

# THE RAM REPORT

August 20th, 2023

Upward We Strive

## REYNOLDS RAP

Last week was a great week in RamNation! What a joy it is to visit classrooms and see no cell phones and all students engaged in their lessons. Thank you to all members of our school community for supporting this effort! I am confident it will result in better learning outcomes.

As I stated in last week's newsletter, new legislation in Florida requires that students get parent permission to engage in extra-curricular activities. This extends to student attendance at pep rallies. On Friday, LMHS will be holding its first pep rally of the year in the gym at the end of the school day. Because the vast majority of students will want to attend, we will use Eventbrite to have students "purchase" tickets at **no cost**. By procuring an electronic ticket, families are granting their permission for their child to attend. We will send out the link tomorrow, and students must have their electronic tickets by 7th pd on Thursday.

School pictures are taking place this week and next. Senior portraits will be taken on campus this Tuesday by appt only. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Cady Studios site and follow the prompts to schedule an appt. Underclass pictures will take place next Tues & Wed, August 29-30, through English classes. We want every student pictured, so please make sure your child attends school on those days and dresses appropriately. Have a great week & Go Rams! -Dr. Reynolds

## WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

### JOIN LMHS FOR PARENT OPEN HOUSE ON 8/29

Lake Mary High School invites all parents to travel your child's schedule and meet the teachers.

Be in First Period by 6:00 pm.  
**TUES, AUG 29**  
at Lake Mary High School



#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- PTSA General Meeting in auditorium at 5:30 pm. (optional)
- Bring your child's schedule and report to 1st period by 6:00 pm.
- Ram Spirit Gear for sale in the main hallway.
- Event will conclude at 7:32 pm.



Our Mission: Empowering RamNation to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Engaged, and Be the Change we hope to see in the world.

### The LMHS Black Student Union Invites You To Join Them For Spirit Week!

The LMHS BSU invites ALL students to participate in a Spirit Week that celebrates black culture.

Black Student Union

## Spirit Week

8/28: African Flag Day Wear Red, Yellow, or Green	8/29: Black Entertainment Day Wear Favorite Artist/Entertainer
8/30: Black Out Day Wear All Black Clothing for Unity	8/31: Heritage Day Wear Cultural Garments
9/1: College Colors Day Wear HBCU/College Gear	

August 28-September 1, 2023

# Athletics Update

## Events for the Week Ahead: Aug 21-26

### Football

Friday: Home vs. Dr. Phillips. 7:00pm.

### Girls Golf

Wednesday: Match vs. Oviedo @ Legacy Golf Club. 4:00pm.

### Boys Golf

Monday: Back to School Invitational @ Hidden Hills (Jacksonville). 8:00am

Thursday: Match vs. Oviedo @ Twin Rivers. 4:00pm

Saturday: Titan Invitational @ Hammock Beach Resort. 1:00pm.

### Cross Country

Saturday: Spikes and Spurs @ Flagler County Fairgrounds. 7:00am.

### Girls Volleyball

Tuesday: Away vs. Winter Park. JV @ 5:00pm, Varsity @ 6:00pm.

Thursday: Away vs. Foundation Academy. Freshman @ 5:00pm, JV @ 6:00pm, Varsity @ 7:00pm.

### Bowling

Monday: Match vs. Seminole @ Oviedo Bowling Center. 3:00pm.

Wednesday: Match vs. Lake Brantley @ Oviedo Bowling Center. 3:00pm.

### 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

### SAC Champion Shirts for Sale

To purchase a shirt, [click here](#).



# 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 Drama Club** will have an informational meeting on Monday, Aug. 21st at 2:30 in the auditorium. Our Drama Club puts on two main stage shows, an Improv show, is an active participant in our homecoming parade and, along with the Student Government Association, produces our annual Spooky Walk Through! Students wishing to take part in our theatre productions must be a member of Drama Club. Drama Club is open to any student at Lake Mary. Please see Mr. Southworth in 3-117 or Ms. Gaudreau in 3-120 to pick up a permission slip to attend the meeting.

