



Principal's Weekly Communication Week of October 3, 2022

HLufkin families, I hope you are safe and have power. Due to the cancellation of school on Friday there are items/reminders we were unable to share with students. Please share information about quarter 2 electives, chromebooks, and spirit week with your child. Thank you.

Welcome to the start of Q2 and welcome back Track 1. We have a full week of school this week for tracks 1, 2, & 3. This week is spirit week at Lufkin; see information below.

[WEEKLY ACADEMIC PREVIEW](#)

Families, click on the 'Weekly Academic Preview' link above and then select your child's grade and track to see important **academic** information for upcoming week. Elective teachers are also listed. Contact teams/teachers directly if you have specific questions.

Planning ahead: there is no school for students on Monday, October 10th; this is a staff workday. Report cards will be sent home with students on Tracks 1, 2, & 3 on Tuesday, October 11th.

QUARTER 2 ELECTIVES

Due to low enrollment in some elective courses, tracks, etc. your child's electives may have changed for Q2. Ideally, all changes would have been made prior to the start of the school year; however, this year that was not possible. Quarter 3 and 4 elective numbers are still being revised.

To see your child's Q2 schedule please log into PowerSchool and locate Quarter 2. Quarter 2 class changes have been completed and all students will receive new schedules on Monday, October 3rd (Track 4 students will receive their schedule when they return). If your student is assigned to a Q2 elective that they took last year, please have them see one of our counselors: Ms. Egan or Mrs. Alcorn.

Note: Electives for 2nd semester will be finalized prior to winter break in December. Please be patient as you may see two electives, missing electives, or repeat electives for Quarters 3 & 4 as courses are added or dropped. Thank you for your patience during this time.

SPIRIT WEEK

Our first official spirit week is this week with the theme: Colors Week. We will have a pep rally on Thursday! The Student Council is providing a reward/prize to the team with the most participation throughout the week!

Color theme for each day:

Monday, 10/3 - orange, purple, and black

Tuesday, 10/4 - pink

Wednesday, 10/5 - monochrome (wear all one color)

Thursday, 10/6 - Lufkin day (wear red and/or black)

Friday, 10/7 - blue

CHROMEBOOKS

We are noticing stray chargers throughout the building and chromebooks that are not fully charged at the start of the school day. Families, we need your help. Students should bring their chromebook and charger home each night so they can fully charge their chromebook for the next school day. Students are to bring both the chromebook and charger to school each day. Students are responsible for their chromebook and charger. If a student loses their charger, families will need to purchase a new charger through Amazon or other means as our supply of extra chargers has been depleted. To help keep the charger and chromebook together throughout the day, students should use the red & black Lufkin nylon drawstring bag they were given. We have a limited number of extra drawstring bags for students whose bags may have torn and are happy to give them another one; just have your child go to the Main Office and ask for one. Thank you.

STUDENT SERVICES

Families of current 7th & 8th grade students

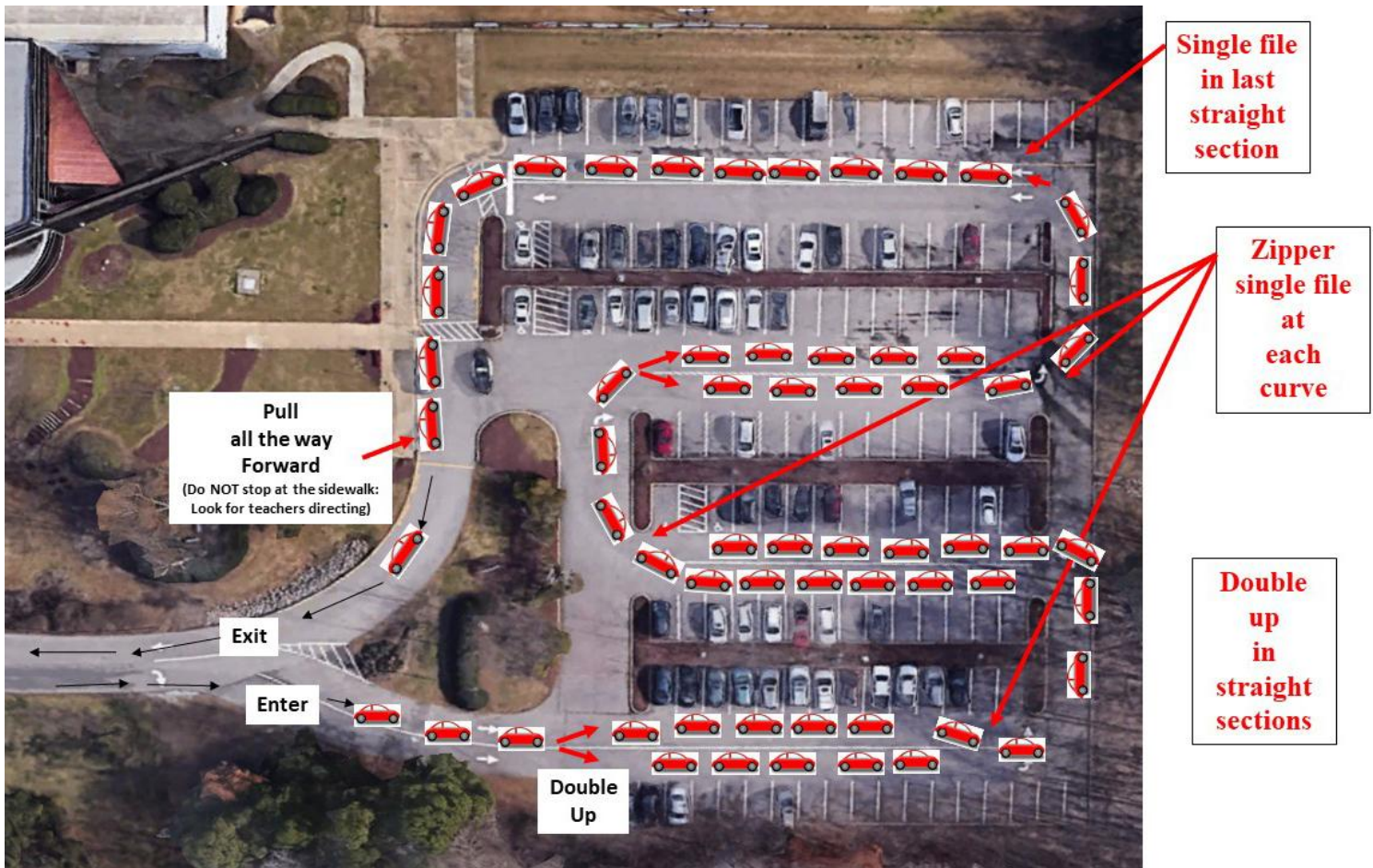
This year WCPSS is hosting an in-person event for the early colleges in Cake County. Please see [link](#) for details about the early college fair being held October 15th, 9-11 AM at the Vernon Malone College & Career Academy.

