

THE RAM REPORT

August 13th, 2023

Upward We Strive

REYNOLDS RAP

I am pleased to report that the first two days of the 2023-24 school year went smoothly, and we are on our way towards a fantastic year! I do realize that a number of you are still waiting for your schedule change requests to be addressed, and we appreciate your patience as our counselors work through all of these requests. Also, please be aware that we may need to change some student schedules to level out class sizes and reduce overcrowding.

In speaking with our upperclass students, their biggest concerns revolve around our new cell phone and hall pass procedures. We feel strongly that students focus more and perform better without the distraction of cell phones. We also know that students feel safer when they can take their cell phones to the bathroom, and because students must take some kind of pass, why not an electronic one with a digital ID that tracks time out of class and allows admin and security to track who has permission to be in hallways? Sounds like a win-win to me! Parents, please ensure your children have the Minga app on their phones, and if they don't have a phone, they can still get a pass.

Finally, I realize that our website is not yet up to date with the contact info for all new employees, but if you go the [SCPS website](#) and scroll to the bottom, you will find a link to Employee Search which provides contact info. Have a great week! -Dr. Reynolds

WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

Attendance Matters

Last year, Skipping was by far our #1 discipline infraction. and in the second semester alone, almost 400 students had credit denied in classes due to 10+ unexcused absences. Good attendance is absolutely critical to student success, and we need the help of all family members in supporting student attendance.

Following are a few tips for parents/caregivers:

- Talk to your child about the importance of good attendance and agree to a time each week to review attendance and grades in Skyward with your child.
- Submit notes for excused absences to the Attendance office or email them to lmhs_attendance@scps.us. These notes can be from a doctor or a parent. *Please remember you have 5 school days after the absence to submit the note.
- If your child has credit denial, ensuring 5 or fewer unexcused absences this semester will reinstate the credit.

Sign Up for a Locker

If your child would like a locker issued, please have him or her fill out the form linked to the QR code posted below. Lockers will be assigned the week of August 21st. If you have any questions, please see Mr. Robinson in the discipline office.



Athletics Update

Events for the Week Ahead: Aug 14-19

Football

Friday: Away vs. Bishop Moore. Preseason Kickoff Classic. 7:00pm

Girls Golf

Friday/Saturday: Ensworth High School Invitational @ Greystone Golf Club, Nashville TN. TBA

Boys Golf

Saturday: Preseason Top 10 Invitational @ Mission Inn Resort. TBA

Cross Country

Saturday: Lake Mary Preseason CC Race. 7:00am.

Girls Volleyball

Thursday: Preseason Volleyball @ Seminole. TBA

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of Ramnation as Lake Mary was named by the Orlando Sentinel as the Varsity Cup All-Sports Champion for the second year in a row. The Varsity Cup is annually awarded to the most successful sports program among nearly 80 schools in the Orlando Sentinel coverage area. The back-to-back titles puts Lake Mary in unique company with Winter Park High School as the only schools to win the title in consecutive seasons. Lake Mary has now won the Varsity Cup three times (04-05, 21-22, 23-23), which is the second most in the history of the award. The Rams have finished in the top six of the Varsity Cup for nine out of the last ten years. Go Rams!

Announcements

Tickets to all sporting events hosted by Seminole County Public School are only offered through GoFan. Cash is not accepted. Ticket prices for the 23-24 school year are as follows:

Varsity Football: \$9 (This is the only ticket option offered to Varsity Football)

Adult Ticket to non-varsity football: \$8

Student Ticket to non-varsity football: \$5

Clubs & Activities

The Unity Step Team is having tryouts starting Monday, August 28. No experience necessary! Please see Coach Lupis in room 1-177. Tryouts will be from 2:30-4:30 after school.

The Lake Mary High School Tech Team is looking for new members! Our tech team is a select group of students that run the sound and lights for all events in the auditorium. Some events are paid. No previous training is required. If you are interested please email or see Mr. Southworth in Rm. 3-117 by Thursday, Aug. 17th.

Attention Freshmen! Interest in planning events like the Homecoming dance and pep rallies? Come to the mandatory interest meeting for Student Government on August 15th after school in room 1-165. If you have any questions, please see Ms. Sullivan.

Want to be a pep rally MC? Come to room 1-165 and schedule a tryout for August 15th during both lunches. Students must be in good academic standing and be in the same lunch as each other because we will not issue passes for class.

Paws 4 Cause will have their first meeting of the year on Thursday, August 17th right after school in Mr. Jordan's room 1-142. All are welcome as we plan fur-friendly activities and outreach events for this year. Come join us as we make a difference one paw at a time.

Art Appreciation Club will hold an interest meeting this Friday, immediately after school in Mrs. Dershimer's room, 1-205. Please plan to stay until roughly 3:15 pm.

Parents, if your child wants to participate in extra-curricular activities such as clubs, honor societies, or after-school tutorials, new legislation passed in Florida will require your permission. This is a change from years past, and SCPS will be sharing with schools this week the process for gaining parent permission. Please keep your eyes out for this important information, because we won't be able to allow your child to attend activities without your permission for the specific activities in which your child hopes to participate.

Student Services

Save the Dates

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

September 11-25 - Senior Credit Checks

September 26 - College Information Night

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.

Community Service Volunteer Hours

We encourage students desiring to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship to complete and turn in your volunteer hours no later than May 1st. Students can obtain SCPS Volunteer Service Program Guidelines & Service Plan form in the student services office or the school website.

National SAT/ACT Testing Dates

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

SAT - August 26, Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2

ACT - Sept 9, Oct 28, Dec 9

Student Services

Counselors

LMHS has 4 new counselors this year, so please welcome them to RamNation! Students, please make sure you know the name of your counselor.

School Counselor	Student by Alpha (Last Name)
Mrs. Grigley	A-CA
Mrs. Inman	CE-FOX
Ms. Lafleur	FR-JOH
Mrs. Lavender	JON-MIT
Mrs. Neira-Changa	MO-PIT
Mrs. Stufflet	PIZ-SPI
Mrs. Mitchell	SPO-Z

Schedule Changes

School Counselors are hard at work on schedules for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are in need of a schedule change, please use the link below to submit your request. If you previously submitted a request for a virtual course and turned in the virtual contract, there is no need to submit another form. Be sure you have registered for the virtual course online at SCVS. The deadline to submit a schedule change request is August 18. Schedule changes will only be considered for the following reasons:

- Student is enrolled in a class they have already taken and passed (credit earned).
- Senior student (c/o 2024) needing a specific class to graduate.
- The student has not met the prerequisite.
- There is a "hole" in the schedule during that period.
- Missing a core academic class (English, Math, Science or Social Studies [10-12])
- Enrolled in a Dual Enrollment Course (Must have contract completed and proof of SSC course registration).
- Enrolled in a Virtual Course (Must register for course prior to schedule change).

Schedule change link:

<https://forms.gle/kbAAUblen1ohdjREA>

We appreciate your patience as we work through schedule change requests.

Scenes from Campus

On Friday, our seniors showed their status as the Queens and Kings of campus by wearing their crowns! Friday evening, we had a tremendous turnout for the Red/Gray game. Smells like school spirit . . . Go Rams!



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