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L.A. AINGER MIDDLE SCHOOL

Message from the Principal

Dear Cougar Families,

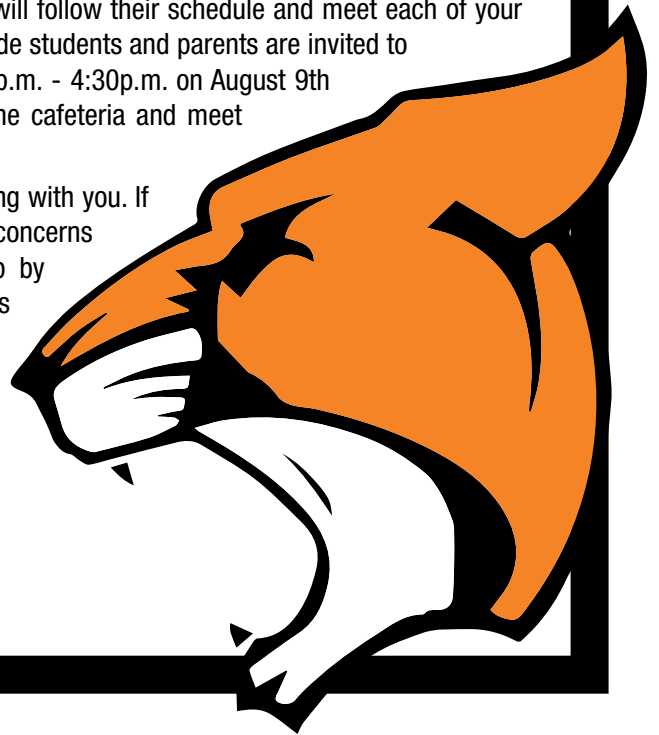
I am happy to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year. I hope you had a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends. We will have many new faces this year with twelve new teachers on campus due to retirements and increases in our student enrollment. The staff and I look forward to working with 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 throughout 2021-22 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 12th.

Sixth grade students and parents are cordially invited to attend our 6th grade Open House on Tuesday, August 9th from 5:30p.m. - 7:30p.m. Please report to our school gymnasium at 5:30p.m. 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 9th 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
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941-697-5800

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

Principal:
Jeff Harvey

Assistant Principals:
Bruce Fourman
Daryl Konrardy

Guidance Counselors:
Angela Brough
Kelly Gilbert

School Resource Officer:
Officer Tameris





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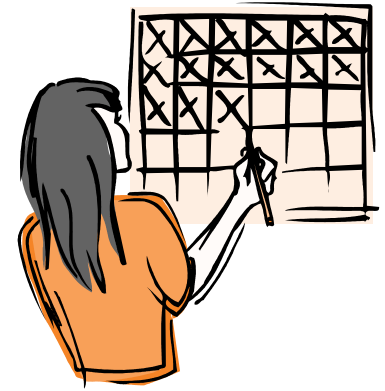
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Important Dates

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Bell Schedule

L.A. Ainger Middle School 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

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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?

- Pencils
- Notebook
- Filler paper (college or wide ruled)

*Additional supplies may be requested by classroom teachers the first week of school. In order to reduce the purchase of unnecessary supplies, please bring the basics listed above and purchase additional supplies requested by individual classroom teachers as needed.

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
- Transportation Brochure
- Optional Student Insurance

Please sign and return these documents to school with your student as soon as possible.



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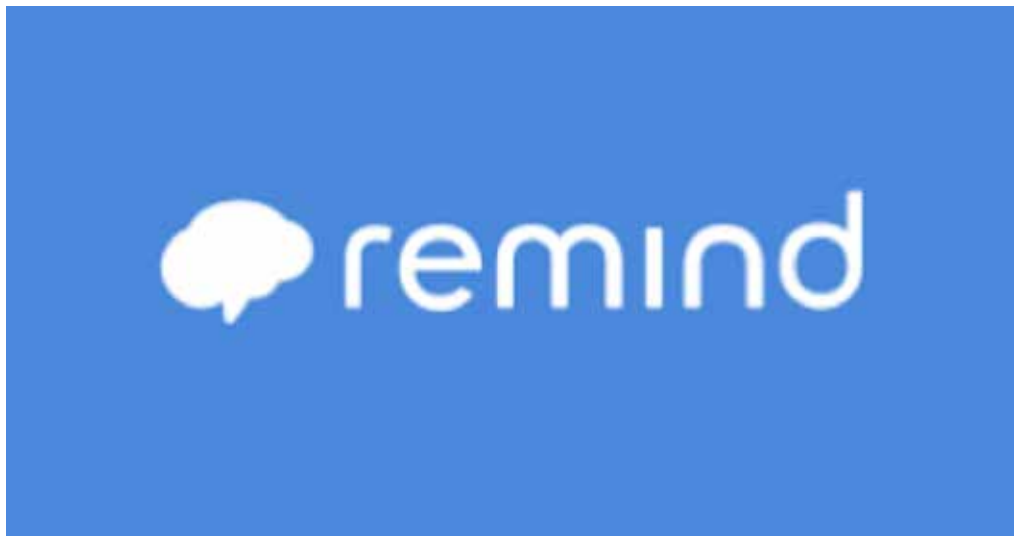
Teacher's "Wish List"

- More Pencils
- Pencil top erasers
- Composition notebooks
- Anti-bacterial wipes
- Dry erase markers
- Rulers
- Colored Pencils
- Facial Tissues
- Staedtler Compasses
- Post-It Notes
- Poster Boards
- Colored printer paper
- Paper towels
- Markers



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, 2022, 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.



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
- "L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO" text: @laaingerp

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News From Mrs. Cerbone

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am excited to embark on my 28th year of teaching at L A Ainger. I have many exciting learning opportunities prepared to make this year enriching and interesting. Many hands-on learning experiences are provided through our classroom garden. The school garden is certified through the Florida Department of Agriculture and funded through the University of Florida. In addition to this, the University of Florida provides my class with monthly nutrition and cooking classes. Students will learn about growing zones and safe planting practices. In addition to our large outdoor garden this year we will experiment with a hydroponic system in the classroom to grow many green vegetables. Math, reading and life skills are tied into this exciting curriculum.

See you in August.

Mrs.Cerbone



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PTO News

L.A. Ainger Middle School PTO would like to welcome you to the 2022 - 2023 school year. PTO is a volunteer organization that gives parents and teachers the opportunity to work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience. We are all dedicated to the successful education of our students. PTO uses its resources to support the efforts of teachers and provide learning and enrichment opportunities for our students. The PTO helps to fund educational trips, classroom equipment and supplies, special events for students and teachers, end-of-the-year class field trips and more! We look forward to meeting you!

Save the Date!

- **1st PTO Meeting** – August 22 at 6:00pm in the Media Center
- **9th Annual Golf Tournament** – November 12, 2022
- **Cougar Color Run** – Spring 2023 (date/time TBD)

Stay Informed!

- **Facebook** – Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LAAPTO/
- **Remind** – to receive messages from PTO, Text to: 81010, Message: @aingerp
- **Email Us** – aingerpto@gmail.com

Get Involved!

Join us at PTO Meetings – Attending meetings is a great way to find out what is happening at our school and to share new ideas. Meeting schedule is to be determined.

Volunteer for an Event – It takes many volunteers to ensure the success of events for our students. Sign up for Remind or check our Facebook page to find out about volunteer opportunities.

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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 Majorcy Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

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
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