

2022-2023



Welcome to Pleasant Lea Middle School!

PLMS Mission:

*We empower students
to be successful,
compassionate and
resilient learners in a
diverse and changing
world.*

PLMS Vision:

*Together we provide a
safe, vibrant and
inclusive environment
that allows students
to thrive academically,
socially, physically
and emotionally.*

Important Information

Main Office Number: 816-986-1175

Office Hours: 7:45 am - 3:45 pm

www.plms.lsr7.org



New image coming soon!



PRINCIPALS OFFICE



Principal
Mr. Brian Linquist
brian.linquist@lsr7.net

Mr. Linquist joined Pleasant Lea as a principal in the fall of 2021. During his career in education, Mr. Linquist has served as an elementary and middle school teacher, middle school assistant principal, K-12 principal, and will be entering his fifth year as a head principal.

Mr. Linquist received his Bachelors from the University of Missouri-Columbia, Masters and Specialist degrees in School Administration from the University of Central Missouri, and is completing his dissertation for his Doctorate in Education Leadership from William Woods University.

Relationships are one of the cornerstones of a student's successful adventure in middle school and a core belief for Mr. Linquist. This focus on relationships extends beyond the classroom to our PLMS families and Lee's Summit community. Together, a community can build a brighter future by meeting our students' social, emotional, physical, and academic needs daily. Our partnership is the crux of success in the classroom and beyond.

PLMS FRONT OFFICE



Dawn Fortner
Principal's Secretary
dawn.fortner@lsr7.net
816-986-1181



Kerry Banks
Attendance Secretary
kerry.davis@lsr7.net
816-986-1177



Christy Wheeler
Building Clerk
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816-986-1198

Attendance Line: 816-986-1177

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE



**Assistant Principal
8th Grade
Dr. Carrie Hardin
carrie.hardin@lsr7.net**

Dr. Hardin has served as an assistant principal at Pleasant Lea Middle School since fall of 2021. She has also served as an assistant principal at Summit Technology Academy in the Lee's Summit school district. Prior to becoming an administrator, Dr. Hardin was a middle school teacher and a high school library media specialist. In addition to her career in the field of Education, Dr. Hardin worked with adult learners, developing training and professional development materials.

Dr. Hardin graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Bachelor's in Special Education. She has a Master's degree in Information Science and Learning Technologies from Mizzou as well. She completed her Specialist degree in Educational Leadership through the University of Central Missouri in 2017. Most recently, she earned her Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from William Woods University. Dr. Hardin has an interest in leadership development, having completed the Missouri Leadership Academy and Outdoor Leadership Experience during the 2021-2022 school year as well.

Dr. Hardin is a graduate of the Lee's Summit school district and attended Pleasant Lea Middle School in 7th and 8th grade. She has a passion for helping students and staff grow and develop their skills and gifts.



**Assistant Principal/
Athletics Director
7th Grade
Dr. Andrew Haws
andrew.haws@lsr7.net**

Dr. Haws is entering his first year as the assistant principal and activities director at Pleasant Lea Middle School. Prior to Lee's Summit, he served as an administrator, instructional technology facilitator, and high school mathematics teacher in the Park Hill and Smithville School Districts. In addition, Dr. Haws has had the opportunity to coach several sports at the middle and high school levels, including basketball, soccer, and baseball.

Dr. Haws graduated from Truman State University with a Bachelor's in Mathematics and Master's in Mathematics Education and earned a degree in Educational Leadership from Park University. Dr. Haws received his terminal degree, a Doctorate in PK-12 Educational Administration from University of Missouri at Kansas City. Dr. Haws is committed to being a lifelong learner and is eager to bring his enthusiasm to Pleasant Lea Middle School.

Dr. Haws is passionate about ensuring that every student feels a sense of belonging and has a voice in developing the school's culture and climate. Although new to Lee's Summit, Dr. Haws is incredibly excited to continue the work that has been done to develop positive partnerships with families and the community.

STUDENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE



**Assistant Principal
6th Grade
Marsha Hasty
marsha.hasty@lsr7.net**

Mrs. Hasty will be serving as the 6th-Grade Assistant Principal at both Summit Lakes Middle School and Pleasant Lea Middle School. She joined Pleasant Lea Middle School in August of 2021 where she worked as a teacher and also an administrator. Prior to that, she was in the Raymore-Peculiar School District. Mrs. Hasty was also heavily involved in the education of her three children as they attended school in Lee's Summit. She was a parent volunteer, participated in PTA, and was a substitute teacher. She is fortunate enough to have had a variety of opportunities that prepared her for this platform in her professional career.

