

# PANTHER PAUSE

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Chiles Families,

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 school year! Last year turned out to be a huge success for our students, staff, and families and I know that even greater things are ahead this year. As we enjoy the last few days of the summer break, I hope that you are able to spend time with family and friends while taking some time to relax. Our school supply list is available on the school website to help with the final preparations for the return to school.

Schedule pickup day will take place on Thursday, August 8th from 8:30am – 11:30am. This is a great chance for students to come to campus, pick up their schedule for the school year, and briefly meet their teachers. Our PTSA will be on campus to sell memberships and the school store will be open. Students with last names from A-G are scheduled from 8:30am – 9:30am, last names H-O are from 9:30am – 10:30am, and last names P-Z are from 10:30am – 11:30am.

Chiles Middle School is a wonderful learning environment for students to come to each day. I am excited to work with such an incredible group of students, teachers, staff, and parents each day and know that this will be our best year yet. By focusing on safety and building positive relationships, our students will achieve great things. If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please contact me at [john\\_antmann@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:john_antmann@scps.k12.fl.us) or 407-871-7010.

Thanks,  
John Antmann, Ed.D.  
Principal

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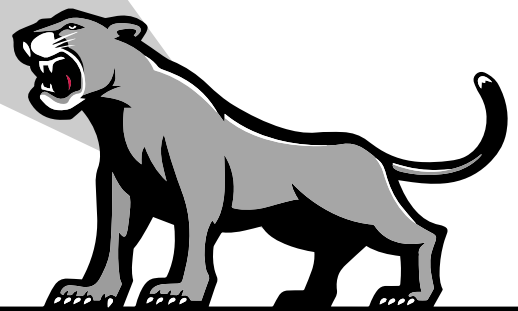
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## Messages From Our Administrators

### 8th Grade Assistant Principal- Ms. Diane Taylor

Welcome Panthers to the 2019-20 school year! I am excited to be the 8th grade Assistant Principal and be able support students in their last year of middle school. Our team of teachers, staff, and administrators are committed to providing an optimal educational experience as we prepare our students for high school and the varied paths they will follow post high school. At this time, when friendships and social interactions become paramount for the young adolescent, the importance of parents staying involved in their daily school life is a key factor. The home and school collaboration in teaching and cultivating good work habits, positive self-esteem and responsibility provides a support system that has a positive impact on our youth.

We ask for your support and guidance as your 8th grade student takes on the responsibility of organizing study time for completing classwork, homework, tests and projects using the eCampus calendar. They should be checking their grades regularly in Skyward and the Chiles website for important information. You can help by encouraging your student to fill you in on his/her rigorous daily lessons as well as upcoming academics and extra-curricular activities. Additionally, in guiding our students toward independence, we will be inviting them to participate in Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. As your student learns to discuss his/her own progress, they learn self-advocacy in a safe environment of parents and faculty members.

We welcome students, parents and community members to join us in our mission, "to develop students to be productive lifelong learners able to compete on a global scale through self-directed learning, critical thinking, creative expression and inquiry-based study." My dedication to this mission lies in the collaborations formed to support and encourage student success. I invite you to contact me at any time to discuss your student's progress. The LCMS administrative team, faculty and staff look forward to the opportunity to see your student grow and succeed.

It is going to be an exciting journey. Go Panthers!

### 7th Grade Assistant Principal- Mrs. Elizabeth Darcy

Welcome back! We missed you! To all the 7th graders out there, I am excited to be your assistant principal this year and work with you to make this a fabulous year. As you know, Chiles Middle School teachers and staff members are here to ensure a safe, equitable, student-centered environment where you can develop socially, emotionally and academically. Students, you play a critical role in your own development. As you reflect on the past school year, think about what you need to accomplish this year to reach your dreams. You will have an opportunity in the first weeks of school to set challenging goals and create an action plan. Dream BIG! In addition, LCMS provides several opportunities for you to become more involved in fun, after-school activities—clubs and sports, for example. We want

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you to be well-rounded. That means we support your efforts to organize your time around your classwork, homework, and projects, as well as activities that help you discover your strengths and interests beyond the classroom. Take advantage and make the most of the opportunities out there.

Parents and families, we will host several events where you can become involved, as well. Be on the lookout for upcoming School Advisory Council (SAC) meetings, PTSA events, Tech Night and Open House.

