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Visit "Quarantine Alternative Pilot Program" page @ LittleMiamiSchools.com

LM's Current COVID-19 Information

Quarantine Guidelines & Clarification

Quarantine orders & requirements are duties of the Warren County Health District. While Little Miami is mandated to abide by quarantine orders, Little Miami Local Schools is not responsible for the act of quarantining your students. We ask for your patience, kindness & understanding when dealing with our LM nurses and administrative staff if your student is quarantined. A few notes of clarification are below:

- At-home COVID-19 tests will not be accepted as a method to reduce quarantine.
- If a student is masked they will not be quarantined.
- If a student is unmasked, they must follow the 3 feet of physical distance rule in order to avoid quarantine. If an unmasked student is within 3 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or longer, they must quarantine (even if sitting in the classroom).

Remote Learning Survey Clarification for PK-5

Parents in grades PK-5 may have received a survey inquiring about needing a LM-provided device in case their student's building transitioned to remote learning. Please be aware that this survey was only sent in order to best prepare our students for a potential remote circumstance, and DOES NOT indicate that the district is approaching such a need in the immediate future.







Congratulations Senior Panthers!











LMHS Wins College Success Award - GOLD Status!

Congratulations are in order for Little Miami High School teachers & staff, as LMHS has won a 2021 College Success Award from <u>GreatSchools.org</u> for excellence in preparing students for college and beyond.

In addition to winning this year's annual Award, LMHS also been selected as one of only 1,770 schools across the nation to win the inaugural <u>College Success Award - Gold</u> — an additional, elevated level of distinction to recognize schools that have a multiyear track record of college success, as determined by available college preparation and postsecondary data.



Way to go LMHS teacher & staff. We are so proud of your dedication to your students!



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.

Same-day appointments are AVAILABLE, so please call if you have questions or need medical care. 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.

Your Local Health Clinic is Here to Help!



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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.

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 & <u>enroll today</u>.

Learn more about the **Ohio Governor's Imagination Library** and its partnership with **Dolly Parton's**



DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES OR DISCOUNTS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS?



INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOL FEES Eligibility will be determined by free & reduced application.



FEDERAL GRANTS Maintains funding for student programs & special services.





AP/SAT/ACT TESTING Discounted registration fees.

FREE breakfast & lunch meals for ALL students during 2021-2022 school year.

While breakfast & lunch is free to all students during the 2021-2022 school year, please complete the application to be eligible for other benefits. Apply Online: Log in to account @ PayschoolsCentral.com and click *Apply Now.* Download Paper Application: LittleMiamiSchools.com - Departments - Food Services Contact Ron McWhorter, Food Services Director, with questions: rmcwhorter@lmsdoh.org

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 <u>Ohio</u> <u>Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services website</u>.



New Fee Payment Platform

This year, Little Miami Schools will be utilizing the services of **PaySchools Central** as the method to load school lunch accounts and pay fees.

Little Miami moved from the previous system, EZPay, to the PaySchools Central system on August 2nd, turning off access to EZPay. No action needs to be taken in order to shut down your family's EZPay account or

to transfer remaining funds from EZPay to PaySchools. To create a PaySchools Central account, visit: <u>www.payschoolscentral.com</u>.

With PaySchools, you are able to manage your student's accounts & fees in one platform, even allowing you to set up an auto-replenish option to automatically refill lunch accounts when they are running low.

Click here for a step-by-step Setup Guide & additional information.

Community Events, Links & Flyers

Important Dates

Sept. 25 - Homecoming Dance @ Panther Stadium Sept. 28: Board of Education Meeting 7 PM @ Central Office Oct. 7: Parent-Teacher conferences @ LMMS 3:30-7 PM Oct. 8: Advisory Schedule @ LMHS Oct. 11: Teacher In-Service/No School



Oct. 14: Parent-Teacher Conferences @ LMHS 3:30-7 PM

Oct. 14: LMHS Band Concert- 7 PM

Oct. 15: LMMS Report Cards Go Home



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