

Waldon FLASH!!

Reminder: please note that email is our **PRIMARY** way of getting information home. I have instructed our staff to do their best to only send SchoolMessenger emails home on Fridays and Mondays. If you choose to block or Unsubscribe SchoolMessenger, you will no longer receive non-emergency emails from the district, teachers, and Waldon. Unfortunately, you cannot set preferences in your account.

Curriculum Night

Waldon Middle School will host the 2019-2020 Curriculum night on Thursday, September 12. We have broken the evening into two sections to alleviate overcrowding. Students with the last name beginning with A-L will attend from 5:30-6:45pm and last name beginning with M-Z will attend 7:10-8:30pm. **Parents will follow their child's class schedule. Please bring a copy of your child's schedule to this event.** If you have two children attending Waldon, you may attend both secessions. Please see the attached for the complete schedule

[Curriculum Night Schedule](#)

Locked Doors

Waldon Middle School, along with all of our district buildings, has safety and security measures for our building. Visitors will have to be buzzed in between the hours of 7:30am-2:25pm. Students, parents and visitors will be able to enter the building through the front doors from 7:00am-7:35am for school arrivals and 2:25-9:00pm for afterschool and evening events.

Please do not drop students off prior to 7:00am as there is no supervision prior to that time. If there are extenuating circumstances, please let me know.

Forgotten Items

We would ask that you take some time to talk with your child about their role and responsibilities of being a middle school student. There are many times each day that we have parents, grandparents, family members, etc. dropping off forgotten items. These items include, but are not limited to, student planners, lunches, athletic equipment, forms, water bottles, cell phones, PE shoes, homework, and so on. It should be your expectation that your middle school child is held accountable for bringing to school with them the necessary items for the school day; as well as taking items home at the conclusion of the day. We understand the occasional mishap, but would appreciate (and I'm sure you would, too) that it does not become part of their school day routine.

We also have a table outside of our Main Office for the occasional forgotten item. You may bring it in, put your child's name on it and we will make sure they receive the item before the end of the day.

AM Drop Off/PM Pick Up

In order for us to keep everyone safe in the mornings and afternoons during our start and end times, we ask that you follow our AM drop off (see attached) and PM pick up procedures. In the AM, please stay in the drop off lane, pull all the way forward and have your child exit the vehicle toward the sidewalk. This is to decrease traffic on Waldon, increase efficiency during drop off and increase safety for our students. In the PM, please park in marked spaces (not along the sidewalk). This will increase safety, avoid congestion along the sidewalk area and allow work vehicles to deliver mail, packages, collect trash, etc.

Also, you are not allowed to pull off to the side of Waldon Road while waiting to pick up students. Our Police Chief and Fire Chief said it creates a line of sight issue, could cause problems with getting emergency vehicles through and that you could be cited for a traffic violation.

This first week had been very successful and safe! Thank you so much!!!

Absences

It is very important that you contact our office if your child will be absent to school. We need to keep accurate records for reporting purposes, but more importantly for student safety. Students are expected to attend school every day. If a student is not here we are responsible to contact families to make sure they are with a parent or guardian. If you know your child will not be in attendance to school please contact our office at 248.391.1100 to report an absence. You can do this any time by leaving a message with our attendance voicemail box or by emailing tani.doll@lok12.org. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation!

Waldon Middle School App

The LOMS App is no longer available. Our district is looking into a district app that would be similar to the LOMS App, but directly linked to our district webpage. I will let you know as soon as it is up and running. In the meantime, please go to our building website for news, calendars, links, etc. at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/waldon-middle-school>

Student Planners

We believe that students will be more productive and successful if they have a method of keeping track of their schedules, projects and events. We have provided planners for every 6th grader the first week of school. We will have additional planners available for \$5 each for 7th and 8th graders (and for any 6th grader who may have lost their original one). You may also purchase a planner of your own.

Orion Township Public Library Afterschool ThinkLink Program

Last year LOCS and the Orion Township Public Library (OTPL) worked together to offer an after school program on specific Mondays for 6th graders called ThinkLink. We are happy to announce that the program is back and expanding to all grade levels this school year!

In order to register your child for weekly meetings, a permission slip must be turned in **for each individual meeting session**. Students will bring in the ThinkLink permission slip (attached) to the main office first thing Monday morning on the date they plan to attend ThinkLink. Students will be issued their bus pass at lunchtime later that day.

The first session for this year's ThinkLink program begins next Monday, September 9, 2019. If interested, please review the following attachments.

[ThinkLink Information](#)

[ThinkLink Permission Slip](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 12	Curriculum Night	5:30pm-8:30pm
Sept. 27	½ Day for Students	Dismissal @ 10:25am
Sept. 27	Hat/Slipper Day	Students may wear a hat or slippers for \$1 (all proceeds go to charity chosen by Student Council)
Oct. 2	Student Count Day	
Oct. 3	Picture Retake Day	
Oct. 3	Role Model Breakfast	
Oct. 3	Lamp of Learning	7:00pm
Oct. 4	Friends and Fun Night	7:00pm-9:00pm
Oct. 8	PTO Meeting	7:00pm
Oct. 9	Invite Your Parent To Lunch Day	

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week!!

Randy Groya, Principal

Included in this email are attachments of upcoming events and information. We will also post this information on our website at <https://www.lakeorionschools.org/waldon-middle-school>

Events for the Week of September 9-14



Monday

Cross Country Parent Meeting 4:30pm

Cheer Parent Meeting 5:30pm

Tuesday

Cross Country Practice Invitational 4:00pm

Thursday

Curriculum Night 5:30-8:30pm

Saturday

Cross Country @ Springfield Oaks

