

Little Miami E-News

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Senior Panthers Earn Prestigious Recognitions

We are so thrilled & proud to share that four Little Miami High School Seniors have earned the distinction of National Merit Finalist Scholar and three Seniors are recognized as National Merit Commended Scholars.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a national academic competition for high school students. Students qualify for the National Merit program by achieving a high score on the PSAT. Upon receiving their PSAT scores, high scorers may be designated by the NMSC as Commended Students, Semifinalists, or (after an additional application) Finalists. From the Finalists, around 7,500 students are selected to become scholarship winners.

Congratulations to the following students & their learning community who has helped equip them for this achievement!

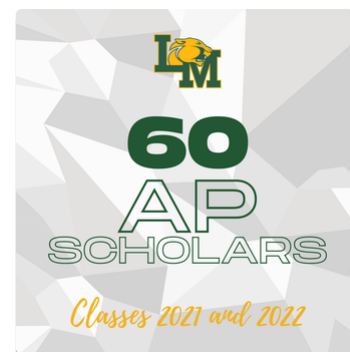
National Merit Finalist Scholars- Dakota Baldwin, Madelyn Highfield, Ryan Houser, Emily Yeung

National Merit Commended Scholars: Caleb Dattilo, Kevin Holtkamp, Nilli Tayidi



60 LMHS Students Earn "AP Scholar" Distinction

The incredible news keeps rolling in! CollegeBoard has released its annual list of AP scholars and Little Miami High School proudly reports that 60 students have earned the distinction of AP Scholar between the Classes of 2021 and 2022. Below are the current LMHS Seniors who have been recognized by CollegeBoard:



AP Scholar: Camille Burwinkle, Ben Carr, Justine Cline, Emma Greulich, Nick Harris, Kathryn Heckscher, Ryan Houser, Abby Kirkendall, Marina Lindsey, Kristen Lovins, Cecelia Pucko, Emma Rudkin, Lucy Schneider, Julia Tenbusch, Lilianne Volz, and Amanda Yeung

AP Scholar with Honor: Caleb Dattilo and Alexander Mitchell

AP Scholar with Distinction: Maddie Highfield, Tyler Kivercik, Sarah Spencer, and Emily Yeung

Additionally, Little Miami High School had 77% of their AP exams receive a 3 or higher, with the average score being 3.4. For reference, the National Average is 60% with a mean score of 2.8.

[Click to View the 2022 LM Annual Report](#)

Nominate an Excellent Teacher!

The Project Excellence Committee of the Area Progress Council of Warren County, Inc. seeks to recognize and honor excellent teachers within the public schools in Warren County.

Consideration of your nominee will be based on the information you supply. Characteristics of an

excellent teacher might include but are not limited to the following:

- Demonstrates consistency and high commitment.
- Puts research into practice through their own initiative, is a discretionary risk taker.
- Implements creative instructional strategies.
- Focuses on raising the bar for all students.
- Possesses a full understanding of the subject and has the ability to challenge students at all levels.
- Is seen by others as genuine, authentic and sincere.
- Is a caring, thoughtful person who extends him or her self to make a positive difference.
- Shows understanding of others -- parents, children, etc.
- Continues to improve personally and professionally.
- Demonstrates that he/she is committed to continuous improvement. (i.e. constantly looking for new ways to do what they do)
- Influences others to improve by modeling the way.
- Other positive characteristics may include: motivational, shares ideas, inspires others, supportive, enthusiastic, creative, etc.



[Click here for more information!](#)



LMHS Academic Team Earns Back-to-Back ECC Championship!