Families of current students, grades 6-8

Our Student Services department (school counselors, social worker, and school psychologist) would like feedback from families on how to better support you and your child(ren). Please complete the attached survey, see this [link](#). Thank you.

CARPOOL

A reminder that there is **no left-hand turn onto campus or off of campus during AM and PM carpool**. Left-hand turns during these busy times of the day create a dangerous situation for Lufkin families and others traveling on Lufkin Road. Below is an illustration of how vehicles wind through the carpool line for PM pick-up. Thank you for your support.



ATHLETICS

Home games: Wednesday, 10/5, we host Apex Friendship MS in volleyball and girls soccer; Thursday, 10/6 we host Apex Friendship MS in football.

As we prepare for our home games this week please be reminded of the following:

- Students in all grades are invited to attend our sporting events; admission is \$6. We are unable to accept any bills larger than a \$20. You can prepay online by going to to this link to purchase tickets for any Lufkin Road athletic event home and away for the entire year: <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC67592> There will also be a QR Code at the ticket table for anyone wanting to purchase tickets when they arrive at the game.
- Families of student spectators: students must be picked up **no later than 5:45 PM**. If you are unable to pick up your child by 5:45 PM they should not stay after school for sporting event.
- All students are to be picked up in the bus loop area, behind the building rather than in the carpool area.

REALITY OF MONEY

Attention families of 8th grade students on Tracks 1, 2, and 3! We have an exciting interactive financial literacy event coming up on Tuesday October 11th for your child and we need your help to make this event possible!

As a volunteer, you would be in a classroom with the Coastal Credit Union presenter and the teacher. The students try to balance their budget with the job and salary they are given. Randomly, they might be given a "life" card, such as "you just had a flat tire that will cost you \$300", or "you just got a \$500 bonus at work"--so the students have to make decisions based on changing financial conditions, just as actually happens in real life!

You would be helping the students use their worksheet to navigate this budgeting process. The time commitment is 9:25-11:25 AM on Tuesday October 11th, beginning with refreshments and training in the staff lounge prior to the classroom sessions.

Note: Track 3 students experienced a version of Reality of Money in the gym on August 23rd. This experience will be different from the one they had before, since this will be a classroom format and they will be given a different job/salary for their budget. We also would like for them to experience coaching the students who are not familiar with Reality of Money.

Please sign up today to make sure this event is the very best it can be for our students! Click on this link to register: <https://forms.gle/9dLgQDCrkdea8bgD8>

PTA NEWS

It's finally Fall! Watch for some exciting holiday themed fun coming soon. And even better, Spirit Wear is coming! Details on their way. Stay in the know!

We want to see new Lufkin families joining the PTA every month. Here is a link to sign up!

<https://lufkinptsawebmaste.wixsite.com/lufkinpta/membership>

Upcoming PTA Events

- Dads on Campus will be having their first event on October 4th at 6:30 PM. If you want to participate, grab your kiddo and join the other Dads in the Media Center.
- The Lufkin school spirit rock in the bus loop is still available for rent for \$30/week. Celebrate a birthday, quinceanera, or any special day by signing up, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A49A5A82CABF58-lufkin1>
- We are on the hunt for some volunteers who can help paint and move furniture some time in October. If you're available, please email Andrew at Lufkindadsoncampus@gmail.com.
- Thank you so much to our own Erin Donovan for the donation of new fans for the teachers' lounge. If you'd like to contribute to improving their space, please reach out to LufkinPTAPresident@gmail.com.

Thank you for all you do! Go Lightning!

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