Teachers and staff members are here to help ALL students develop to their highest potential and achieve their dreams. This year, I will also work directly with Exceptional Student Education, ESOL, and English Language Arts Departments and serve as the administrative liaison for SAC and PTSA. My office location has changed, and I am now in Building 3, the 7th grade building. Students, we are all here to help make this your best year yet! Let us know how we can support you!

#### **6th Grade Assistant Principal- Ms. Alexandra Razgha**

Greeting Panthers! Hello to the 2019-2020 School Year! I hope you all had a relaxing, restful and fun summer! To all our returning 7th & 8th graders – welcome back!

To our new 6th grade Panthers, welcome! As the 6th grade assistant principal, I look forward to meeting you and getting to know you as you start your middle school career here at LCMS. I am so excited for you to meet your teachers, who are the most amazing group of teachers I've had the privilege of working with. They are all committed to excellence in the classroom and do so by creating some of the most creative, engaging and interactive activities and lessons I've ever seen.

To our 6th grader parents, welcome to middle school! During this time of transition and change, we encourage you to reach out to your student's teachers and guidance counselor with any issues or concerns that you may have. Also be sure to have your Skyward Family Access account as well as access to eCampus to check on graders and upcoming assignments. One of the biggest changes from elementary school to middle school is the moving from 1 or 2 teachers to 7 teachers and learning how to manage the different assignments. Just remember to breath, we are in this together, and we are here to support your student in any way we can!

This year, if you need me, you can come on over to Building 4. I also oversee our math, social studies and technology departments, so you will frequently see me visiting those classrooms. I'm also over testing, so as we get into testing season, be on the lookout for information from me come the spring!

Most of all, I wish you all a great year filled with lots of learning, lots of friendship, lots of memories and lots of fun!

### **Language Arts- Dr. Stacey Smith-Davis & Mrs. Alyssa Rose**

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! We hope students enjoyed the summer reading and are putting the finishing touches on the required assignment. Please see our school website at [www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us) for assignment details and due dates.

Our language arts lessons are guided by the SCPS curriculum framework, and our main resource is the HMH Collections online textbook (available in The Portal). Teachers have created dynamic lessons for students to engage in reading, writing, listening, viewing, and speaking. Students will apply critical thinking skills as they read and analyze a variety of literary and informational texts. By reading various short stories, poems, novels, and non-fiction passages, we hope to instill a love and appreciation of literature in every child.

We look forward to building strong relationships with our students and families as we encourage all students on their path of academic growth. Get ready for a great year!

### **A Message from Our School Counseling Department**

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year to our returning and newest Panthers! Please stop by on August 8th for Schedule Pickup Day, between 8:30 and 11:30. During this time, you will be able to pick up your student's schedule, find your student's classrooms, and meet his/her teachers. If you are unable to attend schedule pickup day, your student(s) will have access to a directory on the morning of the first day of school so that they know where to report to first. At that time, they will receive a copy of his/her schedule.

For the 2019-2020 school year, we welcome a new counselor to our school, Ms. Dashiya Matthews! She will be serving students with last names A-G. Please welcome her to Chiles and bear with her as she learns the ins and outs of our school and our district.

The school counseling department works as a professional learning community. Through collaboration, they develop a program emphasizing developmental guidance, which creates a climate for enhancing student achievement and creating a positive learning environment. Together, parents/guardians, teachers, counselors, and administrators can make the effort to formally reach out to one another and support each other with a common goal of improving student learning while addressing students' needs. We will be able to make substantial differences in our students' lives by working collaboratively toward the same goal.

The counselors are available for parent/teacher conferences upon request. If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact Mrs. Cathy Tucker at 407-871-7006. Communication between the parent/guardian and LCMS is essential to the success of a student's academic progress and learning. Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor their child's progress through Skyward on a regular basis.

Please refer to our school's website ([www.lcms.k12.fl.us](http://www.lcms.k12.fl.us)), as well as the curriculum guide regarding the schedule change policy. LCMS utilizes the Seminole County Public Schools' automated scheduler, Skyward, to establish student schedules. Skyward is programmed to ensure equity and to balance class sizes. Schedule changes may be made to correct misplacement or conflicts, such as a missing class period. Accommodations are not made to allow for parental preference for teachers. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's counselor.