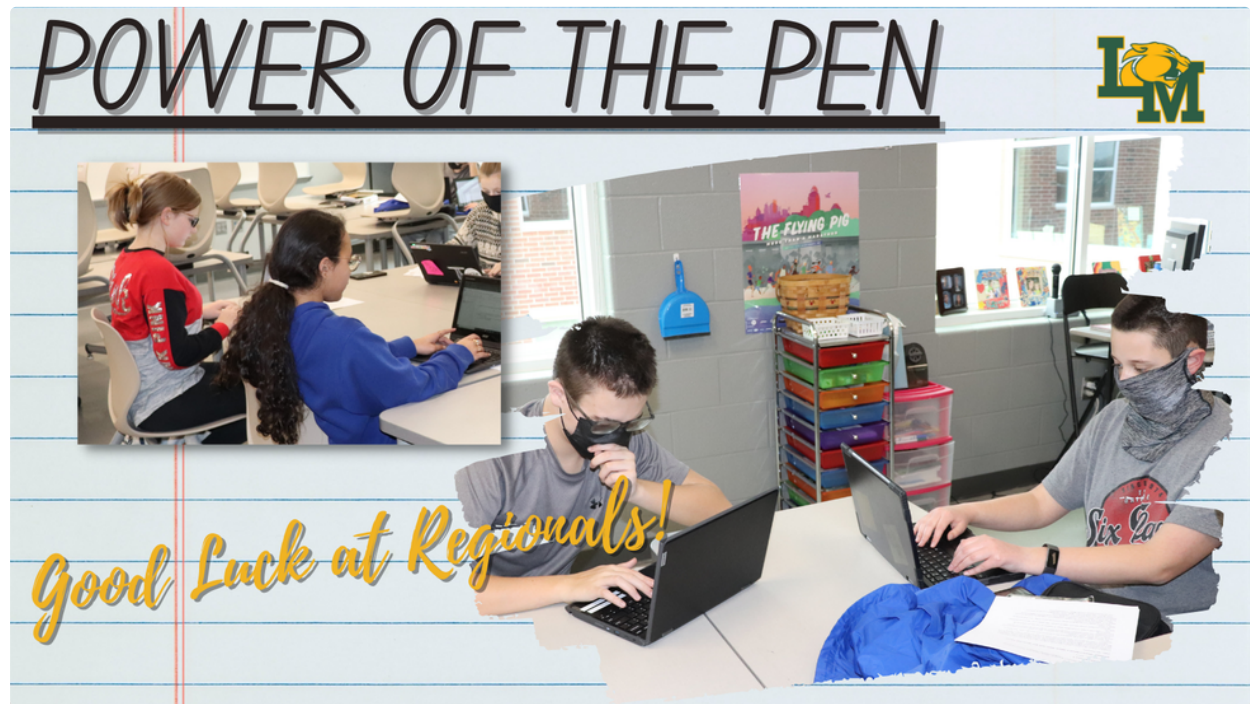
Congratulations to the LMHS Academic Team who are back-to-back ECC Champions! On Wednesday, the team swept Anderson with Varsity winning 76-52 & 79-51! The JV Team also dominated, winning 86-46. The Academic Team now boasts two undefeated seasons (dating all the way back to their entry into the league) and extends the team's ECC winning streak to 34 straight matches!

Varsity starters on the Academic Team include: Dakota Baldwin (Captain), Maddie Highfield, Bella Wilkerson, Paige Zimmerman, Julia Tenbusch, and Aaron Reza-Quiros.

The Academic Team and Coaches Ron Maupin & Nate Pohana would like to thank LMHS Administration, faculty, parents, community members and alumni for their support throughout the years!

Let's cheer on the Panthers as they move forward in preparation for the OAC Regional Tournament in April.

[Click for Class of 2026 Freshman 101 Website](#)



February Panther Pride Award Recipients

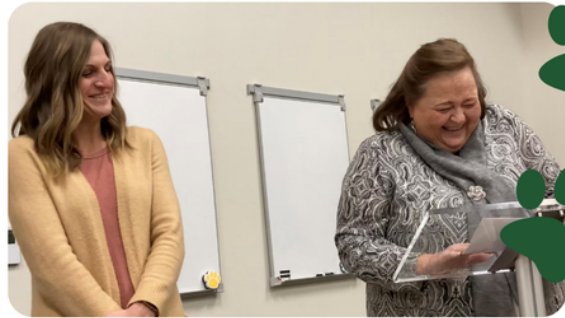
Congratulations to the February Panther Pride Award Winners – LMECC Counselor Mrs. Stultz and members of the dedicated Transportation & Maintenance teams! Honorees were recognized at last evening's Board Meeting & hearing the impact that these Panthers have made on our learning community was truly inspiring!

Staff members & even a parent attending the meeting were brought to tears describing just how special Mrs. Stultz is— describing her as a “difference maker” in the lives of students and colleagues alike. In addition to Mrs. Stultz, the LM Board of Education was honored to recognize the LM Maintenance and Transportation Teams for their efforts that directly impact our ability to safely educate students on our campuses. While they work hard year-round to prepare our facilities for safe learning, last night, the Board specifically acknowledged and thanked team members, David Florea, Mike Davidson, Jesse Landacre, Clay Dillon, Mike Evans, Rob Hiles, Gary Carmack, Theresa Oakley, Kelly Oeder, Chrisie Haney, Rodney Gaylor, Lester Mills, and Dave Tobler, who worked so diligently to help clear parking lots and ready facilities for students to return after the snow & ice storm earlier this month.

Thank you to all of our Panthers who help make this community so great!

