

Cougar Tracks



L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Cougar Families,

I am happy to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year. I hope you had a fun and relaxing summer with family and friends. The staff and I look forward to working with you to ensure that your child has a positive and productive school year. Working together, we can achieve our goal of student success.

To all of our returning families and on behalf of the L.A. Ainger staff, I would just like to say "Thank You" for supporting us in what was a challenging 2020-21 school year. I could not have been prouder of the students and staff. Also, thank you to our PTO for supporting us during the school year. Looking forward to our annual L.A. Ainger Middle School Golf Tournament on November 13th.

6th grade students and parents are cordially invited to attend our 6th grade Open House on Friday, August 6th from 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. Please report to our school gymnasium where you will receive your child's schedule, and after our presentation, you will follow their schedule and meet each of your child's teachers. 7th and 8th grade students and parents are invited to come by anytime between 2:00p.m. - 4:30p.m. on August 6th to pick up class schedules in the cafeteria and meet your teachers.

Again, we look forward to working with you. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call or stop by anytime. Your child's success and positive experience at L.A. Ainger is our number one priority.

Sincerely,

Jeff Harvey
Principal



245 Cougar Way
Rotonda West, FL 33947

Phone:
941-697-5800

Office Hours:
8:00a.m. to 4:15p.m.

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Jeff Harvey

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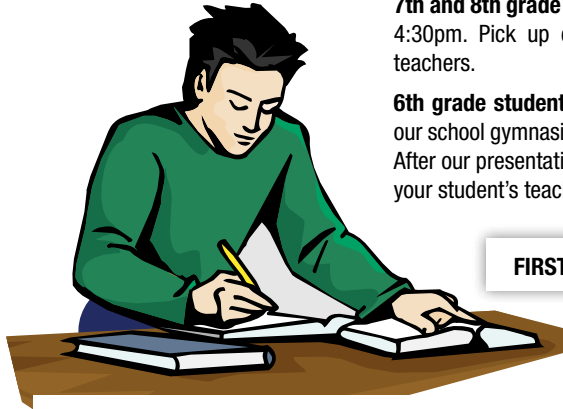
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IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN HOUSE: August 6th

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: August 10th

2021 - 2022 BELL SCHEDULE



7 Class Periods

Announcements:	9:05-9:10
1st period	9:10-10:01
2nd period	10:05-10:56
3rd period	11:00-11:51
4th period (lunch)	11:51-1:23
5th period	1:27-2:18
6th period	2:22-3:13
7th period	3:17-4:10

Lunch

A Lunch 11:51- 12:21
4th Hour 12:25-1:23
4th Hour 11:55-12:22
B Lunch 12:22-12:52
4th Hour 12:56-1:23
4th Hour 11:55-12:53
C Lunch 12:53-1:23

TDAP Booster Info

Florida Statute (F.S. 1003.22) requires students to have the Tdap booster immunization before starting 7th grade. Students entering 7th grade who do not have the Tdap booster before the first day of school on August 10, 2021, will not be permitted to attend school until the Tdap booster is administered and documentation (Form HD 680 Certificate of Immunization) is received by the school. Please contact your child's physician or the Charlotte County Department of Health at 941-624-7200 to schedule an appointment for the Tdap booster.



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BEGINNING OF THE YEAR INFO

Is There a Dress Code?

L.A. Ainger follows the guidelines as outline in the student code of conduct. All shirts should have sleeves. Shorts/skirts/dresses should go to the knee. All pants/shorts/skirts should be worn at the waist. Midriffs and undergarments should not be exposed. Cell phones cannot be seen or heard!

It is expected that the students will NOT wear the following:

- Caps, hats, or sunglasses while on campus
- Attire that promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, violence or other illegal activities.
- Any articles of clothing or jewelry that could cause injury or disruption.
- Halters, backless or sleeveless dress or tops, tube tops, tank tops, muscles shirts, pajamas, tops with low or revealing necklines, midriff shirts, or short shorts or skirts.

What Do I Need to Bring on the First Day of School?

