

THE RAM REPORT

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Upward We Strive

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Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Lake Mary High School is gearing up to welcome all of our students to a year filled with opportunity for achievement and engagement. Our mission statement guarantees a commitment for "Empowering RamNation to Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Engaged, and Be the Change we hope to see in the world." LMHS works to accomplish that mission by teaching students responsibility and respect, encouraging all students to get engaged in both academic and extra-curricular activities, and empowering students to use their voices in creating a positive culture on our campus and in our community.

Campus safety is also very important to us. A new tool we are adopting this year is a digital platform called Minga, which will help us identify and track which students are allowed to enter and/or exit campus each period as well as attend school activities. Please read more about it in this newsletter, because we need all students to download the app in order to access digital IDs and create hall passes. Also this year, SCPS is adopting a new cell phone procedure that requires all students to place their cell phones in a designated area during instructional time. We appreciate parent support with both keeping our students safe and helping them focus during class. We are looking forward to an outstanding year! Go Rams! -Dr. Reynolds

WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

Minga Digital IDs and Hall Passes

This year, LMHS is adopting a new platform that houses digital student IDs and allows us to add badges for students so that we can easily identify who should be coming and going to and from school due to abbreviated schedules as well as those who should be participating in special activities such as Senior Lunch. We will also use the system to assign hall passes, so that at all times, administration knows who has permission to be in hallways. It is critical that all students with cell phones download the Minga App. If you are a student new to SCPS, we will be calling you down to the Media Center to have your picture taken for your digital ID.

The image shows a promotional graphic for the Minga app. On the left, the text reads "MINGA Your New Digital ID Card is ready!". Below this, it says "Download the Minga App or visit app.minga.io". There are two buttons: "Sign in with Google" and "Sign in with Microsoft". On the right, a smartphone displays the app interface, which includes a photo of a student, the name "Sarah Bannister", "Grade 10", and a barcode with the number "12345670". At the bottom, there are two QR codes, one for the App Store and one for Google Play.

WHAT'S NEW IN RAMNATION

Cell Phone Procedures

Throughout Seminole County Public Schools this year, students will be expected to put up their phones during instructional time. Students may use their phones between classes and during their lunch periods. We sincerely appreciate parental support on this issue. Our goal is for students to remain focused and engaged during class to get the most out of each lesson.

SILENCE cell phones

Cell phone usage is **NOT** permitted during instructional time unless directed by the teacher for educational purposes.



Cell phones are to be stored in backpacks on **SILENT**

Athletics Update

Red/Gray Game This Friday

This Friday at 6:00 pm, come out and get your first look at this year's football teams. Admission is \$9.00, and it will get you a Ramburger, chips, and a drink. Gametime is 6:00 pm.



Student Services

Save the Date:

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

September 11-25 - Senior Credit Checks

September 26 - College Information Night

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/kbAAUb1en1ohdjREA>

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

Student Services

Senior Credit Checks

Senior Credit Checks will be completed in September, please look out for a letter and student self-credit check sheet in your home mailbox in the coming weeks as we get ready for these student meetings. If you took Virtual courses or Dual Enrollment courses over the summer, be sure to print out your grades and bring them with you to your credit check meeting.

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



Lake Mary Dining Room Remodeled

This summer, our dining room was remodeled and is now called The Summit! Students will now be able to enjoy a food court with daily options that include Asian, Mexican, and Italian themed foods, as well as chicken and a coffee shop called Filtered that will sell sandwiches and salads. Students will also be able to enjoy a variety of seating, such as high-top tables and booths.

Students eating at The Summit will pay the same price for a meal; however, specialty items, such as coffee, may vary in price. If you believe your child will qualify for free or reduced price lunches, please make sure to fill out an application. You must fill one out every year.

[CLICK HERE](#) for free or reduced lunch application.

We can't wait for our students to enjoy dining at The Summit!

Back to School Info

First Day of School

Traffic is really bad for the first few weeks of school, so if you are driving to school or dropping off your child, arrive early! And please be patient with other drivers. We have many folks new to LMHS who will need time to figure out morning traffic patterns.

On the first day, students should report directly to their first period classes when the bell rings at 7:15 am. Maps will be distributed at main entrances to the students who need them, and administrators will be in hallways to assist. If you are unsure of your first period, check the list posted outside of the Media Center or ask an administrator. We will be running our typical Thursday bell schedule, so please reference the bell schedule attached to this email to track class times and determine your lunch period.

Transportation

If you are riding a school bus and have not determined your bus stop location and pick-up times, please [CLICK HERE](#).

School Supplies

We recommend that parents wait until after the first day of school, when students will visit all of their classes, before buying too many supplies. Individual teachers will inform the students of the supplies they need on the first day of school.

Dress Code

SCPS has a dress code policy for all students, and LMHS views this policy as a way to teach students the value of professionalism and respect. Part of our job is to teach workplace skills, and dressing appropriately for your purpose and audience is one of those skills. Parents, please discuss the dress code with your children and make sure they are dressing appropriately for school.

