



# Lexington Middle School

## Happening This Week

### Monday

- Basketball @ home vs. Northside (5:30 girls and 6:45 guys)

### Tuesday

- Exams (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> periods)
- LMS Night at Firehouse Subs (5:00-8:00)

### Wednesday

- Exams (3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> periods)

### Thursday

- Exams (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> periods)
- School dismisses at 12:00 for students
- Basketball @ Dutch Fork (5:30 girls and 6:45 guys)

### Friday

- No School for Students.
- Have a wonderful weekend!!

### Saturday

- Wrestling (Lugoff-Elgin Qualifier @ LE) (9:00 am)

### Monday (1/19)

- No School for Students in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

*From the Assistant Principal*      *Week of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009*

Hello,

January is here and that means that it is time for semester exams. We will begin exams on Tuesday and conclude exams on Thursday. The schedule for exams is listed below:

Tuesday: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> period exams

Wednesday: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> period exams

Thursday: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> period exams

Please encourage your child(ren) to study and prepare for these exams as exams count 10% of the semester grade! Teachers have been reviewing with students in class but studying at home is essential for true success! Students are dismissed at 12:00 on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> and are out of school on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> as we observe the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. I hope you will enjoy the weekend before we begin the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! On Tuesday, students will report to their homeroom teacher first thing in the morning to pick up new schedules and we will return to the "Blue Schedule," which is the schedule we started the school year with in August.

Your child will be receiving his/her report card on Thursday, January, 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is the mid-point of the school year. It is hard to believe we are half way through! As your child begins a new semester, please take time to review all grades and discuss a plan to make improvements as needed. Even when there is no written homework students should review their notes daily or simply discuss with you what they have learned in school.

January is School Board Appreciation Month. I would like to personally take this opportunity to thank our school board for all that they do to ensure that Lexington School District One continues to be the best! Lexington School District One has a strong tradition of excellence. This group of dedicated men and women work many hours to ensure that high expectations are the foundation for each school in our district. School Board members, thank you again for all you do for Lexington Middle School.

I would also like to extend a Happy Birthday to Lexington Intermediate School. LIS will hold a celebration honoring 80 years of excellence on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 10:00-2:00. All former students and staff members and their families are invited. Lots of fun, food, and entertainment for all! Please call LIS at 821-3900 for additional information.

I would also like to mention that PACT is a thing of the past. This year, students will be taking the PASS test, which stands for Palmetto Assessment of State Standards, which will have a little different format over the spring months. We will have two days of testing in March (10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>), which will be our writing portion. In May, we will give the multiple choice portions of ELA, math, science, and social studies on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be sending you more information a little later!

Thanks for a great first semester and I look forward to a great spring semester!

Elizabeth Abbott, Assistant Principal

**Important Information**

January is School Board Appreciation Month. Lexington Middle School would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Lexington I school board who work tirelessly to ensure that our district continues to maintain its reputation of excellence. Thank you, school board members:

Edwin Harmon,  
Ph.D. (chair)  
Cynthia Smith  
(co-chair)  
Dr. Diane Summers (secretary)  
Bert Dooley, Jr.  
(member)  
Hazel Porth Duell  
(member)  
Grady Harmon, Jr.  
(member)  
Frank Shumpert  
III (member)

*Important Note from Ms. McMahan*

"Parents, I am working with the Town of Lexington Police Department concerning the traffic on Dreher Street. I am concerned about cars pulling on the sidewalk and parking in the "no parking" zones. We have identified these areas as a safety hazard for the students who are walking home or crossing at the guard. The town police will issue warnings and then begin to give tickets to those who do not abide by the posted area. Please understand that the only reason we do this is to ensure the safety of our students. I do appreciate your cooperation in this matter."

--Laura McMahan

*Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Lexington Intermediate School*

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LIS has established a special e-mail address, lis80th@lexington1.net, so students who attended over the past 80 years can reconnect with the school. Former students are asked to send e-mails to let LIS know what they have been up to since they left the school, to share special school memories, to request more information on the celebration and to let us know if they plan to attend the celebration.

If you don't have access to e-mail, you can call the school at 803-821-3900.

*LMS Night at Firehouse Subs*



**LMS Night at Firehouse Subs  
in the Shoppes at Flight Deck  
Tuesday January 13, 2009  
5:00PM-8:00PM**

The class with the most participation receives a Cookie Tray from Firehouse Subs!  
10% of sales will be donated by Firehouse Subs to the LMS PTO!

*Thank You for the Box Tops!*

Thank for you for your support of the December Box Tops challenge. \$268 was raised through this campaign...more than all box tops collected last year! Keep collecting those box tops; we will continue to collect them throughout the spring!