

LMS Eagle News

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From the Desk of Mr. Colburn

Change! I think if you look this up in any source you will find it says: See middle school! Change is often never easy. In fact, many people actually shy away from it, because with change comes uncertainty, confusion, challenge and many other intimidating things. Middle school is all about change. Students in middle school change a great deal. Friendships change, kids grow physically, the way they think changes. Students change schools (in three years), while they mature from pre-teens to teens to learning to drive. Throughout these changes they begin to see themselves differently as well as the way they see each other. And the list goes on! Nevertheless, what are they through all these changes? **Resilient.**

For many years, I was reluctant to change. I pushed back on the idea of doing new things or putting myself in situations that were new and/or uncomfortable. And then somewhere along the line I “changed” and embraced change. I credit my wife with this. She is always ready for new things and to try things out of the ordinary. That helped me embrace those opportunities in my own life.

Now, **Leawood Middle School** is going through a change. I’m new to everyone here, but I think we can take a lesson from our kids through all this change. This week as I have been at LMS, I have had countless students introduce themselves, interact with me on their own and allow me to help them when I’ve been in their classes. They have had smiles on their faces and, most importantly, they are learning and going on with their lives. That is a tribute to their teachers, who continue to care for each of them and continue to support them in so many ways. LMS is a special place and I consider myself lucky to be a part of this family now.

For years, I viewed change as a scary thing. But now I love it! There is opportunity in change, and there is excitement and energy. We just have to be willing to embrace it, just like many of our kids. Enjoy your weekend!

Go Eagles!

Ryan Colburn

WELCOME Nurse Jess!

Welcome Nurse Jess Rose-Reneau (Nurse Jess) to Leawood Middle School. She will be replacing Nurse Amy. We thank Nurse Amy for all her service to LMS and are excited to have Nurse Jess join our team. Please see Nurse Jess’ contact information below.

End of Quarter Information: Canvas Courses

At the end of each quarter, most courses in Canvas will conclude and will no longer be visible on the Canvas app. A concluded course is only visible through the Canvas website by selecting All Courses on the Courses tab and scrolling down to the Past Enrollments section. **Courses for this quarter will conclude on March 7th, 11:59 pm.** Report cards will be generated and viewed on ParentVUE at the end of the school day on March 22nd. At the start of the new quarter, teachers will publish new Canvas courses. As courses are published, students and families will again be able to see current courses on the Canvas app and Canvas website. For Canvas parent resources, visit www.bluevalleyk12.org/canvas.

*CANVAS TIP: Be sure you have downloaded the latest version of the Canvas Parent App (download in [iTunes](#) and [Google Play](#)).

School Calendar and Sports/Activities

This is a reminder that you may use the following link to view the LMS calendar! You can also download the rSchool app on your phone. Utilize the sort feature on the right side of the website to view specific schedules. Do so by clicking "view schedules" then selecting which schedules you would like to view.

<https://www.bluevalleymsconference.org/public/genie/1743/school/17/date/2024-02-28/view/month/>

Track and Field Sign Up:

The Blue Valley School District offers track and field for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls. Please use the link below to "sign up" for track and field. By completing the Google Form, you are not "committing" to anything. We are simply wanting to gain interest to best prepare for the upcoming season. Also- if your athlete is planning on participating in track and field, they must have an up to date physical in our rSchool system. If you have not registered for rSchool, you must also complete the registration in order to compete. If you have any questions, please reach out to Coach Kanan or Coach Everhart. Please view the FAQ sheet 1st.

Track and Field FAQ Sheet: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-lzQLMbtdMkAv4CwG2Qu207mkll7y1l4CdB_v1x3pyg/edit

rSchool Registration: <https://bluevalleysd-ar.rschooltoday.com/>

Track and Field Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/VGdtvUHJGgeb2mvJ9>

Spring Play

Our Spring Play this year is, "Are We Scared Yet?" and we've got some spooktacular merchandise up for grabs! If you're dying to snag some goodies from the play, check out the link to place your order! <https://mtpprint.chipply.com/23184/store.aspx?eid=278373>



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