



August 11, 2022

Dear PLMS Parents/Guardians:

We are 12 days from welcoming our students back to a new and improved Pleasant Lea Middle School building, and we couldn't be more excited. More than \$13 million in renovations have impacted 76% percent of our learning spaces, as well as more than 80% of our school square footage. These changes will have an immediate and positive impact on our students and staff, and our focus remains on supporting all of our students as they transition to an upgraded building that will serve as a game-changer for our PLMS community.

We believe that supporting students' transitions means bringing them into a building that most closely resembles what they will encounter on the first day of school. In support of this, we have made the decision to **move our annual Transition Day for 6th and 7th grade students to Monday, Aug. 22.**

Rescheduling Transition Day gives our facilities and construction teams who have been working hard to prepare us for our First Day of School additional time to install lockers, set-up new furniture, prepare hallways and thoroughly clean our renovated spaces ahead of Transition Day. Allowing our team of teachers to welcome your student on Monday, Aug. 22 also empowers students to test-run schedules, meet teachers and receive information about PLMS *after* they have the opportunity to walk the building with their parents at our Open House on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Our rescheduled Transition Day will occur exactly as has been previously communicated. Bus transportation will be provided, as well as availability for parents to drop off and pick up beginning at 8 a.m.. Transition Day will begin promptly at 8:20 a.m., and students should report first to their Advisory teacher's classroom. Students do not need to bring any supplies or items with them. A schedule showing the abbreviated class sessions is included in this communication.

There are no changes from our previously communicated plan for our 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open House event on Saturday, Aug. 20 for students to practice schedules, meet some staff and learn the building.

As I've shared, renovating our building means some adjustments to our normal routines, including our plans to support our bus/car riders and walkers. Attached are two documents to help you and your student navigate the school year: our Pick Up and Drop Off Plan, and our PLMS school map with labeled classrooms and teachers.

Finally, please continue to mark your calendars for Back to School Night on Aug. 25 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Information regarding the schedule for that event is included below, but please note that attendance is set for **guardians only**. There is no student attendance during Back to School Night.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you toward a successful middle school experience for your students. We look forward to seeing all of our students here at Pleasant Lea Middle School on Tuesday, Aug. 23, for the first day of school.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Linquist', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Brian Linquist, Ed.S.

Principal

Locker and Cell Phone Expectations

- PLMS students will not be dressing out for the 2022-2023 school year for Physical Education classes.
- Lockers will be assigned to use for athletic shoes or as needed by students.
- Backpacks will not be permitted in classrooms or hallways between classes. All personal and school items should be kept within the assigned student lockers. All students will be assigned a locker to use as needed throughout the year.
- Phones are not permitted during school hours. If students choose to bring cell phones to school, they are to be left in lockers from the time of arrival until dismissal. Possession or use of a phone during the school day will result in confiscation and/or detention depending on the number of prior instances.
- Cell Phone Policy Link [Here](#)

Fall Sports Information

Any student wishing to participate in Fall Sports at PLMS must have a completed physical with proof of insurance. The Missouri State High School Athletic Association (MSHSAA) has amended their by-laws to state that physicals are now valid for 730 days from the date of the doctor visit. This is the only page that can be utilized from the previous year, and all other portions of the physical must be completed yearly. All required forms can be found on the [district website](#).

Physicals are uploaded to [PRIVIT](#), our online sports physical system. Only students participating in sports will need to create an account and upload their physicals as well as complete the additional documentation. The \$25 district activity fee can be paid during the online registration process. The first days of practice for all fall sports are listed below. These sports include football, girls volleyball, and cross country. All PRIVIT profiles should be completed by Monday, August 15th to ensure there are no delays on the first day of practice. For more detailed information can be found in an [email sent on June 16th](#). **Go Tigers!!**

- Football - August 17th from 3:30-5:30
- Volleyball - August 17th from 3:15-5:15
- Cross Country - August 22nd from 3:30-5:00

Accessing Your Student(s) Schedule

Schedules for those who have correctly completed the online enrollment process will be available **online beginning August 12th**. Waiting until August 6th or after to complete the online enrollment process will likely delay access to your schedule until after August 12th. Once you have completed all steps in their entirety, please allow up to 48 hours for office staff to electronically approve your enrollment process. Once those steps are completed, you can access schedules and locker information **beginning August 12th** via the following PowerSchool Parent Portal link: <https://powerschool.lsr7.org/public/>

- **Schedules are under the “Grades & Attendance” tab**
- **Locker Information is under the “Student Credentials” tab**
- **Please check schedules for updates before attending**

August 22, 2022 Transition Day Schedule 8:20-11:30

Advisory	8:20-8:40
1st Hour	8:45-8:55
2nd Hour	9:00-9:10
3rd Hour	9:15-9:40
4th Hour	9:45-10:10
5th Hour	10:15-10:40
6th Hour	10:45-10:55
7th Hour	11:00-11:10
Advisory	11:15-11:30

August 25, 2022 Back to School Night Schedule

Doors open at 4:40 pm

1st Hour	5:00-5:08
2nd Hour	5:12-5:20
3rd Hour	5:24-5:32
4th Hour	5:36-5:44
5th Hour	5:48-5:56
6th Hour	6:00-6:08
7th Hour	6:12-6:20
Advisory	6:24-6:30