PANTHER PRIDE AWARD RECIPIENTS

**BRITTANY
STULTZ**



MAINTENANCE & TRANSPORTATION

DAVID FLOREA | MIKE DAVIDSON | ROB HILES
JESSE LANDACRE | CLAY DILLON | MIKE EVANS
GARY CARMACK | THERESA OAKLEY | KELLY OEDER
CHRISIE HANEY | RODNEY GAYLOR | LESTER MILLS | DAVE TOBLER



Important 2022-2023 Preschool Dates

LMES Marble Run



Students in Mrs. Luck's Fifth Grade science class have accepted the Dyson Marble Run Challenge! They designed and are building structures that rely on gravity and friction to have the marble travel the track for exactly 60 seconds. Students constructed marble tracks in class, with teams and individuals

showing their imagination and problem-solving skills as they test their inventions and modify their designs as needed.

Whether these Fifth graders meet the 60 second goal or not, Mrs. Luck is very pleased with the application of learning, hard work, and determination her students are demonstrating! Learn more about the James Dyson Foundation & their mission to inspire the next generation of design engineers <https://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/>

LITTLE MIAMI LOCAL SCHOOLS


Daily Wellness Check

LM students should complete a daily wellness check each morning before going to school.
Please report any illness and/or student absence to your student's school.

CHECK FOR SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Does your student have a combination of these symptoms? If yes, **please keep them home from school and/or call your school nurse with any questions.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Fever	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea or vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Cold or flu-like symptoms
<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	
<input type="checkbox"/> Congestion or runny nose	



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

COVID-19 Testing Hours

COVID-19 Testing Hours are Monday-Friday 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Central Office

Little Miami is thrilled to have a nurse provided by the Warren County Educational Services Center to assist with COVID-19 impact and questions! Nurse Sheila Edwards will be assisting in building nurse clinics when needed and stationed at Central Office to administer COVID-19 tests to students directly exposed in a school setting. As a reminder, students will only be tested if parent/guardian gives consent.

If you have COVID-19 questions regarding isolations and quarantines, please send Sheila an email: sedwards@lmsdoh.org.

LM's Current COVID-19 Information



Join the ThoughtExchange!

Little Miami is utilizing an innovative communications tool to engage with the community & gather public feedback!

ThoughtExchange allows the community to give insight and perspectives to LM administration that will help us gauge outreach success and make decisions. This tool is designed to gather a well-rounded picture of stakeholder priorities.



ThoughtExchange links may be emailed directly to families and/or posted on social media platforms and the LM website. Get started sharing now by scanning the QR code (pictured to the right) with the camera app on your mobile device or [clicking here](#).

Thank you for your input!

College Credit Plus - LMHS Counselors



Winter Weather & Delay Information

Please be aware of LM's inclement winter weather information & 90-minute building start times. Winter weather information can be found on our website (LittleMiamiSchools.com) under the "Resources" tab - "Winter Weather Info." Save the graphic below for quick reference about when your student needs to be at school on delayed start days.

Announcements regarding delays or closings will be made in multiple locations:

- Local news media
- The district's website
- Automated phone, email and text messages to families and staff from our SchoolMessenger system.
- District's Facebook page
- District's Twitter feed
- District's Instagram account



90-Minute Delay

BUILDING START TIMES

LMHS Student Day Begins: 8:40 AM (1st period starts - No ETEH)

LMMS Student Day Begins: 8:55 AM

LMES Student Day Begins: 9:40 AM

LMPR Student Day Begins: 10:20 AM

LMECC Student Day Begins: 10:40 AM

AM Kindergarten/Preschool: 10:40 AM

PM Kindergarten/Preschool: 2:00 PM

LittleMiamiSchools.com - Resources - Winter Weather Info

[Learn About the Warren County Career Center](#)

WCCC Something to Prove



[Class of 2022 Information Hub](#)



Flexible & Rewarding Work

Hourly Pay Range:

\$11.26 - \$12.34

Customizable Schedule

7.5 Hours a Day

Job Training Available

[SEND INTEREST TO PCOATES@LMSDOH.ORG](mailto:PCOATES@LMSDOH.ORG)

POSITIONS AVAILABLE TO:

- Work with students **OR**
- Work with teachers/staff

JOIN OUR TEAM!

SUBSTITUTE AIDES NEEDED AT LM



Unable to Reach LM Staff via Email?

If you have sent emails to your student's teacher or other LM staff member and have not received a response, there is a great likelihood that your email may have gone to that staff member's "Junk" folder. The Office 365 email system utilized by LM has become more strict in identifying "Junk" emails, unfortunately leading to non-junk emails ending up in the wrong inbox folder.



Staff have been informed to check & review their Junk folders for any parent emails. We apologize for this inconvenience & are working to find solutions to close any potential communication gaps.

