# Lombardi Middle School

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Dear Lombardi Middle School Community,

As the current school year progresses, the Lombardi Middle School community continues to accomplish and celebrate success in many different areas. During the month of February, Lombardi hosted a successful Chess Tournament event, which not only showcased the talents of a number of players across Brown County, but it also afforded our students with the opportunity to compete at the highest level against other schools. Additionally, as part of the Apps Fair that was held on February 2nd, students designed apps, which combined course content for the Computer Science 8 class, with areas of personal interest. Students from the Computer Science 8 class then presented their products to their classmates and other App Fair guests. In a similar fashion to the Chess Tournament, the Apps Fair allowed our students to demonstrate their amazing talents, and promote the Lombardi Middle School community.

The final weeks of February also saw the Lombardi Forensics team successfully compete and advance in a number of events, which allowed our students to develop and highlight their outstanding communication skills. Additionally, a Jazz Band and Show Choir event took place on February 15th, and presented our community with an evening of incredible musical performances. The Lombardi Music Department also helped prepare a number of Lombardi students who participated in the Solo and Ensemble festivals that took place on February 17th and 24th respectively, and these opportunities again showcased the tremendous musical talents of our students.

Also throughout the month of February, the Chess Club, Asian American and Pacific Islanders Club, Sign Language Club, Student Council, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Sting Cancer, Tech Ninjas, Battle of the Books Team, and Circle of Friends each held meetings, which provided our students with numerous opportunities to collaborate and share common experiences with their peers. These activities, organizations, and clubs all continue to afford our students the chance to not only explore their interests, but also to develop skill sets that will serve them well beyond the time that they spend at Lombardi Middle School. The Lombardi FFA Organization also celebrated National FFA Week with a number of outstanding activities, which included a specific theme for each day, and helped to promote creativity, school spirit, and community.

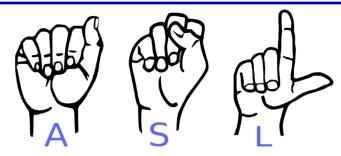
The month of February also saw the competition season draw to a close for not only our Grade 7 & 8 Girls Basketball teams, but also for our Wrestling team. Each group should be commended for their outstanding efforts, dedication and pride in their school. Our Grade 6 Boys and Girls Basketball teams also began to practice in late February, and we look forward to seeing those groups in competition against other schools over the course of the next several weeks.

Moving from February into March, also provided our learning community with the final set of Parent Teacher Conferences for the school year. If your schedule did not align with the Parent Teacher Conference dates that were established for February and March, please feel free to contact Lombardi and/or the specific staff members that support your child, in order to find a time to converse about the current progress of your child, as we value your time and collaborative efforts. The month of March will also lead us into Spring Break, which will be held from the 25th to the 29th, with students returning to school on April 1st.

In closing, I would like to share that our students have had a plethora of outstanding opportunities throughout the course of the current school year, to not only highlight their talents, but also to showcase the tremendous dedication that they have to the Lombardi Middle School community. Thank you for making those events possible with your time, energy, and support. Please also know that as a Lombardi Staff, we will continue to do everything that we can to provide the best possible educational environment for your children. I also hope that everyone has an excellent and enjoyable March.

Go Spartans!

Appreciatively, Seth A. Meinel



Are you interested in learning sign language? Have you seen students signing in the halls and wished you could sign with them? Then, come check out Sign Club where we play games and do fun activities to learn sign language! We meet in room C269 from 2:45-3:30 on the dates listed. Please see Mrs. Kregel or Mrs. Hunkins if you have questions.



As a school, we work collaboratively regarding building a positive school community.
During the month of February in Advisory, students learned about Grit, which is a positive

character trait based on an individual's passion for a particular long-term goal or end state, coupled with powerful motivation to achieve this objective. Students discussed where Grit matters in their lives, and then, with an understanding of Grit, they set a personal goal for 2nd semester. That personal goal will push them to do better and be the best they can be. Please continue to review expectations with your student(s), and encourage them to live the Lombardi Way.

- Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe -



# Track Athletes

There will be informational meetings given the first week of April in all PE classes. This is where you will gather the needed sheets for the season. This will be your first opportunity at getting a schedule.

#### **Important Dates To Note**

April 10th - First Practice for 7/8th Grade Only

April 11th - First Practice for 6th Grade Only

April 12th - NO Practice

April 15th - Practice for everyone 6/7/8th Grade

**Athletes:** Plan on always having clothes to workout inside and/or outside, a pair of tennis shoes that you can run in, and finally a water bottle.

## **Battle of the Books**

Since October, forty Lombardi students have engaged in Battle of the Books, a program in which students compete to answer detailed trivia questions. The questions are based on material drawn from the twenty books assigned. A dedicated team proudly represented Lombardi at the end of February and competed in the state-level Battle of the Books.