- Ms. Dashiya Matthews – Students with last names A-G
- Ms. Kelly Stivers – Students with last names H-O
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## Mathematics- Mrs. Misty Naran

Welcome back, Panthers! We hope you have had a relaxing summer and are ready for the new school year. Your math teachers are looking forward to an exciting year filled with cooperative activities to help all students gain a deeper understanding of the mathematical concepts at all grade levels. We hope to improve your ability to communicate mathematically by offering opportunities for hands-on classroom activities, problem solving strategies, and debate. Be sure to check the supply lists posted on our school website; 7th and 8th grade students need a calculator that is NOT on their phone! Instruction in math begins day one! We welcome our 6th grade and 7th grade Mathletes, and our middle school senior 8th grade math superstars as well! Hopefully students going into Algebra I Honors have been visiting Math Nation and completing the On Ramp to Algebra videos and practice. This will help you prepare for your course as well as review important skills you will need. If not, it's not too late! The Algebra Nation tile can be found under the Instructional tab in your Portal. Enjoy the final days of summer!

## Science- Mrs. Terra Nystrom

Ladies and gentlemen, school is back in session. The science teachers here at LCMS have planned an exciting and rigorous year full of engaging labs and activities focusing on mastery of the state science standards. All grades began the school year with a review of the scientific method, science skills—such as observing, measuring, graphing—and lab safety. This should provide a strong foundation for the remainder of the school year.

Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth graders will be following a comprehensive curriculum where they will be creating interactive notebooks filled with notes, diagrams, labs, student reflections, and more. Eighth grade students in advanced and gifted science classes will be participating in the Science Fair; students should have several topic ideas prepared.

We are excited to work with you this coming school year and look forward to speaking with all of you at Open House!

## Social Studies- Mrs. Joan Illesky & Mrs. Jennifer Capp

Welcome back! We are very excited for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. LCMS has an exciting Social Studies curriculum and innovative methods for presenting the material to maximize student engagement. In sixth grade, students will study world history including the early humans, the Greeks, the Romans, ancient China and India and the Americas.



Seventh grade students will examine many important aspects of American Democracy in their Civics classes including the foundations of government, the role of citizenship in society, and the workings of the political system today. We will also learn about the geography and economic systems of the United States.

In eighth grade, students will discover the history of America from pre-colonial America through the Civil War. Students will associate their own experiences with the past to establish a context in which they explain, sympathize, judge, decide, and act, thus connecting the past to the present.

All students will have the opportunity to engage in critical thinking, develop creative projects, and participate in cooperative learning experiences while they develop a sense of personal and social identity. We hope to see everyone at schedule pick-up where teachers may have additional information and supply lists specific to the needs of each class. Again, welcome back!


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## Electives

### Physical Education- Mrs. Patricia O'Neil

Physical Education Department promotes fun, laughter and invigorating physical activity! The LCMS P.E. team provides students the opportunity to attain their optimum level of fitness while participating in a continuous, carefully planned program of physical activity.

Students will need a combination lock, three pronged folder, athletic sneakers, LCMS PE t-shirt and LCMS PE shorts when they begin attending school. All students in physical education class are required to wear the school uniform. The PE uniform cost is \$20 a set. They will be available to purchase at Schedule Pick-up Day, August 8th and at the school store once school begins.

Summertime is a great time to participate in outside family activities, such as biking, swimming, tennis, basketball, wall ball and many other fun activities. Physical Education is a daily life practice, and students need to build daily practice through staying active.

### Technology- Mrs. Barbara Miller

6th, 7th, and 8th graders will take one of the following semester long computer courses:

- 6th grade: iChallenge (Mr. Smock)
- 7th grade: iJourney (Mr. Thomas)
- 8th grade: iConnect (Mr. Jackson & Mrs. Miller)

Students will engage in online lessons, as well as face-to-face instruction. The courses are accessed through eCampus. Students will have the opportunity to earn their IC3 Certifications at the completion of iJourney and iConnect. All three courses offer UCertify Certifications. iJourney fulfills the state required Career & Education Planning component. iConnect is for high school credit and satisfies the .5 virtual credit graduation requirement.