Mrs. Hasty graduated from Graceland University with a Bachelor's in Elementary Education with a reading endorsement. She received a Master's in Educational Leadership in grades K-12 from the University of Central Missouri. She has mentored teachers, served on the Superintendent's Teachers Advisory Committee, and participated in the LSR7 Leadership Academy.

Mrs. Hasty is committed to helping students, staff, and parents feel seen, appreciated, and respected. She loves to see students reach goals, find the fun in learning something new, and gain confidence as they master new skills.



**Mary McDonough
Student Administration Secretary
mary.mcdonough@lsr7.net**

**Student Administration/Athletics
816-986-1184**

COUNSELING OFFICE



**Counselor
8th Grade
Angela Martin**
angela.martin@lsr7.net

Angela Martin will be the 8th grade school counselor for the 22-23 school year. This will be her 16th year at Pleasant Lea Middle School and her 26th year supporting middle school students. She has been honored to work with so many amazing families over the years.

Mrs. Martin received her undergraduate degree from what is now Missouri State and her masters in counseling from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Mrs. Martin's entire family is invested in the Lee's Summit community as her husband is a teacher at LSHS and her two teenage sons are students in the LSR-7 school district.

There is no other group of students Mrs. Martin would want to work with as she loves watching the growth that occurs during this time. She is passionate about middle level education and hopes to be the best possible support to her students educational, emotional, and social development. She sees immense value in a team approach to supporting our students, so she asks that you please reach out if you have any questions or if there is anything she can do to help during your time at PLMS.



**Counselor
7th Grade
Natalie Holder**
natalie.holder@lsr7.net

Ms. Holder will be serving as the 7th grade counselor for the 22-23 school year. Ms. Holder will also loop with her students and move to the 8th grade level the following year.

Ms. Holder graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor's in Psychology. She then went to the University of Missouri Kansas City to earn her Master's in Counseling. Ms. Holder returned to the LSR-7 school district to work as a school counselor. This marks year five of working at PLMS, which holds a special place for Ms. Holder as it is where she attended middle school. Lee's Summit will always be home!

Ms. Holder loves to connect with students and give everyone a place to belong. It is important for students to feel supported! Ms. Holder looks forward to partnering with students and families to problem solve and set goals in a variety of topics throughout the school year.

COUNSELING OFFICE



**Counselor
6th Grade**

Jennifer Montgomery

jennifer.montgomery@lsr7.net

Mrs. Montgomery will be working with the 6th grade students this school year. She became a school counselor and began working at Pleasant Lea Middle school in August of 2014. Prior to joining the Tiger Family, she worked in the Blue Springs School District as a middle school Family and Consumer Science teacher. Mrs. Montgomery has loved working in education the past 15 years and is excited to see what this school year has in store. When not working at school, Mrs. Montgomery loves to spend time at Scout Coffee, the coffee shop her husband and her own in Blue Springs.

Mrs. Montgomery graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Middle School Education with a concentration in both Math and FACS. While she was teaching FACS, she went on to receive her Master's Degree in Counseling from the University of Central Missouri.

Mrs. Montgomery is excited to get to know her students this year and meet them where they are. Helping them feel safe and respected in the school environment is one of her biggest priorities. She also loves seeing students work to their highest potential academically, along with figuring out who they are as people.



Registrar/Counseling Secretary

Sarah Huitt

sarah.huitt@lsr7.net

Students are welcome to stop by the school Counseling Center during passing period or lunch. Parents may also contact us by phone between 8:00am - 3:15pm or leave a voicemail after hours.

Mrs. Huitt is also your contact person for registration-related questions.

Counseling Office
816-986-1178

BELL SCHEDULE

School Hours

Classes at PLMS will begin at 8:20 am and are dismissed at 3:15 pm. Buses will not begin unloading until 8:10 am. Students not riding the bus may enter the building at 8:04 am.

Late Start Fridays

On Late-Start Fridays, buses will run one hour later than normal with all classes beginning one hour later. This extra hour is a collaboration time for staff/teachers. Dismissal will not change on these days and will remain at 3:15 pm. Please refer to the district calendar link on the next page for Late-Start Friday dates.