GET LM TEXT UPDATES



Text "YES" to 67587 to enter

9:45 am



Text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to get text messages with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts & more.



You can opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



We recommend saving this short code & Caller ID to the contacts on your phone.

Help Us Fill the Need for Substitute Teachers!

Did you know that you do not need a Bachelor's Degree to be a substitute teacher? If you enjoy spending time with students & are looking for a way to make extra money that helps our community, LM could use you!

Are you interested? The Southwest Ohio Council of Governments (SWO-COG) handles the processing of substitute teachers for LM, so please visit bit.ly/3F44cWR to apply.



Little Miami/Mercy Health Clinic is Ready to Serve You!

Are you or your child are in need of medical care, a vaccination, or just an annual wellness check? Nurse Practitioner Mary Compton is ready to help! Conveniently located at Little Miami Primary (7247 Zoar Rd.), the staff at the Mercy Clinic are available 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays to serve residents of all ages.

At this time, the Mercy Health Clinic is NOT taking walk-in appointments, so please be sure to schedule an appointment in order to be seen. Schedule an appointment by calling (513) 215-9277.

[Click for more information & necessary paperwork.](#)



SPEAK UP

SAVE LIVES

By calling or texting the statewide hotline -844-SAFEROH- you can report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends or your school.

Report a Tip/Crisis Line

Imagination Library - ENROLL TODAY

DID YOU KNOW? By the age of three, a child's brain is already 80% developed, and, by the time a child enters kindergarten, they must already know thousands of words in order to succeed in the classroom. Reading aloud to a child and giving them access to books is the best way to ensure they are prepared to enter kindergarten.



The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library wants to start a new chapter in early childhood literacy throughout Ohio by providing families with books. With the goal of preparing students entering Kindergarten for success in the classroom, the Imagination Library program will send a customized book to your child each month from birth until age five. Sign up is easy and FREE! Give your Panther the gift of reading & [enroll today](#).

Learn more about the [Ohio Governor's Imagination Library](#) and its partnership with [Dolly Parton's Imagination Library](#).

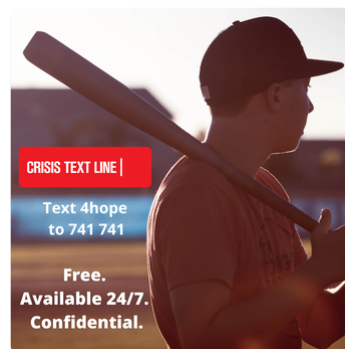
[View a Book List](#)

Crisis Text Line - "4hope" to 741 741

You are not alone. Do you need help now?

Text the keyword "**4hope**" to **741 741** to be connected to a trained Crisis Counselor within 5 minutes.

Any person may need help in coping with a stressful situation. Reach out by text to communicate with someone trained to listen and respond in a method that is private, secure and confidential.



The Crisis Text Line is a free, confidential service available 24/7 via text on mobile devices. Data usage while texting Crisis Text Line is free and the number will not appear on a phone bill with the mobile service carrier. People of all ages can use Crisis Text Line.

For more information about the Crisis Text Line and for supporting resources, please visit the [Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services website](#).

Community Events, Links & Flyers

Important Dates

Mar. 1st:

- 22-23 Kindergarten Registration Opens
- ACT for Juniors - No School Grades 9, 10, 12

Mar. 2nd: LMES Concert @ LMHS 6:30 PM

Mar. 3rd:

- Book Fair Begins at LMECC
- Parent-Teacher Conferences at LMMS 3:30-7 PM
- Parent-Teacher Conferences at LMECC 4:45-8:15 PM
- LMHS Band Concert 7 PM

Mar. 7th: LMECC Yearbook Orders Due

Mar. 8th:

- LMES PTO Meeting @ 7 PM

Mar. 10th:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences at LMECC 4:45-8:15 PM
- LMHS Choir Concert @ 7 PM

Mar. 11th:

- LMHS Advisory Schedule - All Students Arrive by 7:15 AM

Mar. 13th: Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward 1 Hour!

Mar. 15th:

- Spring Picture Day @ LMECC
- LMMS Band Concert @ 7 PM

Mar. 16th: LMECC PTO Meeting @ 7 PM

Mar. 18th: Spring Picture Day @ LMMS

March 22nd:

- Spring Picture Day @ LMPR
- BOE Meeting - 7 PM @ Central Office

March 24th: Parent-Teacher Conferences @ LMPR 4:30 - 8:00 PM

March 25th: End of Quarter

March 28th: LMECC Fun Run Kick Off

March 31st: Parent-Teacher Conferences @ LMPR 4:30 - 8:00 PM

[Full District Calendar](#)



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