### Reading

Welcome to the new school year! Reading classes are designed to accelerate your skills to help you make more than one year's growth in one year's time. Throughout the school year, you will advance your active reading skills of predicting, summarizing, questioning, clarifying, and connecting. You will increase your reading speed and accuracy and comprehend at a deeper level, preparing you to be college and career ready. Please be reading at least 30 minutes every evening and on weekends, and discuss what you read with someone in your family to further accelerate your literacy skills. In addition, Reading teachers utilize i-Ready to differentiate and track student progress. Students should have access to i-Ready from home beginning the first week of school. Students are expected to complete at least 45 minutes worth of lessons per week, whether at school or at home. This summer, teachers attended training and designed exciting lessons around high-interest reading material to spark your imagination and curiosity. We are excited to begin the year with you.

### ESE- Ms. Erika Vocolka

The school year is off to a great start! Your student's case manager has been working closely with classroom teachers to ensure that your student will receive the support they need to be successful here at LCMS. If you have any questions about your student's IEP and/or ESE services, please contact your child's case manager.

### PAWS 52- Mrs. Barbara Miller

#### 3-2-1 Action!

TV Production is a class designed to introduce students to television production techniques. The course covers script writing, interviewing techniques, storyboarding, taping the TV industry. Students will be introduced to production roles, basic equipment use and editing techniques using Final Cut Pro. Students produce their own segments which will air on their weekly news broadcast during homeroom. Stay tuned every Wednesday to Paws 52 for late breaking news at LCMS!

## Skyward, eCampus, and ePassport

Skyward, eCampus, ePassport what is my child talking about? **Skyward** is the official grade book where all grades are entered. This will show each child's grades as well as any missing assignments. To receive Skyward access, please fill out the Family Access form which is located in the Parents/Skyward section of LCMS website. Please bring the completed form along with your photo ID to the front office, as we are only able to provide access to parents/ guardians with custody. We will then send you your Skyward username and password via email. If your child is coming from an elementary school to LCMS, your login carries over. Your child will login to SCPS computers using their student ID. They will create their own password within the first two weeks of school. At home students will login to **The Portal** <https://www.scps.k12.fl.us> (top righthand corner) to access **eCampus** courses, Skyward, online textbooks, Office365, etc. Every course at LCMS has an eCampus page. eCampus courses have all of the students' assignments on the calendar, a syllabus, course information, etc. You too can have access to your child's eCampus courses and view when your child's assignments are due. Visit <http://www.lcms.scps.k12.fl.us/Parents.aspx> and click on sign up for eCampus here. There's also additional tech information on Office 365, ePassport and more. Did you know your child has access to Office365 on up to 5 devices?

Do you have still have questions about Skyward, eCampus, and ePassport? Email Mrs. Miller @ Barbara\_Miller@scps.k12.fl.us so she can better assist you.

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Only those **listed** on the front office card will be allowed to sign your child out. Please list all possible relatives, friends, and older siblings that may pick up your child. Remember that emergency cards and front office cards are updated each school year – last year's cards are not valid. If a different situation arises, **a note signed and dated by the parent/guardian along with a photo copy of your Driver's License** is required to release a student. If any additions or changes need to be made to your student's card, please be sure to contact the front office. Students cannot be released to leave early without the presence and signature of an authorized adult.

## ITEM DROP OFF:

A large part of middle school is helping our students become independent. We ask that parents refrain from dropping off forgotten items to the front office (homework, PE clothes, projects etc.). We know there are occasional emergencies and we will work with those on an individual basis. **At no time** should a parent be delivering **food or beverages** to the student during the school day nor should delivery services be used to provide food or beverage during the school day. If a student forgets their lunch, they just need to let an adult know and our Café manager will ensure they are properly fed.

## MESSAGES:

Any messages to students need to be received by the office no later than 3:00 p.m. (2:00 pm on Wednesday). All messages are delivered at the beginning of each period. Please make every attempt to discuss transportation issues with your child **prior to the start of the school day.** Please have a contingency plan in place (example, rainy day transportation changes, father and/or mother day pick up, students picking up/or not picking up younger siblings, etc.)