Monday - Thursday Bell Schedule

PLMS Daily Schedule 2022-2023

6th Grade		7th Grade		8th Grade	
8:05-8:20	Students arrive	8:05-8:20	Students arrive	8:05-8:20	Students arrive
8:20-9:06	1 st Period	8:20-9:10	1 st Period	8:20-9:10	1 st Period
9:10-9:58	2 nd Period	9:14-10:02	2 nd Period	9:14-10:02	2 nd Period
10:02-11:13	3 rd Period	10:06-10:54	3 rd Period	10:06-10:54	3 rd Period
10:28-10:50	Lunch 1 (6th)	10:58-12:09	4 th Period	10:58-11:44	4 th Period
10:53-11:15	Lunch 2 (6th)	11:20-11:42	Lunch 3(7th)	11:48-12:59	5 th Period
11:17-12:05	4 th Period	11:47-12:09	Lunch 4(7th)	12:12-12:34	Lunch 5(8th)
12:09-12:55	5 th Period	12:11-12:59	5 th Period	12:37-12:59	Lunch 6(8th)
12:59-1:47	6 th Period	1:03-1:51	6 th Period	1:03-1:51	6 th Period
1:51-2:39	7 th Period	1:55-2:43	7 th Period	1:55-2:43	7 th Period
2:43-3:15	Advisory	2:47-3:15	Advisory	2:47-3:15	Advisory

Please refer to the PLMS website for the Late-Start Friday bell schedule.

CALENDAR

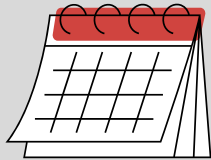


Important Dates to Remember

The full LSR7 district calendar can be found [here](#).

PLMS Calender:

Please refer to the weekly newsletter and the [PLMS website](#) calendar for the most up to date PLMS schedules.



August 19th	6th and 7th Grade Transition Day
August 23rd	First Day of School
August 25th	Back to School Night - <i>(parents only)</i>
September 5th	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
October 14th	End of 1st Quarter
October 21st	NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
October 26th	NO SCHOOL - Parent Conferences
October 27th	NO SCHOOL - Parent Conferences
October 28th	NO SCHOOL
November 8th	NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
November 23rd - 25th	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
December 22nd	End of 2nd Quarter
December 23rd - Jan 3rd	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
January 4th	NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday
January 5th	Classes Resume
January 16th	NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
February 20th	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
March 10th	End of 3rd Quarter
March 17th	NO SCHOOL - Professional Dev
March 27th - 31st	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
April 7th	NO SCHOOL
May 24th	Last Day of School (early release)

*subject to change due to inclement weather days.

STUDENT INFO

TRANSITION DAY 2022

Mark your calendars! 6th and 7th Grade Transition Day is Friday, August 19th (8:20AM-11:30AM). Incoming sixth and seventh grade students are invited to meet their teachers and become more comfortable prior to the first day of school. Bus transportation will be provided. More details and info will be emailed prior to August 19th.

Enrollment Fees

\$25 MSHSAA (required for sports)
(Reduced with approved Free/Reduced application)

\$30 Yearbook (optional)

Additional course fees may be collected during the school year depending on your student's course selections.

Log onto your PowerSchool Parent Portal to pay all required fees.

<https://powerschool.lsr7.org/public/home.html>



PowerSchool

Nutrition Services

www.leessummitschoolnutrition.com

- Add money to your student's My School Bucks account
- Monthly breakfast and lunch menus
- Free/Reduced Applications

Free/Reduced Lunch Application

Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to complete the free and reduced meals application online. Only one application per household needed.

<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Application>

2022-2023 REGISTRATION

Enrollment
July 25th - August 8th

Registration for the 2022-23 school year opens on Monday, July 25th and closes at 8 a.m. on Monday, August 8th!

**Returning
LSR7 Students**



<https://www.lsr7.org/district/enroll>



- ▶ Step 1: Gather all necessary documents
- ▶ Step 2: Login to PowerSchool
- ▶ Step 3: Verify and update
- ▶ Step 4: Upload documents
- ▶ Step 5: Submit registration for each student
- ▶ Step 6: Make payment

New to LSR7?



