

# THE RAM REPORT

August 27th, 2023

*Upward We Strive*

## REYNOLDS RAP

School spirit is alive and well in RamNation! On Friday, we had an outstanding pep rally. I was so proud of all our classes for showing their school pride! And we had a special guest from FHSAA to present a banner and plaque for LMHS winning the Sunshine State Spirit Showdown. We also had a great crowd at the football game, and the team gave us plenty to cheer for!

Although we do not have a varsity football game this week, we have a unique opportunity for students to participate in a Black Student Union sponsored Spirit Week. Our BSU wants to promote unity on campus and invites everyone, no matter what your background, to participate in the dress-up days which are easy to do, because they feature specific colors to wear, favorite artist t-shirts, and even your favorite college t-shirt on Friday. See the student activities section of this newsletter for specifics.

On Tuesday this week, we welcome all of our parents/caregivers to campus for Open House. PTSA kicks off the night at 5:30 pm with a general meeting in the auditorium if you're interested. The main doors to the school will open at 5:45 pm, and the first bell to indicate you should move to your child's first period class rings at 5:54. Please have your child send you a screenshot of his/her schedule, and we will be handing out maps to assist you in finding classrooms. Looking forward to seeing you there! Go Rams!

-Dr. Reynolds

## WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

### Class Pictures and Yearbooks

This Tuesday and Wednesday is Underclass Portrait Day! All 9th, 10th, and 11th graders will be having their portraits taken for the Yearbook through their English class in the Auditorium. Students who do not have an English class on campus should ensure they make time, preferably during lunch, on one of the two days to have their portrait taken.

For those who have not preordered a Yearbook yet, or if you would like to purchase a Senior/Business Ad in the back of this year's book, please visit [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com), utilize the job code: 21630, and follow the respective prompts for each option.

Please email [jordanjg@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:jordanjg@scps.k12.fl.us) with any questions or concerns regarding Yearbook.

### FOR SENIOR PARENTS

Now is the time to get your senior's portraits scheduled and taken with our new photography partner, CADY Studios. **The final date to be photographed for this year's Chrysomallus Yearbook senior portrait section is Sunday November 12th, 2023.** Once this date has passed, you may still make appointments to have Senior Portraits taken, but we will be unable to use them in the Yearbook due to deadline constraints. You may book an appointment for anytime between now and November 12th at their studio by going to [www.cadystudios.com](http://www.cadystudios.com).

# Athletics Update

## Events for Aug 27 - Sept 2

### Football

**Wednesday:** Freshman @ Winter Spgs, 6pm

**Wednesday:** JV @ Lyman, 6:00pm.

### Girls Golf

**Tuesday:** Tri-match vs. Lake Highland/Bishop Moore @ Legacy GC. 3:30pm.

**Wednesday:** Match vs. Lyman @ Legacy GC. 4:00pm.

### Boys Golf

**Thursday:** Away vs. Lyman @ Mayfair Country Club. 1:00pm.

**Friday/Saturday:** Lakewood Ranch Inn Invitational @ Royal Lakes. 11:00am.

### Cross Country

**Saturday:** Winter Springs Invitational. Central Winds Park. 7:00am.

### Girls Volleyball

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

### Bowling

**Monday:** Match vs. Lyman @ Airport Lanes. 3:30pm.

**Wednesday:** Match vs. Crooms @ Oviedo Bowling Center. 3:30pm.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the varsity football team for their record-breaking season opening win at home on Friday night. With a final score of 76-60 over 16th ranked Dr. Phillips, the combined total of 136 total points sets the all-time record for the Orlando area in terms of total points. Sophomore Quarterback Noah Grubbs passed for 528 yards and 8 touchdowns, both setting school records. Senior Caden Harshbarger had seven catches for 205 yards and four touchdowns while fellow senior Carson Hinshaw finished the day with 7 catches for 171 yards and 4 touchdowns. Junior Running Back Isaiah Thomas powered the rushing attack with 14 carries for 155 yards and a touchdown. The Rams get a Friday night off before an in-county matchup with the high-powered Oviedo Lions at home on Friday, September 8th at 7:00pm. Go Rams!