**Chess Club:** If you are interested in Chess Club, we are holding our first meeting on Monday, August 21st at 2:30 in Mr. Hinton's classroom, Room 1-212. You must come pick up a permission slip from Mr. Hinton prior to coming to this meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

**The LMHS Speech & Debate Team** will be hosting their annual new member informational meeting next Wed Aug 23rd in the Group Projects Room right after school. Everyone is welcome and please stop by to learn about joining the team and what it means to debate for Lake Mary High.

**National Honor Society:** Seniors with a 3.5 GPA, this is for you! On Wednesday, August 17th you received an email from Dr. Peabody inviting you to apply for National Honor Society membership. Applications are due by Friday, September 1st, so don't delay!

**Minga Drawing:** RAMS. This week we are continuing our MINGA sign up with a chance to win one of two Amazon gift cards valued at \$25 each. The drawing will take place on Friday 8/25. If you have any questions, you can see Mr. Motley in the Summit during breakfast or lunch.

**Combinatorics Club:** Are you interested in learning more about the probability behind popular board games and how to use it to your advantage. Then come to Combinatorics Club interest meeting on August 22nd after school in room 1-217.

# Student Activities

**German Club:** Rams! Are you interested in learning about German culture, language, food, travel, and more? Come to the German Club interest meeting this Wednesday, August 23rd, after school in Dr. Peabody's room, 1-213. German snacks will be provided.

## Attention LMHS Parents

### PBIS is Looking for Support!

Lake Mary High is launching a Ram Buck initiative to support positive student behaviors on campus. We are looking for donations to support the purchase of prizes for which students can trade in their Ram Bucks on a weekly basis. Please use the link to show your support.

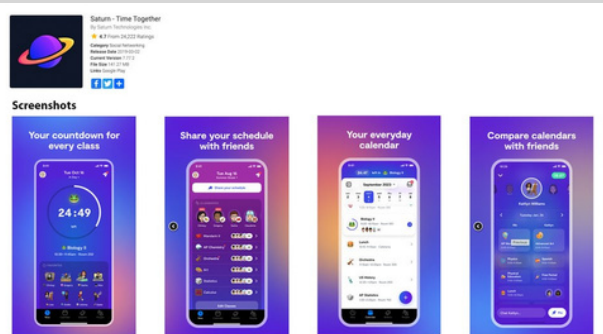
Fund Raising and Donations link: [my\\_school bucks](#)

### School Advisory Council is Looking for New Members

Our first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting will be September 19th @ 6pm in the Group Projects Room at LMHS. If you are interested in becoming a member this year, please fill out the following link: <https://forms.gle/aoZDcUDdgyeKDbnE6>

### Warning to Parents

ATTENTION PARENTS: We have become aware of an app that students are using that parents may want to be aware of. The Saturn app uses students' phone numbers, Snapchat accounts or school emails to create accounts. Once they have an account, they can upload their class schedules and connect with other students in the school. Anyone who signs up for an account can see all the information for everyone else in that school. Please talk to your students about the importance of keeping personal information private.



# Student Services

### Save the Dates

**August 22** - After school tutoring starts

**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](http://www.collegeboard.com)) and ACT ([www.act.org](http://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

## 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 or you can pick one up in Student Services or in the Media Center during tutoring sessions.

## 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 Change Requests

Schedule change requests are still being processed and classes are also being leveled. 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 size leveling and appropriate class placement for students.

## Meet Our New LMHS Girls' Lacrosse Coach

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of a true pioneer in the world of lacrosse to Lake Mary High School! With an impressive decade-long coaching career, Coach Bobbi Burdette, our newly appointed head coach, brings a wealth of experience and a passionate commitment to developing athletes both on and off the field.

We are excited to have Coach B lead our girls' lacrosse program, and we look forward to witnessing the transformation of our athletes under her guidance. Join us in welcoming Coach B to Lake Mary High School and let's embark on this journey to greatness together!



# 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.

9th grade students will test on August 31 or September 1 and 10th grade students will test on September 7 or 8. Student testing time and location information will be emailed to students and parents and will be posted outside Media. The FAST parent letter and FLDOE Testing Policies with more information is attached.

## First Semester Testing Calendar

A schedule of testing for this semester is attached to this email, along with information about the FAST assessment and testing policies.