

Principal's Message

Welcome to another special edition of SharkMail as we gear up for the 2025-26 school year. SharkMail will begin its regular publication schedule starting this Friday, 8/15. You can expect to hear from me every Friday with news and updates from the week. If you stop getting them suddenly, please check your SPAM and ensure you did not unsubscribe from any ACPS emails as it will take you off Lakeside communication.

I'd like to take a moment and welcome our teachers new to Lakeside this school year. We had very little turnover within our teachers and most of these positions are due to enrollment growth. Speaking of which, we enrolled our 600th student last week! Please welcome:

Jennfier Berkebile - Spanish
David Glover - Broadcast Journalism / Media Design
Laura Noble - Math 6
Chris Alba-Cantone - 6th Grade US History
Ali Harshaw - Mental Health Support Specialist
Kristen Hughlett - Speech Pathologist

Let's talk about arrival and dismissal so you are prepared for the first day of school.

Arrival

- Students are expected to arrive between 8:45-9:00 and are expected in class, ready to learn at 9:05 AM.
- Please work with your bike riders/walkers so that they are able to time their arrival appropriately.
- Car riders should look for the signs and follow the drop off route. You will circle in front of Hollymead and then back out the main road. Please do not enter the bus loop or any parking lots.
- Early drop off begins at 8:30 AM. Follow the same drop off route. Please do not drop off students before 8:30 AM.
- All students will enter through the cafeteria entrance. If arriving before 8:55 they will stay in the cafeteria until dismissed at 8:55 AM.
- All courts/fields are closed during the morning hours.
- If buses arrive before 8:55 students will wait on the bus until 8:55. At that time they will be dismissed and will enter through the cafeteria. Most buses arrive between 8:50-9:00.

Dismissal

- Dismissal begins at 4:05 PM and bus riders will leave first. Buses leave at 4:08 PM.
- Cars line up in front of Hollymead and once buses leave cars will follow and pick up students in front of Lakeside.
- The car line is completely gone daily by 4:17 PM. You can skip the line and move right through if you arrive after 4:15 PM.
- All students should be picked up by 4:30 PM.

-Courts and fields become a public space at 4:05 PM. We do not supervise those areas after school.

As you arrive on campus, just follow the signs and flow of traffic. It may feel unusual to turn in towards Hollymead, but that is the right thing to do! Drive slowly, have patience, and we'll get you in and out of campus safely. Families, if you have older siblings / grandparents handling pick up or drop off duty, please be sure to share this information with them.

I'll have one more message tomorrow and we will be ready for the first day of school on Wednesday! See you soon Sharks!!

Upcoming Dates

August 13 - First Day of School!
August 25 - Jazz Band info meeting #1 - 8:00 AM
August 27- Jazz Band info meeting #2 - 8:00 AM
August 29 - ICA (Intramural, Clubs, and Activities Day)
September 3 - Jazz Band Auditions - 8:00 AM

Lakeside News and Information

1. **Away for the Day:** All ACPS Middle Schools practice Away for the Day for all electronic devices. This should be nothing new to our returning Sharks, but for our new students - here is what that means. Phones, tablets, smartwatches (new this year), wireless headphones (including airpods, "beats", etc) must be stored in a backpack or locker from 9:05-4:05. It's that simple. There are no warnings - if any of these devices are seen outside of book bags or lockers they will be placed in the office until the end of the day.
2. **Required Vaccines:** Students are required to receive certain vaccines in order to attend school. Seventh grade students are required to receive a dose each of Tdap, Meningitis and HPV vaccines (although parents may opt out of the HPV at their sole discretion). Since available appointments are difficult to secure before school begins, students without documentation of required vaccines may start the school year as long as they provide documentation of an appointment scheduled to complete their required vaccines. The documentation of the vaccines is due within 24 hours of the scheduled appointments. Students may not attend school if:
 - They are missing required vaccines and have not submitted documentation of a scheduled appointment
 - Documentation of required vaccines is not submitted within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment
3. **School Supplies:** Thanks to our PTO we can [now accept online donations](#) to our school supply fund. We are providing a binder and all needed supplies to all students. In return

we ask for a \$15 donation to the PTO and if you want to fund a student in need, you can increase the quantity and support our community. The money comes directly back to the school to offset the costs to provide these supplies. Here is the direct link to donate: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/9B4QYL2B5EP8Q> If you are looking for more information on this initiative, please check out our [midsummer edition of SharkMail](#) that shared information in detail.

4. **Middle School Sports:** You can find all of the updates about our Middle School Sports program through the [Albemarle County Parks and Recreation website](#). We will announce in SharkMail as programs get started and registration is open. You will be able to find schedules and timeframes for each of the available sports as well as the point of contact at ACPR if you have any questions.
5. **Bus Information:** If your child is signed up for a bus the bus stop information is loaded in the Portal. To start the year you should plan to be out at the stop 10 minutes early and expect the bus may be running late. If you recently requested bus service, please keep checking the portal and if nothing is populated by Tuesday you should make plans to transport your child until a bus route is assigned. This usually happens within a few days, so it should not take too long. We do not have any way to expedite or assign bus routes at the school.
6. **School Counselor Assignments:** If you are looking to know who your child's School Counselor is, you'll find that information at the bottom of every edition of SharkMail along with their email information.
7. **E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety Agreement:** Our agreement is now ready and you can pick up a copy at school or print one out and bring it in. When returned to the office students will receive a decal that must be displayed on their e-scooter or e-bike. You can access the [agreement here](#).

Information from our PTO

The Lakeside PTO is ready to go for the 2025-26 school year. Our first meeting will be held on August 28 at Lakeside Middle School starting at 6:00 PM. Meetings last about an hour.

Come meet fellow Lakeside families, learn what's planned for the year, and find out how you can get involved. Want to stay in the loop about volunteer opportunities all year long? Add your email to our contact list here: <https://forms.gle/Mmk3U2Jf4ByWaDp16>

AHS Athletics Corner

The Athletic Director at AHS, Lisa Bendall, has been sending me weekly updates to share with our community. We do have a few students every year that play for AHS as 8th graders and I know our students do keep an interest in AHS activities, so I'll post her messages here as they come in to keep everyone informed.

[Lakeside Middle School](#)

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