

# PAWS & CLAWS PANTHER NEWS

## #4



### Athletic Photos

Tues., **Sept., 12th** @2:00 pm for  
**Soccer, Softball, & Golf**

Wed., **Sept., 20th** @2:00 pm for  
**Football & Cheer Team**

Thurs., **Sept., 21st** @3:00 pm for  
**Cross-Country (XC)**



### Athletics @ HOME This Week

Monday, **Sept. 11: XC Meet, 4:30**

Tuesday, **Sept. 12:**

**Softball, 4:15** vs. Burns

**Soccer, 4:15** vs. Burns

All tickets are **\$5 per person, per game.**  
**BUT WAIT! There's MORE...**

Our Athletics Boosters (non-profit with all funds given directly back to the school) offer a **Family Panther Spirit Membership** that includes **2 season passes for home games, excluding playoff games**, for \$100. Add'l season passes may be added to the Family Panther Spirit package for \$25/ea. The Family Panther Spirit membership is the way to go in order to save gate fees over the course of the school/athletic year!



### Yearbook Photos

Carolina Photography will join us on **Friday, Sept., 22nd** to photograph all students for inclusion in the yearbook. Packages will be available for pre-paid purchase. Students will bring home a flyer with purchasing options. Cash or check, payable to Carolina Photography, accepted at the photographer on picture day.



**Arts In Education Week**  
**Arts in Education Week is celebrated Sept., 10-16th.**  
**This week is a national celebration recognizing the transformative power of the arts in education.**



## Arts in Education Week continued...

We certainly recognize and appreciate our Arts in Education Panther Educators!

**Mrs. Buckman**  
**Miss. Burhans**  
**Mr. Parton**

**ART**  
**BAND**  
**CHORUS**

Please encourage your Panther to write/draw a short note/picture of appreciation if in one of these teachers' classes. A kind word or symbol of appreciation, such as a student-drawn picture, is never forgotten by the teacher who receives it.



## Progress Reports

Progress Reports for the 1st 9-weeks will be issued on **Monday, September 18th**. Please look for your Panther's Progress Report that afternoon. It may come home in the take-home folder, or in the planner, or simply in the book bag. Now is the time to sit together as a family to review progress towards mastery of instructional objectives, and to set goals for desired changes over the remaining weeks in 1st quarter. Parent conference day is Tuesday, **Sept. 26th**. Students will not attend school on this date. If you have concerns about your Panther's Progress Report, conference day is a great opportunity to meet face-to-face and talk with teachers.



## Unexcused Letters

The 1st round of letters addressing unexcused absences was mailed on Friday, Sept. 8th. Students who have 3, 6, or more unexcused absences will receive a letter. **ALL families** need to understand that this letter is a **FORM letter** printed from **PowerSchool**. As a school district, all LCS schools use the same form letter. Each school's principal's name and signature are at the bottom of the letter. Remember,

**this is the same letter used in elementary school and high school.** This letter can be read as harsh. If you receive an unexcused absence letter and have questions, please call the school for clarification.

Remember, attendance **matters because instructional time is the BEST commodity we have, and time spent engaged with instruction is highly correlated with student achievement.**



## Culture of Kindness

Creating a school-wide culture of kindness involves fostering an environment where kindness is not only modeled and encouraged but practiced consistently. **At NLMS, we are learning how to promote inclusion by emphasizing the value of differences and fostering a culture of acceptance.** It is not acceptable for our Panthers to use hurtful or mean words based on a person's race, religion, gender, or other characteristics.

## Harassment

Students are prohibited from engaging in or encouraging any form of harassment, including bullying of students, employees, or other individuals on school grounds or at school-related functions. Harassment is unwanted, unwelcomed, and uninvited behavior that demeans, threatens, or offends the victim and results in a hostile environment for the victim. The hostile environment may be created through pervasive or persistent misbehavior or a single incident if sufficiently severe.

LCS BOE Policy #4331

Per the LCS Parent and Student Handbook (p.11) consequences for the 1st offense are up to 10 days of suspension and a conference with a parent.



## This Week's Wish

**MAY YOUR TROUBLES  
BE LESS AND  
YOUR BLESSINGS  
BE MORE  
AND  
NOTHING BUT  
KINDNESS  
COMES THROUGH  
YOUR  
DOOR!**

