

Lincoln Families,

Thank you for your participation in this fall's parent conferences. We hope that you found them informative and beneficial. As always, know that the Lincoln staff is here to answer your questions and to provide support should you or your child need it.

It is our hope that these weekly communications continue to provide you and your student the information you need to navigate the school year. We realize that there is a lot to stay on top of between personal, professional, and school obligations. Hang in there!

Stay safe, take care, and have a great weekend.

Dave

*Please read below for the latest news, reminders and updates from Lincoln Middle School and School District 64.*

### **Lincoln at a Glance**

- M 10/23 : GBB @ South 3:30 (away); 8th Grade BBB Try-outs (see below)
- W 10/25: Early Dismissal 2:10; MCSL GBB Tournament: 7th @ Algonquin, 8th @ Lincoln
- F 10/27: CC Conference Meet @ Friendship 3:45-6:00 (rain date); MCSL GBB Tournament: 7th @ Algonquin, 8th @ Lincoln

### **Looking ahead...**

- M 10/30: 7th Grade BBB Tryouts 3:00-5:00
- W 11/1: Early Dismissal 2:10
- F 11/3: Marine Biology Shedd Field Trip
- Su 11/5: Daylight Saving (see below)

### **Boys' Basketball Try-Outs**

Boys' basketball try-outs are coming up at the end of the month. For those that are interested in trying out, the dates are as follows:

- 8th Grade: Monday, October 23rd 3-5pm & Wednesday, October 25th 6:30am-7:45am

- 7th Grade: Thursday, October 26th 6:30am-7:45am & Monday, October 30th 3-5pm

All students interested in trying out must have both the permission form and valid physical submitted on PowerSchool. If there are any questions contact Coach Pankau (kpankau@d64.org) for 8th grade, and Coach Pierucci (ppierucci@d64.org) for 7th Grade.

To participate in these or any upcoming sports, an approved physical examination must be uploaded prior to the first day of tryouts. No exceptions will be made. In addition, signed permissions should be completed and fees paid (if applicable).

### **Health Forms and Physicals**

All health forms should now be uploaded directly into Powerschool. This includes school physicals, dental and vision forms as well as athletic forms. When you log into [PowerSchool](#), click on your child's name at the top of the page, then on the left side click on forms. After that, you can click on "Health Office Document Submission of Athletic Department Document submission" then click add document and submit. Incoming 6th grader health forms are due by October 15th and Athletic forms are due the day before tryouts or first practice for no cut sports.

Please make sure that you have filled out and signed the health history parent portion at the top of the back page of your child's physical. If your child requires a medical action plan or medications while in school, those required forms can be found on the [D64 Health Services](#) page under the header "Other Health Forms" If you have any other questions or more immediate needs, please contact the front office at 847-318-4215.

### **Wrestling Officials Needed**

The Lincoln wrestling team is in need of officials to referee some of their upcoming meets this season. If you, or anyone you know is a wrestling official and is interested in working some of Lincoln's home meets this winter, please have them contact our athletic director Kevin Pankau (kpankau@d64.org)

### **Daylight Saving - 11/5**

Don't forget to turn back your clocks on Sunday, November 5th for Daylight Saving. We hope that the extra hour of sleep is enjoyed by all.

### **Student Absences and Missed Work**

Work will be given upon return for students leaving the country or immediate District area when your children RETURN to school. It must be completed at home under a parent's supervision. Teachers are not expected to provide homework or

assignments in advance for students who will be absent for an extended period of time for a family vacation and other activities.

When students are home sick or absent for a valid cause, students may make up missed homework and classwork assignments in a reasonable timeframe upon return. Parents and students can keep up on assignments via Schoology. Teachers are not expected to provide work in advance, and parents are encouraged to be in contact with the teachers to establish a timeframe for classwork/assignments.

### **Bus Tracking App Now Available**

We are excited to start offering a way for families to securely track the exact bus location to monitor where their child is during the morning pickup and afternoon bus drop-offs. Starting Monday, October 2nd, 2023, families can use the Zonar MyView app to see the live location of their child's bus.

As we begin using the software and app, this improvement to our transportation process will only be available to the families of bus riders at Field Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School. The rest of the schools will be added later this school year. We ask that once families download and use the app, they fill out [this feedback survey](#) so that the District Office can monitor how the app rollout is going.

[Follow the attached directions to set up the Zonar MyView app.](#)

- If you need help finding your child's bus information - [this document](#) shows you where you can find it in the Parent Portal.

The Zonar MyView app can be downloaded at the Google Play Store on Android devices and the App Store for iOS:

1. Navigate to:
  - The Google Play Store at: <https://play.google.com/store> from your Android device; or
  - The App Store at: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app> from your iOS device.
2. Tap Install or GET.

