



Happy New Year!!

2016

LABRAE INTERMEDIATE

<http://labrae.school>

A Message from the Principal:

Dear LIS Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We hope you enjoyed your winter break and found some time to marvel in what the holiday season has to offer!

Now that we are refreshed from Winter Break, our focus will be on preparing for the State Testing beginning in April 2016. Please see schedule on the next page. We ask that as partners in the education of your child, you continue to check your child's STAR binder/Homework Folder every night and ensure that they are completing their nightly practice.

Sincerely,
Milajeon Harkabus

Critical Information on LaBrae's 2-Hour Delay and Calendar Adjustment:

While N.E. Ohio is currently experience more mild weather that this region's climate typically dictates, this school year LaBrae Local Schools will plan on using a two hour delay schedule for classes when weather conditions warrant the delayed start. We encourage families to make advance preparations for child care for those days when a delayed start is announced. Two hour delay announcements and school cancellations will be announced via the school district's phone messaging system, the District Twitter account and Viking Nation. Also, please remember that the LaBrae Board of Education has declared Monday, March 28th and Tuesday, March 29 as days for making up missed hours of instruction. Should LaBrae cancel more than five days of school prior to these dates, the aforementioned dates, which are currently included in the Easter holiday recess, will be used as make up dates.

Moreover, LaBrae wants to inform our families of two upcoming calendar adjustments that will occur in February 2016. An early release has been added to Thursday, February 11, 2016, which is the scheduled day for parent-teacher conferences. For the winter parent conferences, LaBrae is returning to conferences in all buildings being held on the same evening. Further, LaBrae will be adding an additional day for professional development for teachers on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, which was originally scheduled as a student day of attendance. **Thus, classes will not be in session on Friday, February 12—16, 2016 and classes will resume on Wednesday, February 17, 2016.**

Parent/ Teacher Conferences:

Parent-teacher conferences are slated for February 11th. Please plan to join us on that evening just call the office at 330-898-4569 to schedule an appointment. Meeting together is an important opportunity to support student learning and gain a deeper understanding of your child's learning profile.

Ms. Milajeon Harkabus
Principal
And
Mrs. Darla Arnold
Secretary

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

State Testing Dates for 2015/2016 school year: (9:30 am.-Noon)

April 18, 2015:	3rd Grade—English Language Arts –Part #1
April 19, 2015:	3rd Grade—English Language Arts –Part #2
April 20, 2015 :	4th Grade—English Language Arts –Part #1
April 21, 2015:	4th Grade—English Language Arts –Part #2
April 25, 2015 :	5th Grade—English Language Arts –Part #1
April 26, 2015:	5th Grade—English Language Arts –Part #2
April 27, 2015 :	3rd Grade—Math –Part #1
April 28, 2015:	3rd Grade—Math –Part #2
May 2, 2015:	4th Grade—Math –Part #1
May 3, 2015:	4th Grade—Math –Part #2
May 4, 2015:	5th Grade—Math –Part #1
May 5, 2015:	5th Grade—Math –Part #2
May 6, 2015:	4th Grade—Social Studies
May 9, 2015:	5th Grade—Science



SAFETY FIRST

We have been experiencing difficulty with the number of parents who are signing their children out on a regular basis at the end of the day in the office. We have a permanent pick up process in place to help with this problem for students being picked up more than 2 days a week.

Our reasons for this are because:

1. We do not have sufficient room for the number of adults waiting in the office and for safety reasons we ask that parents do **not wait** in the classroom hallways.
2. Buses are picking up special needs students in the front of the building.
3. We need to keep LaBrae buses on schedule without shortening the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter!

LIS Spelling Bee:

Teachers held their L.A. classroom spelling bees in December. Each classroom champion speller will participate in our school spelling bee on January 15th. The winners of our school spelling bee will go on to participate in the Tribune Chronicle County Spelling Bee. The Tribune Chronicle-Scripps Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m. at the Kent State Trumbull Campus Admission Building Auditorium.

Message from the Nurse:

The flu is here and it is aggressive. Please check for influenza information at www.cdc.gov. If you, or your children, have not received flu shots it is not too late to do so. Check with your health care provider to see if they recommend a flu shot for your family members. Please monitor your children for signs and symptoms of flu. Reinforce frequent hand washing, covering coughs & sneezes and proper tissue disposal. Avoiding crowds during cold & flu season is also a good idea. Children should be kept home until they are symptom free (fever, vomiting, diarrhea etc.) for 24 hours. Thank you, Mrs. Harper

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART ASSOCIATION:

Our school is proud to partner with the American Heart Association to help kids with special hearts! Jump Rope for Heart event will take place on:

February 29—March 4, 2016 during gym class with Mrs. Simeone

Collection envelopes must be turned into Mrs. Brandt by Friday, March 11, 2016.

Upcoming Events:

December 21, 2015—January 1, 2016—**NO SCHOOL** Winter Break

January 4, 2016—**School Resumes**

January 6,13,20 and 27, 2016—Math Masters **until 5:00 pm.**

January 15, 2016—School Spelling Bee in AM
Early Release at 1:00 pm.—End of 1st Semester

January 18, 2016 - **NO SCHOOL**—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 22, 2016—**Report Cards Go Home**

January 30, 2016—Elementary Prep Bowl Tournament



January 2016 (Student)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LaBrae Intermediate School Newsletter is available online at http://labrae.school					1 NO SCHOOL Winter Break	2
3	4 School Resumes	5	6 Math Masters 3:30-5:00 pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Math Masters 3:30-5:00 pm	14	15 Spelling Bee at 9:45 am and <u>Early Release</u> at 1:00 pm.	16
17	18 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 Math Masters 3:30-5:00 pm	21	22 Report Cards Go Home	23
24	25	26	27 Math Masters 3:30-5:00 pm	28	29	30 Elementary Prep Bowl Tournament
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