## **GET INVOLVED!**

#### COMMUNICATION

Communication is the key to staying involved and solving any problems you may encounter. Your first step in the process should always be your school's front office. Make sure to note the phone number and email address somewhere handy.

#### PARENT PORTAL

The online Parent Portal enhances communication between home and school to help students reach their educational goals. If you are new to parent portal, be on the lookout for a letter from your school with your login and password information. Additional instructions will also be included on accessing the system online.

For More Info: Leonschools.net>Departments>Parent Portal

#### SCHOOL LISTSERVS

Sign up to receive emails from your schools. Simply visit your school's website and follow the links to join the email listserv.

#### PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS **OR BOOSTERS**

There are countless ways that you can lend your time and talent to a school. Visit the front office to inquire about joining the PTO and to learn how to help raise precious resources through a booster club or event

#### DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

The DAC meets monthly to talk about important issues impacting the school district. The School Board regularly asks the DAC to offer insight into new policies & procedures and hot-button education issues. The DAC is comprised of two parents from every school; as well as appointees from the superintendent and school board members. The public is always invited to attend.

#### For More Info:

Leonschools.net>Departments>District Advisory Council

#### THE FOUNDATION FOR LEON SCHOOLS

The Foundation for Leon County Schools garners private and public engagement to support Leon County Public Schools. As a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, the Foundation provides our schools with programs and resources that are not supported by tax dollars. This helps to ensure that Leon County remains one of the top performing districts in the state.

For More Info: www.FoundationforLCS.com

#### NEW LCS APP FOR YOUR PHONE

Stay up-to-date with LCS News, watch videos, check the calendar, and visit your school's website all on the new LCS App for your phone. Simply search for Leon County Schools in the Google Play Store or the Apple iTunes store—look for the blue LCS logo.

#### SIGN UP TO BECOME A VOLUNTEER OR MENTOR

The Leon School Volunteer Program is a district-wide effort to encourage and promote community involvement in our schools. There are many ways to provide assistance to our students, staff, and schools. Through activities such as tutoring, assisting in classrooms, offices, clinics, and media centers, school volunteers supplement the work of teachers and staff—continually enhancing the quality of our children's education

Mentors are trained volunteers who work one-on-one weekly with a student who needs academic assistance, encouragement, and a caring friend. Each new mentor must attend a one hour training session and pass a criminal background check before being placed with a student. You can register for upcoming trainings at www.signupmaster.com/lcs/.

For More Info: Leonschools.net>Departments>Volunteers

#### IMPORTANT DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Switchboard: 487-7100

Superintendent of Schools: 487-7147

Deputy Superintendent: 487-7193

Office of the School Board: 487-7110

Elementary Education: 487-7106

Secondary Education: 487-7525

Transportation & Buses: 488-2636

Volunteers & Mentors: 487-7800

District Security Center: 922-5437

For More Info: Leonschools.net>Contacts







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#### TRANSPORTATION & BUSES

More than 12,000 students are safely ferried to and from our schools every day, making over 6,500 bus stops and traveling 5.5 million miles annually. You can search for bus routes, pick-up, and drop-off times on the website.

For More Info: Leonschools.net>Departments>Transportation & Buses

#### **IMMUNIZATIONS**

LCS Policy 5320 informs the community that every LCS student must provide appropriate immunization records—including age-appropriate doses of the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines—prior to enrolling in school.

For More Info: Leonschools.net>Departments>Immunizations



#### SAFETY & SECURITY

The safety and security of our students, staff, and community is our number one priority. Thanks to a partnership with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, there are Resource Deputies located on every middle and high school, and daily coverage for elementary schools.

LCS operates a 24-hour School Safety Center that monitors over 3,000 video cameras recording in schools throughout the district. The center also monitors real time GPS information for all LCS buses, burglar and fire alarms, and the weather. It is in constant communication with local law enforcement.

In the event of severe weather or an emergency event, school safety plans will be activated. An alert system will be initiated by the district communication department to notify parents, media, and the community.

#### **ANTI-BULLYING**

Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated on any LCS campus. If you suspect your child is experiencing a difficult situation please contact your school's administrator promptly.

#### For More Info:

Leonschools.net>Departments>Equity & Diversity

#### **VISITING A SCHOOL CAMPUS**

All visitors to our schools must sign-in at the front office and present identification. Volunteers, mentors, and vendors must undergo level two background checks and receive a color specific name badge before they are approved to visit schools.

### **CLASS NOTES: 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR**

#### **START TIMES**

Schools are under a three-tiered start time, allowing our transportation to operate seamlessly. Supervision of students will be available 30 minutes prior and after start times.

- High School: 7:30am to 1:50pm
- Elementary School: 8:30am to 2:50pm
- Middle School: 9:30am to 3:50pm

\*\*Bond, Hartsfield, Oak Ridge and Sabal Palm start at 8:15am; Nims starts at 9:00am; and SAIL is from 8:00am – 2:45pm.

#### **EXTENDED DAY PROGRAMS**

LCS Extended Day Programs offer well supervised, varied, educational, and fun activities for school-aged children. The program encompasses Before School, After School, and Summer Camp. Please talk to your school about their extended day program options.

#### For More Info:

leonschools.net>departments>Extended Day Programs

#### LEON COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL

Leon County Virtual School is a public school within Leon County where students take their classes entirely online or in an e-Learning lab at school. Students who enroll in LCVS receive individualized instruction utilizing the Internet, email, telephone, instant messaging, online collaboration tools, and face-to-face teacher forums.

For More Info: www.LeonGoesVirtual.net

#### SCHOOL CALENDARS

Report card and holidays, as well as other dates common to all LCS schools, are located on our Leon County School website. Each school also maintains a list of important events. Please make sure to inquire from your school where to get the latest calendar information.

For More Info: Leonschools.net>calendars

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#### NUTRITION SERVICES

You can check daily meal menus, apply for free or reduced lunch, and add money to your child's account by visiting the LCS Food & Nutrition Services website.

For More Info: LeonSchools.net>Departments>Nutrition & Food Services

#### SAFETY TIPS

- Make sure your emergency contact information is up-to-date with your school.
- Obey traffic patterns in and around our school campuses.
- Use the posted drop-off and pick-up areas when driving your student to school.
- Be alert around our school buses at all times and come to a complete stop when the red stop signs are out.

REMEMBER: Our students learn behavior. Please no texting and driving.

