

Grimmer Middle School

February Newsletter

Students Achieving at a High Level!



In the picture are:

- Connor Donovan, Nicholas Rangel, Allison Lisula, Natalie Villarruel, Gabe Ortega, Julian Finch, Ryan Novak, Ben Camp...The well decorated classroom belongs to Ms. Troxell.

[Check Out Grimmer's Annual School Improvement Plan](#)

Important Dates Coming Up

- February 5-9 - Penny Wars
- February 7 - PTO Family Fun Night at Grimmer
 - [Click Here For Pre-Sale Tickets](#)
- February 9 - Straight A Breakfast (invites going out next week)
- February 9 - Winter Dance (6-8 PM)
 - Tickets are on sale now during lunch!
- February 13 - Early Release Day
- February 19 - We will be in school to make up for the snow day on Jan 12
- February 21 - 9am PTO Meeting
- February 21 - 4-8 Crumbl Cookie Dyer Dine and Donate



Current 8th Grade Scheduling Announcements

- On Thursday, February 1st, all 8th grade students attended a presentation about scheduling for high school. During this presentation, students learned about different types of diplomas, Graduation Pathways, credits, GPA, Lake Central course offerings and the “how to’s” of scheduling.
- On Tuesday, February 6th, all 8th grade students will be given a copy of a Freshman Scheduling Planner to take home. On the back will be the course offerings for the 24/25 school year. Please take some time to review the offerings and complete the planner with your student.
- In the elective boxes, please have your student write in the electives they would like to take.
 - **Make sure your student adds at least 4 alternate course requests for their electives! Electives fill up quickly!**
- Your student will use the Freshman Scheduling Planner as a guide when online scheduling opens on Skyward on February 13th - 20th! *If a change needs to be made to a preloaded class, please reach out to your student’s middle school counselor.*
- **Please have your student bring their Freshman Scheduling Planner forms back to school on Wednesday, February 21st SIGNED by a parent/guardian for the middle school counselors to collect in Social Studies class.**

If you need an extra Freshman Scheduling Planner, click [HERE](#)!

Winter Dance Information

The Grimmer Winter Dance is next Friday, February 9, from 6-8 PM. It happens right here at Grimmer.

- Tickets (\$5) are on sale now through Feb 9 at lunch.
 - Tickets will not be sold at the door.
- All outfits must be dress code appropriate.
 - Some students dress up while others do not. It's up to you.
- There will be Grimmer Staff, NHS volunteers, along with the PTO supervising the dance.
 - All volunteer positions have been filled.
- Please pick your child up at 8:00 PM.
- Snacks, food, and drinks will be sold throughout the dance. Please bring extra money if you want those items.
- **The dance is for current Grimmer students only!**

Straight A Breakfast Information

The straight A breakfast is all set for February 9. Invitations have been sent out and students have done a great job turning them into the guidance office. If you received an invitation and you have not yet sent back the RSVP, please do so ASAP so we can have an accurate headcount. Dr. Veracco will be our guest speaker.

PTO Family Fun Night Information

\$5 Per Family

We will be hosting another PTO Family Fun Night on Feb 7 from 6-8 PM. We will have food available from Chick-Fil-A, George's Gyros Greek Spot, Various Concession Stand Items and Cotton Candy. We have some great items up for silent auction along with the 50/50 raffle. It will be lots of fun with games, music, and activities. Pre-sale tickets are available now. Buy them before Feb 2 to be entered into a drawing for a gift basket.

- [Click Here For Pre-Sale Tickets](#)

Tutoring Information

- Grimmer offers tutoring Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 - 8:30
- All Grimmer students are welcome to attend
- If you are going to park, please do not do it in the front row facing the school. Please allow that lane to remain a drop off lane on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please park in a row that does not impede traffic when trying to back out.

Attention 7th Grade Families!

Do you want to be in NJHS during your 8th grade year?