Seven (7) 1 Subject Notebooks, Seven (7) pocket folders, Pencils, Highlighters (at least 2 different colors), Notebook Filler Paper 8 ½ x 11, Flash drive (at least 2 GB)

Keep an Eye on your Student's Education!!!

Focus Parent Portal – www.focus.yourcharlotteschools.net

- Stay informed of your student's grades & attendance. Grades are updated bi-weekly.

L.A. Ainger's Website- www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam

- Up to date information about Ainger activities, postings from the principal and more.
- Teacher's Website- weekly update on class and homework assignments, etc.

Bullying Hot Line- www.yourcharlotteschools.net/lam

- Click the "Bully Reporting" button
- L.A. Ainger does not tolerate bullying. Please report any type of bullying instances on our "bully button" located on our school website.

How Will I Know What Bus?

Student bus schedules will be mailed to home address in early August. Additional information may be found online:

- For Charlotte County Bus riders go to www.yourcharlotteschools.net and click the following tabs: Departments>District Support Services>Transportation>Bus Stop Information
- Sarasota County residents go to www.sarasotacountyschools.net

What Are Lunches Like at L.A. Ainger?

Breakfast and lunch are FREE for every student at Champs Cafe. There are three lines in the Ainger cafeteria. One line serves the hot lunch listed on the monthly school lunch menu. The other lines serve either pizza, chicken sandwich, hamburgers, or salad.

What Happens When I'm Absent?

If a student is going to be absent, a parent/guardian should call the attendance hotline (941)697-5800 (Option 1) to report the absence. It is the student's responsibility to request make-up work and to set up a time to make up quizzes or tests.

1st Day Materials Students Will Receive

The following materials will be given to your child on the first day of school:

- Code of Student Conduct
- Custody Sign In/Out Sheet
- Student Health Assessment
- Emergency Paper
- FOCUS Parent Portal Log-in
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Ainger Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following 2021 students of the month:

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6TH GRADE	7TH GRADE	8TH GRADE
PAIGE GIFFORD	ANNSLEY MASON	VALERIE HAC
KAYDEN VIELHAUER	SYLVESTRE WARNER	EVA GRESSLEY
JACOB ALLESE		ROBERTO LEO

MARCH

6TH	7TH	8TH
AVA TRULLINGER	JADE GOORSKY	TRAVIS MADDOX
AIDEN SILVA	TYLER NEAR	HAILI GUARDIOLA
	JULIAN KELLER	

APRIL

6TH	7TH	8TH
WESLEY CANTRELL	RILEY BARKER	EVA GRESSLEY
TAYLOR HOOD	LOGAN ROONEY	ROBERTO LEO
		CHASE BERGO

MAY

6TH	7TH	8TH
AUBYRN SMITH	KAIAH FICARRA	RILEY WOITALEWICZ
EMMA ELFENBEIN	AUSTIN VANDAM	SEAN EGGLOFF-VEGA
KYLE LACKEY	OSCAR MARTINEZ-MARCELENO	MEXI FONT
	SAMUEL NICOL	
	MACKENZIE MARTIN	

Reporting Suspicious Activities Or Threats

Students, parents, CCPS employees, and members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies.
- School Administrator or any available staff member.
- **The FortifyFL Reporting APP** or to the Crimestoppers Tipline (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.



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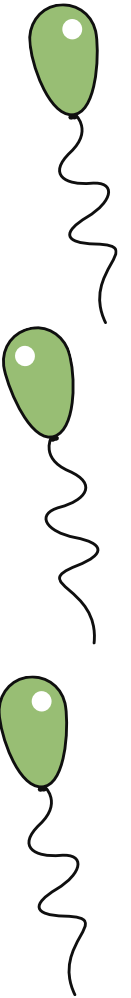
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You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

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Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement

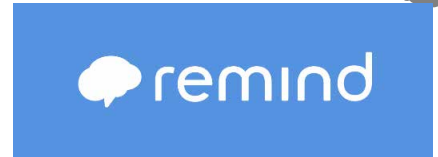
Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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Remind App

L.A. Ainger uses the Remind App to communicate with the stakeholders in our community by sending text messages to their phones. To subscribe to any of the classes, simple text the "@ code" listed below to the number 81010.