### **Student Calls to Parents**

Please remember that students are not allowed to use cell phones during school hours. Phones are available in the main office for student use. Students calling to report illness should be directed to first visit the school nurse. Our school nurse is available to see your child and can often help with their current discomfort or

symptoms. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Maine South High School - Info for Current 8th Grade Students**

Maine South High School has recently provided us with information for our current 8th grade/incoming 9th grade students and parents. Please see [this letter](#) from their administration and mark your calendars for upcoming events.

Additionally, you can see the timeline for upcoming events for incoming freshmen [HERE](#).

### **Music and Chorus Updates**

#### Save the Date: Karaoke!

We will be having a fundraiser for our choral and musical programs on Friday, October 27th from 3-4 in Winslow Hall! All students are welcome to come watch or sing with the \$5 cash admission fee. Cash concessions will be sold. All money raised will be used to fund activities for choir and the annual musical!

### **After-School Clubs (TLCs) and Activities**

We have started up our first trimester after-school clubs and activities. We want all of our students to get involved, so take a look at the teen leisure club offerings and encourage your son or daughter to join in on the fun.

#### [First Trimester TLCs](#)

### **Activity Bus**

Lincoln activity buses run at 4:00 PM each school day (except Wednesdays) to provide transportation for students involved in after-school activities and extracurriculars. These activities include sports, clubs, after-school tutorial programs, etc. Parents are expected to provide transportation if needed for any other reason.

NOTE: Often, these buses will not run the day prior to an extended break or school vacation.

### **Yearbooks Available for Purchase**

Yearbooks for the 23-24 school year are now available for purchase.

Placing orders for a 2023-24 Lincoln Yearbook

Parents should log into My School Bucks: [Link to My School Bucks](#)

1. Select "Student Fees"
2. Select 2023-24 Yearbook Purchase

3. Select Student(s)
4. Submit payment and place the order

### **Absences**

Please call the office attendance number (847-318-4215) if/when students miss class for any reason. Also, please be sure to contact the school nurse, Rachel Ossmo (847- 318-4219) with any illness/medical information related to the absence. If a student is leaving for an appointment, it is recommended to send a note with your child to provide to his/her classroom teacher. Students should come down to the office at their designated time; the front office will not be calling into classrooms for your student.

Please remember that you can check your child's attendance through the PowerSchool Parent Portal..

NOTE: As a reminder and per the D64 [Student-Parent Handbook](#), absences due to vacations, attendance at a cultural or sporting event, or participation in a team sport, acting or fine arts performance are considered unexcused. Work will be given upon return for students leaving the country or immediate District area when your children RETURN to school. It must be completed at home under a parent's supervision. Teachers are not expected to provide homework or assignments in advance for students who will be absent for an extended period of time for a family vacation and other activities.

### **Portal Access**

All Lincoln students and parents are provided access to schedules via the PowerSchool parent and student portals. The PowerSchool Parent Portal allows you access to your student's academic information, including student schedules and grades. To gain access to the Parent Portal, please go to [ps.d64.org](http://ps.d64.org). If you have any questions on how to login, please contact the Lincoln Main Office for assistance (847) 318-4215.

### **Schoology Parent Access**

Schoology will be utilized by students to help navigate their remote learning day and will include links to students' virtual class meetings. Parents can also access students' classes and monitor student assignments. To assist, we have created [THIS VIDEO](#) to assist in navigating this new learning platform.

Not connected to Schoology yet? [Follow the directions here!](#)

### **School Hours**

School hours for student classes are from 8:05 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Please note that each Wednesday, students are dismissed at 2:10 p.m. for staff professional

development activities.

Doors to the school open for students each morning at 7:58 a.m. Homeroom begins at 8:05 a.m.

### **Office Hours**

School office hours are from 7:20 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Remember that our student absence line (847) 318-4215 is available 24 hours a day. Please let the Lincoln Office know as soon as possible if your child will not be in attendance. Please do not rely on e-mail notification for reporting absences as it may not be seen until later in the day.

### **Lincoln Website and Calendar**

The Lincoln website and Lincoln school calendar are valuable resources to keep informed of important updates and events throughout the year. The calendar is kept up to date throughout the school year, and new information is posted regularly. We hope that these tools are helpful resources for keeping you and your student organized and informed as we progress through the year.

[Lincoln Website](#)

[D64 Website](#)

Calendars for 2023-2024 can be viewed [HERE](#).

### **Student-Parent Handbook**

Lincoln Middle School, along with all District 64 schools, operates in accordance to policies and practices that have been reviewed and implemented by the District 64 Board of Education. Please review the [D64 Student-Parent Handbook](#) prior to the start of the school year to familiarize yourself with the information contained in it. We want to work in partnership with you to ensure a positive school year, and having an understanding of this information will help to promote a successful school year. This handbook is intended as a convenience for District 64 families and staff by summarizing selected information about procedures, services and programs. It also provides a quick reference for contact information and District timelines.