NJHS Criteria:

- 2 School Activities (such as school sponsored sports or clubs)
- 2 Out of School Activities (such as club swimming and piano)
- 3.3 Cumulative Grade Point Average
 - Find all NJHS information on page 6 in your student agenda
- We want you to have this information now so you can plan accordingly
- Invitations have gone out to students who qualify academically

- **NJHS Applications are due this Friday, February 2**

[Click Here to Order A Grimmer Yearbook](#)

You may have to type in Grimmer

Planning out the Year at Grimmer

Grimmer School Wide Events

- ~~Open Building - August 10: 10:00 - 6:00 PM~~
- ~~First Teacher Day - August 14~~
 - ~~Teacher Meeting: 8:15 - 9:30 AM (in the Library)~~
- ~~Picture Day: August 18~~
- ~~Open House - August 24: 5:30 - 7:30 PM~~
- ~~Pep Assembly - September 20: 2:15 PM~~
- ~~PSAT - October 11 (8th Grade)~~
- ~~Halloween Dance - October 20: 6-8 PM~~
- ~~Veterans Day Ceremony - November 10: 9:00 AM~~
- ~~Book Fair - November 6-10~~
- ~~First Semester Reward Trip - December 14~~
- Winter Dance - February 9 - 6-8 PM
- Straight A Breakfast - February 9 - 8:45 AM
- End of Year Celebration - May 24
- 8th Grade Awards Ceremony - May 28
- 8th Grade Dance - May 28

*ILEARN window is roughly April 15 - May 10 (this is an estimate)

Early Release Days

- ~~September 12~~
- ~~October 10~~
- ~~November 14~~
- February 13
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14

Early Release Day Schedule (No Advisory)		
5th Grade	8:47AM - 9:50AM	ELA or Math Block 1
	9:55AM - 10:56AM	ELA or Math Block 2
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 6
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Lunch
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
6/7/8th Grade		
	8:47AM - 9:17AM	Period 2
	9:22AM - 9:50AM	Period 3
Grade 6	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Lunch 6A
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 4
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
Grade 7	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Lunch 7B
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Period 5
Grade 8	9:55AM - 10:23AM	Period 4
	10:28AM - 10:56AM	Period 5
	11:01AM - 11:29AM	Lunch 8C
	11:34AM - 12:02PM	Period 6
	12:07PM - 12:35PM	Period 7
	12:40PM - 1:10PM	Period 8
Early Release Dates:		
September 12th	February 13th	May 14th
October 10th	March 12th	<i>No Early Release Days in</i>
November 14th	April 9th	<i>August, December or January</i>



Parent Safety Night

When: **February 8, 2024**

Where: **LCSC LGI Room**

Doors Open at **5:30 p.m.**

Presentation will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

Presentation will conclude at **7:00 p.m.**

**Lake Central School Corporation
Safety and Security Overview**



**STANDARD
REUNIFICATION METHOD™**



**STANDARD
RESPONSE PROTOCOL™**

PRESENTED BY: BRIAN L. KISSINGER

**DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY
LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL CORPORATION**



Presentation will be videotaped for future training purposes.

Principal's Message:

February is Black History Month. When I was a young man, I had the privilege to teach Language Arts and Speech at Elkhart Central High School. I taught those classes for nearly a decade. I loved teaching the power of the written and spoken word because I do not believe there is anything more powerful. Some of the greatest writers and orators in America's history are Black men and women. We will be highlighting these individuals and more throughout the month of February.

Frederick Douglass (1817 - 1895)

"I would unite with anybody to do right and with nobody to do wrong."

Sojourner Truth (1797 - 1883)

"It is the mind that makes the body."

Booker T. Washington (1865 - 1915)

"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority."

Michelle Obama (1964 - Present)

"People who are truly strong lift others up. People who are truly powerful bring others together."

Thurgood Marshall (1908 - 1993)

"A man can make what he wants of himself if he truly believes that he must be ready for hard work and many heartbeats."

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1947 - Present)

"I can do something else besides stuff a ball through a hoop. My biggest resource is my mind."

Rosa Parks (1913 - 2005)

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear. Knowing what must be done does away with fear."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 - 1968)

"Darkness can not drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

[Check out Grimmer's Website](#)