

# THE RAM REPORT

September 4th, 2023



*Upward We Strive*



## REYNOLDS RAP

I hope you are enjoying this holiday weekend with family and friends! Although we had a short interruption to instruction last week due to Hurricane Idalia, we immediately resumed instruction and FAST progress monitoring assessments on Thursday. Knowing that we will occasionally have disruptions to our school schedule, I ask that parents work with your children to ensure daily school attendance, because consistent attendance is one of the top indicators of school success. There is simply no substitute for in-person instruction. As anticipated at the start of every school year, we've had a number of students and staff fall ill over the past couple of weeks. Parents, if your child is home sick, please remember to either send in a note to our attendance office or email a note to [lmhs\\_attendance@scps.us](mailto:lmhs_attendance@scps.us) to excuse your child's absence. We need to know if your child's absence is excused, because 10 or more unexcused absences in a semester will lead to credit denial.

This Thursday will mark four weeks into the first quarter, so it's very important for students and parents to be tracking grades and setting achievement goals for the end of the first quarter. Parents, if you need to email your child's teacher, you can find contact info on the [LMHS website](#) and also on the [SCPS website](#) if you scroll down to the bottom of the page and look for the Employee Search link. Enjoy your Labor Day, and as always, Go Rams! -Dr. Reynolds

## WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

### Night in the Clouds

Homecoming is just around the corner! This year's Homecoming theme is "Night in the Clouds" and will be in the Ref Room/Cafeteria on October 7, from 7-11 PM. Ticket sales will be on [MySchoolBucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) from September 4 - September 22 for \$40. After that, they will be \$50 from September 25 - October 7. Pickup will be in Bookkeeping September 18 - October 3 during both lunches, except for Wednesdays. All guests will need an approved guest form, which can be picked up from the SGA board outside of Bookkeeping. For those attending Homecoming, please plan to eat beforehand, as only snacks will be served. We hope to see you then!

### School Advisory Council Members Wanted

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community, parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, SAC receives funds "to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee. A portion of the money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan." Joining SAC is a great way to stay informed about school initiatives and weigh in on school-based decisions.

Lake Mary High School's first SAC meeting is Tuesday, September 19th @ 6pm in the Group Projects Room. We are looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining, [CLICK HERE](#).

# Athletics Update

## Events for Sept 5 - 9

### Football

**Wednesday:** Freshman Home vs. Lake Howell. 6:00pm.

**Friday:** Varsity Home vs. Oviedo. 7:00pm.

### Girls Golf

**Tuesday:** Match vs. Lake Brantley @ Wekiva GC. 4:00pm.

**Thursday:** Match vs. Hagerty @ Twin Rivers GC. 4:00pm.

### Boys Golf

**Tuesday:** Tri-Match vs. Lake Brantley and Hagerty @ Legacy GC. 4:00pm.

**Wednesday:** Central Florida Prep Invitational @ CC of Orlando. 11:00am.

### Cross Country

**Saturday:** Coach Joe McKinney Classic @ New Smyrna Beach. 7:00am.

### Girls Volleyball

**Wednesday:** Home vs. Olympia. Freshman @ 4:30pm, JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

**Thursday:** Home vs. Lake Brantley. Freshman @ 4:30pm, JV @ 5:30pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

**Saturday:** Freshman/JV Tournament @ Home. 8:00am.

### Bowling

**Tuesday:** Match vs. Winter Springs @ Oviedo Lanes. 3:30pm.

**Wednesday:** Match vs. Hagerty @ Airport Lanes. 3:30pm.

### Swimming

**Wednesday:** Tri-Meet @ Lyman. 3:30pm.

### Congratulations

Congrats to our boys and girls cross country teams who competed at the Winter Springs Invitational on Saturday. Boys varsity team won 2nd place with our top 3 boys placing 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Girls varsity won 3rd place and girls JV won 1st place. Great job, Rams!



# Clubs & Activities

**ASL Honor Society and ASL Club** Interest Meeting will be held in Mr. Hobby's room 1-144 on September 7th at 2:30.

**Marionette Sweetheart Applications!** Join a group of students who like to earn volunteer hours, dance and support the Marionettes. Applications online. Meeting on Sept 6th @1:30 in the dance room in Bldg 3 (auditorium).