- "L.A. Ainger Middle School Families" text: @laaingermi
- "L.A. Ainger Middle School Charlotte Buses" text: @g33g3g
- "L.A. Ainger Middle School Sarasota Buses" text: @kk43ga
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Cougar Band News

Beginning Band:

Welcome to our new exploratory Beginning Band Members! This is a new class that is being offered for the first semester of 6th grade with the option to continue second semester into "normal band". Since students don't have band in elementary school, this is their opportunity to try it and see if they like it! I bet they will!

A few highlights of the program:

- No experience is necessary. You'll learn to read and play music on an instrument of your choice.
- There are no outside of the school day commitments the first semester. You can do band AND other things.
- Instruments are NEW and will be provided by the school including flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone. Accessories to play them (cleaning supplies/reeds) will also be included by the band boosters.



- » Students that continue into semester two will also be able to play sax, oboe/bassoon, french horn, euphonium, tuba, and percussion.
- Band is FUN! We will have some after school events and performances, but you are not obligated to attend them the first semester... *but you might want to!*
- Scan the QR code to the right with your phone and check out this video of last years beginners performing a rock medley in late April. This will give you an idea about what to expect by the end of the year!

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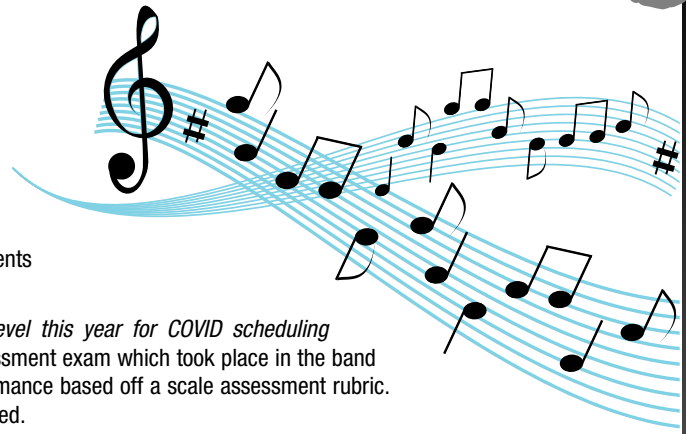
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7th and 8th Grade Ensembles:

Following our spring concerts in April, students completed a band retention google form. Students that indicated that they wanted to continue next year were given an intent letter and spoken with individually by Mr. Ostrow. This letter went home and was returned by students with parent signatures which was check-marked as received in Parent Portal.

For the new school year, we are returning to ability-based ensembles (*it was grade-level this year for COVID scheduling considerations*). Students auditioned for these ensembles in May through their scales assessment exam which took place in the band room. Mr. Ostrow listened to every student in the band program and assessed each performance based off a scale assessment rubric. Semester 1 exams, which focused on music notation and reading ability, were also considered.

Ensemble rosters were posted in June, announced with a Remind text, and can be found at <https://www.aingerband.org/news>. If you haven't seen it yet, **Congratulations to everyone!** Students can be identified by their student ID number and instrument. Placement was based on instrumentation (balance of instruments) and performance (chair-order). For example, if there are 23 returning clarinetists, the split was 11 and 12 in order from highest to lowest scores.

Please note, the class lists do not guarantee placement in these ensembles as other factors such as TAG classes, FSA scores, and other student requests might interfere. If you have a concern with your child's placement, please contact Mr. Ostrow immediately at tim.ostrow@yourcharlotteschools.net.

Band Calendar:

Our first event is our annual Band Parent Pizza Social and Informational in the cafeteria on Thursday, August 12th beginning at 5:30pm. A free dinner will be provided for 6-8th grade families. Events and performances for the school year will be discussed including the return of the renowned band lock-in for all students, the FAME Music City Festival for jazz band, and a planned trip to Universal Studios.

To see all of the events and performances, check out our band calendar at <https://www.aingerband.org/calendar.html>



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