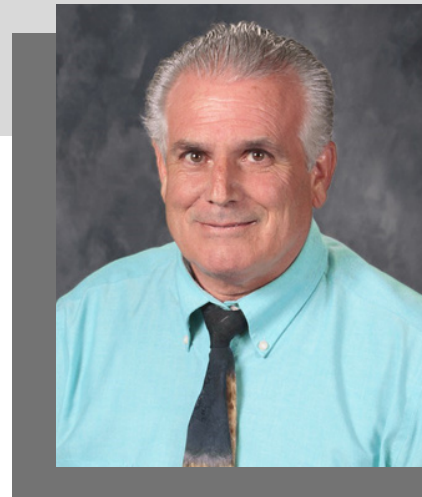




Message from Principal Kelly



Dear Parent/Guardians:

Congratulations are in order for our M.S. Prep Bowl teams headed by Mr. Schuster and Mr. Hinzman. The teams have been practicing hard after school. They are working on their buzzer skills while learning about math, science, and literature - just to name a few areas.

The team recently competed on January 15 at TCTC and took first place in the tournament. Their competition included JFK, Bristol, Mathews, Liberty and Mineral Ridge. Team A consisted of Abby Balzer, Brett Marsh, and Ryan Simunich. Team A made it to the finals against Lakeview when they took the championship 66-34!

Other team members include 8th graders: Liam Fiest, Jacob Simpson; 7th graders: Riley Lutz, Elle Dietelbach, Christian Kerber; 6th graders: Sophia Balzer, Maria Bustard, Mason Lutz, Brenna McCleery, Daisy Peace, Robert Stevens, Liam Stilwell, Audra VanDyke.

The teams will complete their season at the TCTC county championship tournament held at Lordstown High School. The 7th & 8th grade tournament will be held on 2/12 with the 5th & 6th tournament on 3/5. I would also like to acknowledge our two staff members for the time and effort that they put in with teaching, coaching, and working with the teams. Good work Mr. Hinzman and Mr. Schuster.

On a similar note the Power of the Pen tournament also competed virtually at a district tournament. The tournament was hosted by the Northeast Ohio Impact Academy. The results are not in yet, the competition was held at the M.S. in room 802. These writers that qualify at this tournament will advance to compete at the regional tournament at the end of February. I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Pleacher and Mrs. Stilwell for their efforts with these students.

More from Mr. Kelly on page 2.

Important Dates

- Feb. 17: Parent-Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal
- Feb. 18 & 21: No School

Highlights



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From Mr. Kelly

- Report cards were sent home with the students on 1/28. Hopefully, everyone will take some time to review the report card with their children.
- The last set of PT conferences will be held on 2/17 from 2pm-9pm. Students will also be released from school at noon on the 2/17. The secretary is scheduling conferences for my parents wishing one. The M.S. conferences are set up so parents can meet with every core teacher at the same time. If you wish to schedule a conference, please call 330-898-0800.
- We are moving towards the state testing window. The testing window opens for ELA on 3/14 and closes on 4/15. The window for math/science opens on 3/28 and closes on 5/6. All state testing including make-ups must be conducted during a 15-day consecutive day window. The administration will meet to determine the actual testing calendar very soon. Once the testing window is set, I will communicate those dates with students and parents. They will be printed in the March newsletter.
- Old man winter has arrived in N.E. Ohio. "If" there is a school closure, pay attention to our website or your local news channel. Just an FYI: I do not make that call if school is canceled.

Stay warm, stay safe and I will talk with you next month.

*Mr. Martin Kelly, Principal
Grades 6-7-8*

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our LM School January 2022 Students of the Month! We are proud of their accomplishments.



GRADE 6

Elizabeth McCabe & Ally Magoulick

GRADE 7

Megan Young & Nate Huscroft

GRADE 8

Nick Vadas & Abby Balzer

LMS PREP BOWL TEAM CLAIMS TOP SPOT AT TCTC TOURNAMENT

TEAMS PREP FOR NEXT CHALLENGES



The Middle School Prep Bowl team competed at the TCTC tournament on January 15. The team has been practicing hard, honing in their buzzer skills and learning about literature, science, math, social studies and more. Our 6th, 7th and 8th graders went up against tough competition from JFK, Bristol, Mathews, Liberty and Mineral Ridge.

Our team "A" consisting of Abby Balzer, Brett Marsh and Ryan Simunich made it to the finals against Lakeview, where they handedly took the championship 66-34! Other team members include 8th graders: Liam Fiest, Jacob Simpson; 7th graders: Riley Lutz, Elle Dietelbach, Christian Kerber; and 6th graders: Sophia Balzer, Maria Bustard, Mason Lutz, Brenna McCleary, Daisy Peace, Robert Stevens, Liam Stilwell and Audra VanDyke.

More team pictures on page 4.

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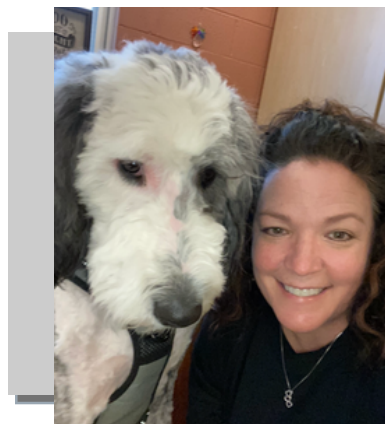


Our team competed for a job well done at the Power of the Pen Tournament Saturday, Jan. 29, 2021. Our virtual host was Northeast Ohio Impact Academy and results will be posted at a later date. Writers who advance will be competing on Saturday, Feb. 26.

#GOVIKINGS

School Counselor Connection

Mrs. Wilthew
School Counselor for Grades 6-9



The month of February is a busy and exciting time for our 8th-grade students as they start to prepare for high school. Mr. Starkey and I met with our 8th- grade students in the auditorium to discuss scheduling for high school. We also went into the classrooms to go over course selection sheets, the LaBrae academic handbook, and what to expect when transitioning to high school. The students had lots of questions and we took the time to answer them.

This week, signed scheduling sheets are due to Mrs. Pleacher by Wednesday, Feb. 9. We will start to enter course requests by the end of this week. Please go over the course selection sheet with your child and sign on the appropriate parent/guardian signature line. **The DEADLINE to return signed selection sheets is Wednesday February 9, 2022.**

As we navigate through the rest of the winter some students may display signs of the "Winter Blues" or Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). The article linked below is a good resource to use when talking to your teen. It offers some information on how to recognize the symptoms and strategies on how to cope with SAD feelings. If you feel that your child is having a hard time and may need extra assistance, please reach out to **Mrs. Wilthew**.

KidsHealth: SAD

**To connect with Mrs. Wilthew, email
melissa.wilthew@labrae.school
or call 330-898-0800 option 3**

**Click the link below to check
out Mrs. Wilthew's
School Counselor website.
There you will find Parent Resources,
Important Dates and much more.**



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