**The LMHS Key Club** will be holding a meeting on September 5th after school in the Group Projects Room. We will be having a school supply drive. Please bring a school supply to contribute to the drive. If you have not submitted a Parent permission slip to attend Key Club meetings, please make sure to pick one up outside of Mrs. Hoffman's room, room 121.

**BSU Interest Meeting** is Tuesday, Sep 7 in the Ref Room. Black Student Union fosters a supportive community, empowers students, raises awareness, advocates for change, and contributes to a more inclusive and equitable educational environment. All are welcome to attend.

**Impact Club:** An informational meeting for the Impact Club will be held on Wednesday, September 6th, in Mr. Rivera's room, 1-164. If you are interested in learning about a club that focuses on positivity and acceptance, we look forward to seeing you! Again, Wednesday, September 6th at 1:30 in room 1-164.

**Do you want to rock a gorgeous henna tattoo?** Asian Student's Association is hosting their first henna fundraiser on Thursday Sept 7th in room 1-245. Bring \$3 to support ASA and experience the beautiful tradition of henna.

**Biology and Medicine Club** is having an interest meeting after school Tues, Sept 5th at 2:30 pm in Mrs. Troia's room. Come learn what we are all about and what we have planned for this year. We'll also be announcing our raffle winner from the club expo and featuring a fun activity to get the year off to a good start. Please make sure you fill out the Parental Consent form which can be found on our Instagram @lmhsbioandmed

**Beta Club** is welcoming new members. We are looking for enthusiastic students with leadership potential who are committed to helping our community with service projects. See the flyers posted around school and outside of Ms. Ohl's room 01-248.

# Student Services

## Save the Dates

**September 5-6** - Freshman "How to Lake Mary"

**September 11** - University of South Florida visit

**September 11-25** - Senior Credit Checks

**September 26** - College Information Night

## After School Tutoring

Beginning Tuesday, August 22nd Face-to-Face tutoring will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday in the Media Center from 2:45 - 4:15. Tutoring is available for most academic subjects, homework help, including Plato and SAT tutoring. Students must submit a registration form to participate in this program. The form is attached to this email.

## College Information Night

College Information Night will take place on Tuesday, September 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Auditorium. Information on the college application process including admissions and financial aid. We look forward to seeing all of our seniors and their families as we help you prepare for your postsecondary goals.

## Student Email

Students, please ensure that you check your email at least twice a week. Students, email is a primary way for many to communicate. To get to your school email, you will log on to your Clever Portal and select the Office 365 application. From there, you can check and respond to important information and review school announcements that are sent to all students and families.

## Letters of Recommendation

Seniors as you are starting to apply to college, requests for letters will come to your school counselor. Be sure to complete the "Counselor Letter of Recommendation" form located in the Student Services Office or on our school website. You may email this directly to your counselor or give it to Mrs. Maupin in Student Services to submit to your counselor. Please allow 2 weeks before you return to pick up your letter. Also, ensure all information requested on the form is completed so that your counselor can provide you with an appropriate letter.

## Senior Credit Check

Senior Credit Checks will be completed in September, please look out for a letter, credit summary and student self-credit check in your mailbox in the coming weeks as we get ready for these student meetings. Additionally, check parent and student emails for weekly updates in the LMHS

# Student Services

## Appointments with School Counselor

For students or parents to make an appointment with their counselor, please select student services> Counselor and appointments. From there, you will see the student booking appointment link as well as the phone number for parents to call and make an appointment.

Students, if you need to speak to your School Counselor, please do not hesitate to come to the Student Services Office for assistance and remember to check your school email account.

## Schedule Changes

Students remember to check your skyward schedule daily as schedules may change due to leveling class numbers. If you submitted a schedule change request that did not fit the criteria, please know that the request may not have been honored. Student Services appreciates your patience as we continue to work on class leveling and appropriate class placement for students.

## SSC Dual Enrollment

Do You Have Questions About Dual Enrollment at Seminole State?

Are you a prospective Dual Enrollment student looking to learn more about the program? SSC will be hosting Information Sessions that will provide you with the information needed to participate. Each session will last approximately one hour and will include a time for questions and answers. The next information session is scheduled for September 18. Visit the website for additional information. See link below.