# Clubs & Activities

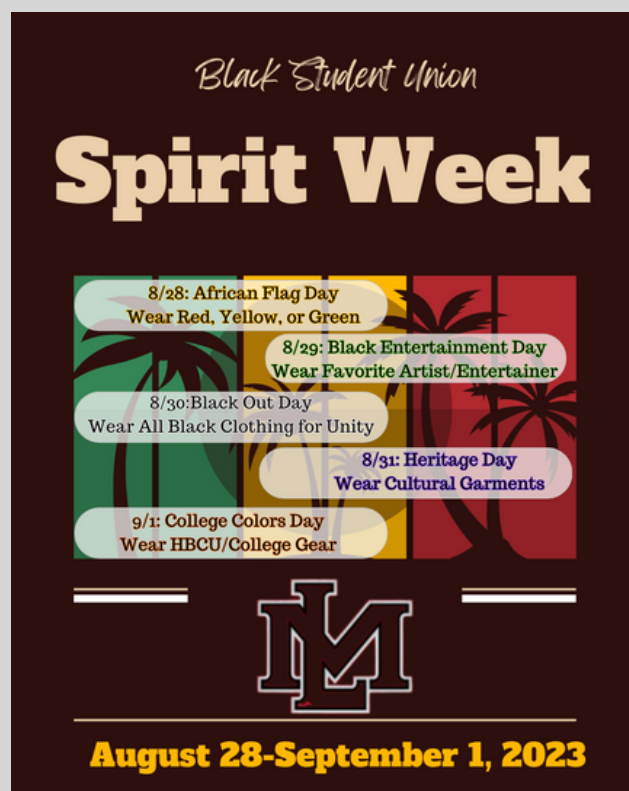
**Step Team Tryouts:** The Unity Step Team is having tryouts starting Monday, August 28. No experience necessary! Please see Coach Lupis in room 1-177. Tryouts will be from 2:30-4:30 after school.

**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!

**ASL Honor Society and ASL Club** Interest Meeting will be held in Mr. Hobby's room 1-144 on September 7th at 2:30. Knowing ASL is not required.

**Art Appreciation Club:** The Art Appreciation Club's first official meeting is this Friday, Sept 1st in Mrs. Dershimer's room 1-205. Mrs. LeBlanc and the officers will run the meeting and activity. Plan on staying until 3:15/3:30. You must be a paid member to participate!

**Travel to Europe:** Mrs. Dershimer (Humanities and AP Art History teacher) will be taking students (parents are welcome as paid participants, not chaperones, as well) who are interested in art and architecture to London, Paris, and Amsterdam (with some side trips!) this spring break! There will be an interest meeting after Open House on Tuesday night directly following 7th period in room 1-205!



*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**

# 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>

## 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.

## See Something, Say Something

Parents, if your child has a safety concern about activities either on or off campus involving our students, encourage them to use one of the following methods for anonymous reporting.

**Fortify Florida:** FortifyFL is a statewide suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. [CLICK HERE](#) to report.

**Speakout Hotline:** Calls are received at (800) 423-8477 by live operators on a secure line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Calls are not recorded, but the information is reported immediately to local law enforcement. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to their website where you can also download the P3 campus app.

# Student Services

## Save the Dates

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

**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 Ram Report.

# 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>

## Special Congratulations!

Congratulations to our girls golf team who traveled to Nashville last weekend to play in the Ensworth Invitational, hosted by Grey Stone Country Club. The team competed against some of the top teams in the country and won 1st place by 8 shots. Junior Ryleigh Knaub was the top individual golfer of the tournament, shooting a 71. Go Rams!



# 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.

# Testin 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.

# Testing Update

## 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

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