## LATE ARRIVALS:

If tardy, a parent must come in with their child to sign in with the time, reason, and parent signature. If parent cannot come in, the child must have a signed note from the parent with the reason. A doctor's note is acceptable. Students arriving after 9:10 am must check in at the Administrative Center, Bldg. 1, before going to their classes. A pass will be issued to the student. The student must present this pass to enter class. Students are expected to be in class and in their seats before the tardy bell rings at 9:15am. Tardy policy will be enforced and consequences will be provided as necessary.

## STUDENT PICK UP & DROP OFF PROCEDURES:

At Lawton Chiles, our first priority is to maintain a safe and orderly environment. Please adhere to the following procedures:

1. Car riders are to be dropped off and picked up at the Sanctuary Drive entrance car ramp **ONLY.** **Please do not drop students off on the bus ramp as this may delay our busses. Also, please do not drop students off at the 419 entrance to the school.** Signs alerting visitors to this procedure are posted at the entrance to the bus ramp. Please follow the directions of staff on duty.
2. Please do not park on the pick-up ramp and exit your car. If you must exit your car for any reason, please park in a parking space.
3. To ensure the safety of our students during arrival and dismissal times please use additional caution when driving on to campus. The posted speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Please look twice for students and staff members while allowing them to cross the road when it is safe.
4. For those students riding a school bus – **students may ride ONLY their assigned bus. Students will not be permitted to ride home with a friend unless an EMERGENCY situation arises.** Emergency situations do not include sleepovers, the desire to play with a friend, or needing to work on a project. In order to receive an EMERGENCY bus pass, EACH student is required to have a note written and signed by parents. The note will need to be delivered to Mr. Linquist for POSSIBLE approval.

## VISITORS/DIVIDENDS:


All visitors must report to the front office to sign in and get a name tag before going on to any other location on campus. Students are not allowed to bring visiting friends or guests to school to spend the day at any time. For special circumstances or questions, please contact Mrs. Emerson in the front office, 407-871-7050.

## EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Students are required to bring a written note from a parent or guardian and turn it to either the Front Office or their first period teacher when they return to school after being absent. Phone calls are not acceptable. If a child will be absent for a length of time, please contact attendance and/or teachers to let us know the situation so homework, etc. can be arranged. A note will still be required when your child returns. Please be sure your child is on time for school. A daily attendance record is kept and both tardies and absences are recorded.

## PLANNERS:

One of the best sources of LCMS information will be found in the student planner. Planners will be given to all students, 6th-8th, this year.



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## SAC News

The School Advisory Council is a volunteer group of parents and school personnel who advise the administration on local issues. All community members are welcome; meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 PM with **exception** of the first meeting on **Tuesday, August 21st at 4:00 PM**. If you are interested, please plan to join us at the first meeting. We are currently looking for parent and community members to join. For more information, please email Mrs. Elizabeth Darcy at [Elizabeth\\_Darcy@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:Elizabeth_Darcy@scps.k12.fl.us).



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## PTSA News

Welcome to all of our new Panthers and returning Panthers! PTSA is excited about a brand new school year! Did you know that last year with your support, we were able to provide mini-grants for classrooms, support Environmental Day, Technology Night, Safety Night, Paws for a Cause, 8th Grade Dance and Incentive Week, and many other activities! We need your support to make this year even better for our students and staff. How can you help? There are several ways to help support our school through PTSA-

- Join PTSA! There are parent, student, and teacher memberships available. Each membership is \$8. Students will receive a sweet treat for joining PTSA, along with incentives throughout the school year and the opportunity to vote on student related issues.
- Support our fundraising! This year, we are selling coupon books filled with tremendous savings at local businesses for \$20. Also, we will host spirit nights throughout the year. Spirit nights provide Panther families with an opportunity to support the school and socialize at local restaurants.
- Visit the school store! Our school store is funded by PTSA. We provide students and families the opportunity to purchase school supplies, school spirit wear, sweet items, holiday and birthday treats. Checkout our website for online purchases. There is a link to the school store on the LCMS website.
- Volunteer your time! If you are looking for a way to actively volunteer at LCMS, we would love to have your help. Join our LCMS PTSA Facebook page to keep up with all volunteer opportunities and activities.

Look for the PTSA table or visit the school store during Open House to join us in making the 2019-2020 school year a success for all students and staff! Memberships are also available online through the school store.

2019-2020 Lawton Chiles Middle School PTSA Welcomes You!