The GBAPS middle schools are holding a district battle for interested Battle of the Books participants on Tuesday, March 12 from 3:00 to 4:30. Teams will be at Lombardi and battle other Green Bay middle schools virtually. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Wilson at kiwilson@gbaps.org.





## **From the Music Department**

#### LOMBARDI BANDS

All band members are working on music for our spring concert that will be held on May 21st. Congratulations to the students that chose to perform at the Solo and Ensemble festival, you made us all proud! District Honor Band members will have optional after school practices available prior to our Saturday rehearsals. As a reminder, the concert will be held Tuesday, April 23rd, at West High School.

#### LOMBARDI MUSICAL

The rehearsal schedule is available on the google classroom page. Parents there are multiple ways to volunteer to help our musical out this year, please contact Mr. McCabe for more information.

Mr. Joe McCabe (jdmccabe@gbaps.org) Bands, Jazz Band, Talent Show Advisor, Musical Advisor, General Music, Popular Music Workshop, Music Life Skills and Music Department Chair.

#### LOMBARDI CHOIRS

All choir members are working on music for our spring concert that will be held on June 4th. Congratulations to the students that chose to perform at the Solo and Ensemble festival, you made us all proud!

Mrs. Crystal Casaroti (cjcasaroti@gbaps.org) Choirs, Show Choir, Talent Show Advisor, Musical Advisor.

#### LOMBARDI ORCHESTRA

All orchestra members are working on music for our spring concert that will be held on May 14th. **Ms. Sophia Lehr** (srlehr@gbaps.org) *Orchestras* 

#### **Upcoming dates:**

March 9th Packerland Powerhouse Showcase- SWHS
April 23rd GBAPS Honor Band Concert- West HS
May 2-4th Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.- Lombardi MS
May 14th Lombardi Spring Orchestra Concert- Lombardi MS
May 21st Lombardi Spring Band Concert- Lombardi MS
June 4th Lombardi Spring Choir Concert- Lombardi MS

## Keep Your Child On Track in Middle and High School: Pay Attention to Attendance

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students get to school every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

#### Did you know?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful, and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

Please contact Student Services at 920-492-2627 if you have questions or concerns about your child's attendance.

# Lombardi Middle School March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30AM - 11:30AM	
Green Bay Area Public School District					End of 4th Grading Period	
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3	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6 Day 2	7 Day 1	8 Day 2	9
			Art Club 2:45 - 3:40	Yearbook Club 2:40PM - 3:15PM		
			Tech Ninjas Club 2:45PM - 3:45PM	FFA - ALL 2:50PM - 3:45PM		
	Beginning of 5th Grading Period	STINGCANCER 2:45PM - 3:30PM	Student Council 2:45PM - 3:30PM	Chess Club 2:45PM - 3:30PM		
10	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13 Day 1	14 Day 2	15 Day 1	16
						Saturday School 8:00AM - 11:00AM
	Spartan Bookworms 2:45 - 3:45	Chess Club 2:45PM - 3:30PM		FFA - OFFICERS 2:50PM - 3:45PM		
17	18 Day 2	19 Day 1	20 Day 2	21 Day 1	22 Day 2	23
St. Patrick's Day				FFA - ALL 2:50PM - 3:45PM		
		STINGCANCER 2:45PM - 3:30PM		Sign Language Club 2:45PM - 3:30PM		
		PTO Meeting 6:00PM	Art Club 2:45 - 3:40	Chess Club 2:45PM - 3:30PM		
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
🔊 Easter	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	Spring Recess	
	School Closed	School Closed	School Closed	School Closed	School Closed	

# Lombardi Middle School April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Day 1	2 Day 2	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5 Day 1	6
	Classes Resume				PTO Spring Dance 6:00PM - 8:00PM	
7	8 Day 2	9 Day 1 STINGCANCER	10 Day 2	11 Day 1	12 Day 2	13
14	15 Day 1	2:45PM - 3:30PM	17 Day 1	18 Day 2	19 Day 1	20
		PTO Meeting 6:00PM Asian Club's 3rd Annual Anime Con 4:00PM - 6:00PM			Students Released at 12:35PM	Saturday School
21	22 Day 2	23 Day 1 STINGCANCER 2:45PM - 3:30PM	24 Day 2	25 Day 1	26 Day 2  End of 5th Grading Period	27
28	29 Day 1	GBAPS Honor Band Concert @ West HS			Lombardi Community Showcase Night 6:00PM - 8:15PM	1101
20	29 Day 1	30 Day 2				
	Sign Language Club 2:45PM - 3:30PM	STINGCANCER 2:45PM - 3:30PM				Green Bay Area Public School District Engagement. Equity. Excellence.