<https://www.lsr7.org/families/new-families>

If you are new to the district, please contact our Registrar, Sarah Huitt, to get the registration process started.

Transportation

Bus number, bus stop and pick-up time will be emailed to families (and added to Powerschool) in August for students enrolled.

Transportation : 816-986-4BUS

Registration Questions?

816-986-1178 or sarah.huitt@lsr7.net

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST



- Earbuds/headphones (Chromebook Compatible)
- 2 inch three-ring binder
- Supply pouch
- Double sided ruler
- One package loose leaf paper
- 10 dividers with tabs
- 2 packages #2 pencils
- Red checking pens
- Blue or black ink pens
- 1 package colored pencils
- Highlighters
- 1 block eraser
- 1 package dry erase markers
- 2 Ultra fine point black sharpies
- Scientific Calculator (TI-30XS Multi-view)
- Glue stick
- 4 single subject spiral notebooks
- 4 folders

Individual teachers may have specific supplies needed for individual classes. These supply requests will come from the teacher the first few weeks of school.



New this year! The Tiger Den school store will be available to all students at scheduled times during the week and special events!

*At this time, we
can only accept
cash at the Tiger
Den*

Some items that will be sold at the store:

- Pens
- Pencils
- Ear Buds
- Hoodies
- Gum
- Snacks
- T-shirts
- Stickers
- EMR Pens
- Beanie Hats

GETTING INVOLVED!

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED AT PLMS? **#TigerNation**

- Archery – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Art Club– 6th, 7th, 8th
- Awards Show – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Basketball – 7th & 8th
- Black and Gold – 8th Grade
- Black Student Union -6th, 7th, 8th
- Book Clubs – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Orchestra – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Cheerleading – 8th
- Club 121 - 6th, 7th, 8th
- Cross Country – 6th, 7th, 8th
- CyberPatriots – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Drill Team - 6th, 7th, 8th
- Football – 7th & 8th
- GSA - 6th, 7th, 8th
- Jazz Band – 7th & 8th
- LS Teacher Academy – 6th 7th, 8th
- Musical – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Robotics – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Scholar Bowl – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Spelling Bee – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Student Council – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Tiger Fan Days - 6th, 7th, 8th
- Tiger Smart – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Track – 7th & 8th
- Ukulele Club – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Volleyball – 7th & 8th
- Wrestling – 6th, 7th, 8th
- Yearbook – 6th, 7th, 8th

Join the PLMS PTA!

The PLMS PTA is hard at work to make the 22-23 school year one of the best! If you, or someone you know, is interested in serving as a committee chair, please email Jacki Snyder at jsnyder@hotmail.com.

[Click here to join the PLMS PTA!](#)



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PTA
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2022-23 PTA BOARD



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JACKI SNYDER
FIRST VICE PRESIDENT: MEMBERSHIPS
HOLLY BOND
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SARA SINKS
TREASURER
DIANE TYREE
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FALL SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Practice will begin August 17th at 3:30 pm. A current physical must be on file in Student Administration and the \$25 MSHSAA Fee must be paid prior to participating. Athletes should bring gym clothes, cleats and tennis shoes, and should have transportation plans in place on the first day. Please see the [PLMS football website](#) for more info.



Tryouts for the PLMS volleyball team will be August 17th, 18th and 19th from 3:15 - 5:15. Any 7th or 8th grade girl interested in trying out must attend all three days. A current physical must be on file in the Student Administration office and the \$25 MSHSAA Fee must be paid upon making the team. Any questions? Please visit the volleyball [website](#) for more info.



Cross Country

Cross country practice (boys and girls) will begin Monday, August 22nd at 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Students must have a

current physical on file in Student Administration and pay the \$25 MSHSAA fee. Please bring a water bottle and be in your running gear. Please contact Coach Tipton (kent.tipton@lsr7.net) with any questions.



YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PHYSICAL TO PARTICIPATE!

Students participating in any middle or high school Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) sponsored sport or activity are required to pay a yearly participation fee to help offset the costs associated with providing these opportunities. At the middle school level, the participation fee per student is \$25.00.

Athletes must have a completed Privit profile on the [PLMS Privit site](#) if they plan on trying out or participating in athletics in the 2022-23 school year. The Physical Form will be good for two years from the date of the exam. The MSHSAA Pre-Participation Documentation, which contains the Health History, Student Agreement, and Insurance and Concussion Information is part of the yearly process. [Click here for Privit Information and directions](#). If you have any questions, please call Mary McDonough at 816-986-1184.