<https://www.seminolestate.edu/dual-enrollment>

## Scholar's Diploma EOC Testing

EOC testing for students who are pursuing a Scholars Diploma or did not take the EOC in Spring 2023 will be on September 25 and 26 in Media at 7:20am. Students can sign up to take the Geometry EOC, Biology EOC, or US History EOC at [tinyurl.com/Fall2023EOC](http://tinyurl.com/Fall2023EOC)

## National SAT/ACT Testing Dates

Students can register through College Board ([www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and ACT ([www.act.org](http://www.act.org)) to take these tests on a Saturday National Testing Date.

**SAT** - October 7, November 4, December 2, March 9, May 4, and June 1

**ACT** - September 9, October 28, December 9, February 10, April 13, June 8, July 13

# Testing Update

## Save the Date!

The PSAT will be given to all 9th-11th grade students in October. The PSAT will be computer based this year and specific grade level testing dates will be set soon. (Students will be scheduled to test October 16-27.)

The SAT will be given to all 12th grade students on Wednesday, October 11 during the school day. (This will be paper based testing.) Students can set up a College Board account at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) and can link their account to Khan Academy where they have access to official SAT practice items.

The ACT will be given to all 11th grade students on Tuesday, October 31 and Tuesday, March 26 during the school day. (This will be paper based testing.)

The SAT will be given to all 11th grade students in March, 2024 during the school day. This will be computer based and specific testing dates will be set closer to the time.

Students will **not** need to register for these assessments and there will be **no charge**. More information will be sent out closer to each testing date.

## Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST)

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that will be administered to all 9th and 10th grade students three times per year to track your student's progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards throughout this school year.

The PM 1 assessment is computer based and is 60 minutes in length and students can have up to 90 minutes. Any students who are approved for extra time (according to IEP or 504) will have additional time.

**10th grade students will test on September 7 or 8.** Student testing time and location information has been emailed to students and parents and will be posted outside Media.

Students and parents are able to access FAST results within 48-72 hours on the Family Portal. Log into Skyward and click on District Links in the upper right corner of the home page. Click on Florida State Assessment Portal (Student Name) and you will be directed to student's assessment results.

Please allow 24-48 hours for attendance related to testing to show in Skyward.

# Testing Update

## 11th & 12th FAST ELA Retakes

11th and 12th grade students who have not yet met the reading graduation requirement will be scheduled to take the FAST ELA Retakes on Monday, September 11. This is a computer-based assessment and all students can have 120 minutes or longer to complete it.

Students and parents will be able to access FAST results within 48-72 hours on the Family Portal. Log into Skyward and click on District Links in the upper right corner of the home page. Click on Florida State Assessment Portal (Student Name) and you will be directed to student's assessment results.

The passing score on the FAST ELA Retakes is 350. If any student who is new to Lake Mary High School has a concordant SAT (SAT ERW score of 480+), ACT (average of 18 on English and Reading Subtests) scores, or previous FAST or FSA scores from another school in Florida, please email [kathleen\\_aslin@scps.us](mailto:kathleen_aslin@scps.us) with the score report.

## 12th FSA ELA Retakes

If 12th grade students do not achieve a passing score on the FAST ELA Retakes, they will be scheduled to take FSA ELA Writing and Reading Retakes (FSA Writing – Monday, September 18, FSA ELA Reading Session 1 – Tuesday, September 19, FSA ELA Reading Session 2 – Wednesday, September 20). These test scores will be available in December and the passing score is 350.

## Algebra 1 EOC Math Graduation Requirement

Students may utilize any of the following options to meet the Math graduation requirement:

- Earn a level 3 (score of 497) on the Algebra 1 EOC or
- Earn a level 3 (score of 499) on the Geometry EOC score or
- Earn/use a comparative score on one of the following assessments:
  1. PSAT/NMSQT Math Score of 430+
  2. SAT Math Score of 420+
  3. ACT Math Score of 16+

11th and 12th grade students who have not yet met the math testing graduation requirement will be scheduled to take the BEST Algebra 1 EOC on Tuesday, September 12. This is a computer-based assessment and all students can have 160 minutes or longer to complete it. Students and parents will receive an email with testing date, location, and time information closer to the testing dates.