

Lombardi Middle School

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Dear Lombardi Families,

I hope that everyone was able to have a relaxing Thanksgiving this past week. Please take a look at this month's newsletter for important information regarding our transition to Zoom from Google Meets and pertinent upcoming events for the month of December.

Lombardi students are in the process of learning exactly how to navigate lessons on Zoom this week. Much of the learning will be taking place during homeroom, so please encourage your student to actively participate. One thing I want to highlight is that students should not be creating Zoom meetings unless directed by their teacher. As we make this transition from Google Meets to Zoom, we have closed the option of using Google Hangouts to communicate. Please use your email if you have a question that needs to be answered by your teacher, counselor or administrator.

During the month of December, 6th and 7th grade students will be scheduling their classes for next year. Please take some time to look over all the options that Lombardi has to offer. Once the students sign up online, we will send out verification sheets to the home. Please double check that your portal information is up to date with correct phone numbers and addresses. I appreciate your attention to this matter as scheduling like this is going to be different for our Student Services staff as well as our students. As always, if there are any additional questions regarding scheduling, please do not hesitate to reach out to your grade level counselor or to administration.

Currently, the building and district are in the same place we were last month in regards to conducting business at Lombardi only by appointment. The district will continue to review numbers over the next two weeks with the proper officials. I will communicate out with all of you when the Lombardi Office is back to normal hours. Meal distribution will continue Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

In closing, I along with the staff at Lombardi continue to miss interacting face to face with students and look forward to the time when we can safely welcome students back to the building. Any changes to the format of instruction relating to returning to either a hybrid or full face-to-face model will be communicated well in advance to allow you and your family time to prepare. Until that day comes, we will continue to give our best effort to ensure your child continues to learn.

With warmest regards,



Lucas Lechnir



DISTRICT ADOPTING ZOOM AS VIRTUAL CLASSROOM PLATFORM

When virtual learning began last spring, Google Meets or Zoom were the video conferencing platforms most classrooms were using. In acknowledgement of the pandemic, Google very graciously offered school districts free access to its extended Google Meets platform which allowed for up to 250 individuals to attend at a time.

However, this fall, Google was no longer offering this service for free so the District had to determine whether it would continue with Google Meets or with Zoom. The decision was to move to Zoom for a few reasons:

1. Google Meets videos expire after 30 days, which did not meet the District's needs for recording classroom instruction.
2. Zoom has additional safety features, including a waiting room, which allows teachers the ability to approve any guests or visitors to the virtual classroom.
3. Zoom meetings have passcodes, which provide an extra layer of security.
4. All participants are muted when they join a Zoom meeting, which reduces disruptions and provides another safety feature.
5. Zoom offers a breakout room feature which allows for small groups to meet for a set period of time and then be brought back into the full virtual classroom.



LOMBARDI MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITIONING TO ZOOM

Lombardi Middle School will make the transition to Zoom and "go live" on Tuesday, December 1. Preparations for this transition are currently underway. Classroom teachers will be preparing their students for this move on Monday, November 30. Teachers will post the link to their class's Zoom meeting in the Classroom tab at the top of the page.

A short tutorial video of how students can access Zoom is located on the [Parent Education Gateway](#) webpage.

Thank you for your support in this important transition. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Parent Education Gateway Resources for Virtual Learning



Acceso Educativo para Padres Recursos para el Aprendizaje en Línea

The Green Bay Area Public School District has developed this online resource to assist parents with virtual learning. Resources include tip sheets, directions and videos.

**Go to: gbaps.org or lombardi.gbaps.org
Click on the Parent tab**

WEDNESDAY ATTENDANCE

As a reminder, homeroom is every day of the school week, including Wednesdays. Homeroom runs from 9:18 AM until 9:36 AM. Daily homeroom attendance is a school expectation. Failure to attend homeroom on Wednesday results in an unexcused absence for the entire day.

Beginning right after homeroom on Wednesdays are teacher office hours from 9:40 AM to 11:40 AM. This will allow students and families the opportunity to engage with Lombardi staff to discuss academic and school related matters. To schedule office hours, students and parents are encouraged to email the teacher directly. To find a specific teacher's contact information, go to lombardi.gbaps.org and click on **Staff Directory**.

The Lombardi Student Services Department is offering open "Social Connection" sessions for each grade level on Wednesdays from 9:40 AM to 10:40 AM. The "Social Connection" sessions provide an opportunity for students to meet and engage socially with other middle school students. The code to join "Social Connection" sessions will be provided to all students and homeroom teachers on Wednesdays.

Wednesday Schedule:

9:18 AM - 9:36 AM	Homeroom (Required)
9:40 AM - 11:40 AM	Office Hours (Optional and highly encouraged)
9:40 AM - 10:40 AM	Social Connection (Optional)



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COURSE SELECTION FOR 2021-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Scheduling for the 2021-22 school year will begin in December. Sixth and seventh grade students will be viewing a presentation on grade level academic and elective courses in their science classes during the week of December 14 through 18. Students will then be asked to select their elective course options on a Google Form.

Parents, we encourage you to be a part of this process and work with your child to ensure they choose courses that are a good fit for them. A copy of their responses to the Google Form will be emailed to them as a record of what they signed up for. Additionally, course requests will be mailed home in the coming months to verify that courses have been selected appropriately.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact your child's school counselor:

Grade 6 - Mrs. Grunwaldt - jlgrunwaldt@gbaps.org

Grade 7 - Ms. Carrigan - mecarrigan@gbaps.org



The next Art Lab will be on Tuesday, December 1, from 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM. The project this month will be ornaments from toilet paper rolls.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Interested in learning sign language? If so please contact Miss Pasiewicz (ampasiewicz@gbaps.org). Sign Language Club meets every other Thursday from 2:45 PM to 3:30 PM. The December meetings are scheduled for December 3 and December 17.



Struggling with Math Problems or Technology Issues After School?

Visit gbaps.org/supportcenter to learn more about how we can assist students and parents with questions about math, English Language Arts (reading and writing), special education (unique curriculum), and technology.

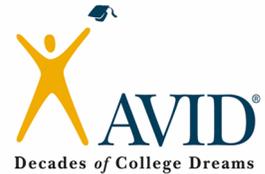
Hours:
Monday - Thursday: 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Contact Us:
Phone Number: 920-272-7433
Email: CallCenter1@gbaps.org
Text: 920-309-5985



APPLY FOR AVID!

This month, 6th and 7th grade students will be learning how to apply for AVID for the 2021-2022 school year. AVID is a college prep program designed to help Lombardi students with organization, note taking, study skills and college and career exploration.



Please watch for further communication from the AVID team and your child's teacher regarding AVID applications and deadlines. More information can also be found on the Lombardi website under Departments.

FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

Even though we are virtual learning, it is still necessary to call the Attendance Office if your child is going to be missing school. Please call 920-492-2625 and leave a message or, if you prefer, you can email Mrs. Lemens at mlemens@gbaps.org.

Please remember that a student cannot excuse themselves, a parent or guardian must make contact. Also, Wednesdays are a mandatory school day. Students must log into their homeroom on Wednesdays or they will be marked absent for the entire day.



SCHOOL-WIDE SPELLING BEE

Lombardi's School-wide Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, December 22, during period 2. Students will be participating in classroom spelling bees prior to this date. The top spellers in each English Language Arts class will be invited to the School-wide Spelling Bee. Medals and gift cards will be awarded to the top three spellers.

WELLNESS CORNER MESSAGE



With days getting shorter and colder, regular exercise is important because of its positive effects on all the body's systems. In addition, regular exercise reduces the risk factor of contracting many diseases.