The Board of Education has available a nominally priced insurance plan designed to be a supplement to the family's own health insurance.

This plan has been offered by the R-7 School District for a number of years and is a contract directly between the family and the insurance company. You may learn more information here or by calling 866-409-5733.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Counseling Services Offered

816-986-1178

The PLMS Counseling Center wants all students at PLMS to achieve academic and social success. Counselors are available to meet with students individually or in groups. In addition, the school Counseling Center works with parents, staff, and outside agencies to help meet the needs of our students.

Support Groups

Anger Management
Grief/Loss
Family Change
Academic/Personal Stress
Family Issues
...and more

Individual Counseling

Our counselors are available to meet individually with students during the school hours.

Students may come in on their own during the day to see a counselor or set up an appointment.

Parents can also set up time to talk to a counselor or set up an appointment for their child.

Classroom Lessons

Bullying
Character
Career
High School Enrollment
S.O.S.
...and more

Educational Therapist

Available to students after evaluation and communication with parent/guardian.

22-23 Updates

Updates for the 22-23 School Year

Backpacks and Coats



If students use backpacks to take their books to and from school, they are asked to put them in their lockers during school. Backpacks will not be allowed in classrooms or the cafeteria. Students are also expected to store their coats and purses in their locker.

Cell Phone Policy



While personal electronic devices (cell phones, etc.) have become a part of our students' daily lives, a large and growing body of evidence is pointing to the harm caused by the amount of time students use personal electronic devices and social media each day. In order to fulfill our role to take care of students, and minimize the distractions caused by such devices in the school setting, the rules listed will be in place at PLMS for the 2022-2023 school year and will be presented to our students once school starts. Please view our full cell phone policy [here](#).

Nutrition Services



The waivers that allowed all students to receive free breakfast and lunches the past two years have expired. Starting the 22-23 school year, breakfast and lunch will be charged to your students MySchoolBucks account. If you need assistance with meal charges, please visit the [Nutrition Services website](#) and submit an application for Free/Reduced lunches.

RESOURCES

Quick Links



Pleasant Lea Middle School website

www.plms.lsr7.org



Lee's Summit School District Website

www.lsr7.org



Weekly Newsletter

<https://plms.lsr7.org/resources/newsletter>



PLMS Library Media Center

www.lmc.lsr7.org/plms

Academic & Social/Emotional

• **Math Tutoring**

- After school tutoring program
- Contact your advisory teacher or student administration for more information

• **BackSnack Program**

- Confidential assistance given to families who may be food insecure or have encountered changes in household or employment circumstances.

• **Counseling Center**

- Three full-time counselors and one educational therapist are available for students during school hours.

MY QUICK REFERENCE

Powerschool Parent Portal Login

Username: _____

Password: _____

Powerschool Student Login:

Student Name: _____

Username: _____

Password: _____

Teacher Contact Information:

Teacher: _____

Advisory: _____

Email: _____@lsr7.net

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@plmstigers



@plms1971

BACKSNACK PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Pleasant Lea Middle School coordinates an exciting BackSnack food program. Each Thursday, or the last day of the school week, your child can receive a bag filled with food for over the weekend. The plastic bags will be discretely placed in their lockers in the afternoon for your student to bring home.

Please complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the Counseling Center as soon as possible. Your participation in the BackSnack program will remain confidential and will continue as food items are available or as long as it remains a need for your family.

We look forward to having your student participate in the program. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the BackSnack program.

Sarah Huitt
Counseling Secretary/Registrar
(816)986-1178

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

☐ Yes, we would like to participate in the BackSnack Program

Please describe any food allergies or other concerns:

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

*PLMS is NOT responsible for any allergic reaction your child may have to a food item.
Please look through the bags thoroughly before giving the items to your child.*

Return this form to the Counseling Center at Pleasant Lea Middle School.

Questions: Call 816-986-1178

You can also submit this form online at the following link: <https://forms.gle/HSM1rBYGTL4z6fU1A>

Pleasant Lea Middle School Counseling Center
630 Sw Persels Rd * Lee's Summit, MO 64081
Counselors: Angela Martin, Jennifer Montgomery, Natalie Holder
Sarah Huitt, Registrar/Counseling Secretary