plan for the remainder of the school year at a later time under the direction and guidance of the Office of the Superintendent.

The schedule at LVM should be fairly easy to follow for you and your child(ren). There are 8 instructional periods daily; each one begins 30 minutes after the previous one. Our schedule:

- **Period 1** (*begins at 8:45*)
- **Period 2** (*begins at 9:15*)
- **Period 3** (*begins at 9:45*)
- **Period 4** (*begins at 10:15*)
- **Period 5** (*begins at 10:45*)
- **Period 6** (*begins at 11:15*)
- **Period 7** (*begins at 11:45*)
- **Period 8** (*begins at 12:15*)

One of the periods (either 4, 5 or 6) will be designated as their lunch/recess period on their student schedule and will be free time for them to take a break, enjoy some refreshments and/or get caught up on any work for their classes. The teachers will allow students enough time to leave one virtual classroom and join the next one. It might seem confusing at first, but we anticipate that things will be very smooth and functional in no time at all. Children adapt quickly.

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The 8-period instructional day for students is also something that might seem confusing at first (especially if you are new to LVM) but is actually quite simple and streamlined. Here is a quick overview of how the schedule is put together for each student:

- ½ of their schedule (4 of the 8 periods) are devoted to Language Arts and Math. These subjects are taught with “double periods” each day. Sometimes, those double periods occur back-to-back (for example, a student has Language Arts in Periods 1 & 2). Sometimes, however, the double period is split (for example, a student has Math in Periods 6 & 8).
- All students receive one period of Science and one period of Social Studies each day.
- All students have one period designated as lunch/recess and one designated for their special-area class.
- Special-area classes include two days of Physical Education/Health and three days of either Computers/Art/Music/Spanish. The rotation of Computers/Art/Music/Spanish takes place each marking period so that students have ample opportunity to learn and do in-depth activities over the course of 8-9 weeks each marking period.

This will be an unprecedented year of teaching and learning, but with great challenges come great rewards. I truly believe that obstacles, when overcome, make us stronger. That is a message that I consistently give to our students when situations arise at school (and in life) that require us to be patient, smart and flexible in order to be successful. We will get through this and be better off when we do.

We are looking forward to teaching the students virtually for the first marking period. I am happy to welcome you to the 2020/2021 school year, and I am always available to assist with any questions/concerns that you may have. Be safe and stay strong. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Craig Messmer, LVM Principal